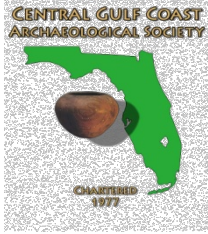


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*36 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, 7:00 PM***

*AT*

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER  
1800 WEEDON DR. NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702



***Christopher Hunt, M.A. Candidate  
University of South Florida***

***A Forgotten Community: Archaeology of Old St. Joseph, Gulf County, Florida***

The tragic story of the town of old St. Joseph is known from history. The town was founded in 1836 by rival speculators in the antebellum cotton trade and became politically important. Later yellow fever and a subsequent hurricane combined to devastate the community and by 1842 it had disappeared. St. Joseph was influential in early Florida, hosting the state's first constitutional convention and establishing new shipping routes. Analysis of a newly identified collection of artifacts has made possible an archaeological assessment of the town and its history. My research specifically uses material culture to examine questions of early nineteenth-century capitalism and consumer behavior.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7593762147/eorg>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE  
SEAC A SUCCESS THIS YEAR IN  
TAMPA!



**The Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) 70TH ANNUAL MEETING will take place in Tampa from 6-9 November, 2013**

Please see the official meeting website for registration and tons of other information.

<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html>

The meeting venue for this year's SEAC is the Westin Harbour Island Hotel (just down the Hillsborough River from where C.B. Moore's boat *Gopher* sank in 1929!). Discount room rates there are good for reservations made until October 4<sup>th</sup>, make your reservation early to be sure to get the lowest rate.

There will be 2.5 days of presentations on a lot of Florida and southeastern U.S. archaeology (Paleo-Indian, Mississippian, Woodland burial mounds and protohistoric/contact-period sites with Spanish artifacts, new methods and techniques, contributions of Seminole Indians and experts in traditional cultural places, and lots of public archaeology). Other activities include a reception at the Tampa Bay History Center, dinner on a WWII ship, and two wonderful programs organized by the Florida Public Archaeology Network: a walking tour of Ybor City and a public archaeology day at the Ybor City Museum State Park. The Friday night dance in the hotel ballroom will have the theme "tacky tourist party" to celebrate the material culture of a particular Florida-type social group!

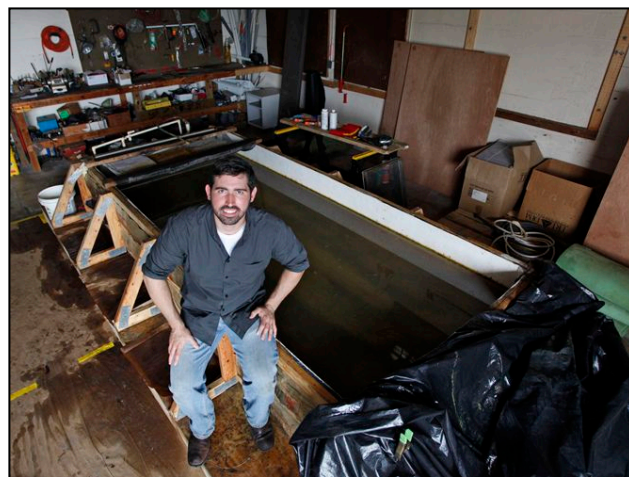
The book and exhibit room will feature discounts on publications, demonstrations of interest to archaeologists, artifact replicas and other fine things for sale.

Your name tag as a registered participant will admit you to meeting activities and even get you free rides on the downtown Tampa trolley and streetcar.

The preliminary conference program, detailing all the presentations and activities, will be posted on the website (listed above) in October. Meeting organizers are Lee Hutchinson of Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (ACI), Sarasota [blackfrog63@yahoo.com](mailto:blackfrog63@yahoo.com) and Nancy White of the University of South Florida in Tampa [nmw@usf.edu](mailto:nmw@usf.edu).

If you would like to be an official VOLUNTEER for the meeting and receive FREE REGISTRATION please contact Nancy or Lee. We want to help visiting archaeologists have a great experience and enjoy Tampa and Florida, but we need your help to do it!

## WEEDON ISLAND CANOE IN THE NEWS



*Chris hangs out with the Weedon Island Canoe as it sits in its conservation tank.*

This past Monday, USF graduate student and CGCAS President Chris Hunt was featured in the pages of the *Tampa Bay Times* along with one of Weedon Island's most important archaeological finds: the prehistoric dugout canoe excavated by archaeologists and volunteers at the site in 2011. In addition to his course work at USF, Chris, along

with other volunteers, has been dedicating off hours to tending to the canoe as it goes through a lengthy preservation and stabilization process. From the article:

*Hunt, a graduate student in archaeology at the University of South Florida, is part of a team of volunteers and professionals tending to the canoe, the longest one ever found in Florida and the only one found in saltwater. The canoe now is cut into pieces to fit into the tank. If all goes well, it will be reassembled sometime next year and put on display at the cultural center on the island, said Robert Austin, vice president and principal investigator with Southeastern Archeological Research. "This is exciting," Austin said. "It's also a long, long process."*

Follow the link below to read the full article. I know I'm not the only one looking forward to seeing this important part of Weedon Island's past on display at the Weedon Island Center, but all good things take time. Hopefully next year we can all celebrate its debut after more than 1,000 years in the mud and a few more in polyethylene glycol!

