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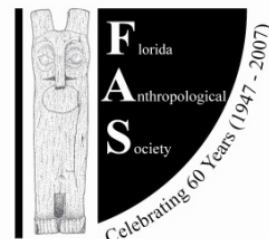
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January Meeting

Thursday, January 17th, 2008

7:00pm-8:00pm

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center
1800 Weedon Drive NE.

“Landscapes of Complexity: The Prehistoric Shell Work Sites of the Ten Thousand Islands, Florida”



Margo Schwadron, M.A., RPA

The Ten Thousand Islands are a remote archipelago of semi-tropical mangrove islands stretching for some 50 miles along Florida's southwest coast. Located within this maze of islands is a complex seascape of prehistoric shell midden mounds and massive, human-engineered shell work sites built by prehistoric coastal foragers. This talk highlights recent investigations into these complex sites, including surveying, testing, mapping, and dating of several complexes as part of a National Historic Landmark study. This free

program is co-sponsored by Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society and the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. Advance registration is appreciated. Call 727-453-4500 to put your name on the list.

!!January is Dues Month!!

This is a reminder that now is the time to pay your dues for 2008. Your membership is important to enable CGCAS to continue to take part in archaeological projects, plan events, and to print out this newsletter plus other expenses. If you have already paid, thank you. If you haven't, please send your payment to Membership Secretary Dr. Roger Block at 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. The due rates are found on the last page of this newsletter. Also, check out the membership section on our new and improved web site www.cgcas.org

Bayshore Homes Project

The material recovered from the column sample in TU3 has been washed, dried and bagged. We are meeting at the Weedon Island Center and are identifying shells from Column Sample 2 from this unit. Everyone is welcome to join us. Excavation of the last test unit, Test Unit 4 (TU4) of this project was started on Saturday January 12th. Work there will continue for the next few weekends. During this time; the crew will be split again with some working in the lab at Weedon Island on the column sample while others will be in the field.

Since there will be sorting to be done on TU3 and now work on TU 4, there is still time to join us in this exciting and important project.

For more information on the Bayshore Homes Project, go the CGCAS web site, click on "Bayshore" and then click on "Further Information and results of recent fieldwork".

Thanks to all the CGCAS members who have taken part so far. If you are interested, please contact Bob Austin at (813) 677-2280 or email him at bob@searchinc.com if you want to help.

VISIT THE CGCAS WEBSITE!

Our website is updated with lots of important information. Check out the Calendar of Events, look for fieldwork opportunities, and much more at www.cgcas.org

FAS 2008 Annual Meeting

The planning for the 2008 FAS Annual Meeting in Tampa continues. This meeting is only 4 months away and is coming up fast. The chairs of the committees are meeting to make sure all is on track to make this another memorable meeting.

Program Committee: Chair, Bob Austin
(bob@searchinc.com)

Local Arrangements Committee: Co-Chairs,
Marcie Connors (tjconnors@verizon.net);
Shanna Drwiega (sdrwiega@yahoo.com)

Registration Committee: Chair, Chris Hardy
(kastoagirl@yahoo.com)

Public Relations Committee: Chair, Linda Allred
(lallred@mybluelight.com)

The recent FAS 2008 meeting registration form listed an erroneous address for Registration Chair Chris Hardy. **The correct mailing address is 1668 Nantucket Court, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683.** If you have not submitted your registration yet, a corrected form and additional information on the upcoming annual meeting is available on-line at www.fasweb.org.

Programs for the Coming Year

Jeff Du Vernay gave an excellent talk on the Yon Mound and village site in Liberty County, FL along the Apalachicola River on December 20th. It was well attended and was very informative presentation. Below is a list of upcoming speakers and their topics. More details will be announced in future newsletters. All will be on the third Thursday of every month and will be held at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 at 7 pm.

Tuesday, January 29th, 7 PM Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center



Dr. Albert C. Goodyear III

Recent Discoveries and Controversies in North American Paleoamerican Research: Pre-Clovis, Late Clovis and Comet Impacts

The study of the earliest humans to arrive in the Western Hemisphere continues to provide exciting and unanticipated discoveries. The Clovis culture is no longer considered the first people to arrive in the Americas as seen by the number of pre-14,000 year-old-sites in North and South America. In fact, the Clovis culture has been re-dated with modern radiocarbon dating technology and found to be a relatively late and short-lived phenomenon. Most recently, physicists and geologists have found strong evidence that a comet-like extraterrestrial impact approximately 12,900 years ago may have caused the extinction of mammoths and mastodons and put an end to the Clovis culture. Florida sites and artifacts have also been playing a role in these developing stories. There is no charge for this program.

