



CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Upcoming Speaker February 9th @ 7 pm

Join us over Zoom

Indian Slavery and Maronnage in Early Modern Florida

This presentation analyzes instances of Indian maronnage across La Florida and the circum-Caribbean during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. As Indian slavery spread across the Spanish and English territories, distinct communities of displaced peoples appear across the historical record. Using the frameworks of maronnage, this presentation examines the role of these communities in the early colonial south.

Theodora Light is a PhD student in History at the University of Georgia. Her research centers on Indigenous Florida, particularly how Indian slavery affected Florida and the wider South during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. She currently works as a graduate teaching assistant but has experience and training in the field of public history.



[**REGISTRATION DETAILS**](#)



Kendal Jackson

Doctoral Candidate (Anthropology)
University of South Florida

Join us March 9th @ 7 PM

New World Brewery
810 Skagway Ave, Tampa, FL 33604

SHELL MOUNDS, COASTAL EVOLUTION, AND INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING OF TAMPA BAY'S INSHORE BAYOUS

Registration details coming soon!



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!

12th Annual Silver River Knap-In and Prehistoric Arts Festival

February 18th and 19th

Silver River Museum, Ocala, FL

Florida Archaeology Month

Each weekend of March

Weedon Island Cultural and Natural
History Center, St. Petersburg, FL

Join us at Weedon Island for a month-long archaeology extravaganza to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month. Each weekend will feature different activities, including hikes to the site, historic tours of the island, kayak trips, artifact IDs, lab work, and presentations. These events are co-organized by CGCAS, AWIARE, FPAN, Tampa Bay History Center, USF, and Weedon Island. More details will be in the March newsletter.

FAS Conference

May 12 – 14th

The 75th annual Florida Anthropological Society conference will be in St. Augustine this year. This is a great place to learn about all the recent archaeological work in Florida. To our student members, this is a superb conference to present papers and posters to a friendly audience. Friday's reception will be held at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. Saturday's meeting will take place at Flagler College, and the reception dinner will be at the Ponce de Leon Hotel. The keynote speaker is Dr. Lori Lee, who will discuss *Decolonizing Archaeology in Colonial St. Augustine*. Field trip options on Sunday include a trolley tour and visits to Fish Island or the St. Francis Barracks and St. Augustine National Cemetery. More details can be found using the link above.



February is Black History Month

Read about the [origins of Black History Month](#) from the National Museum of African American History & Culture

Check out these [podcast recommendations](#) on Black history compiled by FPAN Southwest

OTHER REMINDERS

Dues are due! We hope you renew for 2023 and thank you for your continued support. If you are unsure of your membership status, please email us.

All members are welcome to attend board meetings, which are on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm over Zoom. If interested, email us.

[Unearthing the Original Mediterranean Diet](#)

[Obsidian Hand Axe Production 1.2 Million Years Ago](#)

[Lasers are Mapping Scotland's Subterranean Iron Age Structures](#)

I visited the Otter Mound site on Marco Island in Collier County in November of last year. The site was one I had wanted to see for quite a while because of the interesting lightning whelk terraces (see photo below). You can walk a short trail under a canopy of oak, gumbo limbo, and strangler figs and encounter several of these shell walls. You may be wondering about the name—was it a place where archaeologists discovered otter remains? While maybe not as interesting of a story (but luckily for otters), the site is named after Ernest Otter—the previous landowner who designed these shell terraces. While we can appreciate the ingenuity of Mr. Otter and the uniqueness of the site today, we do not know much about how the Calusa left the site. Thus, this story is an example of the many ways sites take their form and the importance of leaving items in their archaeological context. If you plan to visit, stop by the Marco Island Historical Museum, the Otter Mound (1831 Addison Court, Marco Island, FL 34145) is just a ten-minute drive from the museum.

Have you been to an interesting archaeological site recently? Please share your experience with us! We would love to feature contributions from our member's adventures.



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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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