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36 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE



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at

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



Ryan Harke, M.A.

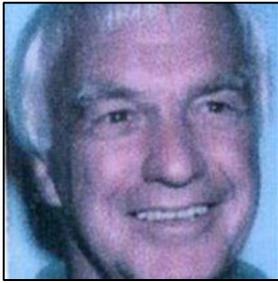
Florida Public Archaeology Network – West Central Regional Center

***Stable Isotope Analysis of *Busycon sinistrum* to Determine Fort Walton - Period
Seasonality at St. Joseph Bay, Florida***

Coastal Fort Walton cultures (AD 1000-1500) in the St. Joseph Bay region of northwest Florida emphasized marine and estuarine foraging in sharp contrast with contemporaneous inland Fort Walton societies, who relied on maize agriculture. It is unknown whether coastal groups represent separate hunter-gatherer-fisher populations or seasonal migrations by inland-farming villagers. Stable isotope analysis was used to determine the season of capture of lightning whelks (*Busycon sinistrum*) from the Richardson's Hammock site and infer season of occupation. The isotopic results suggest that shellfish collecting was relegated primarily to the summer months, producing a scheduling conflict with the primary growing season for maize in northwest Florida. Thus, it is argued that coastal and inland Fort Walton represent separate culture groups.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to 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.

LONGTIME CGCAS MEMBER PASSES AWAY



This past February, longtime CGCAS member Jim Bardsley, 84, of Sea Towers in Madeira Beach, passed away. From his obituary in the Tampa Bay Times: “He was born in Philadelphia, PA and came here in 1995 from Bucks County, PA. He received his Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree from Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, IN in 1951 and then served in the Army during the Korean conflict. Following his service in the Army, he returned to Pennsylvania where he began his chiropractic practice in Philadelphia. He later moved his practice to Bucks County. Jim was a pilot and was a member of the Quiet Birdmen, Tampa Bay Hangar, where he served as Beam Man. He was also a member of the Comanche Society where he served as Tribe Chief...He was still volunteering at Heritage Village and was a member of the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society where he participated in a four year dig along Boca Ciega Bay. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Elaine; his daughter and her husband, Dolores & Dennis Boell; his granddaughter and her husband, Elizabeth & James Lineman; his grandson and his wife, James & Leslie Boell; and his great grandchildren, Zachary, Grace and Leda Lou.”

WEEDON ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Despite the cold weather and blustery winds, Archaeology Day was a big hit at the Weedon Island Preserve! Families and individuals came out and enjoyed the many activities on display, as well as the re-enactments and tours that were offered. Our very own Lou Claudio was also there recording the event for Pinellas County, looking forward to seeing the video Lou!



CGCAS members hand out Florida Archaeology Month posters, thanks to all our volunteers!

The activities and displays were great, but we couldn't have done it without all the people who volunteered and gave up their Saturday to help out. Thanks you so much to all the CGCAS members who manned the tables and helped with making this day a success. Now that Weedon Island will be expanding its hours to Wednesdays, we are looking forward to having more archaeology related activities going on there in future.



Phyllis Kolianos and USF grad student Chris Griesbach show kids how to make cordage from natural plant fibers.



AWIARE Board Member and FPAN Director Jeff Moates takes visitors on a tour of the Weedon Island Canoe in conservation.

FWC "OPERATION TIMUCUA"

By: Jeff Moates

On February 27, I attended the press conference in Tallahassee where the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) announced the details of a 2 year undercover operation titled "Operation Timucua", and the subsequent arrests of 14 individuals in Florida and Georgia. FWC alleges that the individuals targeted in the sting were involved in the illegal taking of prehistoric and historic artifacts from protected State lands and sovereign State waters and in the extensive dealing of that stolen property. Operation Timucua resulted in over 400 criminal charges; both felony and misdemeanor counts. Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner, FWC representatives, and Division of Historical Resources Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Robert Bendus, spoke at the press conference.



Information and artifacts on display at the FWC "Operation Timucua" press conference.

In a few words, Mr. Bendus boiled down the impact of the criminal activity on people today, but also for future generations of Floridians. A combination of words stuck with me long after he finished speaking, "...we need to teach about the enterprise of archaeology and how great it is to participate in it professionally and pass that information along." The arrested few have stolen a part of that enterprise from Florida and from Floridians. Unfortunately, many will continue this criminal pursuit, but this undercover operation and the arrests will have a lasting impact on those that choose to perpetrate these illegal and destructive activities.



Some of the sites that were involved in the FWC sting operation have been badly damaged and will never be able to be studied by archaeologists in the future.

NEW HOURS, AND NEW PROGRAMS, AT WEEDON ISLAND

Good news from Weedon Island, during this March and April hours will be expanded at the center on a trial basis to include Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On Wednesday, March 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and Wednesday, April 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm new guided hikes will be offered by the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) titled "People and the Environment". The focus of these hikes will be the ways native peoples utilized nature's raw materials from the uplands to the wetlands and coastal environment. To sign up, visit:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5754485822/eorg>



Dr. Michele Williams wet screens materials to look for floral and faunal remains.

On Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am to Noon the first in a series of workshops titled "Archaeology Works" will be offered by FPAN at

the Weedon Island Center. Dr. Michele Williams, FPAN Southeast Director, will present “Archaeology Works: Flotation”, a workshop all about how archaeological flotation works and how archaeologists recover tiny seeds, bits of charcoal, little animal bone fragments and other small pieces of things people left behind long ago. To register, go to: <http://archaeologyworks-org.eventbrite.com/#>

CRYSTAL RIVER RE-PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENING MARCH 22



Sometimes the only traces archaeologists leave of their work are pictures.

