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January Meeting

Thursday January 19th

at

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center
1800 Weedon Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

7 – 8 PM.

The Anthropology of Florida Tourism through Historical Archaeology and Ethnoprimateology



Jason Wenzel Professor of Anthropology at Valencia College in Orlando

Florida has attracted tourists for more than a century and recent research in historical archaeology and ethnoprimateology helps provide us with a long-term understanding of how tourism has changed over time in response to various sociocultural processes. Archaeological excavations of the middens of the Oakland Hotel in Orange County and the Fort George Club in Duval County provide us with direct material evidence into the daily lives of tourists at both a former fishing lodge and an elite resort, respectively. In addition, documentary analysis of the postcards and brochures of early roadside attractions in Florida illuminates the ways in which primates served as objects in the tourist gaze. By synthesizing this research, he will discuss how anthropology is in a unique position to critically assess how during the 1930s, Florida tourism promoters took advantage of the re-legalization of alcohol and the popularity of primates as a means of attracting, and accommodating to a new market of working class, automobile-owning vacationers.

Please pre-register for this event by visiting www.pinellascountyextension.org, clicking the “Online Registration” button, and then choosing the “Weedon Island” tab. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

Holiday Party 2011



This year's CGCAS Holiday Party was held on December 10, 2011 at the AWIARE Research Center located at 1500 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg 33702. As can be seen by the picture above, we had a great turn out. All enjoyed the great food, camaraderie and gag gift exchange.

This Month's Speaker

Jason Wenzel received his B.A. in Sociology and his M.A. in Applied Sociology and Maya Studies from the University of Central Florida (UCF). While teaching as an adjunct instructor at UCF, he had the opportunity to work with Drs. Arlen and Diane Chase at the ancient Mayan site of Caracol in Belize. He has also assisted Dr. Roger Grange with excavations at a Turnbull settlement site in New Smyrna Beach. In addition to working in the Orlando area, Jason is currently conducting research at the Kingsley Plantation in Jacksonville. Jason Wenzel has been employed as Professor of Anthropology at Valencia College in Orlando since 2005 and he is a doctoral student in Anthropology at the University of Florida. He currently serves as research director and chapter representative for the Central Florida Anthropological Society and as a volunteer for Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary in Gainesville.

The 2011-2012 Lecture Series

2/16/2012 **Larry Clayton, Ph.D.** The Other Face of the Conquest: Bartholomé de las Casas. Protector of American Indians

3/15/2012 **James Strange, Ph.D.** "Some Recent Surveys and Archaeology in the Galilee of Israel"

4/19/2012 **Clete Rooney, M.A.** TBA

Dues are Due Reminder

The annual payment of membership dues for CGCAS is in January of each year. Your continued membership and support of CGCAS is appreciated. It allows the Society to continue to provide the important programs, events, and research that make people aware of Florida's rich heritage.

Dues can be paid through Paypal or by mailing a check to Cheryl Shaughnessy, the Membership Secretary at 6100 62nd Ave., N. Lot 63, Pinellas Park, FL 33781.

Mark your Calendar

January 20-21, 2012 Alafia River Rendezvous public days. See <http://www.floridafrontiersmen.org/Alafia2012.html>

January 28, 2012 The Millennium Park Fossils, Pinellas County, Florida. **Dr. Richard Hulbert, Jr.** Paleontologist from the Florida Museum of Natural History will discuss his present projects and his study of the fossils found at Boca Ciega Park in Pinellas County. This presentation will be from 2-3 PM at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center.

March 3, 2012 Archaeology Month event at Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center.

June 9, 2012 The Annual CGCAS picnic will be held at Maximo Park. We have reserved the large pavilion for the date. Further information will be forthcoming.

Online Research Tool

Online research via Google often results in search-returns that include links to abstracts of articles archived in JSTOR – a very useful resource defined in Wikipedia as:

JSTOR (short for *Journal Storage*) is an online system for archiving academic journals, founded in 1995. It provides its member institutions full-text searches of digitized back issues of several hundred well-known journals, dating back to 1665 in the case of the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*. Membership in JSTOR is held by 7,000 institutions in 159 countries. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSTOR>)

Online access to most full articles has been limited to JSTOR membership-subscription, usually at the institutional level. USF and St. Pete College libraries have subscriber access, and a recent query to both confirms such access is available to the general public at the library sites; a librarian has to log you in. In an interesting development last September, JSTOR

announced that it was “making journal content on JSTOR published prior to 1923 in the United States and prior to 1870 elsewhere, freely available to the public for reading and downloading. This includes nearly 500,000 articles from more than 200 journals, representing approximately 6% of the total content on JSTOR.” For more information on this development see: <http://about.jstor.org/news-events/news/jstor%E2%80%93free-access-early-journal-content>

Canoe Needs a Home



Dr. Richard Estabrook came across this prehistoric canoe currently in residence under the saw mill at the UF Austin Carey Memorial Forest in Gainesville (see photo above). It is big, measuring 8 meters (26 feet). The owners of the saw mill stated that it had been there at least ten years.

Donna Ruhl of the Florida Museum of Natural History said that the Museum has been trying to find a good home for it. It's in need of preservation, not conservation. This is an important Florida relic and deserves a proper place to make sure it is not destroyed or lost. This canoe appears to be very similar to the canoe being conserved by AWIARE at Weedon Island.

**Ancient Egypt—Art and Magic:
Treasures from the Fondation Gandur pour
l’Art
December 17, 2011 – April 29, 2012**

ST. PETERSBURG - This landmark exhibition brings to life one of the greatest civilizations in the history of the world. Ancient Egypt—Art and Magic: Treasures from the Fondation Gandur pour l’Art/Geneva, on view from December 17, 2011-April 29, 2012, spotlights astonishing objects of every kind. Swiss art collector, philanthropist, and

entrepreneur Jean Claude Gandur has developed one of the world’s most important private collections of Egyptian antiquities.

Congratulations!



Richard Estabrook, Director of FPAN’s Central Region, AWIARE board member, and CGCAS member received his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida at the December graduation ceremony. His dissertation was on the Crystal River area and is entitled: Social Landscapes of Transegalitarian Societies: An Analysis of the Chipped Stone Artifact Assemblage from the Crystal River Site (8CI1), Citrus County, Florida. Congratulations Rich on obtaining your degree.

Stone Age and Primitive Arts Festival

The fifth annual Stone Age and Primitive Arts Festival will take place at Ochlockonee River State Park Friday, February 24th to February 26th, 2012 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.



Attendees will gain insight into how early man lived and worked. There will be demonstrations of flint knapping, the art of projectile point fashioning; along with deer hide brain tanning, bone, wood, and antler carving. There will also be old world and new world bow and arrow construction, basket weaving, and early pottery to be observed.

Competitions in Atlatl throwing and primitive archery are scheduled. An auction will be held on Saturday to auction off donated artwork.

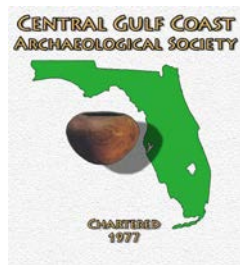
Ochlockonee River State Park is located 4 miles southwest of Sopchoppy off US Highway 319. Its address is 429 State Park Road Sopchoppy, Florida 32358. For further information contact David Garcia, Park Service Specialist at (850)962-2771 or at DavidGarcia@dep.state.fl.us. Visit the website <http://www.knapfest.com>.

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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 the address above or at shaughnc@tampabay.rr.com.

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Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00