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October Meeting

Thursday October 21st

at

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

7 – 8 PM.

Mocama Archaeology: Reconstructing the Contact-era Landscape of Northeastern Florida



Keith Ashley, Ph.D., University of North Florida

In 1562, the French Huguenot Jean Ribault waded ashore near the mouth of the St. Johns River where he encountered Mocama-speaking Timucua Indians. By the end of the 16th century these natives had been swept into the Spanish mission system. For the most part, the popular image of the Mocama derives more from European accounts than Florida archaeology. With the 450th anniversary of French-Mocama contact fast approaching, the University of North Florida in 2009 initiated a long-term study of the maritime Timucua. This presentation addresses what we currently know about Mocama archaeology and where our research is going.

Keith Ashley holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida, and is currently Coordinator of Archaeological Research at the University of North Florida. He has been involved in northeastern Florida archaeology for the past 15 years.

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-register for this event by visiting www.pinellascountyextension.org, by clicking the “Online Registration” button, and then on the “Weedon Island” tab. You may also call 727-453-6500.

2010-2011 Lecture Series

The CGCAS Lecture Series for 2010-2011 will present another excellent group of speakers at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. The lecture dates are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. They are free and open to the public.

This year more than ever it is important to pre-register so that the number of attendees is accurately recorded by the County!! You can also do so by calling the Center at 727-453-6500 or by visiting www.pinellascountyextension.org, navigating to "Online Class Registration", and choosing "Weedon Island." Future programs and speakers will include:

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Mocama Archaeology: Reconstructing the Contact-era Landscape of Northeastern Florida

Keith Ashley, Ph.D., University of North Florida

Thursday, November 18, 2010 7-8 PM

Thomhill Lake: Hunter-Gatherers, Monuments, and Memory

Jon Endonino, Ph.D., Associate Professor, St Leo University

Thursday, December 16, 2010 7 - 8 PM

"A Barren Unsettled Wilderness" to "A Great Place of Trade and Importance": Exploring 19th Century Frontier Florida at the Pine Level Site, DeSoto County, Florida.

Jana J. Futch, Graduate Program, University of South Florida

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 7-8 PM

Geology of Tampa Bay

Al Hines, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 7-8 PM

Mexico's Forgotten Coast: Ancient Canoe Trade in the "Mar del Sur"

Stacey Barber, Ph.D., University of Central Florida

Thursday, March 17, 2011, 7-8 PM

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Thursday, April 21, 2011, 7-8 PM

Tatsuya Murakami, Ph.D. University of South Florida

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CGCAS Board Meetings

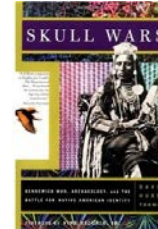
CGCAS holds its board meetings on the second Thursday of the alternate months at Panera's on Ulmerton Road in Pinellas County. This is where society business is discussed and meetings are open to all members. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11 at 6:30 PM. Contact President Karin Lovik at karinlovik@clearwater.edu if you are interested in attending and learning more about the operations of the society.

CGCAS Book Club



The first meeting of the CGCAS book club was a big success. Eleven members attended and we had a good discussion regarding Barbara Purdy's book "Florida's People during the Last Ice Age". Thanks to Linda Allred for hosting.

The next book club meeting will be in early December, time and place to be announced. The book will be



Skull Wars: Kennewick Man, Archaeology, and The Battle For Native American Identity by David Hurst Thomas and

Vine Deloria Jr.

Check your library for a copy or one of the on-line book stores.

Neanderthals' Big Loss in Battle of the Elements

Homo sapiens may not have pushed Neanderthals to extinction, as some scientists have hypothesized; it may have been the weather that did them in.

Volcanic eruptions thousands of years ago devastated Neanderthals in Western Asia and in Europe, anthropologists report in Current Anthropology.

