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# Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

A Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society

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## October Meeting

### Thursday October 20th

at

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

7 – 8 PM.



*Pathos and Plants: Medicinal Plants and Pathologies among the Windover Population.*

The Windover site is a 6000-year-old mortuary pond located near the east coast of Florida. This talk will examine medicinal plant usage among the Native American people at Windover. By correlating the medicinal plants identified among the Windover burials and the pathologies identified on their remains, we may infer medicinal plant usage among this population during Florida's distant past.

Pre-register for this event by visiting [www.pinellascountyextension.org](http://www.pinellascountyextension.org), clicking the "Online Registration" button, and then choosing the "Weedon Island" tab. You may also call 727-453-6500.

## This Month's Speaker

**Michele Williams**, Ph.D., RPA is the Director for the Southeastern Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Williams has participated in excavations throughout the southeastern United States for the past 20 years. Her specialty within archaeology is the use of plants by prehistoric Native Americans.

### The 2011-2012 Lecture Series

10/20/2011 **Michelle Williams**, Ph.D., Pathos and Plants: Medicinal Plants and Pathologies among the Windover Population.

11/17/2011 **Gabriel Vail**, Ph.D. Re-Creating the Cosmos: Cycles of time and Creation in Prehispanic Texts

12/15/2011 **Tom Pluckhahn**, Ph.D. Competition and Cooperation at Crystal River.

1/19/2012 **Jason Wentzel**, M.A. Towards an Archaeology of Florida Tourism.

2/16/2012 **Larry Clayton**, Ph.D. TBA

3/15/2012 **James Strange**, Ph.D. TBA

4/19/2012 **Clete Rooney**, M.A. TBA

### Florida Anthropological Society Annual Meeting 2012 in Tallahassee May 11-13 2012

The Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee (PAST) is hosting the FAS annual meeting on May 11-13, 2012. They have chosen for the theme "Forever Changed, La Florida," in recognition of the significance of Florida's Spanish colonial heritage beginning with Juan Ponce de Leon's 1513 landing and ending when Florida became a territory of the United States in 1821. Tallahassee, in addition to being the site of Hernando de Soto's 1539-40 winter encampment, is also home to the extraordinary archaeological site of Mission San Luis de Talimali, established in 1656 when Spanish authorities decided to locate their western capital among the Apalache on one of the city's highest points.

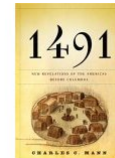
Owned by the State of Florida, San Luis is now a National Landmark and a living history village based upon decades of meticulous archaeological research. In addition, San Luis boasts a recently constructed state-of-the-art conference facility and museum – the setting of FAS 2012.

A number of special events are planned for participants.

On Friday, there will be a tour of The National Park Service's Southeast Archaeological Center collections facility as well as The Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research collections facility - providing a rare opportunity to glimpse some unique and infrequently exhibited artifacts. Soak up the ambiance of the 140' in diameter Apalachee council house where awards will be presented prior to the Friday's gala reception. Saturday's banquet will feature Spanish themed food, music, and dance. Dr. Bonnie G. McEwan, the highly respected and well-published Director of Archaeology at San Luis, will deliver our keynote address. But wait, there's

more! On Sunday, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Mission by San Luis archaeologists as well as a kayak trip to archaeological sites along the wild Aucilla and Wacissa Rivers are being planned. Details about these events, and others, as well as the anchor hotel in Tallahassee are forthcoming.

## Book Club



The next meeting of the CGCAS Book Club is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Cindy Martin 3412 Forest Bridge Cir., Brandon. Her phone number is (813) 654-4828. We will be discussing Part Two and Part Three of the book *1491: New Revelations of the Americas' before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann. This bestseller presents new insight into the history of the Pre-Columbian Americas' that we thought we already knew.

## Save Your Old AC Filters

With the help of CGCAS member Jay Hardman, a nice filter system for the canoe at Weedon Island that removes algae that has accumulated in the tank has been devised. Jay used a used AC filter and it works quite well. However, with water running through it all the time it deteriorates quickly and has to be replaced about once a week. You can help by saving your old AC filters and bringing them to the research station at Weedon Island any Saturday or to the lectures. This is a great way to recycle and help out CGCAS and AWIARE.

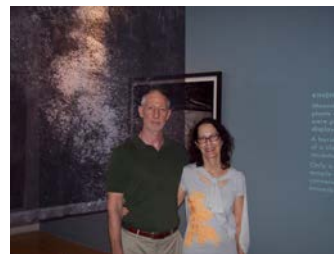
## The Research Center has Internet

Recently Verizon installed internet service at the Research Center. Currently we can connect using personal laptops. This service is available to anyone doing work or research there. The sign-in instructions and password can be obtained on request at the Center. We also would like to thank Chris Hunt for donating two computers and setting them up.

