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WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER
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Robert Sinibaldi, Ph.D.

Author and former President of the Tampa Fossil Club

Vertebrate Fossils & Cultural Modification

The cultural modification of bones, antlers, and teeth by Paleoindians and those Native Americans that followed could constitute a book unto itself. Join us for a presentation from Dr. Robert Sinibaldi on the subjects of his latest book *What Your Fossils Can Tell You: Vertebrate Morphology, Pathology, and Cultural Modification*. As a rule of thumb many use the 10,000 year mark as a limit for what is fossilized and what is considered sub-fossil. Therefore in North America there is a short geological window where culturally modified items of bone, antler, and teeth could also be fossilized. Many of the items that will be presented might be considered sub-fossil – however, they could/should still represent culturally what could have existed during the Paleoindian time period.

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

DUES ARE DUE



Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!) Your dollars go toward bringing top archaeological researchers from throughout Florida and the Southeast to speak in our area. CGCAS wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - CGCAS FIELDTRIP

Itinerary:

- 9:45 Meet in the parking lot of Gamble Mansion, 3708 Patten Ave., Ellenton
- 10:00 Tour of Gamble Mansion (tours are free this day but there is a suggested \$1 donation to park) and enjoy the festival vendors' area
- 20 min. drive from Mansion to Lodge
- 12:00 LUNCH Meet at the Linger Lodge, 7205 85th St. Ct. E., Bradenton

50 min. drive from the Lodge to Solomon's Castle

2:30 Tour Solomon Castle, (\$12.50 admission) 4588 Solomon Rd., Ona

Mark your calendar- Saturday, February 3rd we will be organizing a fieldtrip to a few historic sites in Manatee County, just to our south. First stop will be Gamble Plantation Historic State Park (3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton, FL 34222). This antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It is the only surviving plantation house in South Florida. It is also the site of recent archaeological investigations by one of our recent speakers – Dr. Diane Wallman. We will get a guided tour of the mansion and tour the grounds of the park where archaeology has taken place.



For lunch, we will hop on over to a restaurant with a lot of “Old Florida” charm – The Linger Lodge (7205 85th Street Ct E, Bradenton, Florida 34202). From their website “An unusual atmosphere is what makes us unique. Frank Gamsky, the original owner and an amateur taxidermist, filled the walls, ceilings and display cases with local creatures and critters. Preserved snakes, coyotes, alligators and more, keep you company while you enjoy our down-home, southern cooking. Take time to browse the many mounted fish and the strangest of animals, the Blub-Billed Orthlock or the Turkey Rattler. Enjoy the beautiful Braden River on our outdoor decks!” You can find out more on their website: <http://www.lingerlodgeresort.com/restaurant.asp>

Our final stop will be a different sort of mansion, Solomon's Castle (4533 Solomon Rd, Ona, FL 33865 – there is an entrance fee of \$12.50).

This great example of Florida's weird side has a different sort of history: "The sculptor Howard Solomon started building the castle in 1974 out of aluminum printing plates thrown out by the local newspaper. Years later, the ever-evolving, gleaming three-story-high castle covers 12,000 sq. feet, including the courtyard filled with sculptures made from discarded automotive parts and a 60-foot replica of a 16th century Portuguese galleon that serves as the Moat restaurant."



If you are interested in exploring these historic roadside attractions with us please contact Becky at rosulliv@usf.edu for more information. Hope you can make it out for this fun day!

PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM —
ANCIENT EXPLORERS: LITTLE SALT
SPRING AND THE PEOPLING OF THE
AMERICAS



February 24, 2018
Storer Auditorium, University of Miami
9am-5pm

Join the University of Miami, the Florida Public Archaeology Network, and HistoryMiami for a one day public symposium on Little Salt Spring (a Paleoindian/Archaic period site in Sarasota County). Through a variety of scholarly presentations, a pop-up artifact exhibit, and discussion panel the role of Little Salt Spring within the broader spectrum of knowledge of the first peopling of the Americas will be explored and the site's pertinence to climate change in the past, present, and future will be addressed.

