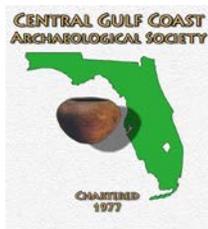

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CGCAS Field Trip



Marcie Connors and Linda Allred

Rodney Kite-Powell

On July 25, 2009 we took a field trip to the recently re-opened Tampa Bay History Center. We were given a guided tour by curator Rodney Kite-Powell. The beautiful new, state-of-the-art, 60,000-square-foot center includes 12,000 years of powerful stories, including those of the native inhabitants, Spanish conquistadors, pioneers, fledgling towns, cattle ranching, presidents, sports legends and railroad tycoons. Stroll through a 1920's-era cigar store. Explore three floors of exhibits about the places and people who shaped the Tampa Bay area. The History Center boasts a stunning atrium, interactive and immersive exhibits, theaters, map gallery, research center, event hall, museum store and the Columbia Café.



Lunch on the Hillsborough River

After touring the exhibits, we enjoyed a great lunch at the Columbia Café which is on the banks of the

Hillsborough River. It was a very enjoyable trip for everyone.

CGCAS Lecture Series for 2009-2010

We have another interesting line up of speakers for the coming year. All these presentations will be at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. The dates are the second Thursday of the month with the lectures beginning at 7 pm. They are free and open to the public. Further information will be presented in future newsletters regarding each month's presentation.

September 17, 2009 - *Andrew Hemmings, MA*, Exploring Early Sites in the Gulf of Mexico

October 15, 2009 - *Steve Koski*, Recent Exploration on the 27-meter Ledge at Little Salt Spring

November 19, 2009 - **TBA**

December 17, 2009 - *Asa Randall, MA*, Rethinking the Significance and Long-Term Histories of Archaic Shell Mounds along the Middle St. Johns River

January 21, 2010 - *David Steadman, Ph.D.*, Using Prehistoric Archaeology to Study Modern Biodiversity

February 18, 2010 - *Bob Carr, MA*, Bahamian and Florida Cultural Interactions in Prehistory through the Early 19th-Century

March 18, 2010 - *Bill Marquardt, Ph.D.*, Shell Mounds in the Southeastern U.S.: Middens, Monuments, Temple Mounds, Rings, or Works?

April 15, 2010 - *Alison Elgart, Ph.D.* **TBA**

CGCAS T-Shirts Available

CGCAS is offering four t-shirt designs. Orders can be placed directly with Big Frog or by accessing the Member's only page on the CGCAS web site. See below for ordering information.



Back only: \$14.99 each plus tax and shipping



Front only: \$14.99 each plus tax and shipping



Front and back logo: \$19.99 each plus shipping and handling



Front only, alternate design: \$14.99 each plus shipping and handling

Colored T-shirts are \$1.00 extra per shirt. Big Frog recommends the following information be given to process the order:

1. Name, address, and phone number
2. Description of the job such as size, color, and logo design

You will be contacted when your order is ready and payment is due on pick-up. Contacts are denise@bigfrog.com and nate@bigfrog.com. Big Frog is located at 1874 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater, FL (727) 734-2421.

Bayshore Homes



At Bottom of Test Unit 5 looking east Photo by Mac Perry

On Saturday August 15, 2009 we finally finished excavating at the home of Mac and Faye Perry. The column sample was finished and a shovel test put in the northeast corner. The final depth was just short of 2 meters. Water was encountered just a few centimeters into the shovel test.



James Coffey on the Screen photo by Dave Burns

The unit will be left open as part of Mac's Bayshore Village. It will be covered with a screen to prevent debris and children from falling into it. A protective roof is also planned to further protect it. Mac is working very hard to make Bayshore Village an educational experience for school kids and other visitors. Pinellas County requires grade schoolers to take a unit in Florida's pre-history and the students currently have no place to go where they can see a real archaeological site and the profile of a midden as well as a "living" 12th-century Indian village. At Bayshore Village they will now be able to do just that.

Mac has created examples of Native American crafts and if you would like to help him with this project, he would appreciate your help. You can contact him at macperry@tampabay.rr.com.



