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# CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*36 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013, 7:00 PM***

*AT*

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



***Maranda Kles, Ph.D.***  
***Independent Researcher***

***Between Two Cultures: Biological and Cultural Variation in the  
Weeden Island Complex and Manasota Culture***

Craniometrics, or the measurement of physical characteristics of the skull, are used to examine the biological variation of populations associated with the Weeden Island/Manasota Complex to better understand how these populations related to each other. The results are compared to the archaeological record of these cultures. The findings raise questions about the cultural and biological continuity of the Weeden Island Complex and support the distinction of the Manasota culture.

*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/7593876489/eorg>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

## PINELAND FIELDTRIP

On Saturday, October 12, CGCAS members travelled down to the Randell Research Center in Pineland, FL for a tour of the Pineland archaeological site and Calusa Heritage Trail there. Cindy Bear, Coordinator of Programs and Services at the Randell Research Center, was kind enough to give our group a two-hour tour of this amazing site.

The weather cooperated and we enjoyed a beautiful walk through the property. Cindy's maps and visuals really helped us to better understand the layout and development of the site as we went along. After touring the burial mound (which used to have a spiral ramp to the top), and seeing the remnants of canals created by the Calusa we went inside to see their educational center and classroom area. Replicas of prehistoric tools such as atlatls, shell tools, and even a cast net were on display so that interested kids, and adults, could explore and interact with them. All in all it was a great day, capped off with a wonderful dinner afterwards at Bubba's Roadhouse.



*The Calusa Heritage Trail is open daily for self-guided visits from sunup to sundown.*



*Hope you can make it to the next one!*



*Cindy Bear of the Randell Research Center breaks out a large map of the site so we can get our bearings.*



*Checking out the Calusa Heritage Trail.*

Our next fieldtrip is already in the works for after the winter holidays, so if you have an idea for an archaeological site you'd like to visit please let us know and we can look into it!

## CGCAS HOLIDAY PARTY!



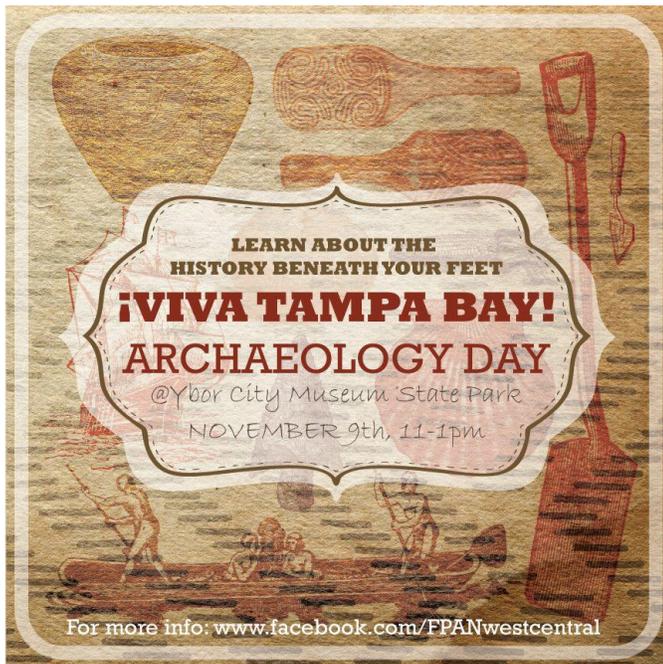
December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 we'll be celebrating Christmas and the winter holiday season for our annual CGCAS Holiday Party! Just

like last year, we plan on having a white elephant gift exchange, a silent auction is also in the works. This year we will be having our celebration at Bob Austin's house on the Alafia River in Riverview. Thanks for hosting, Bob! Mark your calendar, more information will be in the next newsletter.

## WANTED: WEBMASTER FOR THE CGCAS WEBSITE

We are looking for a slightly tech-savvy individual to help out with the upkeep of the CGCAS website. No knowledge of coding or html is required; the website was designed through a fairly simple interface. If you are interested in helping out please contact Chris Hunt at [cnhunt@mail.usf.edu](mailto:cnhunt@mail.usf.edu). If you haven't already, make sure to check out the revamped CGCAS website at [www.cgcas.org](http://www.cgcas.org).

## PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT THE YBOR CITY MUSEUM STATE PARK



Experience Florida's past from prehistoric times to more recent history at this free event. Reenactors, flint knappers, and archaeologists will be set up with activities, artifacts, and games that celebrate the rich history of the Tampa Bay area. CGCAS will also be participating with a table at the event. This event is meant for all ages, from

children to adults, and is open to the public. Hope to see you there!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00pm

**WHERE:** Ybor City Museum State Park  
1818 E 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tampa

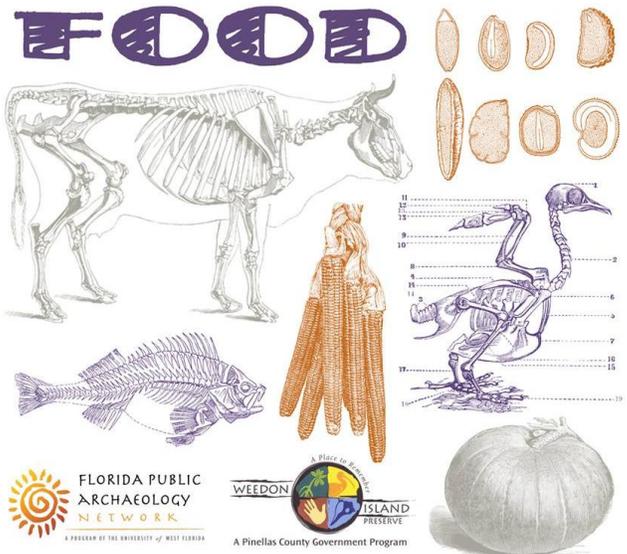
For more information follow the link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/707047302657259/>

## UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

**Archaeology Works: Food Workshop**  
*Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 10:00 – Noon*

**WHERE:** Weedon Island Preserve  
1800 Weedon Dr NE, St Pete

## ARCHAEOLOGY WORKS:



The foods we eat say a lot about who we are; one family's comfort food might be another's worst nightmare! Just like other artifacts that archaeologists find, food remains can say a lot about past people's diet, environment, and culture. Learn how archaeologists study tiny bits of food to learn about people in the past, and then try your hand at identifying different animal bones and seeds that might have made up an ancient meal.

To register, follow the link: <http://archaeologyworksfood-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

## THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY DOROTHY MOORE STUDENT GRANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is making available \$500.00 to be awarded annually to archaeology students (B.A., M.A., or Ph.D.) who are currently enrolled in a Florida university. The grant money will assist students conducting archaeological research in Florida. Grant funds can be used to cover the costs associated with archaeological fieldwork, special analyses (e.g., radiocarbon dates, faunal or botanical analyses, soils analysis, etc.), and, in some cases, travel expenses associated with presenting a paper based on the student's research at a professional meeting.

Students interested in applying for the grant should submit a letter not to exceed two pages that describes the project for which the funds are being requested; what research question(s) or problem(s) are being addressed; how the funds will be applied to these problems; what, if any, additional funds will be used to accomplish the research; and how the research will contribute to Florida archaeology. The applicant should include a budget indicating the amount requested and describing how the money will be spent along with a letter(s) of support from faculty.

For more information, or to submit your application for the 2014 award, contact: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, POB 2818, Riverview, FL 33568 or via email to bob@searchinc.com. **Deadline for applications is March 1, 2014.**

### NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND SPIRITUALITY COURSE AT ECKERD COLLEGE OLLI PROGRAM

Native Americans lived each day in reverent appreciation and recognition that “the Spirits managed their world”. Everything they made and did and celebrated through ceremony was founded on the faith that a positive balance with the Spirit World was necessary to live out a fruitful and meaningful life. In this class, students will look at Native American spirituality and how it organized their culture and their world. Sacred ceremonies,

including the Sweat Lodge, the Sun Dance, and the Sacred Pipe religion, will be discussed. Understanding will be enhanced through hands-on inspection of many ancient and more modern Indian cultural artifacts collected through more than 25 years of contact and working with Native Americans throughout America. Course session titles include:

1. Where and when did spirituality and religion begin?
2. Native American religion in the New World, its emergence and impact.
3. Fundamental Native American spirituality, ceremonies, and principles.
4. Native American cultural artifacts and their spiritual significance.

This course is focused on achieving a better understanding of Native American culture and spirituality that remains alive today and still works for them in this modern urban world. You may discover that some of their founding principles just may enhance your own life's journey as well.



**INSTRUCTOR:** Roger F. Block, PhD  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays starting October 29, November 5, 12, and 19 from 1:00 – 3:00pm  
**WHERE:** CEC, Eckerd Main Campus  
**COST:** Members \$40, Non-members \$70

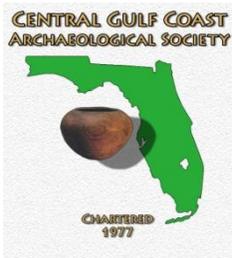
For more information, follow the link:  
<http://www.eckerd.edu/olli/>

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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, FL33780

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

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