

# CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope your 2022 was fantastic and that 2023 is even better!

We wanted to give you a friendly reminder that our 2023 lectures have moved to the **second Thursday** of each month! This season we are featuring two in-person lectures (January and March) and two lectures over Zoom (February and April). More details below.



Dr. John W. Arthur is Professor of Anthropology at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. He was awarded the USF St. Petersburg Frank E. Duckwall Florida Studies Professorship (2020-2022) and was named a fellow in the illustrious Explorers Club. Dr. Arthur is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He has worked in Ethiopia since 1995 conducting ceramic ethnoarchaeological and Holocene archaeological research. Dr. Arthur also has worked with the Gamo community in southern Ethiopia understanding the importance of beer in their daily and ritual lives. While investigating household ceramic assemblages in Gamo, he discovered how to interpret beer production in the ancient past, which has been documented in places such as Ethiopia, Sudan, United Kingdom, France and Mexico. Dr. Arthur has been invited to give talks in Japan, France, and Germany as well as prominent American institutions such as Rice University, Stanford University, and New York University. His new book, *Beer – A Global Journey Through the Past and Present* (2022) has been published by Oxford University Press. In addition to his Ethiopian research, Dr. Arthur has been excavating the shell mound at the Weeden Island site in Pinellas County, Florida. Dr. Arthur also serves as the President of the non-profit organization, Alliance for Weeden Island Archaeological Research and Education.

Upcoming Speaker January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

New World Brewery Music Hall  
810 E Skagway Ave, Tampa, FL 33604

**Beer –**

## **A Global Journey Through the Past and Present**

Ancient and contemporary beers from the Near East, Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas document the remarkable influence Indigenous beers have had in shaping the development of food production, state level societies, and is an essential food for contemporary Indigenous societies inspiring their social and economic actions. In the past and present beer was and is more than an intoxicating substance, it was and is an essential food integral to maintaining good health. Control over the technological knowledge and resources to produce beer created space for status differentiation and its use as capital motivated laborers. Beer also serves to unite people and connects the living with their ancestral past. This talk explores present and past non-industrial beers highlighting its significance in peoples' lives through four themes: innovating new technologies, ensuring health and well-being, building economic and political statuses, and imbuing life with ritual and religious connections.

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Did you miss any of our Fall '22 lectures? All four recordings are now on our YouTube. To access, click the image to the left.



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Pints of Science

January 11<sup>th</sup>

New World Brewery, Tampa, FL

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver River Knap-In and Prehistoric Arts Festival

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Silver River Museum, Ocala, FL

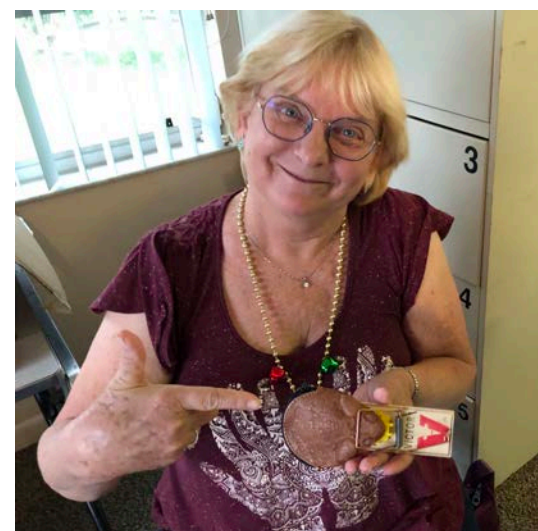
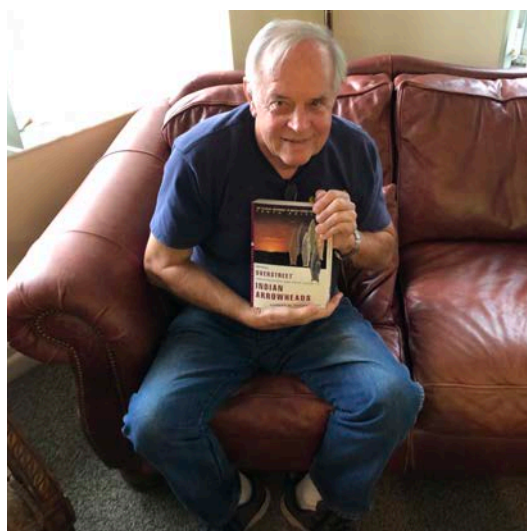
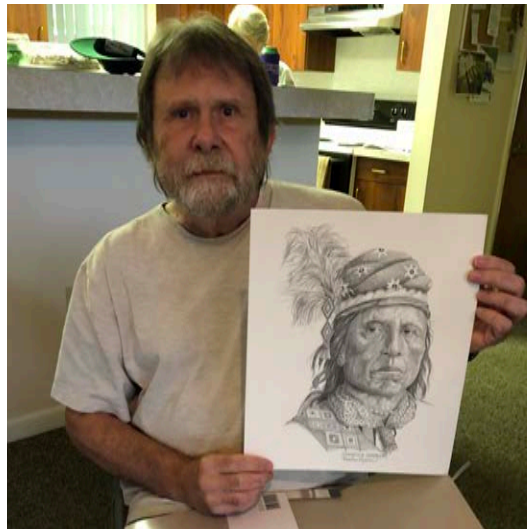
Stay tuned for FL Archaeology  
Month events in March!

