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# Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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35 Years of Promoting Florida's Rich Heritage



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### 2012 Picnic



*Dave Burns, Dorothy Ward, Katherine Shurik, Chris Hunt, Jeff Moates, and Becky O'Sullivan enjoying the food and company*



*Norman Johnson, Margie Lynch, Marcie Connors, Tom Connors and Larry Lynch partake of the great eats*

This year's picnic was held at Lake Seminole Park, 10015 Park Blvd. in Seminole on Saturday June 9th. Even though the weather was threatening, we had 16 members and visitors attend this year's get together. The slate of officers and directors was confirmed and Chris Hunt took over the reins as President for the coming year.

## Congratulations

We want to congratulate Karin Lovik on her recent marriage to Eddie Rose in South Carolina. They were wed on June 2, 2012 and honeymooned in Scotland

## Archaeology Summer Camps



*Tommy the Tortoise, Junior Archaeologist*



*Campers taking depths from unit with Bob Austin helping*



*Campers working on the screens under the direction of Becky O'Sullivan and Chris Hunt*

The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE), in cooperation with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), held the first of two exciting archaeology summer camps at Weedon Island Preserve June 25-29. The camps are designed for children who are interested in exploring the past. Both camps are being conducted by professional archaeologists, including educators from Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) presenting their Tommy the Tortoise, Junior Archaeologist, program.



*Dr. Bob Austin excavates while Dave Burns and Cindy Martin check the screen*

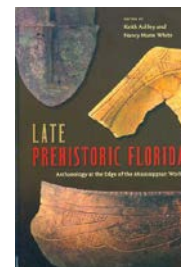
CGCAS is assisting in the excavation phase of the program. Campers get to take part in a real excavation. Several members of CGCAS have prepared the 1X1 meter unit for use in both sessions. This site was also examined in March during Archaeology Month where lithics were found during construction of a fence.

The theme of the archaeology camps is *Exploring the Past "Hands on Weedon"*. The next camp will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday 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 more information contact Jeff Moates, 813-396-2327, [jmoates@cas.usf.edu](mailto:jmoates@cas.usf.edu).

## Summer Reading

### Late Prehistoric Florida: Archaeology at the Edge of the Mississippian World

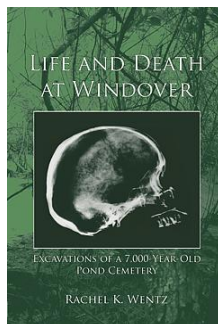


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Prehistoric Florida societies, particularly those of the peninsula, have been largely ignored or given only minor consideration in overviews of the Mississippian Southeast (A.D. 1000-1600). This groundbreaking volume lifts the veil of uniformity frequently draped over these regions in the literature, providing the first comprehensive examination of Mississippi-period archaeology in the state.

Featuring contributions from some of the most prominent researchers in the field, this collection describes and synthesizes the latest data from excavations throughout Florida. In doing so, it reveals a diverse and vibrant collection of cleared-field maize farmers, part-time gardeners, hunter-gatherers, and coastal and riverine fisher/shellfish collectors who formed a distinctive part of the Mississippian Southeast.

### **Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of a 7,000 Year-Old Pond Cemetery** By Dr. Rachel Wentz



This very readable account of the discoveries at the Windover site in Titusville, Florida by Dr. Rachel Wentz captures both sides of the story. Dr. Wentz introduces you to the people who made the excavation possible as well as the people who lived and were buried there.

In 1982, a backhoe operator working at what would become the new Windover Farms housing development in Titusville, Florida, uncovered a human skull. The bones of several other individuals soon emerged from the peat bog. It would be determined that the human remains uncovered at Windover were between 7,000 and

8,000 years old, making them 3,200 years older than King Tutankhamen and 2,000 years older than the Great Pyramids of Egypt. This was just the beginning of an archaeological adventure that continues today.

This publication can be ordered by contacting the Florida Historical Society at [myfloridahistory.org](http://myfloridahistory.org). The cost is \$14.95 plus tax and shipping.

### **Of Interest**



The next time you visit the Weedon Island Center, check out the gift shop for new additions. The Friends of Weedon Island selects items to be sold there. Above is one example of a mug that is now offered. The mugs are made by Dirty Dog Pottery and show various examples of Weedon Island pottery styles. These would be great gifts or conversation starters. You can purchase one for \$24.



Pottery fragments found in a south China cave have been confirmed to be 20,000 years old, making them the oldest known pottery in the world, archaeologists say.

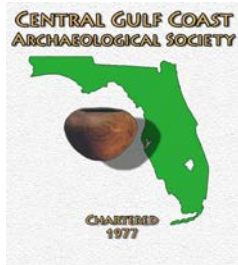
The findings, which will appear in the journal *Science*, add to recent efforts that have dated pottery in East Asia to more than 15,000 years ago, refuting conventional theories that the invention of pottery correlates to the period about 10,000 years ago when humans moved from being hunter-gathers to farmers.

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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

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Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00