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38 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, 7:00 PM

AT

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



Brent R. Weisman, Ph.D.

AWIARE - Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research & Education

Ancient Mariners of Tampa Bay: The Weedon Island Canoe and the People Who Used It

The Weedon Island canoe is as enigmatic as the people who made it. At least 40 feet long, this dugout canoe is far longer than any known prehistoric canoe in Florida (and perhaps in eastern North America) and is the only prehistoric canoe known in the state to have come from a saltwater environment. What importance did it have for the people who made and used it? How was it used? In what kind of society would the Weedon canoe have been a technological necessity? From archaeology we know something about the people living on Weedon Island 1000 years ago. From a detailed study of the canoe we know how it was made and what it was made of. Can the canoe tell us something new about the people, and can what we know about the people tell us about the canoe?

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/oETq0x>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR
UPCOMING LECTURES!



Thursday, October 15 2015, 7-8 PM

Barbara A. Purdy, Ph.D., University of Florida
The Weedon Island Canoe — A Success Story

It slumbered for nearly a thousand years having endured battering tides, changing climate, and invasive vegetation. Discovered in 2001, recovered in 2011 and preserved, it is now on display at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center. Records exist for approximately four hundred prehistoric Florida canoes that survived in waterlogged environments, but this one is special. It is the longest and the only saltwater canoe recovered and preserved in Florida. We may never discover its passengers or its cargo, but because of the dedication and perseverance of all those who participated in keeping alive this piece of Florida's past, we recognize that watercraft furnished the major means of transportation before trains, planes, and automobiles. It is a perfect example of "thinking globally, but acting locally," and is an important addition to the story of Florida's Maritime Heritage.

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7-8 PM

Scott M. Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., University of Oregon
How Oceanographic Effects Influenced the Prehistoric Colonization of Islands: A Caribbean-Pacific Comparison

For many island societies, the acquisition and exchange of prized resources was fundamental to developing and maintaining social, political, and economic relationships. The patchiness of resources such as stone, clay, tempering agents, shell, and animals often led to differential access, which then helped to fuel the rise of social complexity. This

presentation considers questions of resource acquisition and population movements as mediated by oceanographic and wind conditions. Comparing results from archaeological and other lines of evidence in the Caribbean and Pacific Islands highlights the role of seafaring capabilities as a critical factor in structuring colonization, population dispersals, and inter-island and island-mainland interaction.

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7-8 PM

Ryan J. Wheeler, Ph.D., Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology

Water World: Canoes, Canals, and the Meaning of Water in Ancient Florida

Dugout canoes hewn from massive logs of pine and cypress, canoe canals designed and dug by hand, and indigenous canoe trails and routes along Florida's coast and through the interior marshes and swamps provide some clues about the significance of water in the ancient world. Archaeologists, however, have been slow to embrace the centrality of water in ancient Florida, where it served as a conduit for communication and exchange and as a source of food, but also as an organizing principle that underlies aspects of social, political, and religious spheres. By focusing our attention on the low and wet spots we can reveal a previously hidden "water world," a negative image of our own, which privileges elevations and high places. Finding analogies for water in other traditional cultures, and examining Florida's canoes and canoe canals, provides an exciting glimpse into the lives of Florida's ancient inhabitants--giving us a rare look into their watery world.

GRAND OPENING! WEEDON ISLAND
CANOE EXHIBIT "NAVIGATING TAMPA
BAY'S MARITIME PAST"

For over a thousand years, an ancient dugout canoe lay buried under mangrove peat near a shoreline on Old Tampa Bay at Weedon Island Preserve. Since its discovery in 2001, archaeologists have investigated, excavated, analyzed, and conserved this ancient treasure. The 1,100-year-old canoe will soon be on display at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center in an exciting new exhibit, "Navigating Tampa Bay's

Maritime Past." The Public Grand Opening of Florida's longest, (40 feet), and only saltwater dugout canoe is Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10 AM until 3 PM. Come talk to the experts from the Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and learn about this amazing discovery and how it expands our knowledge of the prehistory of the Tampa Bay region.

Florida Public Archaeology Network West Central Region will provide additional archaeological activities and fun for the entire family as we celebrate the Grand Opening of "Navigating Tampa Bay's Maritime Past" and International Archaeology Day at Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33702.