Another Excellent Lunch! Photo by Mac Perry

We would like to thank Mac and Faye for their hospitality and for providing the Bayshore field crew with excellent lunches during the past several months while we dug up their front yard.

After a couple of weeks break we will start processing the material we recovered from this excavation. We will again be doing this work at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. Further information on this will be made available shortly. We would welcome you to join us.

Time Sifters Lecture Series

Traces of Our Past: Florida's History through Archaeology

Time Sifters and New College's Public Archaeology Lab (PAL), with funding from the Florida Humanities Council, will present five lectures at New College on topics addressing Florida Archaeology and Anthropological issues. The first lecture is September 16th, at the **Mildred Sainer Pavilion**, 5313 Bay Shore Rd, Sarasota, FL.

September 16, 6pm: *Kenneth E. Sassaman*, *University of Florida* Coping with Rising Water in Florida for 12,000 Years

As debate continues over the causes of global warming, the consequences of rising water levels are very real. By the end of this century, if current rates of change continue, much of the modern coastline will be inundated and near-shore aquifers infiltrated by seawater. Flooding in river basins will intensify as channels become choked with sediment from diminished stream gradients. Communities of aquatic species will be displaced, some extirpated. Many other unforeseen and indirect changes will ensue.

These sorts of challenges for humans and the resource on which they depend are nothing new to Floridians. Since the end of the Ice Age, more than 12,000 year ago, rising water has shaped the contours of culture change for hundreds of generations of Native American ancestors. As water levels rose, places of dwelling were inundated and ancient Floridians were forced to find new places to settle and new ways to subsist. But what became of their belief systems and the ritual practices that rationalized their place in the world? Archaeological evidence for the ceremonial practices of ancient Floridians suggests that the ritual practices of native people, like the practices of everyday living, were responsive to changes in ecology and geography. At the same time, sacred beliefs about water and watery creatures seem to have remained intact. This pattern of "persistence through change" is illustrated in the archaeological record of the pond cemeteries and shellmounds of northeast Florida. Encased in this record of ancient ritual experience are lessons that may help us cope with our own environmental challenges.

Other events in the series:

November 18 - *Jerry Milanich*, *Florida Museum of Natural History*, Archaeology in the Archives: The Seminole Indian Photographs of Julian Dimock, 1905-1910

January 20 - *Brent Weisman*, *University of South Florida*, Archaeology of the Unconquered People

March 17 - *Barbara Purdy*, *University of Florida* Ancient Art of Florida's Native People

May 19 - *William Lees*, *Florida Public Archaeology Network* Microns and Monuments: Connecting with Civil War Florida

2010 FAS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting in 2010 will be hosted by the Southwest Florida Archeological Society (SWFAS) in Ft. Myers from May 7-9, 2010. Further information on this meeting will be presented in future newsletters as well as on the FAS website www.fasweb.org

Thank You FPAN

The West Central Center of Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) has offered to print the CGCAS newsletter in color at their offices located at the University of South Florida (USF). Thanks to the Jeff Moates, Director and C. Rae Harper, Outreach Coordinator for providing this service.

Ground Broken for Park at Miami Circle

Miami Circle Park was inaugurated at the mouth of the Miami River, a location that was inhabited 2,700 years ago. In 1998, a proposed development led to the discovery of the Miami Circle, an ancient Tequesta Indian structure. The site has been largely dormant over the past decade

The state purchased the property for \$26.7 million a few years after its discovery, and in January 2009 the archaeological site became the 41st National Historic Landmark in Florida.

The park's archaeological elements are managed by the Historical Society of Southern Florida. It will be developed in two stages, with the actual circle remaining underground until the second phase.

Phase one of Miami Circle Park is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

FAS Membership

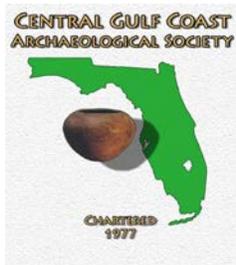
The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*, 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

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Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and all dues are payable in January. Contact Karin Lovik 1225 Jeffords St., Apt 225A, Clearwater, FL.

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