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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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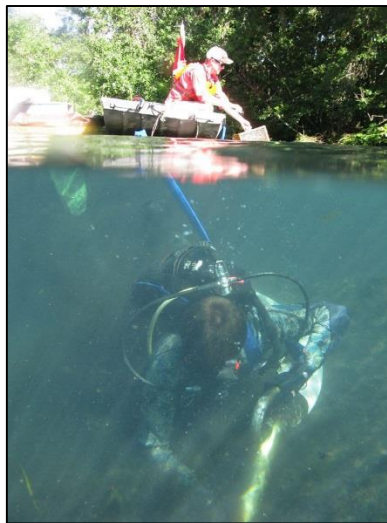
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***THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016, 7:00 PM***

AT

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER  
1800 WEEDON DR. NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702



***Michael Arbuthnot, MS***

***Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc.***

## ***Spring Surprise: Lessons Learned and Unexpected Results of the Chassahowitzka Headsprings - Archaeological Assessment and Monitoring Project***

In 2013 SEARCH conducted underwater archaeological investigations and monitoring at the Chassahowitzka Headsprings in Citrus County. Although the initial underwater survey yielded a sparse artifact count, hundreds of rare objects were recovered during the monitoring phase, including a Suwannee projectile point, a bone fishhook, an intact Pasco Plain bowl, Spanish majolica fragments, hand-carved wooden paddles, a large wooden fin effigy and over 100 bottles dating from 1885 to present. The project is important not only for the cultural materials it produced, but for the lessons learned; the results of which will undoubtedly influence future underwater archaeology work in Florida springs.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/kB8Rlu>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

## DUES ARE DUE!

Your dollars go toward bringing top archaeological researchers from throughout Florida and the Southeast to speak in our area. CGCAS wouldn't be possible without your continued support. Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!)

Please note that the dues have increased as of January, 2016. See the new rates under the Membership heading. Dues can be paid in a variety of convenient ways: they can be paid directly to Cheryl Shaughnessy at our monthly meetings, they can be mailed to Cheryl at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780, or they can be paid online at our website through Paypal at [www.cgcas.org](http://www.cgcas.org). Again, your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible, thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!

## CGCAS FIELDTRIP TO FORT CENTER AND ORTONA



*Our intrepid crew of CGCAS members just before we set out for Fort Center.*

The first weekend in April, CGCAS members took a fieldtrip to two amazing archaeological sites near Lake Okeechobee: Fort Center and Ortona. Here are a few pictures from the trip. Fieldtrips and exclusive tours of archaeological sites are some of the benefits of being a CGCAS member, so make sure you to take advantage of the next opportunity! For more pictures check out our facebook page at [facebook.com/CGCASflorida](https://facebook.com/CGCASflorida)



*Several wayside interpretive signs along the trail had great information about the history and prehistory of the area. The cows along the trail were not as helpful!*



*On top of one of the site features, we made it!*



*Eating a leisurely lunch along Fisheating Creek, just like the past residents of Fort Center probably did.*





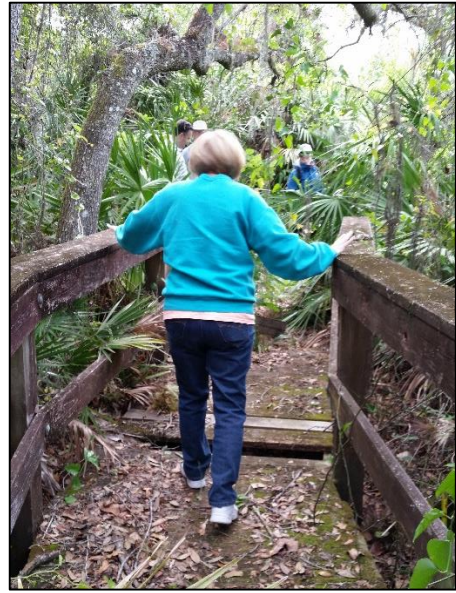
*Interpretive sign at the main mound and burial pond complex. Bob was a great tour guide and had lots of information about the archaeology that has been done at the site.*



*Walking by the burial pond where several wooden animal figures were excavated by archaeologists.*



*Day 2, getting our bearings out at Ortona. This site has been largely destroyed by mining but many features still remain for us to see.*



*Quote of the trip "an adventure is a mistake you survive"... inspired by the interesting walk we took on the boardwalk out at Ortona. Mind the gap, Marcie!*



*In search of one the mounds still left out at Ortona.*



*We found it!*





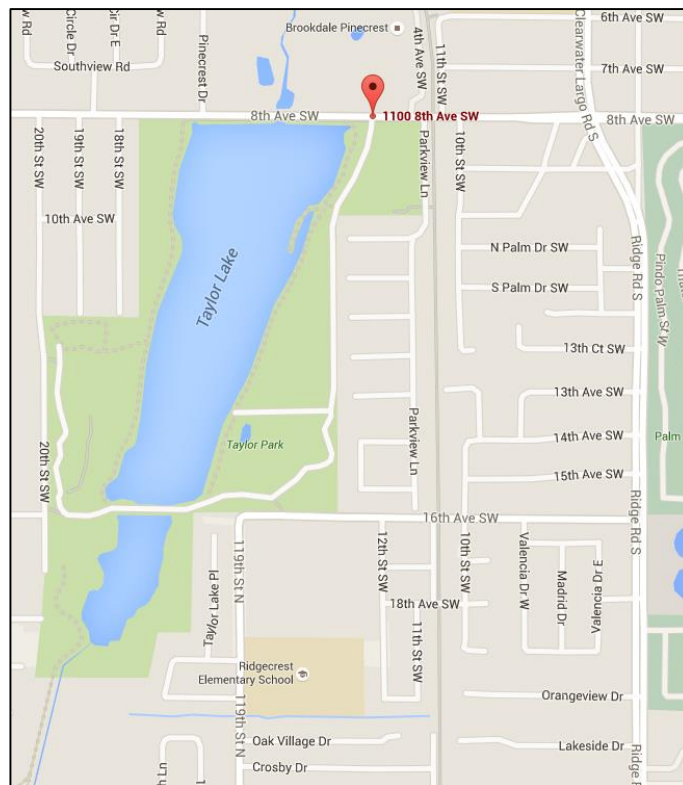
*Not only is Ortona a cool prehistoric mound complex, it is also home to the Florida cane grinding festival (hence the sugar kettle). Maybe for our next fieldtrip we can go check out sugar plantation sites along Florida's east coast!*

