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36 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, 7:00 PM

AT

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



Pete Sinelli, Ph.D.
University of Central Florida

Taino vs. Spaniard: The First Act of European 'Discovery' in the Americas

Events that transpired between the indigenous Taino people and the Spanish in the decades after 1492 presaged how relations between Native Americans and Europeans would play out across the hemisphere for the next several centuries. Learn about the Taino people, First Contact, and how it impacted the indigenous Americans who experienced it.

These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <http://goo.gl/5vsmhm>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL
ARCHAEOLOGY DAY!



International Archaeology Day 2014

International Archaeology Day is held each year on the third Saturday of October, this year it falls on October 18th!

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 for the general public to learn more about archaeology in their community.

AIA also has several archaeological contests and quizzes on their website you can check out. For those of you who are Jeopardy! fans, on October 17th the show will feature an entire category dedicated to archaeology in honor of International Archaeology Day on the 18th. For information on events going on in your area be sure to check out their website at: <http://www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday>.

You can also find local events here: <http://www.fpan.us/wcrc/eventList.php>

ARCHAEO-QUIZ TIME!



Last Month's Question:

Which site is the oldest known archaeological site in Florida?

Answer:

The **Page-Ladson site** on the Aucilla River. Artifacts recovered from this underwater excavation include stone flakes, a mastodon tusk scarred by a knife or some other tool, bones of many now extinct late ice-age animals, wood, and plant materials. One of the most important results, just reconfirmed by researchers, is that the Page-Ladson site is one of the very few pre-Clovis sites in the Americas. Radiocarbon dating done by archaeologists at Texas A&M pushes occupation of the site back to 14,500 years ago. For more on these findings, check out this link: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/when-did-humans-come-to-the-americas-4209273/?no-ist>

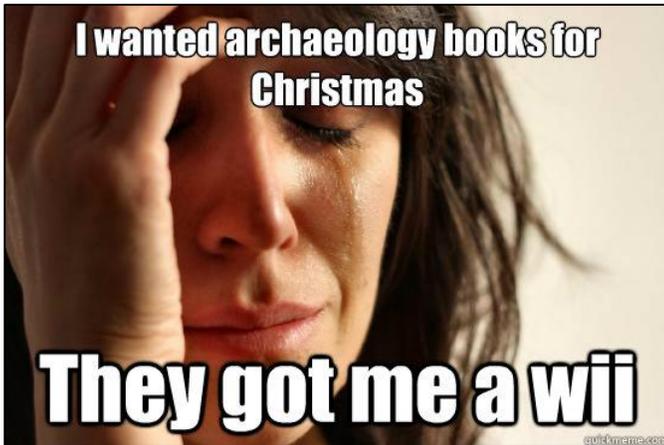
This Month's Question:

In his talk at our September meeting, Dr. Faught mentioned a possible lag or break during one of Florida's archaeological time periods. What time period did this possibly occur during?

Do you know the answer to this month's quiz question? Drop your answer in the bucket at our October meeting, if we pull out your correct answer and name you could win a prize!

Do you have an archaeology quiz question to stump us with? Email it to Becky at rosulliv@usf.edu and it might be in the next newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CGCAS CHRISTMAS PARTY



We hope to see you all on Saturday, December 13th from 12-4 pm for our annual CGCAS Christmas Party! Location is still to be determined, but you can count on a potluck dinner and white elephant gift exchange for sure. More info to come in the next newsletter.

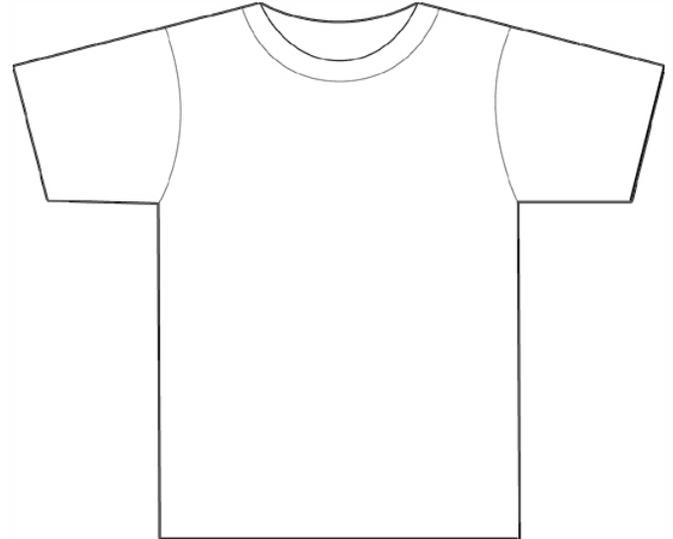
FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITY WITH AWIARE AT WEEDON ISLAND



