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36 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013, 7:00 PM

AT

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



John Arthur, Ph.D.
University of South Florida

The Archaeology of Beer: A Look from Ethiopia and Beyond

This talk looks at the evidence of beer in the archaeological record from China, Egypt, Nubia, Mesopotamia, and the Americas and whether beer may have been a factor in the domestication of grains. Beer is important among many indigenous societies for daily food but also as a ritual lubricant during feasts. Ethnoarchaeological and archaeological research from southwestern Ethiopia documents how we can decipher beer in the archaeological record.

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/e/archaeology-lecture-series-the-archaeology-of-beer-a-look-from-ethiopia-and-beyond-tickets-7607358815?aff=eorg>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

CONGRATS TO DAWN HAYES!

On October 28, CGCAS Vice President Dawn Hayes successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Archaeological and Historic Preservation in Tampa, FL" and is one step closer to earning her Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology from the University of South Florida. Congratulations to Dawn on this wonderful accomplishment. Can't wait to call you Dr. Hayes! I know I'm looking forward to reading it once it is available, below is a brief description of her dissertation work:

For archaeological or historic preservation to occur, there must be public support for it. This research examines historic and archaeological preservation in the Tampa Bay area of Florida through the use of selected case studies. It analyzes opinions about archaeology and preservation from members of the general public and members of two groups focused on historic preservation and archaeology. Data were collected from interviews, surveys, archival research, and participant observation, and analyzed to determine the public's definition of archaeology, possible origins of people's interest in preservation, and the extent to which people's interest in either archaeology or historic preservation extends to the other. This research also looks at the context in which the study population is living. I look at the attempts at preservation in the area and the competing influences on those attempts, as well as the laws that affect the sites. I use the findings to make suggestions for increasing people's support of archaeology and preservation.



Dawn looked at examples of archaeological work done throughout Tampa, including at the Ybor City Museum State Park, when conducting her dissertation research.

SPRING REVEALS A WEALTH OF ARTIFACTS FROM THROUGHOUT FLORIDA'S PAST

Over a span of five months, archaeologists from Florida Cultural Resource Management firm SEARCH have been hard at work overseeing the cleaning of a spring in the Chassahowitzka area. As divers cleaned the clogged up spring head of organic material and modern garbage, archaeologists topside picked through the items dumped into their floating screens to find remnants of Florida's past. From the article:



The oldest of the stone tools recovered was a Suwannee projectile point. Dating from the Paleo-Indian period (10,000 - 8,000 BC).



This Pasco Plain bowl, common to the Woodland through Mississippian periods, is the only known fully intact Pasco Plain bowl to be recovered in Florida.

"We found an amazing array of artifacts that basically represent every period of human occupation in Florida," Mike Arbuthnot of SEARCH told CNN in a telephone interview... That there would be finds under the surface was not a surprise. "We know from past experiences that there's generally a treasure trove of artifacts to be found" in the muck around springs, said Arbuthnot, whose underwater work includes an expedition to

the Titanic in 2005. "It was pretty obvious from the start that this was going to be a hot spot."



A mid-20th century Hubley Long Barrel Texan Jr. cap gun.



Decades worth of soft-drink bottles recovered from the spring.

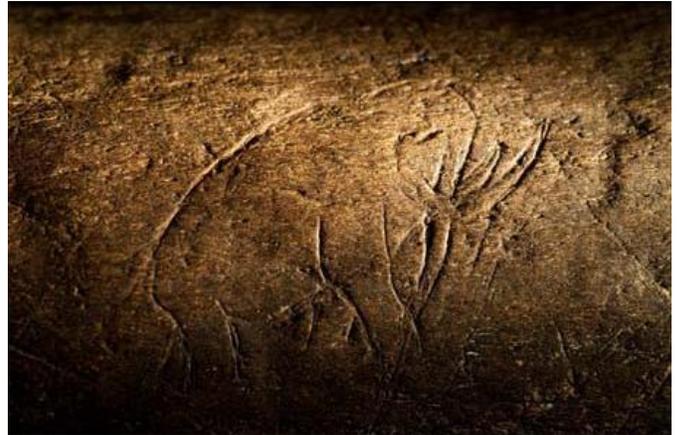
Other artifacts such as bone pins, an antler billet, a bone fishhook, Spanish majolica, brushed pottery common to the Seminoles, as well as modern garbage were also recovered. Although they are currently being curated by SEARCH at its Gainesville office, some of the finds are to be displayed at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness in the future. For more on this project follow the link:

http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/16/us/florida-spring-artifacts/index.html?hpt=hp_c3

CGCAS HOLIDAY PARTY!