[www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/prehistoric-canoe-on-weedon-island-preserve-takes-years-to-debut/2139685](http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/prehistoric-canoe-on-weedon-island-preserve-takes-years-to-debut/2139685)

INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY:  
OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, archaeologists and people who love archaeology will be celebrating around the world for International Archaeology Day. Each year the Archaeological Institute of America, along

with diverse collaborating organizations, promote the field of archaeology through sponsored events both in the United States and internationally. Many of the festivities are being held on International Archaeology Day itself, but the celebration is also going on right now and throughout the month of October. To see a listing of events throughout the state of Florida (or to add an event you know about) check out this link: [www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/events](http://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/events)

If you can't make it to any events there is still a way for you to participate and show your passion for all things archaeology. Each week from August 26 to October 18 a new archaeology themed scavenger hunt is posted to test your knowledge. Prizes are awarded weekly, with one grand prize winner announced after the final week. This past week the scavenger hunt focused on number puzzles that resulted in a significant date in the history of archaeology. It sure put my Googling skills to the test! If you'd like to try your luck at the next installment, follow the link or check out their Facebook page:

[www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/hunt](http://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday/hunt)

[www.facebook.com/ArchaeologyDay](http://www.facebook.com/ArchaeologyDay)

## AWIARE OFFERS HANDS-ON WEEDON WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER

*Saturday, October 19, 2013*

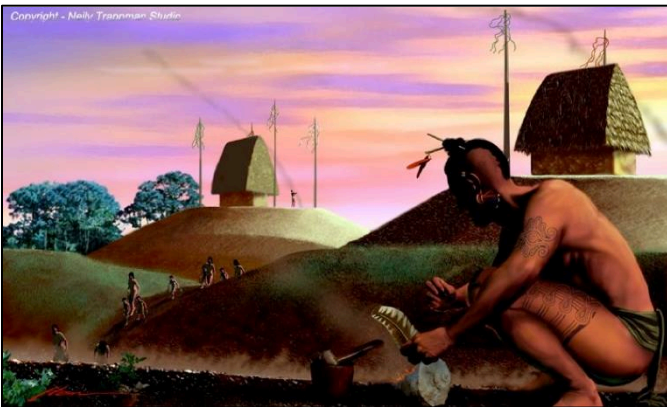
The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) is offering two workshops:

- Florida Native Plant Use by Florida's Prehistoric People, presented by Florida historian, Elizabeth Neily;
- Stone and Shell Tool Technology, presented by Bill Hicks, recognized nationally as an expert in prehistoric stone and shell tool manufacture.

Weave a basket or knap a stone or shell tool with the instructors. Both workshops are offered to the general public. Participants must be 18 years or older. Registration fee is \$45.00 per workshop. Each workshop will be conducted from 10AM until 3PM at the AWIARE Archaeological Research Station, 1500 Weedon Island Dr NE, St.

Petersburg, FL 33702. Bring your bag lunch. Bottled water, gloves and safety glasses will be provided. Workshops are limited to 10 persons each and the deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 9th. Please print out this ad and payment with your class choice circled and mail to AWIARE at the address above. Only checks or money orders accepted. Please check the AWIARE website for current openings ([www.awiare.org](http://www.awiare.org)). In the event of inclement weather, Saturday, 10/26, is established as an alternate date.

## INDIGENOUS LIFEWAYS AND SPIRITUALITY TOURS AT WEEDON ISLAND IN SEPTEMBER



Artwork by Hermann Trappman ([floridafrontiers.com](http://floridafrontiers.com)), used with permission.

Join professional archaeologist, naturalist and science educator, “Jungle Jay” of ECHO Tours LLC for an insightful examination of daily life, habits, diet and beliefs of the native Manasota Culture of west central Florida at Pinellas County's jewel, the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. Two tours will be conducted each Thursday through Saturday in September.

This experience will begin at the center's NE parking lot entryway sign with a description of the Education Center building itself and how its orientation, design and decoration reflect the art and spirit of the people that populated the site. Followed by a leisurely guided hike, you will learn how various plants were used as the food, medicine and raw materials of daily life. Along the boardwalk and through the extensive mangrove forest you will see how the abundant animal life

was part of the local environment and food supply and was integrated into the spirituality our early inhabitants.

Traveling through subtle changes in elevation, vegetation and habitat we will ascend the 3-story observation tower to view the “big picture” and to delve more deeply into the mysticism and spirituality that can be conjectured from the material finds within the archaeological record. Finally we will examine the Center's museum and facilities with the insights and interpretation of your guide and tour the rest of the facility and gift shop.

WHEN: Thursday through Saturday each week in September

TIMES: 8-11 AM (recommended) or 1-4 PM

COST: Adult, \$20-- Teens and Students (w/ ID), \$15-- Under 12, FREE -- Any group of up to 12, \$150

For further details go to:  
[www.facebook.com/events/556407481073057/](http://www.facebook.com/events/556407481073057/)

## PINELAND FIELDTRIP

Just a friendly reminder, on October 12, 2013 at 1pm CGCAS members will be getting a tour of the amazing Pineland site on Pine Island, in Lee County, near Fort Myers. Pineland is home to the Randell Research Center, and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For those interested in carpooling to the site, we plan to meet at a carpool parking lot in St. Petersburg so that we can leave together for Pineland by 9 AM. The lot is located east of I-275 off the 22nd Ave N exit (Exit 24). To enter lot, head east on 22nd Ave N, turn left onto 19th Street N, then take the first left into the parking lot. Bring a lunch, or stop for something quick along the way, and then after the tour we plan to get dinner together as a group. For those who are interested in making it a two-day trip, plans are in the works to reserve rooms at a local hotel for those who are interested. **The deadline for registering for the field trip is Friday, September 13.** Contact Marcie Connors at [tjconnors@verizon.net](mailto:tjconnors@verizon.net) for more information on carpooling or hotel reservations.

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The 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.



**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 33780

	Dues
Individual	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00
Life	\$150.00

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