The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) is starting up fieldwork again at the Weedon Island Preserve in St. Pete this coming Saturday, October 11, weather permitting. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Bob Austin at bob@searchinc.com by Thursday evening to let him know you will be there. Volunteers will meet at 9:00

AM at the AWIARE Research Station and will probably work until 3 PM or so. Make sure you wear comfortable clothes, heavy shoes, and bring water and lunch.

CGCAS T-SHIRT CONTEST, WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!



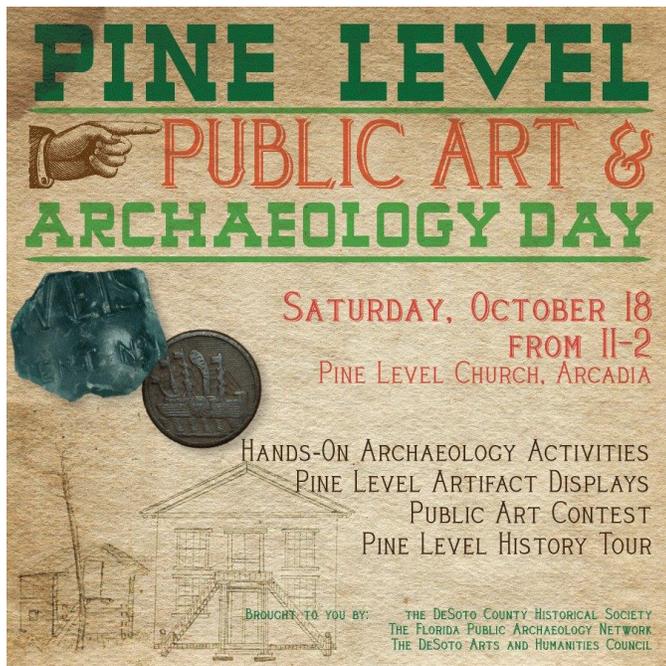
Calling all artists, jokers, and archaeology nerds, we need your help designing the new CGCAS t-shirt! Do you have an idea for a fun archaeology t-shirt? We would love to see your ideas. For those who are interested in submitting a design idea, use the blank t-shirt template at the end of the newsletter and jot down what you would like to see. You don't have to be a graphic designer, only your rough ideas are needed. Those who are more artistically inclined are also encouraged to submit artwork that could be used on the shirts. In December, the CGCAS board will go through all the submissions and pick the top entrants for all members to vote on. You can submit your idea at the monthly meeting, or email it to Becky O'Sullivan at rosulliv@usf.edu.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Pine Level Public Art & Archaeology Day
Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11:00 – 2:00pm

The DeSoto County Historical Society and the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will host the Pine Level Public Art and Archaeology

Day on October 18, 2014 to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the community and the people who lived there between 1866 and 1888 and to celebrate its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. FPAN will have hands-on archaeology activities, art displays, and tours of this historic site throughout the day. In conjunction with the event, DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council is inviting artists to submit images of what they believe the community of Pine Level looked like during the years 1866 to 1900 as part of an art contest.