### SUZANNE WILLIAMSON and JOHN CAPOUYA Presents

### *SHADOW and REFLECTION: Visions of Florida's Sacred Landscapes*

OCTOBER 8 - NOVEMBER 27, 2011  
THE MOREAN ARTS CENTER, ST. PETERSBURG



John Capouya and Suzanne Williamson



*Pictures of mounds reproduced on voile*

On Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, CGCAS members Chris Hardy, Sharlene O'Donnell, and Dave Burns joined Phyllis Kolianos to celebrate Family Day at the Morean Art Center. There were interactive community events including face painting, Native American music, and the opportunity to contribute to a community mound. **Phyllis Kolianos** from Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center gave a brief talk and guided participants through a hands-on "**Sifting through the Past**" activity with volunteers from the Center. This program was presented along with "**Shadow and Reflection: Visions of Florida's Sacred Landscapes**," an exhibition by photographic artist Suzanne Williamson (and CGCAS Member) and writer John Capouya. It is funded by the Florida Humanities Council.

**Meaning, History and Legacy--Panel Discussion at the Morean: Thursday, October 27, 2011, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

Collaborators **Suzanne Williamson** and **John Capouya** join local archaeologists to explore the meaning of Native American mounds, and how these mirrors of the past reflect our culture and communities today. Other topics will include the role of art in illuminating history and the conservation of Florida's cultural heritage. Featured panelists include **Richard Estabrook**, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Crystal River Preserve State Park; **Phyllis Kolianos**, Education Coordinator, Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center; **John Capouya**, Assistant Professor, University of Tampa; and **Suzanne Williamson**, photographic artist. This program is presented along with "**Shadow and Reflection: Visions of Florida's Sacred Landscapes**," an exhibition by photographic artist Suzanne Williamson and writer John Capouya. It is funded by the Florida Humanities Council.

### **National Archaeology Day**

National Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Throughout the month of October and on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in particular, the Archeological Institute of America (AIA) and its societies throughout the United States and Canada will present archaeological programs and activities in over 100 cities for people of all ages and interests.

Visit <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD> for more information.

**Pinellas by the Decades: A Centennial Celebration**  
**Speaking of History Lecture Series**  
**Sundays at 2 p.m.**  
**Free / Donations Welcome**

Florida's 48<sup>th</sup> county was created on Jan. 1, 1912 as the Pinellas Independence Bill went into effect, establishing Pinellas County as a separate entity from Hillsborough County. As part of the centennial activities that are expected to take place between the fall of 2011 and the end of 2012, the Pinellas County Historical Society plans an engaging series of multidisciplinary lectures at Heritage Village titled "Pinellas by the Decades."

**November 13**

### **Pinellas by the Decades: 1922-1931** **"The Land Boom and Distant Clouds on the Horizon"**

Although much of the real estate boom took place in St. Petersburg, ripples of economic activity covered the entire county. Frenzied speculation brought many investors and seasonal residents to the area, and the opening of the Gandy Bridge connected lower Pinellas with industrial activities across Tampa Bay. The boom began to wither by 1926, with its demise hastened by hurricanes in 1926 and 1928 that devastated portions of Florida and served as knock-out punches long before the rest of America entered the global depression in October 1929.

### **Thanks to all the Donors**

Thanks to all the people who have donated items to the AWIARE Research Center. We have received many pieces of furniture, kitchenware, and other items that are making the Research Center look like a home for both AWIARE and CGCAS. There are still a few things that we need and they are listed below: *scanners, small copy machine, office chairs, small chest of drawers.*

If you have any of these items in good and working condition and would like to donate them to AWIARE, please contact Bob Austin at [roc.doc@verizon.net](mailto:roc.doc@verizon.net). All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

### **Governor Scott Speaks against Social Science Programs in Florida Universities and Colleges**

Governor Rick Scott upset many academics and others in Anthropology on Monday October 10, 2011 when he suggested to a Daytona Beach radio station and the Herald-Tribune editorial board that Florida's economy would be better served if state universities spent less time teaching social sciences like anthropology, psychology, and journalism and focused on degrees in science, technology, engineering and math known as STEM fields.

The irony is that Governor Scott's daughter has a degree in Anthropology from the College of William Mary. She did not go to work in the field. She was a special education teacher before enrolling this fall in a Masters of Business Administration program.

Numerous anthropological and archaeological organizations spoke out in support of anthropology degrees, including the American Anthropological Association, the Society of American Archaeology, the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, and the Florida Anthropological Council. Dr. Brent Weisman, chair of the anthropology Department at USF wrote a letter to the editor of the *St. Petersburg Times* noting that the graduates with anthropology degrees are employed in a wide variety of real world jobs.

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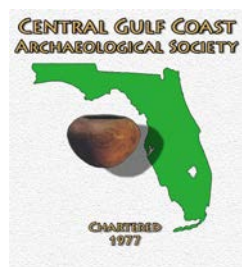
Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) is an association of amateur and professional archaeologists and concerned citizens dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and is a state chartered non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

## 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 the address above or at shaughnc@tampabay.rr.com.

Dues	
Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00



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