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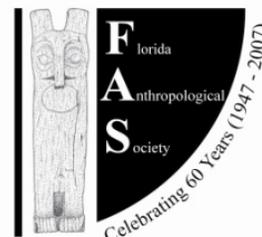
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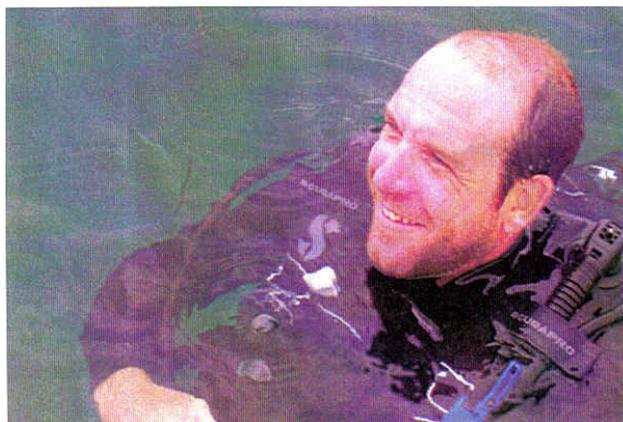
February Meeting

Thursday, February 21st, 2008

7:00pm-8:00pm

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

“Underwater Archaeology: A Study of Historic Watercraft”



Jeff Moates, M.A.,

Jeff Moates, Curator of the Florida Maritime Museum, presents an underwater archaeology project along the Wacissa River in Jefferson County, Florida, where historic watercraft remains were investigated. Interesting construction details of the “flatbottom vessel” relate to similar types recorded in association with plantations along the Georgia and South Carolina coasts. In addition, Moates introduces the work of the Florida Maritime Museum located in the community of Cortez, which was established as a commercial fishing village in 1887. There is no charge for this program. The program is co-sponsored by Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society. Registration is recommended. Please call 727-453-6500 to put your name on the list.

!!January is Dues Month!!

One last time! 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, expect a call from the Membership Secretary Dr. Roger Block or you can mail you can mail your payment to him at 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. The due amounts 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), will be finished soon. A column sample will be taken and the processing of this material will begin.

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.

FAS 2008 Annual Meeting

The planning for the 2008 FAS Annual Meeting in Tampa continues. This meeting is less than 3 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)

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Marcie Connors (tjconnors@verizon.net);
Shanna Drwiega (sdrwiega@yahoo.com)

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

The FAS 2008 meeting registration form is available on-line at www.fasweb.org.

If you have ideas for the centerpieces for the banquet tables or donors for raffle prizes please let one of the committee chairs know.

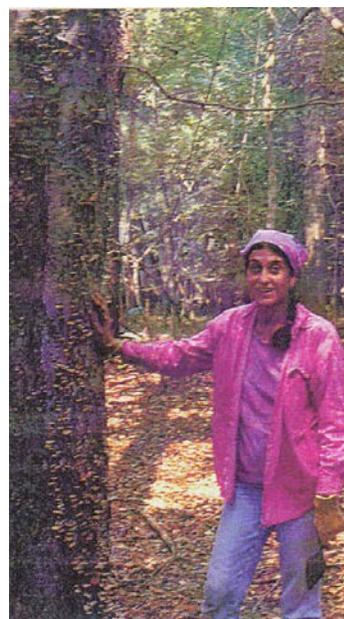
Deadline Reminders

Keep April 2, 2008 in mind as it is the cut-off date for the group rate of \$119/night at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 1301 East Seventh Avenue, Tampa. Call (813) 247-6700 for registration information. It is also the date that the early registration cost of \$35 goes up to \$45.

Programs for the Coming Year

Margo gave an excellent talk on the The Ten Thousand Islands which are a remote archipelago of semi-tropical mangrove islands stretching for some 50 miles along Florida's southwest coast. The talk highlighted recent investigations into these complex sites, including surveying, testing, mapping, and dating of several complexes as part of a National Historic Landmark study. 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.

Thursday, March 20th, 7 PM Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center



Dr. Nancy White

Adventures in Northwest Florida Jungle Archaeology

The University of South Florida's long-term archaeological research in northwest Florida concentrates on the Apalachicola-lower Chattahoochee River Valley and the St. Joseph Bay region, and encompasses 12,000 years of human cultures, from Paleo-Indian to early 20th-century.

Whether doing survey or test excavation in the remote swamp or along stream banks and coast, fieldwork in this region

always includes high adventure, a rich archaeological record, and lots of public archaeology. This talk includes a description of submerged Late Archaic shell middens, earthen mounds, and lost Civil War forts.

Christian Davenport, MA 4/17/2008, *Preliminary Results of an Archaeological Survey of Lake Okeechobee*

Annual Meeting May 2-4, Ybor City

The 2008 Topper Site Expedition

Dr. Al Goodyear gave an interesting presentation at Weedon Island on January on recent discoveries and controversies in North American paleoamerican research: pre-Clovis, late Clovis and comet impacts.

He 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.

If you are interested in taking part in this year's work, you can get complete information on this interesting site and register by visiting www.allendale-expedition.net.

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.

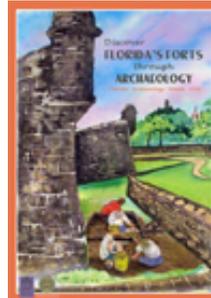
Sacred Lands Fund Raiser

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. On February 16th, a fund raiser was held to help raise money to repair the greenhouse roof. Even though the event is passed, you can still make a donation towards this project. As most of you know, CGCAS has held many events in the greenhouse and the artifacts recovered from the excavation are on display. The Anderson's also hold many other Sacred Land events in this building so it is important to restore the roof so that these meetings and events can continue.

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.

Archaeology Month 2008

Florida's diverse history and prehistory stretches back over 12,000 years. Each year in March, statewide programs and events celebrating Florida Archaeology Month are designed to encourage Floridians and visitors to learn more about the archaeology and history of the state, and to preserve these important parts of Florida's rich cultural heritage. Plan to attend one of the many events throughout Florida during March 2008.



Florida Archaeology Month 2008 focuses on the significance of fortifications and defensive structures in Florida. Some Native Americans put up defensive wall around their villages for protection from other tribes. When Europeans first arrived in Florida, most of the forts were erected out of earth or wood - plentiful materials at hand for quick construction and defense. Later fortifications would be built out of more permanent material like stone, brick, or concrete. They were constructed to protect harbors, rivers, strategic locations, or centers of population. Many towns in Florida got their name from forts and numerous forts are still in existence today.

On March 8, 2008, CGCAS will take part in the Archeology Month Event at Weedon Island. At this event you will learn about the latest archaeological research at Weedon Island Preserve and the Tampa Bay area and enjoy Native American craft demonstrations and the new exhibit gallery depicting prehistoric life on Tampa Bay. Atlatl spear-throwing and hands-on craft activities for youngsters of all ages will be held throughout the day.

This year's poster, seen above, will be distributed at this event all with the accompanying postcard. Plan on getting yours and hope to see you there.

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 or by writing to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591. Dues are: Student - \$15; Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35; Sustaining - \$40; Patron - \$100; Life - \$500; Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

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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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Tampa, FL 33694.

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

