

# Newsletter



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### March Meeting

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY TO BE SUBJECT  
OF MARCH 15 MEETING AT S&L

Underwater archaeology at Venice Beach will be discussed at the March meeting of SWFAS Wednesday, the 15th, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community room of the First Federal Savings and Loan of Fort Myers, 3201 Tamiami Trail North, Naples.

The speaker will be Steven H. Koski, who is assistant in research at the Warm Mineral Springs Research project of Florida State University. He currently is acting as co-chief of the Manasota Key burial site salvage operation.

Koski has a BA degree in anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Boston and is a master's candidate from Arizona State University. The Venice beach site is the subject of his thesis. He will discuss the history of the inundated shell midden and current and future research there.

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR SWFAS' FIRST DINNER MEET

It still is possible to sign up for the dinner meeting at the Bonita Bay Club April 20, which will replace SWFAS' usual monthly session, Jack Thompson, treasurer, announced at the Society's board meeting March 7.

Because of space limitations, only 50 can be accommodated by the facility; though most of the spaces have been claimed, some still are available. Reservations are made by mailing Thompson a check to P.O.B. 9965, Naples, 33941, or bringing one to the March meeting. Cost is \$21 for London Broil or \$20 for Chicken Calvados, including tip and tax.

There will be a cash bar opening at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7. Jacket and tie are required of men.

Highlight of the meeting will be presentation of an award to an individual who has made an outstanding record toward fulfillment of SWFAS' goals -- research into the area's pre-history, education in it, and preservation of its evidences.

Arrangements have been made by President Keith Waterhouse and Hospitality Chair Isabelle Felsberg.

LEE PRESERVATION BOARD  
TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Getting legislative financial support for two projects will be on the agenda for the newly-constituted Lee County Historic Preservation Board at its March 22 meeting, according to Senior Planner Gloria Sajgo.

The projects are restoration of the Murphy-Burroughs house and the multi-agency Year of the Calusa. Focus will be on the April 26 "Preservation Day", when the legislature is intensively lobbied.

At the board's first meeting Feb. 21, Eugene (Chuck) Schmitt was elected chairman and Jerry Turner vice chairman. Other members are Linda Sickler Robinson, SWFAS' second vice-president; Jan Brown, Ernest Hall, Nancy Hartley and Stephanie Keyes.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN  
IN GALT ISLAND SALVAGE

A good turnout is expected March 18 and 19 for the salvage expedition to Galt Island, Bud House reported at the March 7 meeting of the board of directors.

Participants will meet at the home of Jack Gaddy on Galt Island road, St. James City, at 8:30 a.m. the 18th; Galt Island road is reached from York road, which branches off the route -- Stringfellow road -- by which one reaches the city.

Screens and a wheelbarrow have been arranged, House said, but additional shovels will be needed. Charlie Strader is bringing the SWFAS screen and large pieces of cardboard which will be used for sorting.

The exercise is to salvage artifacts from a pile of mound material which had been displaced by a bulldozer years ago. Artifacts will be cleaned and analyzed at the Craighead lab, after which they will be displayed there and at the Museum of the Island on Pine Island.

Permission for the event has been obtained from the owner, William T. Mills of Marathon.

WITH THE LAST OF THE BACKLOG CLEANED,  
THE CRAIGHEAD LAB LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Sunday, March 5, 11 months after the dedication of the Craighead laboratory, was washed the last shell of the backlog of materials that had accumulated from past digs as SWFAS awaited a full-time work place.

President Keith Waterhouse officiated, ceremoniously assisted by Phyllis Benedict, Virginia Read, Gail Strader and Jack Thompson. Despite the buffoonery, the crew processed the last bags of shell and artifacts, all from the Strader site. There were refreshments offered by Lynn Lee and a display showing the analytical processes that lie in the future.

Others present were Walt and Mary Buschelman, John Dante, Joanne Fischer, Paul Benedict, Jean Belknap and a friend, Charlie Strader, Dottie Thompson, Mary Ruth Winchell and Art Lee

THE FINE SCREEN

Craighead lab regular John Dante and Rose have been named "couple of the year" by the local YMCA, for which they have volunteered their services for a decade and more. John is recovered from recent surgery.

SOCIETY MEMBERS GIVEN  
BAHAMIAN TRAVELOG

SWFASers were treated to an archaeological travelog when ex-president John Beriault showed slides from a trip to San Salvador, the Bahamian island which may have been Columbus' first American landfall.

