
Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2012

35 Years of Promoting Florida's Rich Heritage



Editor: David Burns

Thursday December 20, 2012

at

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

7:00 PM.



Rachel Wentz, Ph.D.

Florida Public Archaeology Network, East Central Region,

Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of 7,000-year-old Pond Cemetery

Dr. Rachel Wentz's latest book examines the discovery, excavation, and analyses of one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, Windover. This fascinating site produced the well-preserved remains of 168 individuals along with hand-woven textiles, a beautiful assemblage of artifacts, and ancient soft tissue.

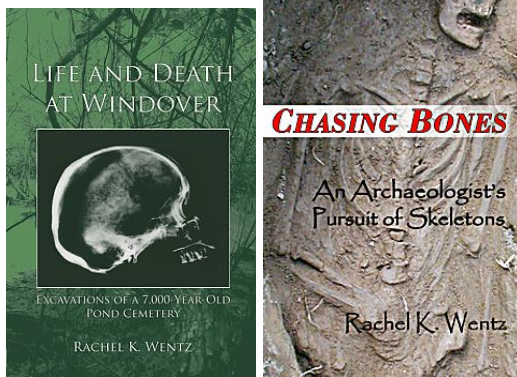
These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting www.pinellascountyextension.org, clicking the "Online Registration" button, and then choosing the "Weedon Island" tab. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.

Program Back on Schedule

This month's meeting is again scheduled for the regular time of 7:00 pm at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) has been approved by Pinellas County Risk Management to hold evening meetings there. AWIARE has event insurance and is thus qualified to host such events. AWIARE and CGCAS will co-sponsor the lectures and for the near future, the CGCAS lecture series will be held as scheduled.

This Month's Speaker

Dr. Rachel Wentz graduated from Florida State University with a Ph.D. in Anthropology and specializes in the analysis of human remains with foci on ancient disease and population health. Her master's thesis was an analysis of fracture frequencies among the Windover skeletal population; a 7,000-year-old site in Titusville, FL. Her doctoral dissertation was a bioarchaeological assessment of the same population. Copies of her recent books will be available for purchase at the lecture.



Annual Holiday Party

On **December 9, 2012**, the Annual Holiday Party will take place. It will start with a tour by FPAN archaeologist Becky O'Sullivan of the historic and storied Driftwood neighborhood, a best-kept secret of our area and truly a glimpse back in time. It is the original site of old Pinellas Village, the first settlement of the lower Pinellas peninsula. Becky conducted an archaeological survey and

excavations there last year and will tell of her discoveries there. If you would like to join us for the tour only, please feel free to do so....take advantage of this unique opportunity. Lunch at Chattaway's will begin after the tour, around 12 or 12:30.

. We will meet at Chattaway's restaurant (358 22nd Ave. S.) at 10:30 am and carpool from there. Our white elephant gift exchange and lunch at Chattaway's will follow the tour.

Dues are Due

The annual payment of membership dues for CGCAS is in January of each year. Thinking of Christmas, it would be a good time to give CGCAS the gift of your continued membership.

Dues can be paid through Paypal or by mailing a check to Cheryl Shaughnessy, the Membership Secretary at PO Box 1563, Pinellas Park, FL 33780. The dues categories are found on the last page of the newsletter.

Save the Date



IT'S COMING!

**IS IT THE END OF TIME, OR JUST
THE BEGINNING?**

FIND OUT

@ Bob's End of the World Party

You know the date, 7 PM

**7224 Alafia Ridge Loop, Riverview, FL
33569**

813-677-2280/813-205-9847

**What to Bring: food to share, drinks,
chairs**

Annual CGCAS Picnic

May 5, 2013, CGCAS annual picnic at Philippe Park. Further information will be given in upcoming newsletters. This year's picnic will be pot-luck with CGCAS providing drinks and paperware.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Rebecca (Becky) O'Sullivan and Keven Norton on their recent marriage. Becky is a CGCAS board member and also the Outreach Coordinator for the West Central Region of the Florida Public Archaeological Network (FPAN). The wedding took place on November 17, 2012 and we wish them many years of wedded bliss.

Happy Retirement!

Phyllis Kolianos has retired from the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center of Pinellas County. She was the Manager there for over 10 years. Her final day was December 1, 2012. Phyllis will still be active with AWIARE and other of her many archeological projects she can now undertake. We will miss her at the Center but wish her the best in her retirement.

65th Annual Florida Anthropological Society Meeting

The St. Augustine Archaeological Association is hosting the FAS annual meeting on May 10-12, 2013. The theme "Ponce to *The Ponce*" has been chosen in recognition of Ponce de Leon's 1513 landing and the location of this year's meeting, the former Ponce de Leon Hotel, now home to Flagler College.

A number of special events are planned. On Friday, a Trolley Tour with Distinguished Research Curator of Archaeology Dr. Kathleen Deagan and City of St. Augustine Archaeologist Carl Halbirt is planned. The Friday evening reception will be held at the Fountain of Youth, the location of Pedro Menendez's 1565 settlement and more than 50 years of archaeological excavations.

Flagler College, a designated National Historic Landmark, will be the setting for the paper

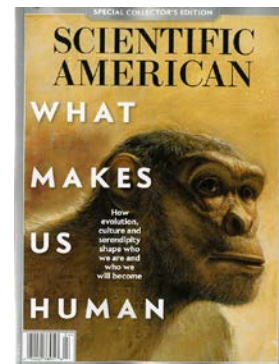
presentations on Saturday. During the long lunch break, a number of local downtown tours will be offered. Each will give participants a glimpse of St. Augustine that few visitors get a chance to see.

The Saturday evening banquet, with Dr. Deagan as the keynote speaker, will be held at the Ponce de Leon Dining Room at Flagler College. Prepared by Chef David Bearl, AAC, the menu will be similar to that enjoyed by the hotel's guests on opening night in 1888. The dining room, with its Louis C. Tiffany-designed stained glass windows, is one of the city's hidden treasures.

On Sunday, choices will include an early morning scenic cruise aboard the Victory III and/or a late morning tour of the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program facilities at the St. Augustine Lighthouse.

Further details about the events and a registration form will be available in the January FAS newsletter and online at www.fas.web.org beginning in 2013.

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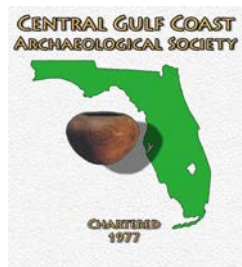
Scientific American magazine has released this Special Collector's Edition entitled "What Makes Us Human". It presents many interesting and informative articles on the latest research and thinking on how evolution, culture and pure luck made us who we are today and what we may become in the future. The article entitled "The First Americans" by Heather Pringle, presents intriguing new evidence on the timing of the people who colonized the New World earlier than previously thought. It is available at the newsstand for \$9.99 and will be displayed until March 1, 2013.

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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
Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00