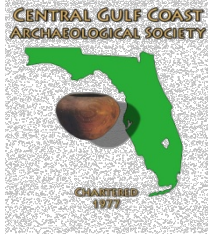

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MAY 8-11, 2014, FAS ANNUAL MEETING HOSTED BY WMS/LSSAS PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA

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The 66th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be held in Punta Gorda, Florida from May 8-11, 2014. Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society is pleased to host the meeting at the [Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center](#) overlooking the scenic Peace River.



[Punta Gorda](#) is a quaint historic city rich in local and regional history located just south of, and at the mouth of, the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. There is a beautiful downtown historic district that was revitalized after the devastating effects of Hurricane Charlie in 2004.

[The Four Points Sheraton](#), also located on the Peace River, is one block east of the Conference Center and will serve as the Conference

Hotel. We were able to secure the reasonable room rate of \$89.00 with the rate guaranteed, dependent on availability, until April 25. For reservations call (941) 637-6770 and indicate that you are booking for The Florida Anthropological Society or WMS/LSS Archaeological Society. Other local hotel options within walking distance include the [Wyvern Hotel](#) at (941) 639-7700 and Punta Gorda Waterfront Hotels and Suites at (941) 639-1165.

The venue selected for the banquet is [Laishley's Crab House](#), which is another block east of the hotel and, you guessed it, also right on the river. So, it will be a river-walk kind of meeting. The historic downtown district is only a block away from the hotel and all within walking distance.

Conference Schedule (Tentative)*

*Visit the FAS website for the final schedule, including presentations.

Thursday, May 8, 2014

3:00–5:00 FPAN Board Meeting, Myakka Room A
6:30–7:30 Walking tour of historic downtown Punta Gorda, Meet at Four Points lobby

Friday, May 9, 2014

8:00–Noon FPAN Board Meeting, Myakka Room A
10:30–4:30 Registration, Event Center Concourse
12:00–1:00 FAS Chapter Meeting, Myakka River Room
12:00–1:00 FAC Board Meeting, Peace River Room
1:00–2:00 FAS Board Meeting, Myakka River Room
1:00–2:00 FAC General Meeting, Peace River Room
3:00–4:30 FAS Education Committee Panel:
“Teaching Controversial Issues in Anthropology and Archaeology”
Myakka Room A
6:30–8:30 FAS Reception/FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards, Wyvern Hotel

Saturday, May 10, 2014

7:00–2:30 Registration, Event Center Concourse
 8:00–5:00 Vendors Display/Book Sales, Event Center
 8:00–11:30 Morning Paper & Poster Presentations
 11:30–1:40 Lunch and trolley/walking tours
 1:40–4:30 Afternoon Paper & Poster Presentations
 4:30–5:00 FAS General Meeting, Peace River Room
 6:30–9:30 FAS Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Laishley's Crab House
 Keynote speaker Dr. John A. Gifford,
 Professor Emeritus, University of Miami

Sunday, May 11, 2014

9:00–10:30 Boat tour of Charlotte Harbor
 Provided by King Fisher Fleet out of
 Fisherman's Village, with interpretive
 history of Charlotte Harbor provided by a
 southwest Florida archaeologist.
 11:30–1:00 Tour of Warm Mineral Springs and Little
 Salt Spring, North Port, Florida

For more information, or to register, please go to
www.fasweb.org.

On behalf of FAS, the WMS/LSSAS would like to invite, welcome, and encourage all FAS members, professionals, students and avocationalists to register and attend the 66th Annual FAS Meeting. We hope, once again, to cover a broad range of Florida archaeology, anthropology, and history topics as well as current research. We'd like to see the entire state represented: from Paleoindian (FAM 2014 theme) through the Archaic and post Archaic regional cultures and papers representing the Spanish, English, American and Seminole periods. The WMS/LSSAS wants to make FAS 2014 a memorable and exciting event and to do that, we need you. Hope to see you there!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
 ARCHAEOLOGY MERIT BADGE
 FUNDRAISER AT WEEDON ISLAND**

On Sunday, April 27th CGCAS will be putting on an Archaeology Merit Badge event for a local boyscout troop from 9:00am – 3:00pm. In the morning we will be inside doing archaeology related activities, then in the afternoon we'll take them out to the AWIARE excavation going on at the Weedon Island Preserve so they can see it and participate. Even if you are available for only part of the time please consider coming out to help. Should be a fun day, and your help is appreciated! For more information contact Becky O'Sullivan at rosulliv@usf.edu

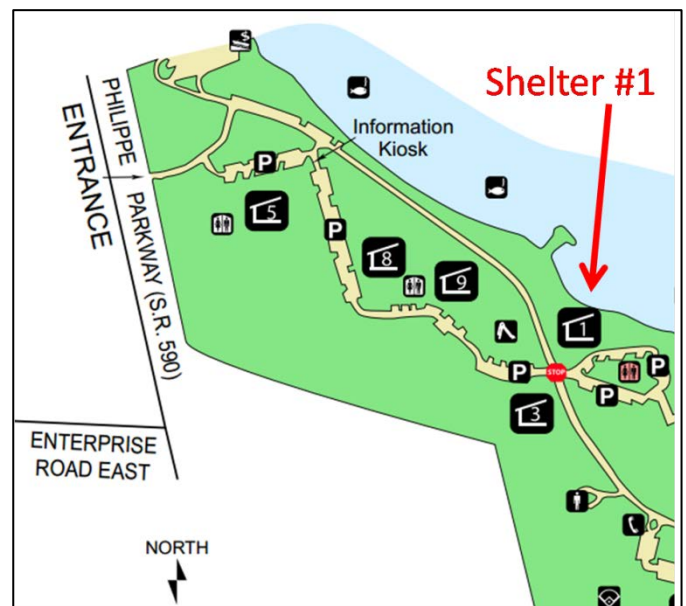
**SAVE THE DATE: CGCAS ANNUAL
 PICNIC!**

**WHEN: Sunday, May 18, 2014
 Picnic starts at 12:00**

**WHERE: Philippe Park
 2525 Philippe Parkway
 Safety Harbor, FL 34695
 SHELTER #1**

Sunday, May 18th please join us for the annual CGCAS picnic! This year our picnic feast will again be held at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. It's a beautiful park, with huge oak trees and fantastic views of the bay, and there is a great archaeological site there to boot. Friends and family are welcome, the more the merrier!