Naomi Cleghorn, an anthropologist at the University of Texas at Arlington, and colleagues studied a Neanderthal site in the Caucasus Mountains of southwestern Russia. They were able to identify volcanic ash from two separate eruptions that occurred in the area between 45,000 and 40,000 years ago. Recently, a separate study found that there was another large volcanic eruption in Italy 40,000 years ago, in an area also occupied at the time by Neanderthals. At the time, our own species was primarily in Africa and southern Europe, areas less affected by the eruptions. Neanderthals were concentrated in Asia and Europe.

"Early modern humans, if any of them were on the affected landscape, had a replenishment population elsewhere," she said.

About 2,000 years after the volcanic events (though the exact dates are unclear), humans appear to have moved into parts of Europe previously occupied by Neanderthals, the anthropologists say. "We would like people to look more carefully at other Neanderthal sites and to look more carefully for events like this," Dr. Cleghorn said.

Based on what scientists currently know, a weather-related demise is more likely than a loss in a battle of the wits between Neanderthals and humans, she said.

"It's really difficult to argue that they weren't as good as acquiring resources as early modern humans," she said.

Volunteers Needed!

The Tampa Bay History Center is planning a new program series called Home School History Days, designed for home school families in the Tampa Bay region. The first program, "Florida's Indian Heritage: From Tocobaga to Seminole", is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our display table, hand out information, and answer questions about Florida archaeology. You can volunteer for a few hours or the whole day. It's a great outreach opportunity for our society! Please contact Karin Lovik (karinlovik@clearwater.edu) if you are interested in volunteering

Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage Annual Meeting

The Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage Annual Meeting will be held on Monday November 1, 2010 at the Tampa Bay History Center. The Tampa Bay History Center is located at 801 Old Water Street in Tampa. For directions visit: www.TampaBayHistoryCenter.org

After registration and introductions, the annual meeting will be held from 10:30 – 12:30 pm. CGCAS member Dr. Bob Austin will be the featured speaker, discussing the importance of volunteers and public outreach during the Bayshore Homes project. The meeting will be followed by lunch at the Columbia Café. Attendees are responsible for their own lunch. Following lunch attendees will receive a discounted admission (\$8) to the Tampa Bay History Center.

For more information or to RSVP, call 877-621-6805. Their new website is: www.TrailofFloridasIndianHeritage.org.

New Novel on Post-contact Florida



W. Michael and Kathleen Gear have written the first book in a series that presents the devastating clash of cultures during the violent years that followed Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto's landing in "La Florida" in 1539 as seen through the eyes of two courageous Native Americans.

Their book "Coming of the Storm: Book One of Contact: The Battle for America" is available in paperback published by Pocket Books. Book Two of the series "Fire the Sky" will be published in February 2011.

The Gear's have written many novels in the "People of" series that puts life into the archaeological evidence of the cultures and events of most areas of North America. They operate an archaeological research company called Wind River Archaeological Consultants.

Dinner for Terry Powell



Long-time CGCAS member Terry Powell will be moving soon to Kansas to join his wife Jan Luth who recently took a job as Director of Exploration Place, a science center in Wichita. Terry will devote his time to his business, Tools from the Earth. To recognize all that Terry has done for CGCAS over the years, he was treated to dinner at the Columbia Restaurant on September 29th. He will be missed and we wish him and Jan well in their new home.

Driftwood Survey



The Florida Public Archeology Network (FPAN) continues its survey of historic Driftwood in St. Petersburg. CGCAS members have been volunteering over the summer and there are continued opportunities for fieldwork during October. This is an exciting opportunity for those who want to gain more field experience, or for those who just want to get their hands dirty and learn more about the history of the Tampa Bay area. The weather is great for being outdoors too!

Remaining fieldwork dates for October (9am-3pm) are: Friday 10/22, Saturday 10/23, and Friday 10/29. For more information or to sign up please contact Jeff Moates at jmoates@usf.edu.

2011 FAS Annual Meeting

The 63rd annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be hosted by the Society's Central Florida chapter 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 Dubsread 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. The Central Florida Anthropological Society 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

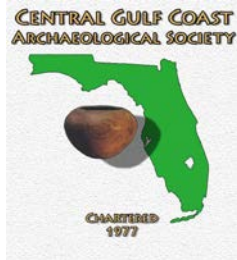
The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*,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

