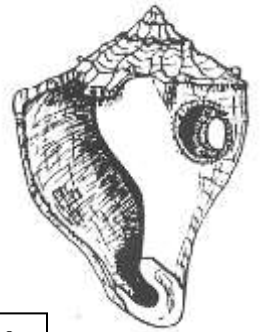


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NEWSLETTER

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organizations have the same goals of disseminating knowledge and fostering the preservation of those things important to us all in Southwest Florida. There are many exciting projects and areas of cooperation in which we hope to engage our mutual efforts.

We should be meeting in Building AB3, Room 116 (see map of campus, page four, this issue). We have had the last general meeting scheduled at the Bonita Springs Community center, now our group will move to FGCU. See you there!

IT'S OFFICIAL: FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY WILL BE OUR NEW MEETING PLACE!

It's now official: as of January, 2001, we will be holding our general meetings at our new regional university, FGCU! We believe this is an excellent match.

Miami River around the turn of the century: This postcard taken c. 1905, shows Seminole Indians traveling upriver towards the Everglades, probably after visiting the Brickell Trading Post at the mouth of the River on the south bank (not far from the future discovery of the Miami Circle). Note the sail rigged on one of the canoes. The Miami River was a major highway in prehistory and the not-to-distant past between the coast and the Everglades.

Not only is the university centrally (and conveniently) located off Exits 19 and 20 of I-75, but our two

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THE DATE BOOK

December 17th SWFAS Board Meeting – to be held concurrently with Picnic

December 17th – SWFAS Picnic 10:30 AM, Collier County Museum, bring a dish to share

January 17th, 2001 General Meeting and Election of Officers – HELD AT FGCU MAIN CAMPUS – TAKE EXITS 19 OR 20 EAST OF I-75 (SEE MAP THIS ISSUE)

About SWFAS

The directorate: President John G. Beriault, first vice president Betsy Perdichizzi, second vice president Don Taggart, membership secretary Charlie Strader, treasurer Charlie Strader, recording secretary Jo Ann Grey, directors Steve Tutko, Sue Long, Dottie Thompson, Jo Ann Grey, Charles Dugan, Jack Thompson, Tom Franchino, John Beriault and Charlie Strader.

The committees: Field: Beriault, 434-0624; Hospitality: position open; Membership: Brenda Hamilton; Publicity: Dottie Thompson, 597-2269; Sales: Valerie Flanigan, 262-8394; Finances, Jack Thompson 597-2269, 774-8517; Lab: (774-8517), Art Lee, 261-4939, Walt Buschelman, 775-9734, Jack Thompson, 597-2269.

To Join: Address your check to the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 9965, Naples, FL 34101. Dues are: Individual \$20, Individual Sustaining \$50.00, Family \$35, Student \$15.

Any questions, comments, contributions to the Newsletter: John G. Beriault, acting editor, P.O. Box 9074, Naples, FL 34101-9074 or Email to: JGBeriault@aol.com.

DUES ARE DUE!

Friends, it's that time of year again to remind you that SWFAS membership dues are due and payable January 1st, 2001. We're not like the phone or power company – can't remind you by turning off the utility. We hope you will see this notice and sit right down and send us a check payable to the **Southwest Florida Archaeological Society**, P.O. Box 9965, Naples, FL 34101-9965. As a group we've had a positive impact in informing people, preserving our historic and prehistoric resources, and just plain enjoying each other's company and having a good time! Please help us by staying with us and sending in your dues. Thanks!

ELLIS PLACE ARTICLE FOLLOW-UP

In our last issue we ran a fascinating and very well-researched article by Phyllis Kolianos about her quest for the determination of the "Ellis Place", a site on Sanibel Island visited by Frank Hamilton Cushing in the late 1800's. I am pleased to report that Phyllis has contacted and informed me that, as the result of the article, two different people have given her

useful information that pinpoints the location of Capt. Ellis' "Place". We can only hope Phyllis will send us more of these incisive articles about that fascinating archaeologist Mr. Cushing and his early investigations in our region.

SLATE OF OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR 2001

The Board of Directors at their November 8th meeting has developed a slate of officers for the coming year: Betsy Perdichizzi for President, Don Taggart for Vice President, Jo Ann Grey for Secretary, and Charlie Strader for Treasurer. We are in need of suggestions for up to three directors to replace those who are outgoing. If you would like to be a member of the "inner circle" or know someone who you believe is qualified please contact one of the SWFAS officers or board members.

NEW REPORT BY A NEW REPORTER!

I'm pleased to present a renewal of our Craighead Lab Report. Ella May Ablahat regretfully had to leave our area – and so, her reporting of the events and accomplishments “out at the lab” ceased. Betsy McCarthy has very kindly agreed to continue in this very important tradition of keeping the rest of us informed. Here is her article:

CRAIGHEAD LAB REPORT

By Betsy McCarthy

Since Ella May Ablahat has left us, the lab is really a mess--she really held us together! Now we've divided up her duties among the rest of the "lab rats". I'm trying out the reporter's hat, so here goes---

The Museum's Old Florida Festival was a rousing success, as was the Lab open house. We could have used some extra help and hope everyone will consider giving us an hour or so next time. Art Lee and Jack Thompson are still working on the paper for Horse Creek Camp. The end may be near. Not so for the Chokoloskee site work. Jean Belknap and Jan Gooding are plowing through billions and billions of pottery sherds--sorting,

grouping, weighing - (and mumbling).

Jack has been pretty busy, not only at the lab and other duties, but since Dottie Thompson broke her leg and is really laid up, he is chief cook and bottle washer at home.

On Nov. 18, Jean Belknap, Jan Gooding and Betsy McCarthy are going to the Randell Research Center to take the tour.