Leading figures in the study of America's earliest human occupation will present new research findings from Little Salt Spring and related archaeological sites. An afternoon forum will bring together leaders within the south Florida archaeological community to discuss future research and preservation of Little Salt Spring and other underwater cultural resources.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Michael R. Waters, Director of the Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A & M University

Forging a New Understanding of the Late Pleistocene Peopling of the Americas
Archaeological and genetic evidence accumulated over the last few decades show that the 80-year-old Clovis First model no longer explains the exploration and settlement of the Americas by humans at the end of the last Ice Age. Evidence from archaeological sites in North and South America are providing empirical evidence that people occupied the Americas by 15,000 years ago. Studies of modern and ancient genomes confirm this age estimate and tell us who these people were and where they came from. This archaeological and genetic evidence is rewriting our understanding of the First Americans.

Professor Waters holds the Endowed Chair in First American Studies at Texas A & M, is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, directs four research projects on early Americans and is the author of the key textbook on geoarchaeology. Dr. Waters will address the importance of Little Salt Spring and other early archaeological sites for understanding the origin of human occupation of North America.

For more information on the list of speakers, or how to register, please go to: <http://www.as.miami.edu/anthropology/news--events/ancient-explorers/#registration>

UPCOMING SPRING CGCAS LECTURES

The Discovery and Investigation of Don Tristan de Luna y Arellano's Colony and Fleet (1559-1561)

Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 7-8pm

John R. Bratten, Ph.D., University of West Florida

In 1559, a Spanish fleet sailed into Pensacola Bay, Florida, to found a colony. What would have been a self-sustaining and permanent colony in the present-day United States was destroyed almost as soon as it began when a powerful hurricane struck, sinking most of the ships and much of the colonists' food supplies. In 1992, one of the ships of the lost fleet was discovered, a second was found in 2006, and a third in 2016. In 2015, the UWF archaeology program announced the finding of the Luna settlement land site. The investigation of the ships (dubbed Emanuel Point I, II, and III) and the settlement site by the University of West Florida's Archaeology Program is revealing fascinating information about early Spanish colonization, seafaring, ship construction, and material culture. This is a multi-component project incorporating both terrestrial, underwater archaeology, and documents research as part of its overall research design, while incorporating a curriculum and training program for both undergraduate and graduate students.

WINNER, Mac Perry Public Archaeology Student Paper Competition

Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 7-8pm

To Be Determined

To honor the memory of longtime CGCAS member Mac Perry's dedication to bringing archaeological knowledge to the public, CGCAS recently established a student paper competition in his name. Through this competition, CGCAS hopes to promote the dissemination of archaeological research and findings to the general public in an engaging manner. First prize for this competition is \$100

while second place is \$50. The first and second place winners will present their work at the March lecture.

De Soto Slept Here, Not There: The Archaeology of Early Contact and Missions Sites in Northern Central Florida and the Making and Exposure of an Archaeological Hoax

Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 7-8pm

Willet A. Boyer, III, Ph.D., Aucilla Research Institute

The Marion County region of northern central Florida was the location of three of the Timucuan chiefdoms - Ocale, Potano and Acuera - referred to in accounts of the Hernando de Soto entrada, as well as several seventeenth-century mission sites. Claims were made in the popular press in 2012 that the so-called "White Ranch Site", 8MR3538, in this region represented the early contact and mission-era site of Potano. Long-term research at the Hutto/Martin Site (8MR3447) and the Richardson Site (8AL100) has confirmed that these sites represent genuine early contact and mission sites, while archaeological study at the purported "White Ranch Site" revealed no precontact, early contact, or mission-era site ever existed there. The results of study at these and other sites will be presented, and avenues for future long-term research in this region discussed.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

47th Annual Alafia River Rendezvous

January 26th and 27th from 9am – 4pm

1000 Old Fort Meade Rd, Homeland, FL

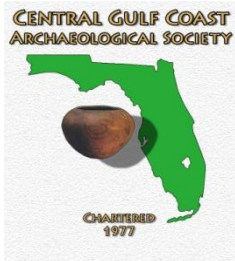
In January each year, the members of the Florida Frontiersmen host the largest living history event in the Southeast. There will be vendors for food, primitive lifestyles, and souvenirs. Come and see fine demonstrations of historic skills and portrayals of life before 1840. Enjoy a full program of music, featuring both locally and nationally recognized performers. There will also be specialized tradesmen, and general characters from our nation's history. Adults \$10, Seniors (age 60+) and Children (age 4-15) \$5, 3 and under admitted free. For more information go to: <http://www.floridafrontiersmen.com/index.php/visit-or-information/>

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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
Individual	\$25.00
Student	\$12.00
Family	\$30.00