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*38 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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

*AT*

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



***Christina Perry Sampson, Ph.D. Candidate  
University of Michigan***

***Early Safety Harbor Communities at Weedon Island***

Recent excavations at Weedon Island have uncovered substantial early Safety Harbor-period deposits, dating between A.D.1000-1200. There is evidence that during the Safety Harbor period, people in the Tampa Bay area reorganized themselves socially and politically. Platform mounds were constructed that may have helped to structure new forms of interaction between and across communities. However, few archaeological sites have revealed evidence of daily life activities like those are being uncovered at Weedon Island. The preliminary results of recent fieldwork will be presented by Christina Perry Sampson, Ph.D. Candidate, and contextualized in terms of local social organization and participation in regional processes.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/id0eIY>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

## DUES ARE DUE!



*This kitten loves archaeology and renewed her CGCAS membership, you should too!*

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!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CGCAS FIELDTRIP TO GULF BEACHES HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Mark your calendar, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will be organizing a fieldtrip to Gulf Beaches Historical Museum on Pass-a-Grille. The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 2:15 – Meet at Museum
- 2:30 - Walking Tour of Pass-a-Grille
- 4:00 - Gulf Beaches Historical Museum Tour

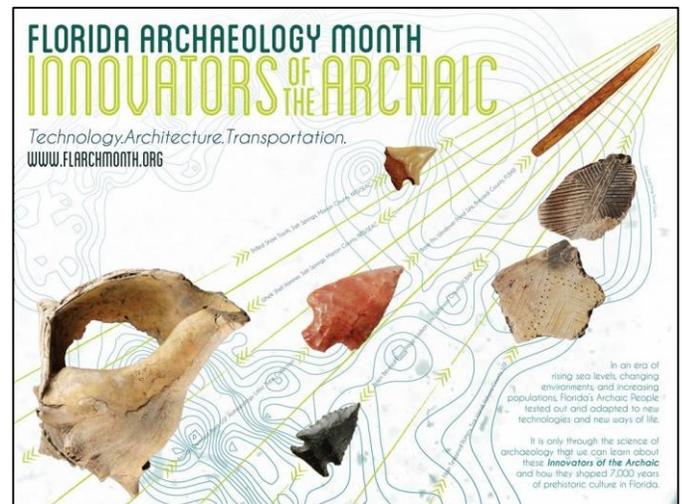
6:00 - Dinner and drinks at the Hurricane

Please note that parking is limited in the area of the museum. Those who would like to car-pool to the Museum, meet at 1:45 at the Publix Plaza parking lot at 5295 34th Street So., at the NE end of the parking lot. You can contact Linda at [all@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:all@tampabay.rr.com) for more information.



WHERE: Gulf Beaches Historical Museum  
115 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
St Pete Beach

### HAPPY FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!



Every March, statewide programs and events celebrating Florida Archaeology Month are designed to encourage Floridians and visitors to learn more about the archaeology and history of the state, and to preserve these important parts of

Florida's rich cultural heritage. Plan to attend some of the many events throughout Florida during March 2015. A few events are described at the end of this newsletter, but you can find a full listing at [www.FLarchmonth.org](http://www.FLarchmonth.org).

Florida Archaeology Month is coordinated by the Florida Anthropological Society, and supported by the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. Additional sponsors for 2015 include the Florida Archaeological Council, Florida Public Archaeology Network, state and local museums, historical commissions, libraries, and public and private school systems. The 2015 poster is available through the local Florida Anthropological Society Chapters, and can also be acquired at your local Florida Public Archaeology Network center.



The back of this year's Florida Archaeology Month poster shows Archaic sites you can visit.