We again extend an invitation to all of the SWFAS members, friends and family to drop in at the Lab. any Tuesday or Thursday morning. We welcome visitors AND workers.

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DARCIE MACMAHAN GIVES WONDERFUL PRESENTATION AT NOVEMBER 15th MEETING

The people that were fortunate enough to attend our November general meeting were treated to a fascinating presentation by Darcie MacMahan, Exhibit Coordinator at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Ms. Mahan is a trained archaeologist who has lent her many talents to helping create an amazing permanent display that focuses on the Indians of our area and Man's interaction with the

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Environment over the last six (or so) thousand years.

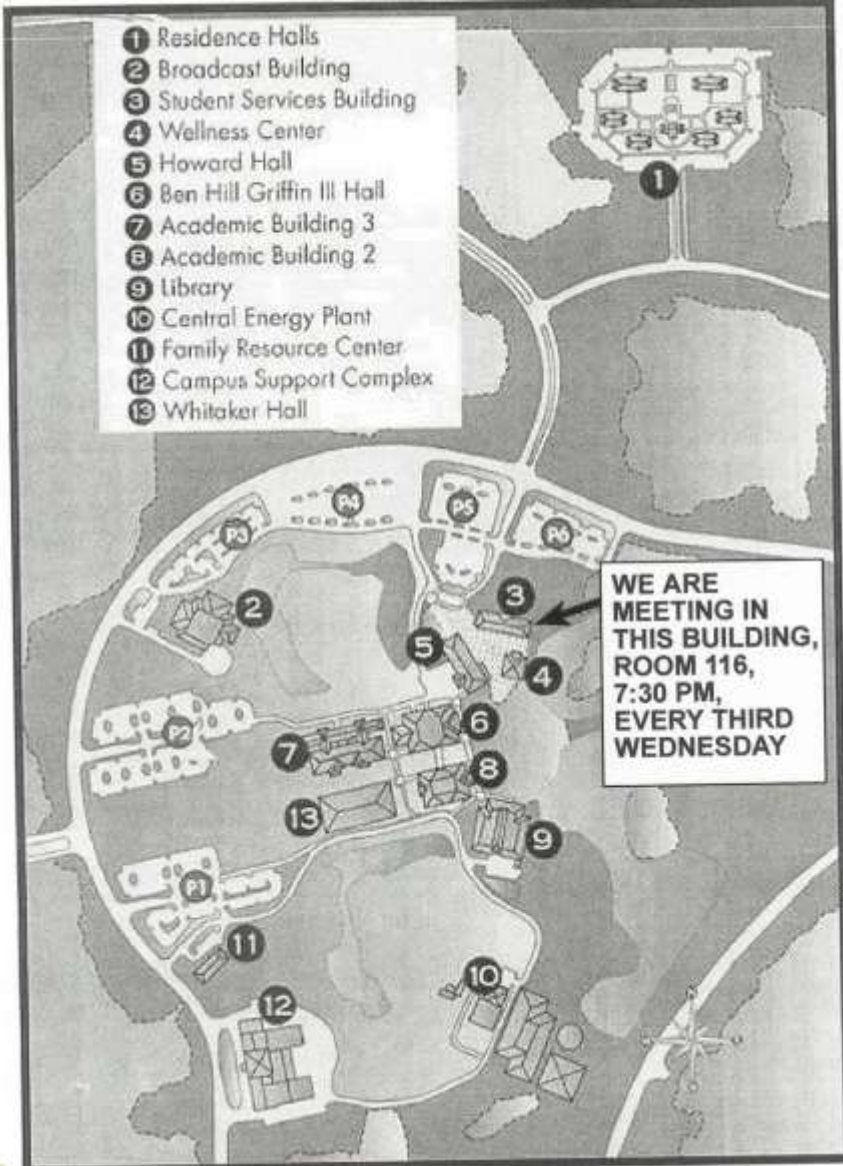
The painstaking, exciting, and at the same time, tedious work was well documented in an excellently presented series of slides showing how the new Museum facility in Gainesville is being constructed and the amazing work and artistry being marshaled to create the exhibits. An example: over 30,000 mangrove leaves are being molded from clear plastic, each cut out by hand, and then spray painted.

Much of the material that will be featured is from the work of Bill Marquardt, Karen Jo Walker and others of the Randall Research facility at Pineland. Some of objects collected by Frank Hamilton Cushing at Key Marco in 1896 will also be exhibited. The displays will be geared to all levels of interest and "speed" of viewing – I believe “studiers, strollers, and streakers” were mentioned. Apparently all three groups can benefit from the lay-out which is being fine-tuned constantly.

Darcie MacMahan has indicated that SWFAS would be welcome to come tour the facility (particularly if a few of us wouldn't mind helping cut out some leaves!). Are we interested? I bet those that saw the presentation are ready for a road trip!

THE DECEMBER 17TH SWFAS PICNIC IS AT HAND

This is the final notice of our plans to hold our annual December Picnic, Sunday, December 17th, at 10:30 AM, on the grounds of the Collier County Museum, east of the Collier County Government Center in East Naples. Hopefully, by now, you have signed the sheet circulating at the last general meeting and are bringing a covered dish to share with the rest of us. We also need some kind person to bring disposable plates and paper napkins, plastic forks, spoons, knives- enough for the three dozen or so people who might come. Those of you who have attended these picnics in the past know how pleasant they are. You can get in a lot more companionable visiting with your friends and co-members than at any other SWFAS function. Even if you have not had an opportunity to sign up to bring something, come anyway, and surprise us by bringing something toothsome you know we'd like. It'll be great to see and talk with you!



MAP OF THE FLORIDA GULF COAST
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SHOWING THE BUILDING
IN WHICH WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS