
Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

A Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society



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June Meeting

!!!It's Picnic Time!!!

Saturday June 14th

at

Boyd Hill Nature Park in St. Petersburg,

1 PM to 4 PM.

This is the annual picnic meeting for CGCAS. Please park in the parking lot and proceed to shelters #1 and #2. This is a pot luck picnic where those attending bring a dish to share for all members. CGCAS will provide beverages and grill some hamburgers and hot dogs. At 2:00 PM we will have a brief CGCAS Board meeting to elect the CGCAS Board for 2008-2009. Then we will have an entertaining 30 minute discussion by Frank Bushnell who will provide an oral history of early Pinellas archaeology including activities of Frank, Dr. Lyman Warren and Dr. Al Goodyear. Hermann Trappman will give a 30 minute discussion about the potential Paleo site on the shoreline of Lake Maggiore. Jeff Moates, the new Director of Central West Coast FPAN at USF, will discuss potential field work opportunities for CGCAS at the site. Hermann will lead those interested on a tour of the archaeological site along the shore of Lake Maggiore.

This member event should be very entertaining and informative. CGCAS will then take a break for the summer and resume general meetings at Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center in September.

Directions: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve is located at the south end of Lake Maggiore. From I-275, take Exit 17. Turn east onto 54th Avenue South, then left on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South. Country Club Way South is four blocks on the left. Proceed to park entrance. Parking is free. See map in Calendar of Events section.

FAS 2008 Annual Meeting

Thanks to all who helped make the 60th Annual FAS Meeting a stunning success. Once again CGCAS has stepped up and raised the bar for future events. All the months of planning, dedication to details, and committee chairs, committee members, and volunteers paid off. The venue at Ybor City proved to be an ideal spot for this event. It provided the exotic blend of aromas, flavor, sights and sounds that this Latin Quarter of Tampa is noted for.

Friday's meetings were held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, while the Friday night reception and FAC Stewards of Heritage Award presentation was held at Ybor City Museum State Park. This reception was blessed with excellent weather and the outdoor garden setting added to its success. Saturday's meetings were at the L'Unione Italiana (the Italian Club). The historic setting of this building was not lost on the attendees. Having all the talks and vendors in the same building was ideal. The vendor area in the Cantina Room was well represented by many artists, booksellers, and other organizations. The Auditorium and Ball Room also provided a great venue for the paper presentations. We all got great exercise going up and down the staircase.

Saturday night's banquet consisted of an excellent selection of food on the buffet line. After the FAS awards were presented, Dr. Brent Weisman gave an interesting keynote address on the value of historic archaeology in Tampa.

The final event of the evening was the raffle in which many donated door prizes were given away to those who had matching numbers on the plummets created for the banquet.

The final events on Sunday featured two tours of Ybor City led by Dr. Gary Mormino. After these tours there was also a presentation on the Little Salt Spring site at the Florida Aquarium. As the many kudos received after and during the meeting indicate CGCAS put on another spectacular Annual Meeting. Way to go!



Bob receiving a certificate on behalf of SEARCH from Paul Jones at the Friday FAC reception.



The colored cigar box design used for this meeting was also on T-shirts prepared by Chris Hardy



Linda Allred and Cindy Martin modeling the t-shirts



Our hard working registration team: Shanna, Marcie, Cheryl, and Chris



Bob and Shanna receiving plaques in recognition of their hard work in planning this successful meeting.



Terry Simpson receiving the FAS President's Award at the banquet
Photos supplied by Roger Block and Steve Koski

FAM Not Funded for 2009

Florida Archaeology Month was not funded this year due to budget restraints. As a result, FAS is looking into alternate ways to procure money for this important annual event in Florida. A committee was formed to address the options. In the meantime, donations directed to FAM funding will be gratefully accepted. If each chapter could make a contribution, this would go a long way to cover the costs. FPAN generously offered help fund FAM.

Slate of Officers and Directors 2008-2009

The following slate will be present at the annual picnic at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve on June 14th.

