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# Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

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## September Meeting

### Thursday September 16th

at

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center  
1800 Weedon Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

7 – 8 PM.

*Sweet Cane: Florida's Sugar Prior to the Civil War*



*Lucy B. Wayne, Ph.D. SouthArc, Inc. Gainesville*

Sugar has been produced in Florida on at least a small scale since its early settlement by Spain. During the period from the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century to the American Civil War, sugar became an important plantation product for several areas of Florida. However, it was never able to compete successfully in the world market, primarily due to the scale of operations and technology used to process sugar. The processing areas-the sugar works-are usually the primary remains we see today of the antebellum plantations. Lucy Wayne, author of the new book, *Sweet Cane: The Architecture of the Sugar Works of East Florida*, will talk about the early history of sugar production in Florida. This program, co-sponsored by the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society and the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center, is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested and the program is recommended for adults.

## 2010-2011 Lecture Series

The next CGCAS Lecture series is about to begin. The first program will be on Thursday, September 16, 2010. These presentations will be at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. The dates are the third Thursday of the month with the lectures beginning at 7 pm. They are free and open to the public.

Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of the month as there will be more excellent programs coming up throughout this series.

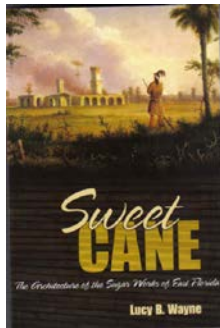
Future programs and speakers will include:

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**, Keith Ashley, Ph.D. *Mocama Archaeology: Reconstructing the Contact-Era Landscape of Northeastern Florida*

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** Jon Endonino, Ph.D. *Hunter-Gatherers, Monuments, and Memory*

Details of these and future programs will be presented in upcoming newsletters.

### This Month's Speaker



Lucy Wayne, author of the new book, *Sweet Cane: The Architecture of the Sugar Works of East Florida*, will talk about the early sugar production in Florida. The talk will include a brief history of sugar, as well as an explanation of how it was raised and processed in Florida prior to the Civil War. She will explain how changes in the process are reflected in the architecture of the sugar works themselves. Although Dr. Wayne's book focuses on sugar works in the East Florida region, this talk will explain how the Yulee and Gamble sugar works of the west coast fit into the history of sugar in the state. She will also discuss how antebellum Florida sugar fit into the sugar economy of the Americas, and what happened to the sugar plantation in Florida prior to the Civil War.

Dr. Wayne obtained her Ph.D. in Architecture from the University of Florida's College of Architecture, specializing in historic preservation planning. Within Martin Dickinson, she established SouthArc, Inc., a consulting firm providing archaeological and historical services. She is Vice President of SouthArc and is serving her second year as President of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), a national association for firms which provide cultural resource management services.

Copies of her new book will be available for purchase and signing.

## John and Sheila Stewart receive Peace Award from WMNF Radio

At their second annual Peace Awards dinner on August 28, 2010, WMNF presented John and Sheila Stewart a Peace Legacy Award for their activism over the years.

WMNF formally gave awards to them and other activists at this dinner *Democracy Now!* host Amy Goodman spoke and folksinger Eliza Gilkyson performed.

John has often observed that one of the best things about activism/living active lives is the wonderful people you get to meet. "Winning this award has given us a chance to reflect on our friends and to say thanks for your friendship and support through the years."

### Eckerd Class Offered for Fall 2010

A class will be taught this fall at Eckerd College by Roger Block, Ph.D. titled "Native American History and Culture as Illuminated by Archaeology and Anthropology". Roger is a member and past President of CGCAS. The course will consist of five two-hour class sessions running from 7pm-9pm beginning November 3, 2010 and continuing on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1. See the information below to contact Eckerd College to register for this Continuing Education class OLLI #3027CE.



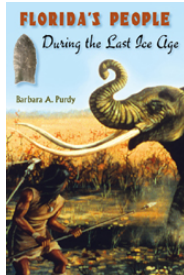
The following is a course description from Dr. Block. The latest research into the peopling of the Americas will be explored in this course, based on emerging archaeological, genetic, linguistic, and geo-archaeological science. We will summarize all the theories that scholars and field archaeologists have put forth. Then we will review the history of Native America prior to European contact, and the devastating impact of this epic contact on the culture, survival, and spirituality of the New World's indigenous peoples. A specific focus will be on the Plains Indian Wars and the Sioux in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the final chapter of their resistance to U.S. Government oppression prior to the reservation period.

