

# NEWSLETTER

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## "SILENT CITY" OF HINDU KUSH TO BE SUBJECT OF TALK

One of the Near East's major archaeological sites will be described to SWFAS members at their meeting Wednesday, September 15, at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center; the program, starting at 7:30 p.m., will be preceded by a social period.

Member Jim Long and Ron Tougas of Naples will show slides and recite the history of the valley of Bamian, Afghanistan on the Hindu Kush, once the site of a major Buddhist center and a place they call the world's best kept secret. It is northwest of Kabul. The valley's rock walls contain the largest image made of the Buddha, and are pockmarked by cells carved out of the stone for monks.

Long and Tougas visited the site separately while in the area for other purposes.

The valley has been called the "silent city", because of its residents' having been slain by Ghengis Khan. Partial destruction of the religious statuary is attributed to Aurangzeb in 1645.

Mailed with this Newsletter is a form with which one can apply to enter a short course in beginning archaeology being offered during Archaeology Week by Edison community college.

The verso has information on hours and days at both the Collier and Lee county campuses.

## SWFAS WRAPS UP PREPARATIONS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK EVENTS

### *Half the Bonita Bay Material Sorted; Work is Continuing*

About half the nearly 80 bags of material excavated from a Late Archaic horseshoe-shaped construction at Bonita Bay has been processed at the Craighead lab, estimates Walt Buschelman, who is coordinating the work.

The material, mostly shell, came from test pits sunk along the line of a road which will cut through part of the unusual formation, most of which is being preserved as a park. The exploration was done by a team of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. Tentative date for the construction is about 1500 B.C.

SWFAS has undertaken analysis of the material for the Conservancy, which has offered a substantial contribution.

August 22 twenty one members started the task, sorting through 13 bags of material, most of which was shell, with a small content of catfish and pin fish bone.

The work is continuing Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. Participants have included John Beriault, Walt and Mary Buschelman, Val Flanigan, Jo Ann Grey, Barb and Chuck Hostetler, Bud and Shirley House, Art and Lynn Lee, Jim Long, Melvin and Jackie Milstein, Suzanne Morrow, P.W. Qualls, Terry Sachko, Ray Seguin, Doris Smith, Dr. Aubrey and Dolores Sparks, Ev Uhlinger, and Eleanore Young. Uhlinger won honors for farthest distance traveled, coming from Venice for the event.

### FAIRS, EXCURSION, TALKS ON SCHEDULE

The stage is set for SWFAS' participation in Florida's first Archaeology Week. Highlights include:

Archaeology fairs at Ft. Myers Historical Museum Sunday Oct. 3, and at the Collier County Museum Sunday Oct. 10. There will be demonstrations of twining fishing net cordage by Dr. Robin Brown, pottery making by David Meo, net weaving by Mitchell Hope using an aboriginal gauge, identification of audience members' artifacts by SWFAS members, and flint knapping by Dick Workman.

Also at Ft. Myers, there will be a talk at 2 p.m. by Archaeologist Marion Almy on excavation of a Civil war cemetery. Other activities will continue there until 4 p.m.

Hours for the fair at Naples will be 1 to 4 p.m., with largely the same participants. The Naples fair will include an open house at the Craighead laboratory.

Exhibits of Calusa tools will be placed in libraries in both counties; their legends have been beautifully mounted by Ray Seguin.

Posters prepared by the state Archaeology Week committee will be distributed to libraries and schools, as will handbills advertising local Archaeology Week events, and commemorative bookmarks.

Tuesday morning, Sept. 28, President Bud House is to receive from the Board of Collier County Commissioners a declaration designating Oct. 3-10 as Collier County Archaeology Week. A similar  
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**SWFAS DIRECTORATE**

President, Wayne House; first vice president, John Beriault; second vice president, P.W. Qualls; treasurer, Jack Thompson; secretary, Sylvia Ansay; membership secretary, Lynn Lee; trustees: Walt and Mary Buschelman, Linda Robinson, Ray Seguin, Annette Snapp, Charlie Strader, Reed Toomey, Dr. Keith Waterhouse; committees: field, Beriault; public relations, Dorothy Thompson; lab, Buschelman, Jean Belknap, Art Lee.

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event is planned for a week later in Lee county.

Sunday, Oct. 10 John Beriault is to conduct a guided tour of Mound Key. The tour is offered by Charlie Weeks of Estero Bay Boat Tours with whom reservations can be made at 992-2200. Charge will be \$15.

