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# Florida Anthropological Society

## NEWSLETTER

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### Next Board Meeting

The FAS board will meet on Saturday February 27, 2010 at 10 AM at the SEARCH office in Newberry. Chapter Representatives are reminded to email their Chapter reports to the Board before the meeting.

### 2010 FAS Annual Meeting

The 62nd annual FAS meeting will be held May 7-9 at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers hosted by The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS).

#### Accommodations

Accommodations for FAS 2010 will be at the new Hotel Indigo, just a block from the Harborside Event Center and a short walk to the Caloosahatchee River. The Hotel Indigo is a 67-room boutique hotel that opened in 2009, with a bar, restaurant and rooftop pool and fitness center located at 1520 Broadway, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 877-270-1389 or [www.hotelindigo.com/fortmyersfl](http://www.hotelindigo.com/fortmyersfl). Special conference room rates for FAS attendees start at \$99 a night for Thursday and Friday and \$89 on Saturday, plus applicable taxes. Street parking is available at no cost or \$14 per night in the parking garage. Please mention the Florida Anthropological Society room block when calling for reservations. Special room rates are only held through April 7, 2010.

#### Schedule

**Friday, May 7:** Meetings for FAS, FAC and FPAN boards, committees and membership are scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon in Harborside Event Center meeting rooms.

Friday at noon FPAN is hosting a walking tour of historic Fort Myers led by Marion M. Almy, President of Archaeological Consultants, Inc. Learn about the location of the original fort of Fort Myers on this FPAN tour, which will be open to the general public and is being held in association with the conference. Please register for the walking tour when you arrive on Friday morning at the Harborside Event Center.

On Friday afternoon, Louis Tesar of the Bureau of Archaeological Research will present a workshop on how to prepare high quality digital images of artifacts for publications, posters, and presentations using a flatbed scanner. The workshop will be held at the historic Seven Seas building at Newton Park in Fort Myers Beach, the new home of the Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network.

The Friday evening FAS reception and FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards Presentation will be at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach with an opportunity to

view the newly completed walk-in shell mound exhibit. Bus transportation to and from the reception is included in your conference registration and will depart from the Harborside Event Center.

**Saturday, May 8:** Papers and posters will be presented morning and afternoon at Harborside Event Center. The deadline for abstracts and poster proposals is February 12, 2010. Vendors with books and other wares will be available at the event center. Lunch is on your own on Saturday and many small restaurants are nearby, or pick up a sandwich and stroll by the river.

The FAS Annual Business Meeting and FAS New Board Meeting will follow the paper sessions on Saturday.

Saturday night's banquet features speaker Dr. Jerald T. Milanich, Curator Emeritus in Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Please sign up for the banquet when you register by April 7, 2010. Dr. Milanich will speak on Adventures in the Everglades, A.W. and Julian Dimock among the Seminole Indians, 1905-1910, telling the story of the Dimocks, financiers from New York City, who came to Everglades City in 1905 and stepped into a new world as they photographed the Seminole Indians.

**Sunday, May 9:** You are encouraged to register for one of the two field trips offered on Sunday, to the Randell Research Center at Pineland or the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Museum.

The Randell Research Center at Pineland encompasses more than 50 acres on the western shore of Pine Island, a significant site which was inhabited by the Calusa for over 1,500 years. The Calusa Heritage Trail takes visitors to the massive shell mounds, canals, and other features of the Pineland archaeological site. The field trip to Randell Research Center at Pineland will be from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bus transportation is included with your field trip registration.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation. The museum is owned and run by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and collects, preserves, protects and interprets Seminole culture and history. In addition to touring the excellent museum, participants will get an inside tour of the artifact conservation lab and hear about recent archaeological excavations by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office from Paul Backhouse, Deputy THPO, including recent work at Fort Shackelford. The field trip to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Museum will be from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Box lunch and bus transportation are included with your field trip registration.

#### Florida Anthropological Society Student Paper Competition

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree-granting university programs are encouraged to compete for a prize. The student must submit a

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paper of original research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's history or prehistory. Contestants must submit three (3) copies of their paper and make an oral presentation at the FAS meeting. The oral presentation must be drawn from the written paper. The written paper cannot exceed 2,500 words and must be typed and double-spaced.

Postmark deadline for student papers is March, 15, 2010. Student papers and oral presentations will be judged on writing quality, overall presentation, quality of arguments and supporting data, and contribution to our understanding of Florida's past. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony during the Saturday evening banquet.

A three-person committee will judge the papers using the following criteria:

- I Written Presentation
  - Organization of paper: Must be clearly written in a coherent, logical and organized format
  - Development of ideas/thoroughness of research: Must demonstrate substantive knowledge of topic
  - Significance of research / contribution to the field
- II Oral Presentation
  - Organization of presentation: Must present ideas in an organized and coherent format
  - Communication skills: Must articulate and express ideas clearly and intelligibly
  - Appropriate and effective use of technology, if appropriate

All students entering the competition must complete and submit the meeting registration form by February 12, 2010 accompanied by a check for the \$30 registration fee payable to SWFAS.