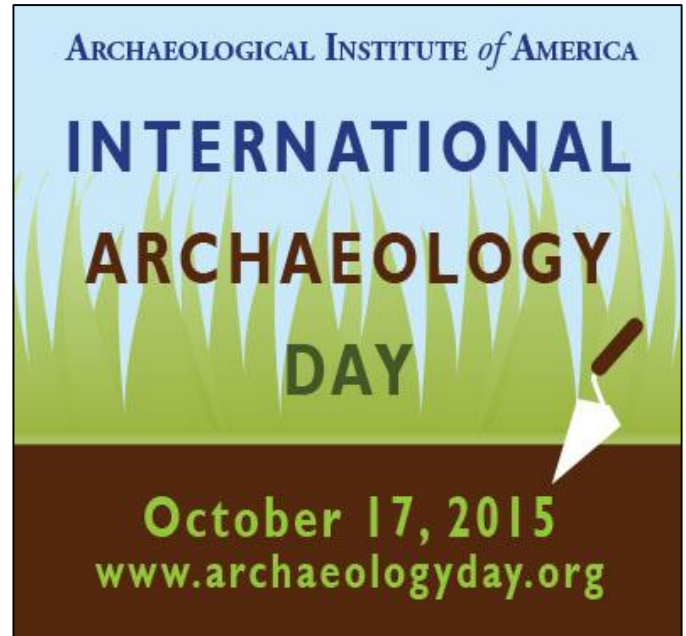


INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

International Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Every October the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) and archaeological organizations across the United States, Canada, and abroad present archaeological programs and activities for people of all ages and interests. Whether it is a family-friendly archaeology fair, a

guided tour of a local archaeological site, a simulated dig, a lecture or a classroom visit from an archaeologist, the interactive, hands-on International Archaeology Day programs provide the chance to indulge your inner Indiana Jones.

To find information about other archaeology events going on in your area for International Archaeology Day, or to read about past events, check out the website at this link: <https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Archaeology Works: Ceramics
Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 10am – Noon

Archaeology isn't just about the prehistoric past, it can also shed light on more recent people who lived in Florida. Come learn about how archaeologists study Florida's historic residents through the ceramics they left behind. Through a short presentation and hands-on activities, participants will get to try their hands at analyses archaeologists use to "tell time" with plates. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Weedon Island Center
1800 Weedon Island Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL 33702

To register, or for more information, go to:
<http://goo.gl/GSgd9D>

ARCHAEOLOGY WORKS: CERAMICS



Michael Francis - St. Augustine's 450th: History and Commemoration
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 from 6 – 7pm

There are so many fascinating facts and compelling stories related to St. Augustine, they could fill a book. To find out more about America's oldest city and its earliest residents, founded in 1565 by Spanish conquistador Pedro Menendez de Aviles, please join Dr. J. Michael Francis, a leading expert and author on Spanish Colonial Florida. Dr. Francis received a PhD in History from the University of Cambridge and is professor and Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies, USF. Space is limited; reservations are required. Program includes a glass of Columbia Restaurant sangria, garage parking and gallery presentation.

WHERE: Tampa Bay History Center
801 Old Water St
Tampa, FL 33602

For more information go to this link:
<http://goo.gl/Ssfve4>

Archaeology Works: Canoes
Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 10am – Noon

Rivers were once the highways of prehistoric Florida, but how did Native Americans make the canoes they used to get around? Join archaeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network to explore the ancient dugout canoes of Florida, and learn more about the 1,100 year old canoe that was found at the Weedon Island Preserve. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Weedon Island Center
1800 Weedon Island Dr NE
St Petersburg, FL 33702

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<http://goo.gl/rGiYpw>

History Bike Tampa Visits Sulphur Springs
Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 10am – Noon

We're going to head farther north than usual! For those of you who attended this tour last year, you may remember what a spectacular ride this was!! Working with the Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center, we'll take our riders on a tour of this historic neighborhood, stopping off at local landmarks.

Two starting locations will be available for this ride, our usual meet up at Kahwa Coffee in downtown will depart at 10am (SHARP), but if you live closer to the North Tampa area, our tour will start at 10:30 at the Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center, located at the Mann-Wagnon Park, 1101 E River Cove Street. Show up early to check out what the museum and heritage center has to offer.

As always, the tour is provided free of charge, however there's a suggested donation of \$5. The Museum will get the majority of the proceeds for this ride. The ride will last approximately 2 hours and will be traveling in light to moderate riding conditions. Please RSVP if you are planning on attending, and come ready to ride safe (helmet!!).

WHERE: Kahwa Coffee
808 North Tampa Street
Tampa, FL 33606

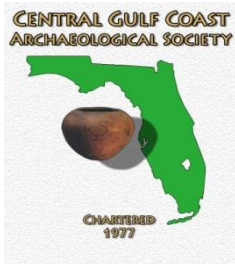
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THE SOCIETY

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

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Individual	\$20.00
Student	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00

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