President: Dr. Bob Austin
Vice President: Shanna Drwiega
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45 Foot Canoe Found at Weedon Island



Photo courtesy of Weedon Island

Bob Austin, Cindy Martin, and Kimalee Dudley prepare to excavate the canoe

A recent find at Weedon Island Preserve has archaeologists wishing for the resources they need to unlock the mystery of how a 1,100 year-old pine canoe could have survived in the salt and sand environment. Measuring 39-feet, 11-inches long, but believed to have been upwards of 45 feet in total length, the pine canoe holds the distinction of the longest prehistoric canoe ever found in Florida. The canoe features a raised bow that indicates the canoe was used on open water. Under the canoe, a pine pole, used perhaps for paddling, poling or docking the canoe, was also unearthed and dated to the same prehistoric period, approximately 1,100 years ago.

Since the discovery, Phyllis E. Kolianos, M.A., R.P.A., Pinellas County's education center manager and principal archaeological investigator on the team, has arduously taken every step to document, conserve and protect the canoe, the pole and the non-peat environment that is the archeological site. Only a pre-excavation dig was performed, along with thorough radiocarbon dating and wood sampling, which confirmed the wood as pine, a prevalent local timber after which the county of Pinellas is named.

A comprehensive excavation of the canoe and museum preservation has not yet been determined as numerous resources, both financial and equipment, are needed.

Wreck May Be Confederate Ship

TAMPA - At low tide, the Hillsborough River recedes enough to reveal wood beams poking through the water. The beams

could be part of something far more interesting. The planks are the remains of a ship between 80 and 100 feet long, Wagner said. A team of divers and underwater archaeologists from the aquarium who discovered the wreck near Lowry Park Zoo think it could be a sunken Confederate vessel.

Archaeologists are taking measurements and checking nautical records. Wagner said the find could be the first Confederate blockade runner, a ship designed to outrun the Union blockade of Tampa Bay, found in Florida.

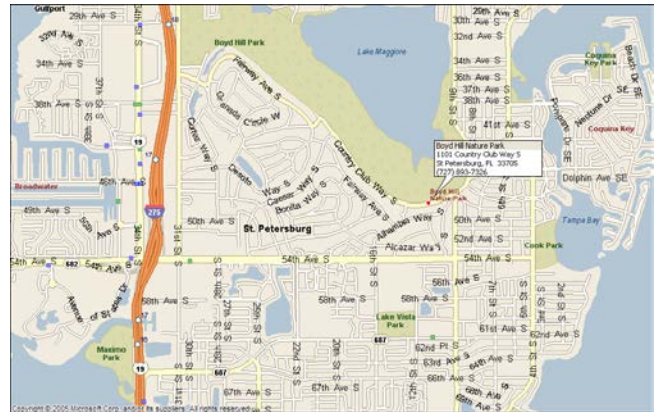
Tampa didn't play a big role in the Civil War, but oral histories allude to the Hillsborough River's use as a supply route for Confederate soldiers camped farther inland. During the Civil War, Union soldiers attacked and burned three Confederate blockade runners in the Tampa area.

The burned wreckage of the ship near Lowry Park is "exactly where the historical records say the ships were destroyed. The ship has features of a 19th century sloop, which places it during the Civil War, though some elements of its design share similarities with vessels built in the 1920s.

Scientists have no plans to excavate or raise the ship. Pieces of wood have been removed from the site for analysis, however the decay is pretty severe and there's not really enough left."

Calendar of Events

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FAS Membership

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*, the *FAS Newsletter* and participation in the annual meeting in May. More information and membership forms can be found on the web site www.fasweb.org or by writing to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591. Dues are: Student - \$15; Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35; Sustaining - \$100; Patron - \$500; Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

Editor's note: At the recent FAS board meeting in Ybor City, it was decided to do away with the Life Membership category and change the amounts for Sustaining to \$100, and Patron to \$500.

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The Society

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.



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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 Roger Block, Membership Secretary, 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706

Dues

Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00

