



Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS)

JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Our 2016 season has started with our first meeting and presentation on January 20, 2016 at 6:30 at The Southwest Florida Museum of History 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers, Florida. It began with business meeting with the first order of business the election of officers for 2016. By a unanimous vote the following officers and trustees were elected for calendar 2016:

OFFICERS

President: John Furey
First Vice-President: Tom Franchino
Second Vice-President: Elizabeth Clement
Secretary: Susan Harrington
Treasurer: Charlie Strader

TRUSTEES

First Year of 3 Year Term:
Theresa Schober
Mary Southhall
William Locascio
Third Year of 3 Year Term
Alison Elgart

The Treasurers Report was read by Charlie Strader and accepted as read.

Theresa Schober presented the following to inform us of important upcoming items:

ENCHANTMENTS: THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ADVENTURES OF A. W. AND Julian DIMOCK IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, 1904-1913



Wednesday, February 17, 2016 Dr. Jerald Milanich: The Photographic Adventures of A.W. and Julian Dimock in Southwest Florida, 1904-1913. In the first decade of the twentieth century, Julian Dimock and his father A. W. Dimock traveled through southwest Florida photographing the land, the people and the waterways of this frontier Eden. While photographer Julian was keenly interested in the isolated but culturally rich lives of the Seminole Indians, he was also drawn to the outcasts and settlers, refugees and outlaws between the fledgling towns of Miami and Fort Myers. Many of the several thousand rarely seen glass negatives that resulted from their adventure are on display here. See

the attached flyer. In lieu of a normal February SWAFAS meeting, we are promoting this presentation by a renowned Florida archaeologist and recommend you attend. It is at the Captiva Community Center; reception at 5:30p.m. and presentation at 6:00 pm

THE CALUSA IN COLONIAL FLORIDA – Morning Program

Friday February 19, 2016 beginning at 9:15am at the Estero Elks Club, 3231 Coconut Road, Estero, Florida. To celebrate the 450th anniversary of the meeting of Pedro Menéndez and the Calusa chief Carlos at the Calusa capital village of Mound Key, the Friends of Koreshan State

Historic Site (KSHS) are sponsoring, “The Calusa in Colonial Florida”. The Friends of KSHS are the citizen support group that raises awareness and funds for programs at KSHS and Mound Key Archaeological State Park. The programs are free of charge. Donations to support the Friends current initiative to produce a documentary film about Mound Key are encouraged.

The following speakers are scheduled:

“When Worlds Collided- The European Invasion of La Florida”, Jerald Milanich, Professor Emreitus at the U of FL and contributing editor at Archaeology magazine.

“First Colony-Pedro Menéndez in Florida, 1565-1572”, Dr. Kathleen Deagan, Distinguished Research Curator Emerita at the Florida Museum of Natural History

“Slaves, Interpreters and the Enterprise of Florida”, Dr. J. Michael Francis, Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies, University of South Florida

“Mound Key and the Dawn of Calusa-Spanish Relations”, Dr. John Worth, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of West Florida

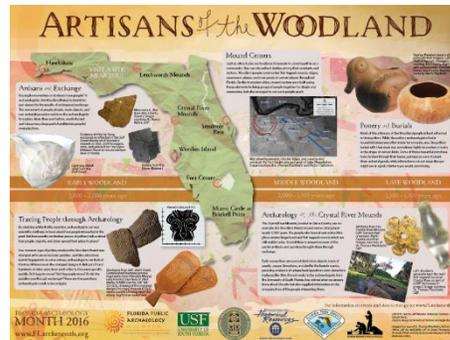
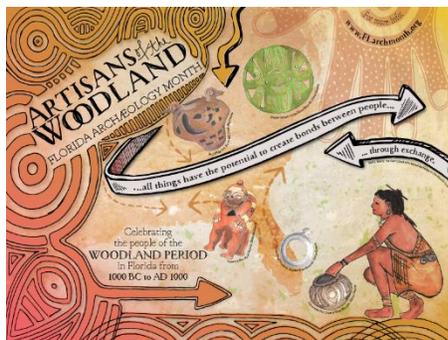
THE CALUSA IN COLONIAL FLORIDA – Afternoon Program

Following lunch, which is available for purchase at the Elks Club, Executive Producer Theresa Schober will provide an update on the documentary film. The afternoon will also include a workshop held by the Friends on what improvements are needed at Mound Key to facilitate greater public access.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Florida House HB803 and the Florida Senate SB1054 have introduced two bills that would create a permit process that would allow people to remove artifacts from state-owned submerged lands using hand-held excavation equipment to dislodge them. This is currently illegal and passage of this legislation would effectively allow, by permit, the looting of archaeological sites. We urge you to write your representative and senator to oppose this bill that allows the people selling artifacts at a profit to continue to steal the archaeological heritage of Florida. Please see the attached sample letter and the names and addresses of the Senators and Representatives involved.