This is a potluck picnic so bring your favorite dish to share. If you'd like to BBQ, a grill is on site. CGCAS will be providing the picnic paper products, soft drinks, and ice.



Board meeting and picnic will be held in Shelter #1 at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor.

Immediately before the picnic, starting at 11:00am, the CGCAS board will be getting together for their monthly meeting. If you'd like to be more involved with CGCAS, please come on out to the board meeting prior to the picnic. We will be looking for new board members and officers for the

coming fiscal year, and newcomers are always welcome!



View of the Safety Harbor mound at Philippe Park.

As I mentioned above, not only is Philippe Park beautiful, it is also home to an important archaeological site. The Safety Harbor Site was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1964, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. The site is made up of a large temple mound, one smaller burial mound and two shell middens. The temple mound is located right next to the water and provides a beautiful view of Tampa Bay from the top. This should be a great picnic so hope to see you all there!



View of the back side of the Safety Harbor mound at Philippe Park.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CGCAS BOARD MEMBER?

Would you like to get more involved in CGCAS? If you would like to become a board

member or officer, or would just like more information about what it entails, contact Dawn Hayes at hayes.dawn@gmail.com. You can also always come out to our monthly CGCAS board meeting held at the Panera Bread at 2285 Ulmerton Rd. The next meeting is on May 15th at 6:30pm.

JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGIST SUMMER CAMP AT WEEDON ISLAND



CGCAS members and Junior Archaeologist campers out in the field at the Weedon Island Preserve.

Registration is now open for two Junior Archaeologist Summer Camps scheduled for this July at the Weedon Island Preserve. The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE), the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), and CGCAS will be teaming up again this year to put on the camps. Last year's camps were a huge hit with the kids, and we are hoping for another successful summer!

The goal of the camp is to teach kids about what it's really like to be an archaeologist. As much as possible, they get to experience hands-on activities that help them to think like an archaeologist and learn about the past. During the last day of camp they even get to participate in a real archaeological excavation at the Weedon Island Preserve. That's where you come in! We'll be needing volunteers to help with the excavation and to show the kids how to dig like a real archaeologist. It's a lot of fun working with the kids as they get their first experience of archaeology! To volunteer to help with the excavation, contact Bob Austin at bob@searchinc.com.

Also, this year AWIARE has received a very generous challenge from an anonymous donor who offers to match any donations to the Junior Archaeology Camp Scholarship Fund up to a maximum amount of \$1500, or 10 individual scholarships.

This is a great opportunity to double your donation to this program which provides funds to pay for the \$150 registration fee so economically disadvantaged children can attend the camp. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship fund, please make your check out to AWIARE and mail it to:

AWIARE Junior Archaeology Scholarship Fund
1500 Weedon Drive NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33702

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve
WHEN: July 21 – 25, 2014 and July 28 – August 1, 2014 from 9am – 4pm
Ages: Children ages 7-11
Registration: \$150 per camper/week (limited to 20 per week)

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Before-camp care is available from 7:45 am to 9:00 am for an additional fee (\$50.00) each week.

To download a registration form, go to:
<http://awiare.org/?p=843>

For more information contact Becky at:
Email: rosulliv@usf.edu
Phone: 813-396-2325

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

WORKSHOP - Archaeology Works: Fishing *Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 6:30 – 7:30pm*

Along the Gulf Coast, archaeologists have found tantalizing clues about how Florida's first residents fished these waters. Learn how archaeologists study artifacts linked to fishing, like ancient fishing hooks, water craft, and nets, then learn how Cuban fisherman fished the same waters in the more recent past. Archaeologists from the New College Public Archaeology Lab and the Florida Public Archaeology Network will be on

hand with artifact displays and hands-on activities that allow you to explore the past just like an archaeologist. Try your hand at making a fishing net, learn about how archaeologists study the fish people were eating from the tiny bones they left behind, see how well you would do throwing a cast net like a Cuban fisherman, and much more! This event is designed for people of all ages and is free and open to the public.

WHERE: New College Public
Archaeology Lab
5800 Bay Shore Rd
Sarasota, FL

For more information go to:
www.facebook.com/events/236035156602308/

TOUR - Indigenous Lifeways and Spirituality **Tour at Weedon Island** *Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 – Noon*

Join professional archaeologist, naturalist and science educator, "Jungle Jay" for an insightful examination of daily life, habits, diet and beliefs of the native Manasota Culture of west central Florida at Pinellas County's jewel! This experience will begin at the center's NE parking lot entryway sign with a description of the Education Center building itself and how its orientation, design and decoration reflect the art and spirit of the people that populated the site. Followed by a leisurely guided hike, you will learn how various plants were used as the food, medicine and raw materials of daily life. Along the boardwalk and through the extensive mangrove forest you will see how the abundant animal life was part of the local environment and food supply and was integrated into the spirituality our early inhabitants.

WHERE: Weedon Island Preserve
1800 Weedon Dr NE
St. Petersburg, FL

COST: Adult, \$20-- Couples \$35-- Teens and Students (w/ ID), \$10-- Children 12 and under, FREE

For more information go to:
www.facebook.com/events/1475573666003373

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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

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