December 14th starting at 12:30 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. If you would like to participate bring along a wrapped item, new or used, to be exchanged. The more unusual, the more fun! This year we will be having our celebration at Bob Austin's house on the Alafia River in Riverview

(see below for his address). Thanks for hosting, Bob! The CGCAS Holiday Party is also a great opportunity to pay your yearly membership dues! Mark your calendar, looking forward to seeing you all there.



Maybe this was really just part of an ancient White Elephant gift exchange?

WHEN: Saturday, December 14th
Party starts at 12:30

WHERE: Bob's House
7224 Alafia Ridge Loop
Riverview, 33568

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. If you haven't already, make sure to check out the revamped CGCAS website at www.cgcas.org.

DUES ARE DUE!

It's that time of year again, there's a chill in the air, holiday tunes are on the radio.... and your

2014 CGCAS membership dues are just itching to be paid. Dues can be paid in a variety of convenient ways: they can be paid directly to Cheryl Shaughnessy at our monthly meetings or holiday party, they can be mailed to Cheryl at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780, or they can be paid online at our website through Paypal at www.cgcas.org. Your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible, thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!

NEXT CGCAS FIELDTRIP IN THE WORKS

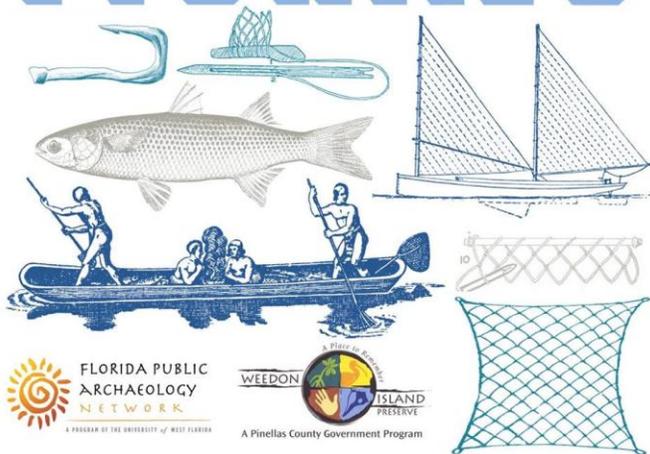
Plans are in the works for our next fieldtrip in February. Have an archaeological destination you're dying to check out with a bunch of like-minded friends? Contact Linda Allred at all@tampabay.rr.com with your ideas. More information to come in our next newsletter.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGY EVENTS

Archaeology Works: Fishing Workshop
Saturday, January 18, 2013 from 10:00 – Noon

ARCHAEOLOGY WORKS:

FISHING



People have been fishing Florida's rivers, lakes, and coastal waters for thousands of years, but how did they catch their meals without the modern gear we use today? Especially along the Gulf Coast, archaeologists have found tantalizing clues

about how Florida's first residents fished these waters. Learn how archaeologists study artifacts linked to fishing like dugout canoes, ancient fishing hooks, and nets then see a thousand year old dugout canoe found at the Weedon Island Preserve for yourself.

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

To register, follow the link:
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/archaeology-works-fishing-tickets-8669957075?aff=eorg>

THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY DOROTHY MOORE STUDENT GRANT 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.

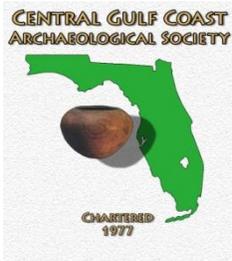
For more information, or to submit your application for the 2014 award, contact: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, POB 2818, Riverview, FL 33568 or via email to bob@searchinc.com.
Deadline for applications is March 1, 2014.

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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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