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*38 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015, 7:00 PM***

*AT*

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



***Kassie Kemp, M.A. Candidate  
University of South Florida***

***Tales from a Museum Basement: New Insights on Pottery from the Crystal River Site***

The Crystal River site is a Woodland-period mound complex in west-central Florida. Revisiting a collection of over 16,000 sherds previously excavated at the site by Ripley Bullen and others provides an opportunity for new insights on a collection that has never been thoroughly analyzed. This presentation by Kassie Kemp, M.A. will focus on a few aspects of the research project such as the differences in vessel types, forms, and functions and their distribution across the site. This new information adds to a broader understanding of pottery and its role in social interactions at this famous site.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/P923Ge> . You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

## DUES ARE DUE!



Do you enjoy our monthly lecture series? If you would like to see it continue in the future please do your part and renew your membership with CGCAS. 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!)

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!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENT AT WEEDON ISLAND

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> CGCAS will be teaming up with the Florida Public Archaeology Network for a Florida Archaeology Month event at Weedon Island. We need your help though to make this event a success. We need people to man the CGCAS table, as well as people to help with the other archaeology themed tables and activities. The event runs from 10am – noon so it isn't a big time investment, but it should be a fun day! If you are interested in helping out, or would like more information, please email Becky at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu). Thanks and hope to see you there!

## ARCHAEOLOGY LAB WORK OPPORTUNITIES AT WEEDON ISLAND

*By: Kassie Kemp, Florida Public Archaeology Network*

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! You will learn all about how artifacts and other materials from archaeological sites are processed in the laboratory, and will get the chance to sort through, identify, and wash artifacts from real archaeological sites. Some of the material we will use for this lab comes courtesy of Dr. John Arthur of USF St. Pete. He and his students have been conducting a research project out at the Weedon Island Archaeological Site and are allowing us to use their material for this special opportunity to show the public an important step in archaeological research.

FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

## Volunteer Lab



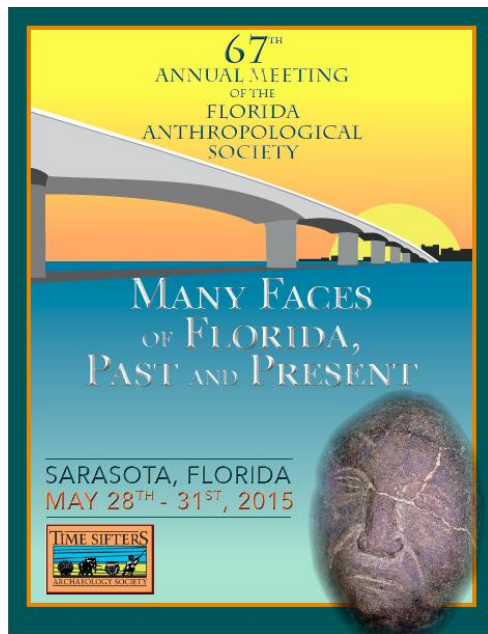
Why is lab work so important you might ask? If we as archaeologists do not know what artifacts we might have at a site, we won't know how to research them. We can learn different information from studying each kind of artifact but the ways we study shells are very different from the ways we study stone tools or pottery. That means it's essential to sort through all of the artifacts you have in the lab so that you know what you have and what kinds of analyses you will need to do. All of the work that is done in the lab is what gets us to the most important

part of archaeology: understanding the people that made all of these things we are studying.

If you would like to come and learn about the past residents of Florida, our next lab day will be held on February 20th from 10 am to 12 pm at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. This event is free and all ages are welcome to participate or observe, but children 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult. Registration is requested but not required. For more information or to sign up go to: <http://goo.gl/mqOUCS>

2015 FAS ANNUAL MEETING  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
MAY 28-31, 2015

*By: Sherry Robinson Svekis*



Time Sifters Archaeology Society is pleased to invite all FAS members and friends to join us in Sarasota for the 67th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society. The conference theme is "The Many Faces of Florida, Past and Present."

Sarasota's past environs were rich with aboriginal culture; mounds and middens lined the shoreline of the bay. The abundance of the marine environment later supported Cuban fishing ranchos, and early settlers were attracted by the area's natural beauty. Today it is a tourist mecca with one of the

best beaches in the world. It is a place for everybody's enjoyment with world class botanical gardens, a marine research center/aquarium, and art museums; a very vibrant historic downtown has multiple theaters and an impressive selection of cafes and restaurants.