## OTHER REMINDERS

Dues are due! We hope you renew for 2023 and we thank you for your continued support.

2023 board meetings will take place over Zoom at 7:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month. All members welcome to attend. If interested, email CGCAS.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual holiday party! This year was a blast! Here are a few photos with members showing off their white elephant gifts.



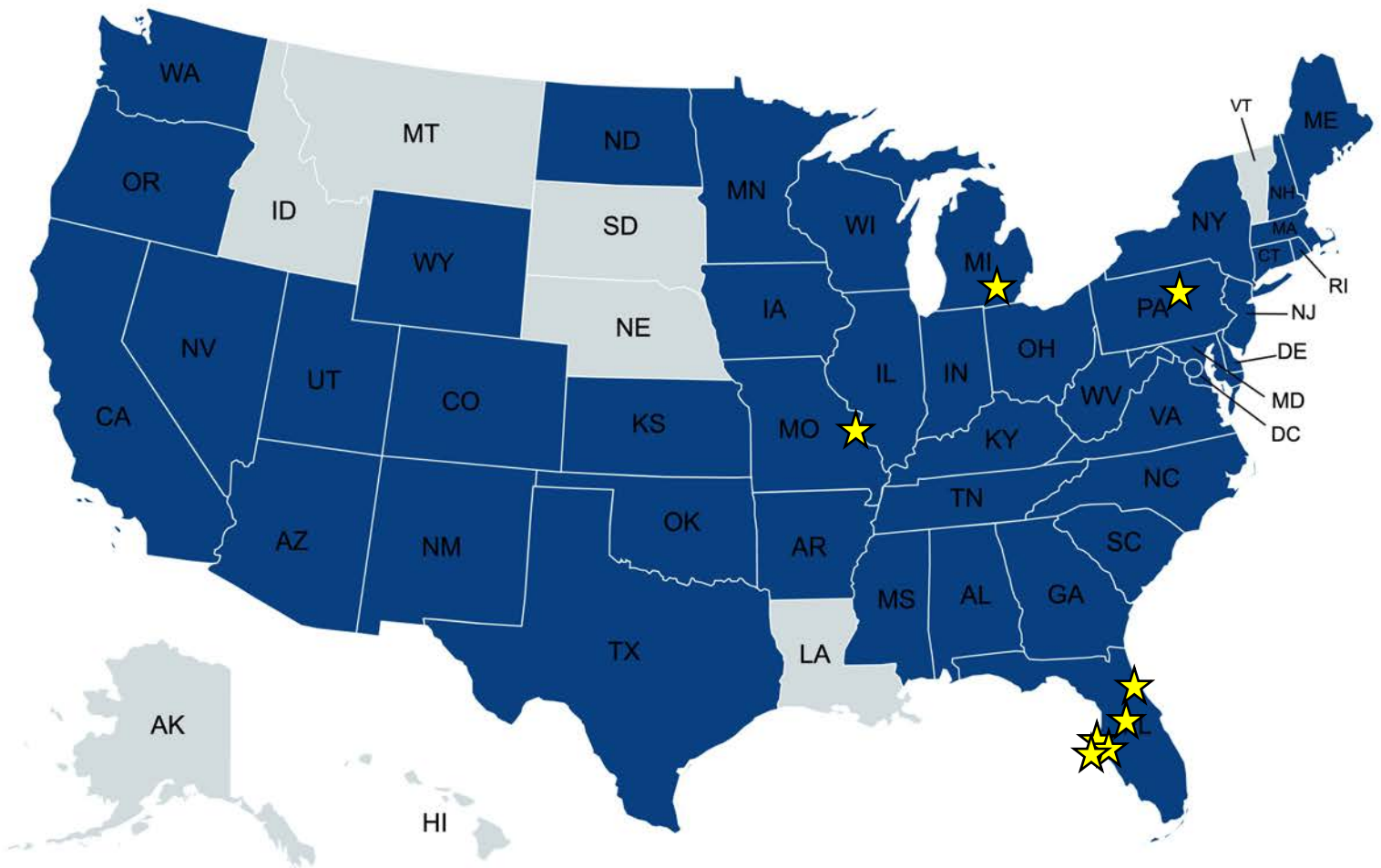


# ZOOMING BEYOND THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

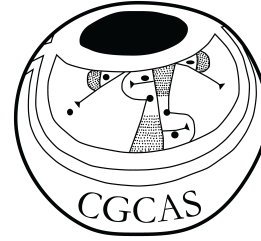
As described above, our 2023 lecture series will have two in-person and two over Zoom. We hope this provides flexible options for your viewing preference. I (Jaime) want to thank members for their continued support and attendance while holding our lectures over Zoom. Since switching to Zoom at the beginning of COVID, we have received varying feedback from members. Some loved the ability to tune in from their living room. Others disliked the interface, missed socializing with friends, and seeing the speaker face to face. I fall somewhere in between, but I would like to point out some significant advantages to Zoom. First, it allowed us to bring in speakers that may not have been able to travel to Tampa Bay. Second, we brought in viewers far beyond our community. Lastly, it allowed streamlining recordings to share for those that could not make the lecture live.

Here are some fun facts about the 2022 lectures. Special thanks to Kassie for her help putting these data together (and for all she does for CGCAS)!

- We had eight speakers from four states (Florida, Michigan, Missouri, and Pennsylvania).
- Nearly 800 people from 42 states registered to view our lectures in 2022 (see map below).
- We averaged 54 viewers per lecture.
- It was very close, but our most popular speaker in 2022 was... [Julie Waters!](#) (click her name to view the recording).



# SPRING 2023 LECTURE SERIES



\*Registration details coming soon.

FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

## INDIAN SLAVERY AND MARONNAGE IN EARLY MODERN FLORIDA

Theodora Light  
Doctoral Student (History)  
University of Georgia



MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

## NEW HISTORIES OF ANCIENT TAMPA BAY: RECENT INVESTIGATIONS AT NATIVE SHELL MOUNDS

Kendal Jackson  
Doctoral Candidate (Anthropology)  
University of South Florida



APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