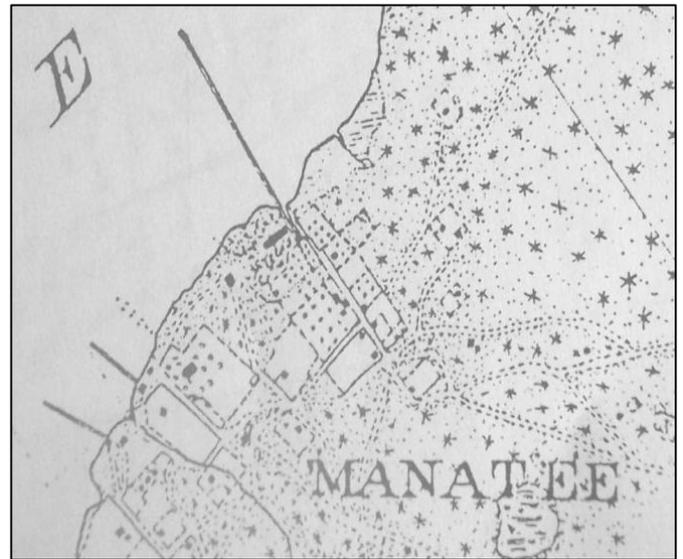
WHERE: Pine Level Church
9596 NW Pine Level St
Arcadia

For more information check out this link:
<http://www.historicdesoto.org/Page2.html>

Interpretive Walk at Manatee Mineral Springs
Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11:00 – Noon

The non-profit Reflections of Manatee invites you to join them in celebrating the many histories of Manatee Mineral Spring, a source of water for Native Americans, Spanish explorers, maroons, early settlers, Civil War soldiers, and 20th century picnickers. A Certified Guide will be on hand to lead a tour of interpretive signs that share the

historical and archaeological evidence of the many peoples who used the spring.

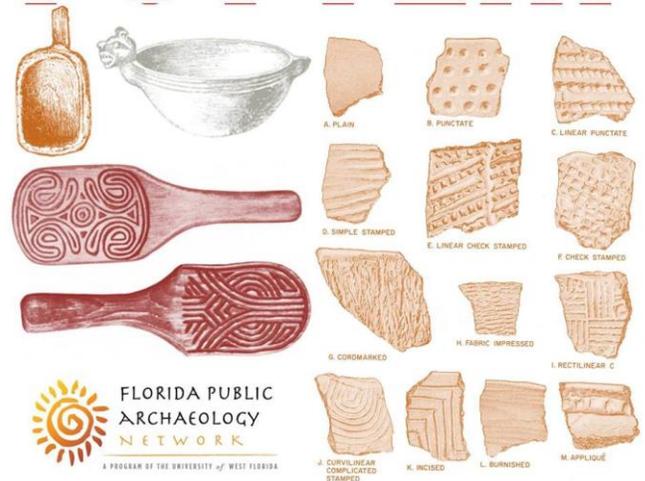


WHERE: Manatee Mineral Springs
1312 2nd Ave East
Bradenton

For more info check out this link:
www.reflectionsofmanatee.org

Archaeology Works: Pottery at NCPAL
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00pm

ARCHAEOLOGY WORKS: **POTTERY**



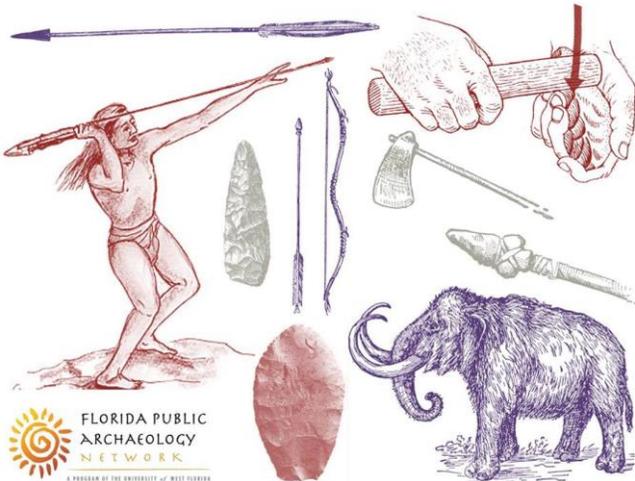
Pottery was a vital part of life in Florida for the past 3,000 years, but it is also an important clue for archaeologists today. Learn to identify different prehistoric pottery types from around Florida and the ways archaeologists use them to learn about people in the past. Recommended for all ages.