Jeff Moates, MA February 21, 2008; 7:00 – 8:00pm, Weedon Island Center. Jeff is the Curator of the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez, Florida, and he will present results of an underwater archaeology project along the Wacissa River in Jefferson County. The title of his presentation will be *Underwater Archaeology: A Study of Historic Watercraft.*”
James Davidson, Ph.D. 3/20/2008 *Kingsley Plantation*
Christian Davenport, MA 4/17/2008, *Preliminary Results of an Archaeological Survey of Lake Okeechobee*

The 2008 Topper Site Expedition

Dr. Al Goodyear is planning to go back to the Topper site in 2008 for five weeks from May 5th - June 7th. A significant Clovis horizon was identified and excavated in the 2003 - 2007 field seasons. In 2008, the Expedition will continue exploring the Clovis and pre-Clovis occupations at Topper. The 2008 Expedition will concentrate on the Clovis occupation on the hillside. The pre-Clovis excavation will focus on the deeper Pleistocene terrace deposits down to the 50,000 year level.

To get complete information on this interesting site and to register for the coming year's field work, visit www.allendale-expedition.net. Or you can visit with Dr. Goodyear at the lecture above.

Your Email Address is Needed

In order to keep you better informed of upcoming events and to distribute the newsletter in a timely fashion, we are requesting that you send your current email address to Roger Block, the Membership Secretary, at rblock@tampabay.rr.com. If you do not want to receive information via email please let us know and we will make sure you are not on the list. Thank you in advance for this information.

Sacred Lands Fund Raiser

From 1994 to 1997, CGCAS was able to conduct the important Anderson/Narvaez excavation through the generous support and hospitality provided by Anderson's. They have continued to be active in our activities and in preserving Native American culture with their Sacred Land programs. Below is a letter from the Erik and Doris Anderson requesting support at their February 16th fund raiser. Please take a moment to read this request and consider how you might help them obtain a new roof for the green house and show our thanks to their years of support.- editor

Dear Sacred Lands Supporter:

You are among the wonderful people who have attended events at Sacred Lands.

We trust that you feel the sacredness of this land when you step through the gate. We thank you for the support you have given us over these past 6 and 1/2 years. We now need your help with an essential project.

In early 2008, before the rainy season begins, we will be raising funds to replace the greenhouse roof. Many of you have visited our museum in the greenhouse. The Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society conducted an archaeological exploration here between 1995 and 1997 and they have provided us with a wonderful exhibit that makes real the lives of the Tocobaga that occupied this village site. The now 40 plus year old roof has finally reached the end of its life. A few weeks ago the small leaks that were present suddenly became huge holes, and we are in immediate need to do something in order to protect the valuable collection of artifacts and our meeting space.

We need your support to help with the construction of the new roof. We envision this project being like an old-fashioned barn-raising, where people come together to accomplish a task each contributing according to their ability. Please think about how you may be able to help us with this endeavor. You could help by making a monetary donation. We will need people to help with the labor, to run errands, and to help provide food during days of construction. We also need people to help with the fund raisers. We are in the process of organizing a garage sale and raffle and the donation of items would be a help to us.

We will be having a fund raiser on Saturday, February 16, 2008 from 2-6PM. Mac Perry will be providing entertainment on the dolphin stage. In the Greenhouse Museum members of the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society will give talks about their excavation here. And there will be 2 opportunities to go on tours of the site. Snacks and drinks provided. There is no admission charge.

Please take a minute to let us know how you can help.

Yes, I would like to attend the fund raiser on February 16, 2008

I can't attend the fund raiser, but will send you a donation.

I can help by providing materials, time and/or labor.

I can help with the fund raising events.

I can donate item(s) to the raffle or garage sale

Sacred Lands is a 501C (3) nonprofit; all donations are tax deductible. Send your donations to "Sacred Lands", 1620 Park St. N. St. Petersburg, FL. 33710. If you have any questions or ideas to share please contact me at 727 347-0354 or at erik1620@aol.com.

FAS Membership

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*, the *FAS Newsletter* and participation in the annual meeting in May. More information and membership forms can be found on the web site www.fasweb.org. Dues are: Student - \$15; Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35; Sustaining - \$40; Patron - \$100; Life - \$500; Benefactor - \$2500 or more. Write to FAS Membership Secretary: Kay Gautier, P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591.

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The Society

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.



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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 Roger Block, Membership Secretary, 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706

Dues	
Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00

