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39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017, 7:00 PM

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



***Nathan Lawres, Ph.D. candidate
University of Florida***

Materializing Ontology: The Belle Glade Monumental Landscape

Nathan Lawres, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida, will discuss how archaeologists have become interested in how ontologies – or understandings of how the world exists – can affect cultural practices and how those practices become materialized. This talk will discuss how an ontology, or view of reality, can be materialized as monumental architecture. The monuments of the Belle Glade archaeological culture, located within the Kissimmee-Okeechobee-Everglades watershed, are used to illustrate this approach. The Belle Glade understanding of reality is encapsulated within the region's monumental architecture invoking references to relations with water, the cosmos, seasonality, people, and places throughout the landscape.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/wd4wff> . You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENT AT WEEDON ISLAND A SUCCESS!



CGCAS Board Member Linda Allred talks to visitors about archaeology at the Weedon Island site.

On Saturday, March 11th CGCAS members volunteered at the annual Archaeology Day at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center in St Petersburg. Linda Allred brought wonderful artifacts and replica tools to show the public, and talked to lots of people about the archaeology of the Tampa Bay area. More than 200 people came to the Center that day and were able to experience the display. Thanks so much to Linda and Dave Burns for helping make the event such a success!



CGCAS Board Members Linda Allred and Dave Burns at Archaeology Day at Weedon Island.

CGCAS FIELDTRIP TO EMERSON POINT



Archaeologist Bill Burgers talks about the history of Emerson Point on top of the Portavant Mound.

In honor of Florida Archaeology Month, CGCAS members came out for a fun tour of one of the Tampa Bay Area's most interesting sites: Emerson Point! The Portavant Mound within this

site complex is the tallest in the area and dates to the Mississippian Period. Area archaeologist Bill Burger was kind enough to take us on a wonderful tour of the site. Not only did we enjoy learning about the different site features like the flat-topped mound, possible water court/plaza area, and the intriguing shell works that might be in the shape of animals, we also got to enjoy the beautiful natural environment of the park. Lush areas of native and tropical species only enhanced the hike along the park's trails.



Walking up one of the possible "effigy mounds" within the preserve.



Taking in the gorgeous view along the banks of the Manatee River.

After the tour, we all enjoyed a great lunch together at a spot in Palmetto. Thanks again to

everyone who came out, and thanks especially to Bill for the wonderful tour.



Thanks to everyone who made it out!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — CGCAS PICNIC



WHEN: Sunday, June 25th at 11am
WHERE: Maximo Point Park
34th St & Pinellas Point Dr. S
St. Petersburg, FL

More information on the picnic pavilion we will be in, as well as what to bring, will be in the next newsletter. Please mark your calendar, and hope to see you there!

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Tampa Bay History Center Collector's Day
Sunday, May 7, 2017 from Noon – 5:00pm

The Tampa Bay History Center invites you to participate in its first annual Collectors Day on Sunday, May 7th, 2017 from 12pm-5pm. Collectors of many types (hobbyists, museums, historical societies, re-enactors) can have the opportunity (free!) to display their cherished items throughout the museum for visitors to see, and hear the stories behind them!

If you have a collection and are interested in displaying it at the History Center on this day, please go to this link: <http://tampabayhistorycenter.org/collectors/> to complete a basic application, and view our policies and procedures. Once completed, a TBHC staff member will follow up with you with further details.

WHERE: Tampa Bay History Center
801 Old Water Street
Tampa, FL

Weedon Island: People, Culture, and Canoes
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 11:00am – Noon

For almost 100 years, archaeologists have been studying the mounds and middens created by Native Americans at the Weedon Island site in St Petersburg. Join the Florida Public Archaeology Network to learn about the prehistoric people of Weedon Island and what some of the amazing finds at this site, such as the 1,100 year old canoe, can tell us about how these past residents lived.

WHERE: St Pete Beach Public Library
365 73rd Ave
St. Pete Beach, FL

Footprints on the Land- Guided Hike
Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00am – 10:30am

Discover the many “footprints” that have been left on the land during this casual and entertaining hike. Native American, early settler and modern developers have changed our native habitats, find out how a preserve like Brooker is a place where those habitats can be restored for the health of the whole county. All ages are welcome. Children under the ages of 16 must be accompanied by an adult and those younger than 6 may find this hike challenging.

Guided Hike Information:

Volunteer Hike Guides will meet participants in the lobby of the Education Center 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. We strongly suggest all hikers visit the restroom before we begin as there are no facilities along the trail.

WHERE: Brooker Creek Preserve
3940 Keystone Rd
Tarpon Springs, FL

Volunteer Archaeology Lab
Friday, May 26, 2017 from 10:00am – 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 Preserve
1800 Weedon Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL

Library Program: Building Prehistoric Florida – Mounds and Middens
Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 from 2:00 – 3:00pm

What’s the best way to learn about a person, whether they lived thousands of years ago or today? Look through their garbage of course! Archaeologists study prehistoric trash piles or middens to gain a wealth of information about the past. They also investigate purpose built mounds that still dot the Florida landscape in order to learn about prehistoric societies. Learn how Native Americans in Florida built a better world in this fun and hands-on program.

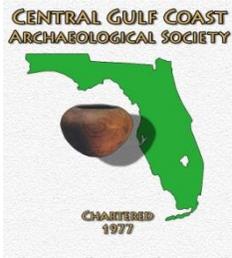
WHERE: South Manatee Library
6081 26th St. W
Bradenton, FL

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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

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

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