Any questions or concerns? Contact: Theresa Schober at (239) 765-0865 or [theresa@fortmyersbeachfl.gov](mailto:theresa@fortmyersbeachfl.gov).

The registration form is enclosed within this newsletter. Please observe the deadlines and contact SWFAS at the above mailing and e-mail addresses with any questions concerning these deadlines and possible extensions of the printed dates.

### Thanks Toni Wallace

Toni Wallace is stepping down as Recording Secretary. Debra Wells has offered to assume this position. Thank you Toni for your many years of excellent service to FAS. It is appreciated by all of us.

### Slate for 2010-2011

The Nominating Committee composed of Antoinette Wallace, Chair, George Luer, Member and Christine Newman, Member, recommends the following slate of officers and directors for the 2010-2011 year. Each candidate is running unopposed but alternative candidates can be nominated by petition in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws printed below.

**Robert Austin, President** – Bob just completed a term as President of FAS. He is a former editor of the *Florida Anthropologist* and a past President of the Florida Archaeological Council. He holds an M.A. in anthropology from USF and a Ph. D. from UF. In 1993 he received the FAS Bullen Award for his work with the Central Gulf Coast

Archaeological Society and the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. Bob is currently the Vice President of Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc.

**Steve Martin, First Vice President** – Steve just completed a term as First Vice President of FAS. He holds degrees from Florida State University and the University of Florida and worked for the Florida Park Service for over 22 years where he served as a Cultural Resource Manager and Historical Resources Administrator. While working with FPS, Steve developed a cooperative agreement between FAS and Florida State Parks to enable FAS members and chapters to volunteer during approved archaeological monitoring projects in state parks. Steve has worked most recently providing historic preservation consulting services in a variety of capacities and has written and successfully presented FAM grants for FAS.

**Theresa Schober, Second Vice President** -- Theresa Schober just completed a term as Second Vice President. She has conducted archaeological research in southwest Florida for the past twelve years and her current position with the Town of Fort Myers Beach is as Director of Cultural Resources which includes the Mound House. She holds a M.A. in Anthropology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is a Ph.D. candidate at University of Florida. In addition to her work in Florida, she has conducted field work in Canada, Mexico, and Panama.

**Debra Wells, Recording Secretary** -- Debra J. Wells is a native Floridian with over 14 years of experience working as a professional archaeologist. Debra received her Master's of Arts degree from the University of West Florida and has spent the majority of her career working with collections from the Southeastern United States. Trained as a Historic Archaeologist, her interests include the study of both prehistoric and historic ceramics as well as other material culture remains. Debra is currently employed as an Archaeologist and Lab Director for Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc. in Jonesville, Florida.

**Joanne Talley, Treasurer and Registered Agent** -- Joanne was born and raised in Stuart, lives in Hobe Sound, and works as a secretary/newsletter editor for the Jupiter Island Club. She has been the editor of the SEFAS Timeline newsletter since joining in 1997, and is the current Treasurer of FAS. Joanne is also a founding board member of Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park.

**Chris Hardy, Director at Large** – Chris Hardy has served two years and has one year remaining in her term as Director. Chris earned her B.A. in Anthropology from UCSC (University of California at Santa Cruz). She has done survey and CRM work in California, Delaware, South Carolina, and West Virginia before moving to Florida a few years ago. She has been an active volunteer at the Weedon Island Preserve and Cultural History Center for 4 years taking part in many archaeological projects and events there. As an active member of CGCAS, Chris has taken part in many projects such as the current Bayshore Homes Project. She has been a Director on the CGCAS board since 2005.

**Nick McAuliffe, Director at Large, Two Year Term** – Nick is serving the remaining term of Debra Wells. Nick has lived in Florida for 7 years. Nick has a BA in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and an MS in Library

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Science from Simmons College. A retired reference librarian, Nick has been a regular volunteer with the City of St. Augustine Archaeology Program and has served two terms as the president of the St. Augustine Archaeological Association (SAAA).

**Jon Endonino, Director at Large, Three Year Term** -- Jon Endonino is a professional archaeologist with 17 years of experience in the archaeology of Florida and the Southeastern United States. Currently Jon is employed as a Project Archaeologist at Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc. and is a doctoral candidate in Anthropology at the University of Florida. Jon's research interests are in the origins of monumental architecture among hunter-gatherers, especially during the Mount Taylor period of the St. Johns River Valley and Atlantic coast of Florida. He also has a keen interest in sourcing lithic materials and is engaged in long-term research on the nature of lithic procurement in stone-poor environments, again along the St. Johns River and Atlantic coast. When not pursuing archaeological endeavors Jon enjoys spending time at home in Ocala with his wife Heather and their three Jack Russell Terriers, playing his guitars, and listening to records.