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH POSTERS



Archaeology Month Posters feature Florida’s Artisans of the Woodland. Posters will be available for history themed events from SWAFAS after February 6th at no charge.

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION

While waiting for the arrival of our speaker, we were able to have a discussion about SWFAS, archaeology and many topics with the audience. We had over 60 people in attendance and many left their contact information for notification of future programs and their interest in the prehistory of Florida.

JANUARY SPEAKER

Wednesday January 20, 2016 at the Florida Museum of History, 2031 Jackson St. Ft. Myers, FL
Our speaker for the evening was Steve Koski, a former research associate with the University of Miami and now Interim County Archaeologist for Sarasota County. He is an underwater archaeologist and was site manager at Little Salt Spring for many years. Steve initially came to Florida in 1985 as a graduate assistant from Arizona State University on a remote sensing survey with Dr. Rey Ruppe looking for submerged archaeological sites off Venice Beach. They later investigated Little Salt Spring which was an underwater preserve in North Port, in Sarasota County, Florida. The spring had been donated to the University of Miami in 1982 and it is surrounded by undisturbed native hydric hammock containing several rare and endangered plant and animal species. In prehistoric times (12,000-7,000 years ago) this flooded sinkhole attracted many animals and seasonal hunter-gatherers to this oasis. Additionally, Mr. Koski spoke about Warm Mineral Springs in North Port, Florida. It is another flooded sinkhole spring, however, it is connected to an underground vent that keeps the water at 98 degrees. Many archaeological items were recovered deep in this spring as well.



From left President John Furey, Theresa Schober & Speaker Steve Koski

FPAN – WELCOME RACHAEL KANGAS

The meeting was attended by Rachael Kangas, our new Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) Coordinator. Rachael is located here in Ft. Myers and reports to the Southwest Region at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. She can be reached at 239-223-6865. Welcome Rachael.

DUES 2016

SWFAS dues for 2016 are \$20.00. Please use the attached form to submit your payment to the treasurer. You do not have to be a SWAFAS member to attend our meetings and learn about local archaeology, and everyone is welcome.

MEETING SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY MEETING

In lieu of a regular meeting we urge you to attend the Dimock presentation on Captiva Island referenced above.

MARCH MEETING



Wednesday March 16, 2016 will be held at 7:00 o'clock at the Collier County Museum in Naples, Florida. Underwater archaeologist Steve Koski will talk about the Snake Island site in Sarasota County. Once connected to the mainland, the cultural deposits of Snake Island were inundated by rapidly rising sea levels in the 1500's before being isolated as a dredge island during construction of the Intercoastal Waterway in the early twentieth century. A twenty-year story in the making, Steve Koski weaves together the site's

discovery, long term observations, research and interpretation. This program is held in conjunction with Florida Archaeology Month and is jointly sponsored by the museum and the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWAFAS). A short SWAFAS meeting will precede the presentation, beginning at 6:30pm. The Collier County Museum is located in the government complex at 3331 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34112.

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday April 20, 2016 To be announced.

MAY MEETING

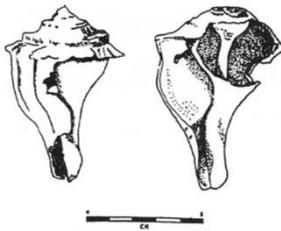
There is no SWAFAS May meeting as the annual Florida Anthropological statewide meeting will be held in Jupiter, Florida from May 19 – 22. Information is attached for those interested in attending.

Meetings will resume in the Fall.

SEE YOU THERE

John Furey
President, SWFAS

GASTROPOD HAMMER



These hammers are hafted by means of a notch and a hole. The anterior end has a blunt surface worn smooth by pounding. Spalling occurs during repeated use.

*From the Shell Tool Handbook publication of the Craighead Laboratory of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society, located at Collier County Museum, 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida
Drawing and legend by Betsy McCarthy, SWFAS Member*