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

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.

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.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE LUNA
SETTLEMENT?



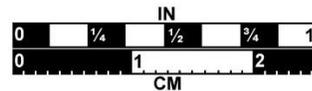
CREDIT JOHN WORTH / UWF ARCHAEOLOGY INSTITUTE

Want to learn more about the latest work going on at the Luna Settlement site in Pensacola? Whether on land or underwater, archaeologists at the University of West Florida Archaeology Institute are sharing their findings with the public through websites and social media.



Various glass trade beads found at the Luna site. CREDIT JOHN WORTH / UWF ARCHAEOLOGY INSTITUTE

Especially over the summer field season you can see pictures of artifacts posted almost in real-time as they come out of the ground. You can follow them on facebook at www.facebook.com/lunasettlementproject or read the latest on their blog at <http://lunasettlement.blogspot.com/>



Copper crossbow bolt tip is one of five found at the Luna Settlement site; four were found on one of the Luna shipwrecks. CREDIT JOHN WORTH / UWF ARCHAEOLOGY INSTITUTE

CGCAS FIELDTRIP TO GAMBLE
PLANTATION

Thanks so much to everyone who made it out to fieldtrip a few weeks ago. We had a great time checking out the history (and weird history) of a few of great sites to our south. We stopped first at Gamble Plantation State Park in Ellenton where we got a guided tour of the historic plantation house, checked out some of the historic plantation features on the property... and got to enjoy a craft fair going on that day!



That's one good looking group!



Checking out some examples of the sugar making process at Gamble Plantation



After the house tour we walked around the grounds to learn more about the history of the place.



Lunch time at the Linger Lodge. The food was great and we especially enjoyed all the crazy taxidermy decorating the place.

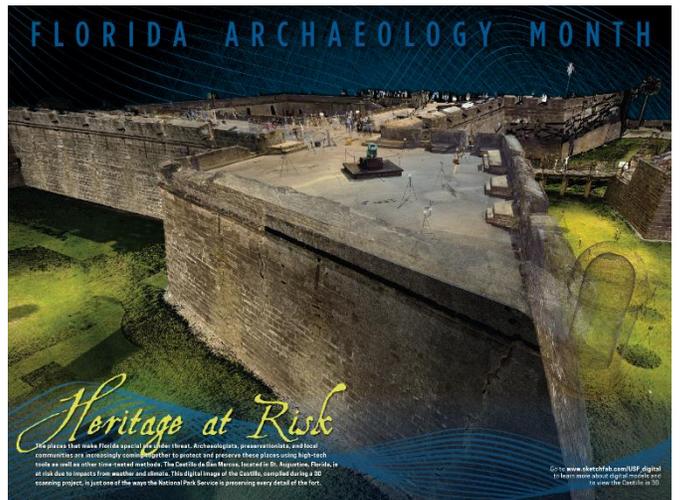


Getting ready to tour Solomon's Castle. It was a bit of a drive to get out there, but not to be missed!



Checking out the art inside Solomon's Castle. The tour was full of puns and amazing art pieces made of found objects.

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH IS ALMOST HERE!



Every year in March, Florida celebrates its diverse heritage and buried (or submerged) past during Archaeology Month. FAS chapters,

archaeologists, heritage professionals, museums, historical societies, and interested members of the public come together to promote and celebrate archaeological sites and knowledge about the past through events, workshops, lectures, and public archaeology days. Another highlight during this month of archaeological celebration is the new poster, which is developed every year to highlight a unique theme within Florida archaeology.

This year's theme is "Heritage at Risk." Places that make Florida special are under threat. Florida's coastal heritage sites are disappearing due to storms, erosion, modern development, and inundation. We must do what we can to preserve and document these fragile windows to the past before they are completely lost. Archaeologists, preservationists, and local communities are increasingly collaborating to protect these places by using high-tech tools and other time-tested methods. The poster this year highlights various examples of projects that preserve historic and archaeological sites across the state of Florida.

The front of the poster features a digital model of the Castillo de San Marcos created by University of South Florida Libraries' Digital Heritage and Humanities Collections. This iconic Florida site is vulnerable to sea level rise and storm surge. The National Park Service's Southeast Archeological Center, along with their partners, efforts to document and preserve the site have helped to protect it for years to come. The final version of the poster will allow the public to link to and view an actual 3D model of the Castillo on their computer or device.

Another fun update for Florida Archaeology Month this year is a revamp of the website. The new site will provide more information, sites to visit, and other great add-ons to explore. The final updated version will be up and running before March 2018 at www.FLarchmonth.org.

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.

UPCOMING SPRING CGCAS LECTURES

WINNER, Mac Perry Public Archaeology Student Paper Competition

Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 7-8pm

To Be Determined

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

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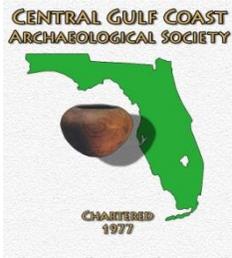
The Marion County region of northern central Florida was the location of three of the Timucuan chiefdoms - Ocale, Potano and Acuera - referred to in accounts of the Hernando de Soto entrada, as well as several seventeenth-century mission sites. Claims were made in the popular press in 2012 that the so-called "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.

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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 Heather Draskovich at treasurercgcas@gmail.com for more information.

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