The photos were taken incidental to a conference there on Caribbean archaeology. Besides beautiful scenic views, they included artifacts such as Honduran jade, fine-grained green stone celts, coral manioc graters, a pestle and pottery, some resembling Florida's Surfside and Safety Harbor, and others of the "Griddle" design typical of Hispaniola with a woven or matted pattern. Also shown were palmetto ware of Hispaniola.

## DATEBOOK

- \*March 9 and every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m., analysis of artifacts at the Craighead lab.
  - \*March 15, Wednesday, monthly meeting of SWFAS at the Community room of the First Federal Savings and Loan of Fort Myers, 3201 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, at 7:30 p.m.
  - \*March 18 and 19. Salvage of artifacts at Galt Island. Rendezvous at Jack Gaddy's home on Galt Island Road, St. James City, 8:30 a.m. Bring lunch. Gaddy's phone number is 283-5287.
  - \*April 9. Tour of Josslyn Island. Details will be announced at the March 15 meeting
  - \*April 11. Board of directors (officers, trustees, committee heads) meeting at the home of Eleanore Young, 4956 Esplanade St., Bonita Springs, 6:30 p.m. All members welcome.
  - \*April 20. Dinner meeting at Bonita Bay club, replacing the normal monthly session. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Participants must have made prior reservations with Jack Thompson (office 261-3440, home 597-2269).
- Need information? On membership, Lynn Lee at 261-4939; field activities, John Beriault at 261-0082; finance, Jack Thompson, 597-2269; garage sale, Barbara Logie, 597-4745; lab, Art Lee, 261-4939.

## FAS DIRECTORS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 28-30

Final preparations for the annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society at Jacksonville April 28-30 were made at its board of directors meeting at Winter Park Feb. 25.

All sessions will be held on the same floor of the Omni hotel in Jacksonville, where rooms have been offered at a flat rate of \$65.

SWFASers wishing to join FAS may write to Joan Deming, membership secretary, 308 6th St. N.E., Largo, FL 34640. Individual membership is \$18, family \$20. Add that you are a member of SWFAS.

## WELCOME TO SWFAS

The Society has welcomed Debbie Shoss and Phyllis Harned of Sanibel and Melody Qualls and Kathryn Jones, both of Naples.

TRANSPORTATION IS PROBLEM  
FOR PROJECTED JOSSLYN TRIP

The question of providing transportation for a projected SWFAS trip to Josslyn Key is being looked into by Trustee Bud House and Bill Kemper.

Permission for the excursion has been granted by the owner, Col. Donald Randell of Pineland, but transportation is complicated by the extremely shallow water surrounding the important site.

High water is expected about mid-afternoon on the projected date, but a shallow draft vessel still will be required. House expects to have more news at the March 15 general meeting.

THE NEWSLETTER'S NEW LOOK

They say that people who live a long time together start to resemble one another -- that even master and dog come to look alike. The editor and the computer which has composed the Newsletter have been together for several years, but this week a major part of the machine is back in the factory for restorative work, so the publication is appearing thanks to Lynn Lee's typewriter.

The computer part that's missing? The memory bank.

BONITA BAY, OTHER,  
CONTRIBUTIONS EASE THE WAY

Treasurer Jack Thompson announces with a smile that Bonita Bay Properties, Inc., has made a donation of \$300 to our coffers. SWFAS has made walking surveys of much of the development, and has done plane-table surveys of some interesting features. Material from test pits there is under analysis, and a summary history of the area has been prepared.

On order are two books to help workers at the Craighead lab identify bones, thanks to a donation of Virginia Read.

Retiring President John Beriault has contributed a classic to the lab's working collection, Ceramics for the Archaeologist by Anna O. Shepard.

And Louis and Joan Franks, Jr., Minotola, N.J., who winter on Pine Island, made a generous donation with their dues check.

SORT AND SAVE FOR SWFAS'  
SPRING GARAGE SALE

Is there a baker in your home?

A suggestion has been made that the spring garage sale include baked goods contributed by members, Treasurer Jack Thompson reported at the March 7 board of directors meeting.

The question will be discussed at the general meeting March 15. Barbara Logie is chairman of the event.

In any event, Thompson urged members to start setting aside unused materials for the sale.