Registration for the conference is now open! New this year, FAS is moving into the digital age and all registrations and abstract submittals must be made through our online forms. These links are also available on the FAS website [www.fasweb.org](http://www.fasweb.org) under the Annual Meeting tab.

Registration link (Register by April 1st for on-time rate):

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=wxMcLYd4A4zcDiEprFGTiA>

We invite all FAS members, professionals, students, and avocationalists to submit abstracts about your discoveries, projects, and research for paper or poster presentation at the conference. We hope to cover a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology and archaeology, history, and related disciplines.

Please note the following guidelines:

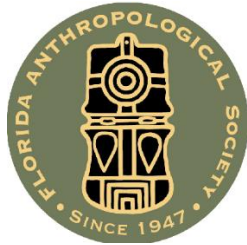
- Only one paper or poster per presenter will be accepted.
- There will be an 18-minute time limit for each paper presentation strictly enforced.
- Abstracts should be no more than 100 words. Submittal of conference registration form and conference fee must be completed before submission of abstract.
- All abstract submittals must be done via the online Call for Papers (form: [tinyurl.com/p7gvvog](http://tinyurl.com/p7gvvog)) by Saturday, March 28, 2015.
- You will receive an email confirming abstract submission and registration.

THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY DOROTHY MOORE STUDENT  
GRANT

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is making available \$500.00 to be awarded annually to archaeology students (B.A., M.A., or Ph.D.) who are currently enrolled in a Florida university. The



grant money will assist students conducting archaeological research in Florida. Grant funds can be used to cover the costs associated with archaeological fieldwork, special analyses (e.g., radiocarbon dates, faunal or botanical analyses, soils analysis, etc.), and, in some cases, travel expenses associated with presenting a paper based on the student's research at a professional meeting.



Students interested in applying for the grant should submit a letter not to exceed two pages that describes the project for which the funds are being requested; what research question(s) or problem(s) are being addressed; how the funds will be applied to these problems; what, if any, additional funds will be used to accomplish the research; and how the research will contribute to Florida archaeology. The applicant should include a budget indicating the amount requested and describing how the money will be spent along with a letter(s) of support from faculty.

Applications for the 2015 award are now being accepted and can be sent to: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, POB 2818, Riverview, FL 33568 or via email to bob@searchinc.com. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2015.

## SAVE THE DATE: CGCAS FIELDTRIP!

Mark your calendar, Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> we will be organizing a fieldtrip to Gulf Beaches Historical Museum on Pass-a-Grille. We'll start off with a walking tour of the area at 2:30, then get a private tour of the museum at 4:00. We'll finish the evening with dinner and drinks at the Hurricane Seafood Restaurant! More info to come in the next newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Silver River Knap In 2015**  
*Saturday, February 21 and Sunday February 22, 2015 from 9:00am – 4:00pm*

Flint knapping is the art of making stone tools by controlling how stone breaks in order to create specific shapes and sharp edges. Arrow and spear points, knives, axes, scrapers, drill bits and a variety of other tools can be made from flint (also called chert) by removing portions of the stone through various techniques. Before metal working was developed, this craft was extremely important.

Don't miss the annual SILVER RIVER KNAP-IN AND STONE AGE ARTS FESTIVAL to be held at the Silver Springs State Park on February 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Expert flint knappers, archaeologists, potters, hide tanners, bow makers and other specialists in prehistoric skills will gather from across the eastern U.S. to demonstrate and sell their arts. Vendors will offer reproduction stone tools, raw stone, flint knapping tools, unique crafts, food and more.



There will be archery, tomahawk and atlatl dart throwing demonstrations each day. A flint knapping competition and on-going prehistoric skills demonstrations will also take place. Besides the knap-in, visitors can explore the Silver River Museum, hike or bike the trails of the state park, take a tram ride through the woods, or canoe and kayak on the pristine Silver River.

**WHERE:** Silver River Museum  
1445 NE 58<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Ocala, 34470

For more information:

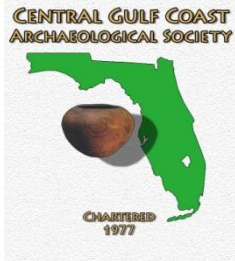
<http://www.marion.k12.fl.us/district/srm/knap.cfm>

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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	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00

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