WHERE: New College Public
Archaeology Lab
5800 Bayshore Rd, Sarasota

To RSVP follow the link:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1474811679465047/>

Archaeology Works: Hunting Tech at the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center
Wednesday, October 22, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00pm

ARCHAEOLOGY WORKS: HUNTING TECH



How would you put dinner on the table if you were living in prehistoric Florida? Come out to the Safety Harbor Museum to learn about prehistoric hunting technology through time in Florida. See stone tools from throughout Florida and try your hand at the atlatl, a prehistoric hunting tool used in Florida before the bow and arrow. This event is free and recommended for all ages.

WHERE: Safety Harbor Museum
329 S Bayshore Blvd

Safety Harbor

To RSVP follow the link:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/369229023242931/>

Salty Topics: Florida's Deep Shipwrecks
Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 7:00 – 8:00pm



Thousands of shipwrecks rest off Florida's coast. While many divers may be aware of the numerous sites found in shallow, recreational-depth waters, few are likely familiar with the magnificent shipwrecks that lie in deeper water. This presentation will introduce the audience to Florida's most spectacular and historical deep shipwrecks.

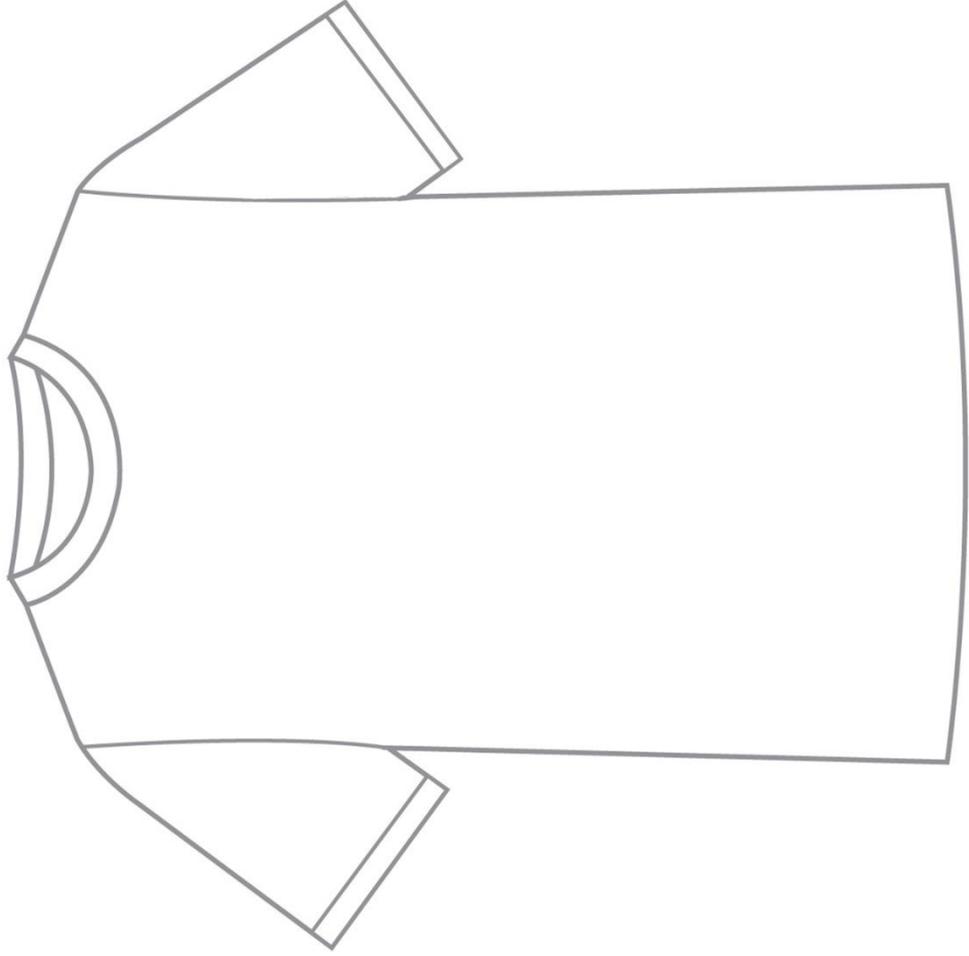
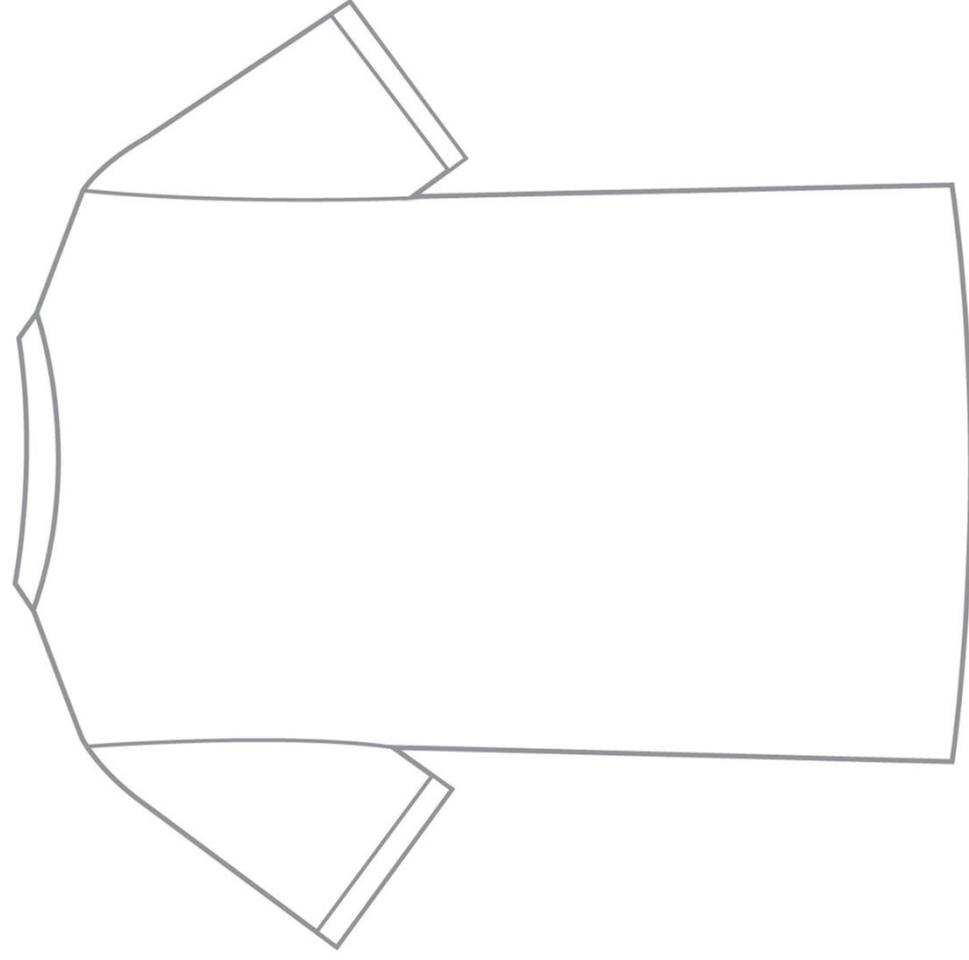
An accomplished diver, author, and photographer, as well as founder and director of the Association of Underwater Explorers, Michael Barnette has been actively researching and exploring shipwrecks for almost 25 years, resulting in the identification of more than 40 shipwrecks. He has dived on numerous historic shipwrecks, including the ironclad U.S.S. Monitor, the liner Andrea Doria, the battleship U.S.S. Virginia, and the H.M.H.S. Britannic, sister ship of the fabled R.M.S. Titanic.

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

To register, follow the link:
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/salty-topics-floridas-deep-shipwrecks-tickets-13074134087?aff=eorg>

CGCAS T-Shirt Contest!

Add your design below and bring it to the next CGCAS meeting or email it to Becky at rosulliv@usf.edu

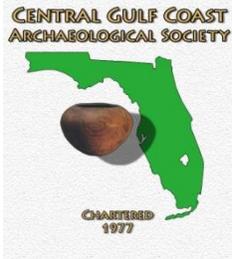


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THE SOCIETY

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

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

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