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# Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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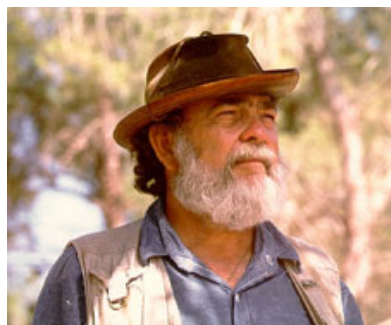
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## Thanks to All Our Speakers this Year

*Thanks to all the speakers that made this year another Lecture Series to remember. Copies of some of their lectures are available for viewing. Contact Chris Hardy ([kasotagirl@yahoo.com](mailto:kasotagirl@yahoo.com)) for details. We will take the summer off but will begin again in September with another series of talks. Have a great summer.*

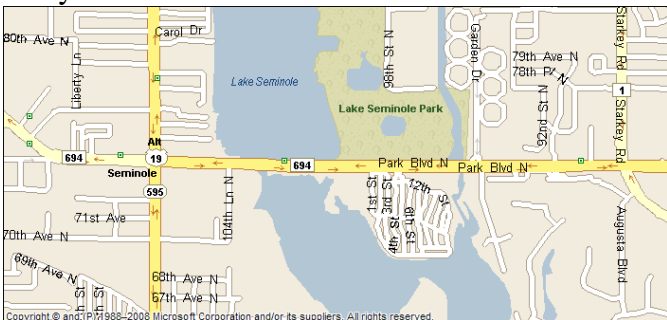


Top row (l-r): Rebecca O'Sullivan, Dr. Michele Williams, Dr. Gabrielle Vail; Middle row (l-r) Dr. Tom Pluckhahn, Jason Wenzel, Dr. Lawrence Clayton; Bottom row (l-r): Dr. James Strange, Christopher Altes, Dr. Robert Van de Noort

## It's Picnic Time



It is picnic time and this year it will be held at Lake Seminole Park, 10015 Park Blvd. in Seminole on Saturday June 9th. We will be meeting at a different shelter this year so look for us at Shelter 6. There will be a board meeting from 11-12 and then the festivities will begin after that. CGCAS will supply the meat, drinks and buns. Please bring a covered dish to share. Bring family and friends and enjoy the hiking trails, the museum, and the playground for the kids. The park features a two mile multi use trail through the woods and around a small lake. The wide paved trail is ideal for hiking, rollerblading, biking, running, or for walking and bird watching. There is a return path provided at the one mile point for folks not wanting to complete the entire trail. The trail runs one way only with designated lanes sorted by speed from walkers to bikers. Motorized vehicles are not allowed. There are several large play grounds for kids of various ages, a ball field, and a volleyball court. It will be a fun afternoon. Due to the distance, people may want to carpool to get there. See you there!



Lake Seminole Park is located on Park Boulevard or SR-694 in Seminole. One way to get there is to take I-275 and get off at exit 28 onto SR-694 (Gandy Blvd.) and head west. The road becomes CR-694 after 4.5 miles but continue another 3 miles to the park on the right. Look for Shelter 6 and you will have found the picnic.

## Slate for 2012-2013

The following slate of officers and directors will be confirmed at the picnic. Since they are running unopposed, their selection will be affirmation.

President: Chris Hunt  
Vice President: Dawn Hayes  
Secretary: Linda Allred  
Treasurer: Cheryl Shaughnessy  
Membership: Cheryl Shaughnessy  
Directors:

Chris Hardy  
Marcie Connors  
Becky O'Sullivan  
Jeff Moates  
Bob Austin

## Weedon Story

Here is an interesting piece that was aired recently on Channel 10's Series "Why do They Call It That". It is an informative short snippet the history of Weedon Island that you will enjoy.

<http://saintpetersburg.wtsp.com/news/news/117436-why-do-they-call-it-tampa-bays-ancient-island>

## Archaeology Summer Camps



*Tommy the Tortoise, Junior Archaeologist*

The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE), in cooperation with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), plans to hold two exciting archaeology summer camps at Weedon Island Preserve designed for children who are interested in exploring the past. Both camps will be conducted by professional archaeologists, including educators from Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) presenting their

Tommy the tortoise, Junior Archaeologist, program.

The theme of the archaeology camps is Exploring the Past “Hands on Weedon”. The camps will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday June 25-29 and again July 23-27. They are open to children ages 7-11 and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is \$150.00/camper/week with a limit of 20 campers per week.

Before-camp care is available from 7:45 am to 9:00am for an additional fee of \$50.00 each week.

For information on how to register for the camps, contact Rae Harper at [crharper@usf.edu](mailto:crharper@usf.edu).

### **Congratulations Chris Hunt**

USF graduate student and CGCAS member Christopher Hunt was chosen to receive the first Dorothy Moore Student Grant of \$500 at this year’s annual FAS meeting in Tallahassee. Chris’s proposal was for funds to assist in the documentation of a private collection of artifacts from the historic town of St. Joseph in the panhandle. Chris’s MA research will focus on the role that St. Joseph played as a deep-water port for receiving and shipping goods, such as cotton and honey, up the Apalachicola River and eventually to New England and Europe. Grant Committee Chair Bob Austin and FAS President Patty Flynn presented Chris with his check at the Saturday banquet.

### **The Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting**



The Florida Historical Society is holding its Annual Meeting and Symposium in Tampa from May 24-26, 2012. The theme for this Annual Meeting and Symposium is “Tides of Change:

Diverse Florida Communities and Their Development”.

Dr. Tina Bucuvalas, the 2012 recipient of the Jillian Prescott Memorial Lecturer and former Folklorist with the Florida Folklife Program, will be addressing the aforementioned theme at the banquet.

Dr. Robert E. Snyder will present a Plenary Session entitled “The History of Tampa Through the Photography of the Burgert Brothers”. This presentation is based on his book relating to the same information.

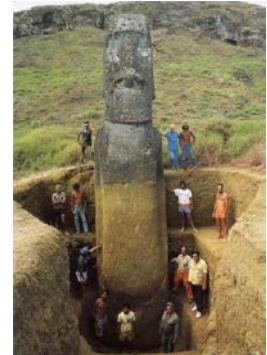
There are other events planned during this meeting including tours of the Tampa Bay History Center, Henry Plant Museum, Hyde Park and Davis Island, and Ybor City.

Visit [www.myfloridahistory.org](http://www.myfloridahistory.org) for the list of the many papers and roundtable discussions to be presented.

The FHS also publishes many publications relating to Florida history and archaeology and is a worthwhile organization to support.

### **Of Interest**

Recent excavations on Easter Island have revealed that what were once thought to be just heads sticking out of the ground are really statues with bodies. Some of the statues have writing on them which may help reveal more on this mysterious culture.

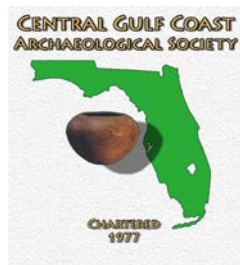


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## The Society

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 Cheryl Shaughnessy at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL

	Dues
Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00