#### Nominations by Petition

The FAS Bylaws require that along with the proposed slate of officers and directors, the following paragraph of the Bylaws (Chapter VI, Section 4) be published in the Newsletter:

"Nominations of persons for Officers and Directors-at-Large, other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee, may be made by petition in writing by at least ten (10) members of the Society who are currently eligible to vote. These petitions shall be in the possession of the President of the Society within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Newsletter containing the proposed slate. The date of the mailing should be indicated on this Newsletter."

#### A Response to "New Name for an Old People"

Because I live in a 1913 house on Terra Ceia Island, do we conclude that "Burgers" lived there in 1913 (and in 1913 BC)? The brief article in the November FAS Newsletter apparently relates yet another example of the unscientific ascription of a recorded, historic name to prehistoric remains. General ethnography provides many examples of distinct peoples sharing the same material culture. Archaeologically, these peoples (plural) would be indistinguishable, and recovered materials would be identified as a single archaeological culture. It bears repeating that ethnographic culture and archaeological culture can only rarely be scientifically proven to be the same thing, and certainly not when the material remains are prehistoric. Projecting the name "Mocama" (or other historic tribal names) beyond recent prehistory is improvable speculation, unless somebody out there has a time machine. So, too, would be any modified statements alluding to "the ancestors of the Mocama."

Yes, it is unsatisfying (to some) that we can't put real names to the various prehistoric Florida natives, but that's the nature of prehistory. As W.H. Holmes once wrote: "[T]races of particular peoples fade out quickly into the generalized past" Do we project historic names into the past and concoct "just so" stories, or do we practice science? Bill Burger

#### FAC 2010 Stewards of Heritage Award: Call for Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the FAC Stewards of Heritage Award (SOH). Get your thinking caps on about whom to nominate. SOH Nomination guidelines may be found at the FAC web site under documents. Submissions are due by **March 1, 2010**. Please send nominations to Jeff Moates, Stewards of Heritage Chair,

at [jmoates@cas.usf.edu](mailto:jmoates@cas.usf.edu). or contact him at 813-396-2327 if you have any questions. Please see the FAC web site at <http://www.flarchcouncil.org/stewardsofheritage.htm> for past recipients. This year's ceremony will be held at the Mound House in Fort Myers, Florida from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Typically the FAC Stewards of Heritage awards (SOH) are given every other year to recognize the role of the general public in preservation, education, and research of archaeological resources. FAC Stewards of Heritage have demonstrated a strong devotion to preserving, learning, and teaching Florida's heritage locally and on state and national levels.

#### Of Interest

**Where did DeSoto spend Christmas?** A February 13, 2010, story from Tallahassee.com reports on the continuing search in Tallahassee, Florida, for the 1539-1540 winter encampment of the army of conquistador Hernando de Soto. Read it at <http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20100213/NEWS01/2120350/Where-did-de-Soto-spend-Christmas>

**Archaeological 'time machine' extends back 50,000 years** Australian researchers have helped produce a new radiocarbon calibration tool which could answer key questions in human evolution. Read the February 11, 2010, story from ScienceDaily at <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/02/100211111549.htm>

**Beneath Florida springs, an ancient world** Construction project uncovers mother lode of relics. Read the February 5, 2010, story from The Orlando Sentinel at:

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/lake/os-salt-springs-ancient-site-discovered-20100204.0.7030703.story>

**The Influence of Jacques Le Moyne's Illustrations on Interpreting Florida's Past**

Read Jeff Klinkenberg's article in the February 7, 2010 St. Petersburg Times about Le Moyne and the search for Fort Caroline along the St. Johns River at <http://www.tampabay.com/features/humaninterest/a-1564-visitor-to-florida-leaves-a-trail-of-mystery/1071075>

**Original Florida-Alabama State line rediscovered**

For many years, the original state line was lost. Now a Tuscaloosa man working with Auburn University has helped rediscover it. Read the account of this work at:

<http://www.tampabay.com/incoming/original-florida-alabama-mound-line-rediscovered/1073236>

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The *FAS Newsletter* is published quarterly: January; one month before the annual meeting; July; and October. Brief articles and chapter news are welcome for submission. The submission deadline for the next issue is **April 1, 2010**. Contact the editor **David Burns, 15128 Springview St., Tampa, FL 33624; E-mail: daveburns@prodigy.net** Address changes should be sent to the FAS Membership Secretary: **Pat Batanztegui, P.O. Box 1434, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-1434**

## FAS Membership Information

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and community education. FAS members receive the journal *The Florida Anthropologist* and the *FAS Newsletter*. Information on FAS is on the website: <http://www.fasweb.org> **Dues are:** Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35, Student \$15 with a copy of a valid student ID when applying; Sustaining - \$100; Patron - \$1000; Benefactor - \$2500 or more. Please add \$5 for foreign addresses.

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