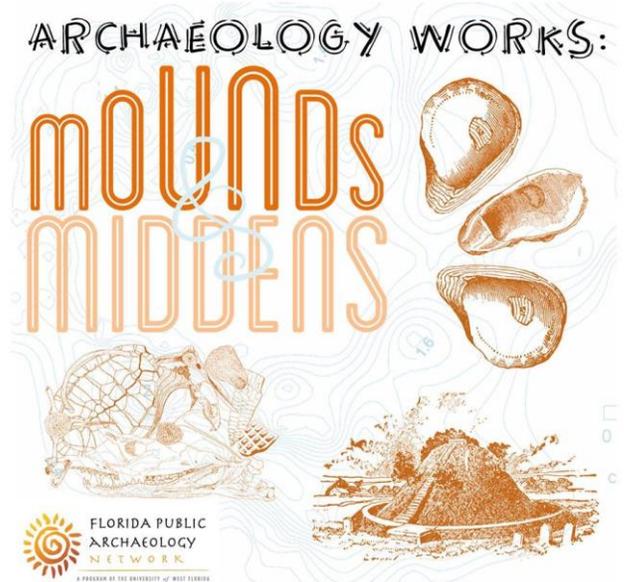
Each year, a new theme celebrating a certain aspect of Florida's rich archaeological past is chosen for the state-wide poster. This year the theme is Florida's Archaic Period! From the poster "In an era of rising sea levels, changing environments, and increasing populations, Florida's Archaic People tested out and adapted to new technologies and new ways of life. It is only through the science of archaeology that we can learn about these *Innovators of the Archaic* and how they shaped 7,000 years of prehistoric culture in Florida." You can learn more about this exciting time period in Florida's prehistoric past by snagging an Archaeology Month poster or bookmark, or by visiting an Archaic site near you.

## 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!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Archaeology Works: Mounds & Middens**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00am – Noon**



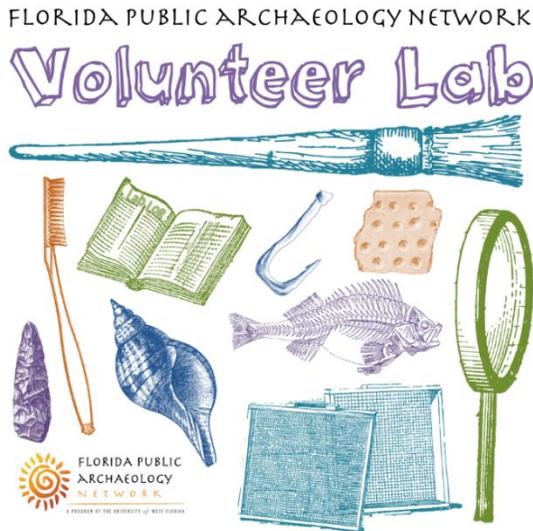
What's the best way to learn about a person, whether they lived thousands of years ago or today? Look through their garbage of course! Archaeologists study prehistoric trash piles or middens to gain a wealth of information about the past. They also investigate purpose built mounds that still dot the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

Learn the difference between a mound and a midden in this fun and hands-on workshop, then get a

personal tour of the amazing mounds and middens at Historic Spanish Point with help from Sarasota County Archaeologist, Ryan Murphy. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Historic Spanish Point  
337 N Tamiami Trail  
Osprey, 34229

**Volunteer Archaeology Lab**  
*Friday, March 20, 2015 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, 33702

**Archaeology Works: Mounds & Middens**  
*Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00am – Noon*

Join the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) for the Archaeology Works Expo where attendees will have the chance to participate in

hands-on activities from all the Archaeology Works workshops we have offered to date. Children and adults will experience archaeology in various ways, ranging from the methods archaeologists use to learn about the past to recreating the technologies of Florida's early residents.

Bring the family to this free event to hang out with archaeologists from FPAN and see if you could survive life in Prehistoric Florida!

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve  
1800 Weedon Dr NE  
St Petersburg, 33702

**Tracing the First Floridians: The Paleoindians**  
*Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:00pm*



Join the Florida Public Archaeology Network - West Central Region at the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center as they give a talk on the first Floridian's, the Paleo-Indians!

Exciting research by archaeologists across Florida is shedding light on some of our state's earliest residents: the Paleoindians. This talk will explore what we know about Florida's first residents, as well as how archaeology can inform us about this little understood part of our past.

WHERE: Safety Harbor Museum &  
Cultural Center  
329 S Bayshore Blvd  
Safety Harbor, 34695

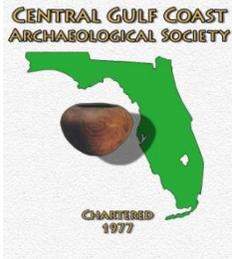
For more information go to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1068411516518404/>

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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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