Next we will look closely into Florida Native American history in general, and specifically at the Tampa Bay region by discussing the archaeology of several important Native sites stretching from Crystal River to Weedon Island in north St.

Petersburg and Little Salt Springs in Sarasota County. Finally, we will look at Native American spirituality and how it organized their world. We will discuss their sacred ceremonies including the Sweat Lodge, the Sun Dance, and the Sacred Pipe religion. Understanding will be enhanced through hands-on inspection of many ancient and more modern Indian cultural artifacts collected through more than 20 years of contact and working with Native Americans throughout America. The course will include a field trip to the important Anderson-Narvaez archaeological site along Boca Ciega Bay in St. Petersburg.

Attendees will come away with a greater understanding of the significant cultural legacy left by our original Native Peoples, and how this special heritage can still be experienced by exploring many archaeological sites and museums that continue to celebrate the Native American experience. **Course fee, OLLI member \$54; Non-member \$74 Register by phone 727.864.7600 or via web site, [www.eckerd.edu/OLLI](http://www.eckerd.edu/OLLI)**

### CGCAS Book Club



CGCAS is planning on starting a book club in the near future. The idea is to pick an interesting book or article on various topics that are in the news and discuss these issues. Other references and knowledge about the topics should add to some lively discussion. The first meeting is tentatively planned for October 14<sup>th</sup> and more information will be forthcoming via the CGCAS listserv. The first book chosen is "Florida's People during the Last Ice Age" by Barbara Purdy.

Dr. Purdy's book is a complete synthesis of the evidence for Paleoindian archaeology in Florida and develops her argument for possible pre-Clovis occupations in Florida with the emphasis on her recent work at the Melbourne site. The book is written in a readable language and has many illustrations which makes it a great addition to your library.

If you wish, copies of the book can be obtained from the University Press of Florida ([www.upf.com/books](http://www.upf.com/books)) for \$29.95. You can also try the libraries or other book sellers.

### Heritage Village Program

On Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Village, located at 11909 125<sup>th</sup> Street N. in Largo, is offering an event entitled "Speaking of History: Florida's Romantic Past". The event starts at 2pm and promises to be an interesting and educational afternoon.

In just three years Florida turns 500. Explore the world Ponce de Leon visited and named. You will be able to taste Florida's first high energy drink, Tolocano, created by Indian runners. And you can enjoy Florida's Romantic Past cartoons that deliver fascinating stories with a punch-line, told by cartoon series creator, Dr. Warren Clark. The event is free

but donations help support Heritage Village operations. For more information, call (727)582-2123 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage).

### Driftwood Survey



Volunteers are needed for an archaeological survey of the historic Driftwood neighborhood, just south of St. Petersburg. This is an exciting opportunity for those who want to gain more field experience, or those who just want to get their hands dirty and learn more about the history of the Tampa Bay area.

Fieldwork dates for September (9am-3pm) are:

Friday 9/10, Saturday 9/11

Friday 9/17

Friday 9/24

For more information or to sign up please contact Jeff Moates at [jmoates@usf.edu](mailto:jmoates@usf.edu).

### 2011 FAS Annual Meeting

The Central Florida chapter will host the 63rd annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society in historical Orlando, May 6-8, 2011. The Friday board meetings and reception along with the Saturday general session will be held at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater complex in Loch Haven Park. The Saturday night banquet will be held nearby at the Tap Room at the historic Dubsdread Golf Course in the College Park community. The Sunday tour will take place in west Orange County and will feature the Lake Apopka and Oakland area and possibly some of the surrounding historical communities. CFAS is currently in talks with Comfort Inn Suites, which has a hotel within close proximity to Loch Haven Park, to set up a room block for the conference. Jason Wenzel and Kevin Gidusko will serve as conference co-chairs.

### FAS Membership

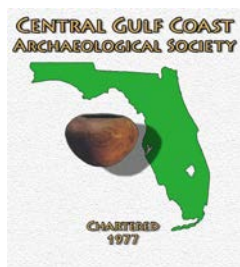
The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*, 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](http://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 - \$1000; Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

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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 Karin Lovik, 1225 Jeffords St., Apt 225A, Clearwater, FL.

#### Dues

Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00

