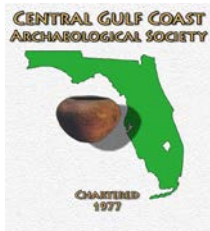

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35 Years of Promoting Florida's Rich Heritage



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October Meeting

Thursday October 18, 2012

at

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

7 – 8 PM.



Deborah Mullins, M.A., University of Florida

Displayed Magic: The Archaeological Study of Religious Beliefs and Popular Magic via the Material Culture of Late Spanish Colonial Period Households in Florida

The archaeological study of magic in New World colonial contexts is a young pursuit. This talk will explore material culture linked with religion, folk belief, and magic in everyday contexts using archaeological deposits with Creole households in the late Spanish colonial St. Augustine, Florida. Manifestations of religious-magico traditions reflect the historical and on-going intersection of a European Catholicism with the dogma and realities of diverse Creolized populations across the Spanish Empire. This presentation will examine the importance of magic and spirituality within these households and the struggle to archaeologically identify objects associated with these convictions.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting www.pinellascountyextension.org, clicking the "Online Registration" button, and then choosing the "Weedon Island" tab. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

2012-2013 Lecture Series

We have another excellent Lecture Series planned for the coming year. The lectures are presented on the third Thursday of the month at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Island Drive NE, St. Petersburg, Florida. Presented below are the Fall 2012 speakers. Mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday, October 18, 2012: Deborah Mullins, M.A., University of Florida, *Displayed Magic: The Archaeological Study of Religious Beliefs and Popular Magic via the Material Culture of Late Spanish Colonial Households in Florida*

Thursday, November 15, 2012: Robert Sinibaldi, Ph.D., Paleontologist & Author, *Cultural Modification of Vertebrate Fossils*

Thursday, December 20, 2012: Rachel Wentz, Ph.D., Florida Public Archaeology Network, East Central Region, *Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of 7,000-year-old Pond Cemetery*

Welcome New Member

We would like to welcome Gary Poysick as the most recent new member of CGCAS.

It should be noted that CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). However, membership in CGCAS does not mean you are a member of FAS which is a separate organization. To apply for membership in FAS, visit its web site www.fasweb.org.

AWIARE Open House



On Saturday September 29th, the Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) held its Open House. Guests were invited to check out the new Research Center and see an update on projects that AWIARE

has been undertaking. The main project has been the recovery and conservation of the canoe. About fifty people attended and enjoyed refreshments along with tours of the facility led by Brent Weisman and Bob Austin.



A diorama showing a model of the Weedon Island canoe was on display giving visitors an idea of how the canoe may have originally looked. This display will eventually be located at the Weedon Island Center.

Caladesi Memories

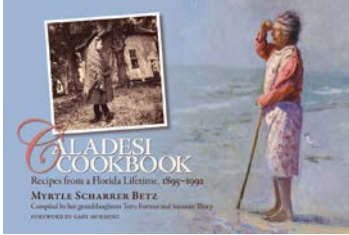


Young Myrtle with her father

Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 2 PM

The true island story of Myrtle Scharrer Betz (1895-1992) and her experience of growing up on her family's 156-acre homestead on Caladesi Island will be shared at the Weedon Island Preserve on Saturday, October 13 as Myrtle's granddaughter, Terry Fortner, presents Caladesi Memories. Told with compelling honesty and humanity, this tale by the only child ever born on Caladesi Island captures the natural wonders, discomforts, challenges and joys of pioneer life on a Florida West Coast barrier island. The home on

Caladesi was an early tourist destination, thus hundreds of photos document the steady stream of visitors who arrived by boat to visit and to enjoy a guided tour of island landmarks.



Myrtle Scharrer Betz was born and raised on Caladesi Island at the turn of the last century. She was a resourceful and accomplished cook who took pleasure in serving delicious meals and passing along her favorite recipes. Now her granddaughters, Terry Fortner and Suzanne Thorp, have compiled the best of them and added generous helpings of vintage photos and excerpts from Myrtle's letters and writings, along with a dash of their own special memories.

The program is from 2 to 3:30 pm. Admission is free and advance registration is requested. Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg. (727) 453-6500; www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

Ms. Fortner will have copies of her new cookbook of her grandmother's recipes for sale. The cookbook is published by University of Tampa Press at a cost of \$15.00. It can be ordered with any major credit card on the University of Tampa Press web site at <http://utpress.ut.edu>

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Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum Lecture Series 2012-2013

The Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum is offering a lecture series "Celebrating Community: Tarpon Springs a Continuum of 125 Years". This lecture series is part of a collaboration between the City of Tarpon Springs and the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society, and is funded in part by a grant from the Florida Department of State,

Division of Historical Resources. A series of lecture during the City's 125th Anniversary celebration will culminate in the publication of a historical guidebook of Tarpon Springs.



On Saturday, October 20, 2012 Brent R. Weisman, Ph.D. will present the lecture "The Prehistory and Archeology of Tarpon Springs."

Other programs scheduled during the coming months include:

November 10 – **Ellen Uguccione**, Cultural Resources Consultant, "Architecture and Development of the City"

December 1 – **Dr. Gary Mormino**, Historian and author, "America Discovers Tarpon Springs: The View from Outside"

February 16 - **Lynn Whitlaw**, Museum Curator, "Visual Arts in the Development of Tarpon Springs"

March 9 – **Jeff Moates**, Archaeologist, "Maritime Heritage"

The lectures start at 4 pm at the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum, 100 Beekman Lane, Craig Park, Tarpon Springs, FL. Admission is free. For further information call (727) 937-0686.

Hermann Trappman's Art work on Display at Capitol Building

On Monday October 8, 2012, an opening reception of Hermann's show in the 22nd Floor Capital Building was held. The show will be on exhibit through the end of May, 2012. Other Florida artists, Lucrezia Bieler, Xavier Cortada, and Christopher Still will also have their work on display.

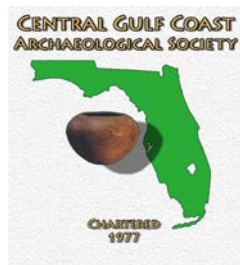
For more information about Hermann's artwork please visit his website at www.floridafrontier.com.

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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

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Family	25.00
Life	150.00