Talks will be made during the week by Jack Thompson, Beriault and Art Lee at libraries in the two counties.

Short courses in beginning archaeology are being offered by Edison college both in Lee and Collier counties, with Corbett Torrence as instructor.

**NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL FILM SERIES SLATED**

*Archaeology* magazine has announced a second season of weekly programs based on its articles. The 13-part series, titled *Archaeology*, will be shown on The Learning Channel Thursdays at 8 and 11 p.m. EST, with encores Sunday nights at 9. Dates are:

- Sept. 30, *Last of the Mohicans*
- Oct. 7, *A Cave Beneath the Sea*
- Oct. 14, *Lost Treasures of Troy*
- Oct. 21, *Search for the Merrimac*
- Oct. 28, *Lost City of the Aegean*
- Nov. 4, *Unearthing the Slave*

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- Nov. 11, *The Forbidden Goddess*
- Nov. 18, *Forgotten Mummies*
- Nov. 25, *Mysteries of Easter*

Island

- Dec. 2, *Cannibals!*
- Dec. 9, *Lot's Cave*
- Dec. 16, *City of the Gods*
- Jan. 6, 1994, *Ice-Age Crossings*

**FLORIDA'S ARCHAIC SUBJECT OF TALK**

A new perspective on the Archaic period in Florida's prehistory will be described to a general audience at a lecture Monday, October 4, being offered as a part of the Archaeology Week observance.

Speaker will be Dr. David Dickel, a physical anthropologist who directed field work at the Windover site in northeast Florida which turned up much new evidence on the period.

A wide range of audiences has enjoyed his observations on finds there, and at other sites. His presentation is richly illustrated with slides and, while technically exciting, is relished by popular audiences, which have ranged from Florida to Australia and Yugoslavia

His research on physical remains of the Windover residents and others has been published in *Nature*, *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, *The Journal of Paleopathology*, and other publications.

Analysis of human remains provides insight into the adaptation of a people, he holds, especially the interaction of culture and biology.

Dr. Dickel will speak at the Conservancy's Nature Center, 1450 Merrihue drive, which is off 14th Avenue North, Naples, a block east of Goodlette road. His appearance is made possible by cooperation of the Conservancy, the Collier County Museum, and SWFAS.

The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m.; no admission will be charged.

Dr. Dickel has directed a number of explorations in Southwest Florida, including the Oak Knoll Sand Mound at Bonita Bay, and a major Calusa complex at Ortona.

Scientists and lay groups around the world have been intrigued by the Windover discoveries. Preserved by having been immersed in water, the finds included fine cloth crafted from native plant fibers, wood, bone and antler tools. Human tissue recovered has permitted DNA experimentation with far-reaching results.

**WELCOME TO SWFAS!**

The Society has welcomed to membership Barbara H. Creason of Naples.

**The DATEBOOK**

At the Craighead lab, corner of U.S.41 and Airport road, Naples, work on the Bonita Bay material will continue at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

\* Wednesday, Sept. 15, monthly meeting at Bonita Springs Recreation Center; gavel at 7:30 p.m.

\* Sunday, Oct. 3, Archaeology Fair at Ft. Myers Historical Museum, 2 p.m.

\* Monday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. at Conservancy Nature Center, Naples, talk by Dr. David Dickel.

\* Sunday, Oct. 10, Archaeology Fair at Collier County Museum starting 1 p.m.

At 9 a.m., tour of Mound Key

**ARCHAEOLOGIST JOHN GRIFFIN DIES**

One of the major figures in Florida archaeology, John W. Griffin, died Sept. 3 at his home in St. Augustine at 73.

A graduate of the University of Florida, Griffin earned a master's degree in archaeology from the University of Chicago. In 1946 he became the first archaeologist employed by the State of Florida. He later served as assistant professor for the University of Florida before being appointed regional archaeologist for the National Park Service, where he was employed from 1958 to 1971..

In 1951 with Historian Mark Boyd he studied the remains of a Spanish mission at San Luis near Tallahassee; their book *Here They Once Stood* served as a model in urban archaeology.

At times he worked with Dr. Frank C. Craighead, Sr., scientist for whom the SWFAS laboratory is named, in studies of the Everglades National Park, and contributed a large picture of Dr. Craighead to the Collier County Museum. One of his crowning achievements was publication in 1988 of a book on the park's archaeology.

He attended the annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society in Naples several years ago, and was honored at its 1992 meeting in St. Augustine.