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CGCAS  
PICNIC!



Please plan to join us on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11-4pm at John S Taylor Park (Shelter 5, 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo, FL 33770) in Largo for the annual CGCAS Picnic. From 11-Noon we will have our CGCAS board meeting, all members are encouraged to attend as we will be voting on our new slate of board members.

The picnic will start right after the board meeting and is potluck so please bring your most delicious dish to share. Drinks, plates, napkins, etc will be provided. Be sure to bring your Frisbees and play the disc golf course that is also located within the park!



*For directions, follow this link:*

<https://goo.gl/maps/HvdaoNe43hs>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Would you like to get more involved with CGCAS? We are looking for volunteers for our new slate of board members for the upcoming year as well as someone to take over the Membership Chair role on the CGCAS Board. This is a great way to get involved, and good to add to your resume for you archaeology students out there. Board members meet once a month during our lecture season, usually on Thursday the week before our scheduled lecture. This is a volunteer organization, and we can only make it work with your help! Please contact Becky at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu) if you would like more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VOLUNTEER – Open Archaeology Lab**  
*Friday, April 22, 2016 from 10am – Noon*

Ever wonder what archaeologists do with all that stuff they dig up at archaeological sites once the fieldwork is finished? At the FPAN Volunteer Lab,

you can come find out for yourself! Learn all about how artifacts and other archaeological material get processed in the laboratory so that we can use them to learn about the past. You will get the chance to sort through, identify, and wash artifacts and other material from real archaeological sites! All ages are welcome to participate or observe, children 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

WHERE: Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center  
1800 Weedon Island Dr NE  
St Petersburg, FL 33702

**WORKSHOP – Archaeology Works: Pottery**  
*Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 10am – Noon*

Pottery was a vital part of life in Florida for the past 3,000 years, but it is also an important clue for archaeologists today. Learn to identify different prehistoric pottery types from around Florida and the ways archaeologists use them to learn about people in the past. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center  
1800 Weedon Island Dr NE  
St Petersburg, FL 33702

**LECTURE – People and the Night Sky**  
*Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 6:30-7:30pm*

For Native Floridians, the night sky was very important for navigational, religious, and historical reasons. Over time, the sky has changed and so has the way people relate to it. Learn about how astronomical and cultural changes have affected the importance of the night sky to people today.

WHERE: Safety Harbor Museum  
329 Bayshore Blvd S  
Safety Harbor, FL

**LECTURE – Tampa Bay Shipwrecks of the Civil War**  
*Saturday, April 30, 2016 from Noon-1pm*

The maritime battles of the Civil War employed a larger diversity of ships than in any previous sustained naval action. Underwater archaeologist, Jeff Moates will discuss these diverse vessels and provide examples of Civil War related shipwrecks in the Tampa Bay area. Event to take place in the Chidsey meeting room, and RSVPs help us determine seating and refreshment arrangements. Please email [schcfriends@verizon.net](mailto:schcfriends@verizon.net) or call (941) 361-2453 if you would like to attend this free program.

WHERE: Sarasota Historical Exhibits and Education Center  
701 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL

**LECTURE – Rivers of Freedom, Landscapes of Liberty**  
*Wednesday, May 18, 2016 from 6-7pm*

Time Sifters Archaeological Society Speaker Program - Rivers of Freedom, Landscapes of Liberty: An Update on "Looking for Angola" and the Archaeology of Maroons in Florida by Uzi Baram, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, Director of the New College Public Archaeology Lab

Archaeology is revealing the magnitude of Spanish La Florida as a haven from slavery. First at Fort Mosé, and now along the rivers that empty into the Gulf of Mexico, an aspiring history of freedom and liberty is coming from excavations and renewed archival research. This presentation offers an update on the "Looking for Angola" program and how the research has changed the image of the people known as escaped slaves, Black Seminoles, and free blacks. Professor Uzi Baram will offer insights into the early 19th century military engagements known as the First Seminole War as well as everyday life on the southwest Florida landscape. New representations of the Florida maroons, based on archaeological research, will show the past in a new light.

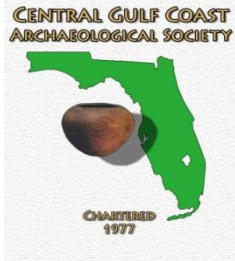
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## THE SOCIETY

The Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) is an association of amateur and professional archaeologists and concerned citizens dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and is a state chartered non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the cultural past of Florida and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage.

Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and all dues are payable in January. Contact Cheryl Shaughnessy at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780

	Dues
Individual	\$25.00
Student	\$12.00
Family	\$30.00

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