## TRACING MARINE TRANSGRESSION AT MANASOTA KEY OFFSHORE (8SO7030) USING *CRASSOSTREA VIRGINICA*

Melissa Price  
Archaeologist  
FL Bureau of Archaeological Research





[The Dangers of Ancient Apocalypse's Pseudoscience](#)

[Revealing an Ice Age Route for Indigenous Peoples](#)

[Why Indigenous Fire Management Works](#)

[What Ancient DNA Reveals About Life in Africa 20,000 Years Ago](#)

[Archaeologists Awarded Grant to Survey FL Sites Damaged by Hurricane Ian](#)

The work of several local archaeologists, anthropologists, and community members was recently featured on the 60 Minutes segment "*This is not an isolated story*": *Forgotten Black cemeteries uncovered in Florida*. The bulk of the episode discusses African American cemeteries in Clearwater that were allegedly relocated in the 1950s, but eyewitness accounts, memories, and archaeological research (including GPR and excavations) demonstrates that the vast majority of graves were never moved. Archaeologists were able to identify some of the individuals at the cemetery, which is now under a parking lot, building, and street, but several hundred remain unidentified. When a cemetery disappears what is lost? Descendants say history, respect, and closure. This is not an isolated incident, there are several examples in Tampa Bay alone and at least 70 across the United States.

To watch or read the 60 Minutes segment, click the link above. For more information about the [Black Cemetery Network](#) click the name.



328 likely graves, many under a parking lot and South Missouri Ave in Clearwater – from the article linked above.



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## The Society

We are a non-profit organization consisting of members from all walks of life, who are dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. Many of our members are professional archaeologists, but we also have avocational and hobbyist members who enjoy learning the history of the peoples who preceded us here in Florida.

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Florida's cultural past and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage. CGCAS conducts field trips to archaeological and historical sites, assists professional archaeologists in surveys and excavations, performs laboratory analysis, and prepares reports of its findings. A monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on the Society's activities.

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