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40 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE

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WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER
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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

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.

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.

COMING SOON: FLORIDA
ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING



HOSTED BY THE ALLIANCE FOR WEEDON ISLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (AWIARE)
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG ANTHROPOLOGY PROGRAM



“Anthropology in the Sunshine City” – The 70th annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is taking place in St. Petersburg on May 11 – 13, 2018. The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Anthropology Program are honored to be the hosts of this year’s events. The meetings, presentations, and the banquet will be held on the beautiful harbor-side campus of USFSP.

Please join us next month and hear about archaeological research going on all across the state of Florida. For more information, or to register, please go to: <http://fasweb.org/annual-conference/>

FAS2018 Conference Program Schedule

Thursday, May 10

4:30-5:30 Registration at Hilton Bayfront

Friday, May 11

All meetings located at University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) campus.

8:00am – 12:00pm FPAN Board Meeting

1:00 – 4:30pm FAS Registration
1:00 – 2:00pm FAC Board Meeting
1:00 – 2:00pm Trail of FL’s Indian Heritage
1:30 – 3:30pm FAS Board Meeting
2:00 – 3:00pm FAC General Meeting
2:30 – 3:30pm GOPHR workshop (FPAN)
3:45 – 4:45pm Legislative Forum (FAPA)
6:00 – 8:00pm FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards at FAS Reception
3 Daughters Brewing, 222 22nd Street, St Pete

Saturday, May 12

All events located at University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus, University Student Center (USC)

7:30am – 12:00am Registration
8:00am – 4:00pm Vendor Displays; Book Sales
8:00am – 12:00pm Morning Presentations
9:00am – 12:00pm Poster Session
10:40am – 12:00pm Panel Discussion:
Rising Seas and Sinking Sites
Chapter Rep Luncheon
12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch
12:00 – 1:20pm Afternoon Presentations
1:20 – 4:00 FAS New Board Meeting
4:15 – 5:00pm

6:00 – 9:00pm FAS Banquet and Awards Ceremony (Cocktails 6:00; Dinner 7:00; FAS Awards and Keynote 7:30)

Keynote Presentation:

‘Not Even the Devil Could Read This’; Rethinking Florida’s Colonial History in the Digital Age



The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas

In this keynote address, Dr. J. Michael Francis will introduce a new initiative to create an interactive digital archive dedicated to Florida’s rich and diverse colonial past. The project, entitled “La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the

Americas,” lauded in March, 2018. Dr. Francis will discuss the project’s initial phase and its long-term aim to create an interactive database that will make Florida’s colonial history accessible to a global audience. Dr. J. Michael Francis is the Hough Family Endowed Chair of Florida Studies at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Sunday, May 13

- 9:00 St Petersburg Parks Tour – (meet in hotel lobby for shuttles)
- 9:30 Weedon Island Tour – (meet in lobby of Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St Petersburg, 33702)

NEW LOGO FOR CGCAS!



You may have noticed a new logo at the top of this newsletter, the CGCAS logo recently had a spruce up! This new logo will work better for many different formats and prominently features a beautiful ceramic pot found at the Weedon Island site by archaeologist J. Walter Fewkes in the early 1900s. The picture below shows the actual pot after it was excavated by Fewkes, sitting on a wooden chair as a photo stand. Weedon Island has long been the meeting place for CGCAS monthly meetings and so we thought it was appropriate to highlight that

special connection. Looking forward to seeing this on some CGCAS tshirts soon!



Photo of a pot found by Fewkes at Weedon Island

FOLLOWING DE SOTO’S TRAVELS
ACROSS FLORIDA



De Soto Trail Website

Interested in learning more about De Soto’s path across Florida? Be sure to check out the De Soto Trail website for information on places you can visit today! More info at this link: <http://www.floridadesototrail.com/>

From the website:

“Hernando de Soto landed at Tampa Bay in 1539 and made his way north in search of gold and riches. Archaeological evidence shows he celebrated his first Christmas in the New World at present-day Tallahassee, where the Governor Martin House now stands. From there, his explorations took him westward toward Pensacola and beyond.

A unique driving trail now follows this first year of Hernando de Soto's historic expedition through Florida's Native American territories. Easily accessed by motorized vehicle, the De Soto Trail connects 34 sites of cultural, environmental, or historic interest. Each is marked by a kiosk, offering a glimpse back in time to a land of long ago. Brochures, complete with trail map and GPS coordinates, are available at each kiosk.”

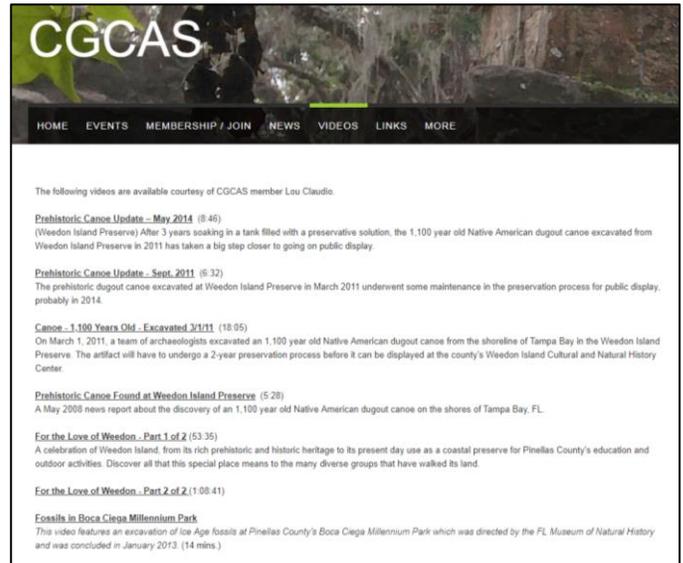


De Soto National Memorial in Bradenton

There is no definitive evidence that De Soto every slept here, but his landing in Florida is commemorated at De Soto National Memorial in Bradenton. This park has a museum and interpretive center, living history camp, as well as beautiful trails and interpretive signs you can enjoy. Definitely worth the trip! You can find out more information at this link: www.nps.gov/deso

WATCH PAST CGCAS LECTURES

Did you miss a CGCAS lecture from one of our fantastic speakers? Not to worry, you can check out the talks from our last few speakers on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CGCASflorida Just follow the link, then click on the “Videos” tab on the left side. We plan to continue recording our speakers in future and hosting the videos there.



To see videos of CGCAS lectures from farther back go to our website and select the “Videos” tab there (<http://www.cgcas.org/videos>) for a listing of all the past lectures we have recorded.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Strangers in a Strange Land: Picturing Florida’s History through Art



WHEN: Wednesday, Apr 25, 2018 from 2-3:30pm
WHERE: Sulphur Springs Museum, 1101 East River Cove St, Tampa

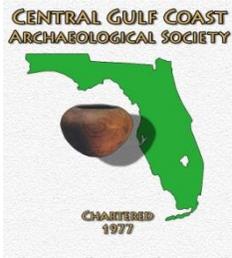
Florida’s rich visual mythology spans centuries, attesting to the vivid imagination of artists who captured the essence of an exotic landscape, as well as the flamboyant narratives that fuel Florida’s reputation for eccentricity. Dr. O’Connor “looks for Florida” among the images that tell our state’s story. “Who” is Florida? And how do we discover her “real” face? O’Connor, Prof. Emerita of Art History at Santa Fe College, has published widely on history, and is the author of the new American River: Tributaries, a fictional trilogy.

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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.

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