As part of its celebrations for Florida Archaeology Month, the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and the Friends of Crystal River State Park are putting together a new photo exhibit at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park that celebrates the history and archaeology of the site through pictures. More specifically, the re-photographs in the exhibit superimpose old pictures on the current landscape to show how things have changed (or stayed the same) over time.

[The Crystal River archaeological site](#) in Citrus County is perfect for this kind of re-photo project for several reasons: the distinctive landscape features and museum building, the number of archaeological projects that have been done there over time, and the importance of the site in general. Most archaeological sites wouldn't lend themselves well to re-photography simply because they are invisible to the naked eye from above the ground, but the mounds and stelae at Crystal River

make it the perfect spot to line up some old photos on the current landscape.

You can be a part of this project to document and celebrate the Crystal River site. All you have to do is find your old pictures of the site, or just come out and enjoy the exhibit. Join FPAN and the Friends of Crystal River State Park at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park on Friday March 22, from 6 to 8pm for the opening of a new re-photography exhibit “Then and Now: The Crystal River Site in Photographs” and bring your pictures of the Crystal River site through time. FPAN staff will be on hand to scan your images and add them to a database that documents the history of the site. Every picture is important to telling the story of this important site. Do you have a 1950s picture of the mound before it was partially destroyed? Pictures from the mobile home park that used to cover the site? A picture from last week of a bike ride through the park? All of these memories are wanted and welcome. Hope to see you there!



Ripley Bullen and the Crystal River Stele.

WHAT: “Then and Now: The Crystal River Site in Photographs” Exhibit Opening

WHEN: March 22 from 6-8pm

WHERE: Crystal River Archaeological State Park, 3400 N. Museum Point Crystal River, Florida 34428

OTHER EVENTS IN MARCH

Archaeology Fest: Voices from Native Florida

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: New College Public Archaeology Lab
Address: 410 College Drive, Sarasota

Description: Practice native technologies like the atlatl, spears, fire starters, tools, and bola stones; listen to a presentation at 11:00 am by Sakim, Carrier of Traditions for the Apalachicola; and hear a presentation at 12 noon by Time Sifters' Robert Bopp on Archaeological Sites of Polynesia.

The Niña and Pinta Visit Florida

Date: Through March and April

Location: Naples, Fort Meyers, Punta Gorda, Palmetto, check www.thenina.com/schedule for more information.

Description: The Niña is a replica of the ship on which Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery to the new world beginning in 1492. Visit this floating museum and learn about life during the age of discovery.

Fort Cooper Days

Date: March 16-17

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Fort Cooper State Park

Address: 3100 S Old Floral City Rd, Inverness

Description: Fort Cooper State Park will host a Second Seminole War re-enactment and living history exhibit throughout the day. Re-enactments depicting the events that took place during the construction of the fort will be held twice daily at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Living History demonstrations will be held throughout the day including arts & crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment, great food and refreshments.

Five Centuries of Florida History

Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: DeSoto National Memorial

Address: 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton, FL 34209, Bradenton

Description: Every March De Soto Memorial brings together re-enactor groups from all over Florida for a timeline spanning 500 years of history. Join demonstrations and displays from experienced period re-enactors. This year NPS and

FPAN archaeologists will be here with hands on demonstrations and archaeological exhibits.

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2013... DUES ARE DUE

Dues can be paid through Paypal or by mailing a check to Cheryl Shaughnessy, the Membership Secretary at PO Box 1563, Pinellas Park, FL 33780. The dues categories are found on the last page of the newsletter.

2013 FAS ANNUAL MEETING IN ST. AUGUSTINE

Mark your calendar, May 10-11 is the annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society, held this year in St. Augustine.

A number of special events are planned, so make sure to sign up early to secure your spot. On Friday, join a Trolley Tour with Distinguished Research Curator of Archaeology Dr. Kathleen Deagan and City of St. Augustine Archaeologist Carl Halbirt. The tour will take you around town and drop you off at the Friday evening reception.

The Friday evening reception will be held at the Fountain of Youth, the location of Pedro Menendez's 1565 settlement and more than 50 years of archaeological excavations.

Flagler College's Hotel Ponce de Leon, a designated National Historic Landmark, will be the setting for the paper presentations on Saturday. During the long lunch break, historic downtown tours will be offered (see [Registration Form](#)). Each will give participants a glimpse of St. Augustine that few visitors get a chance to see. Box lunches will be available for those wishing to take advantage of the tours.

The Saturday evening banquet, with Dr. Deagan as the keynote speaker, will be held in the Ponce de Leon Dining Room at Flagler College. Prepared by Chef David Bearl, AAC, the buffet menu will be similar to that enjoyed by the hotel's guests on opening night in 1888.

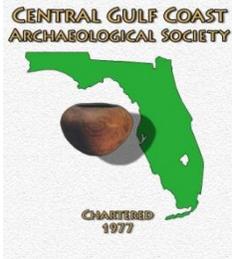
On Sunday, an early morning boat ride aboard the Victory III around Matanzas Bay and a late morning tour of the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP) facilities at the St. Augustine Lighthouse are offered.

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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 P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780

	Dues
Individual	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00
Life	\$150.00