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DECEMBER FIELD TRIP DECEMBER 20, 2003

Instead of a regular meeting, we will visit the Miami area to see several very important archaeological sites, have a pleasant lunch and see the Historical Museum. Bob Carr will be our host.

10:30 AM : Meet at Brickell Park located between SE 5th and 6th streets. Park in the Sheraton Hotel parking garage next to Brickell Park. The tour will include the Tequesta cemetery at Brickell Park, the Miami Circle Parcel and One Miami Parcel.

12:00 to 1:00 PM: Lunch at a local restaurant.

1:00 to 3:00 PM: Tour the Historical Museum.

If you haven't made a reservation, call 239-597-2269 to leave your name, telephone number and choice of: drive yourself, need a ride or willingness to share your ride.

Directions included in this newsletter.

CRAIGHEAD LAB REPORT

By Jack Thompson

We lab rats are mighty busy. When we should be analyzing pottery, shell tools or animal bones, we find ourselves searching for files, reference books or previous reports. Files are a mess and could be better

organized. Our books don't have a system. We would welcome someone with office experience who would be a valuable team member. Call Jack at 239-597-2269 or e-mail jwtdlt@aol.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2003

The Board voted to hold the 2004 Archaeological Festival at the Collier County Museum on March 27. At this time Charlie Strader, Corbett Torrence and Jack Thompson are on the planning committee. Our goal is to draw a bigger crowd than last year. Volunteers to work with us are welcome.

The field trip for December was discussed. There will be no regular monthly meeting in December.

Members are welcome at board meetings at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Hampton Inn in Bonita Springs at the corner of US 41 and Bonita Beach Road.

NOVEMBER MEETING

By Liz Clement

Lori Collins spoke at the November meeting on "GIS APPROACH TO HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY"

AT INDIAN KEY HISTORIC STATE PARK IN THE FLORIDA KEYS”.

Indian Key is an 11 acre island, accessible by boat, which became a State Park in the 1970's.

Early occupations on the island were;wrecking in the 1830's, ship building in the 1860's and there is speculation that water may have been sold to passing ships.

Lori's study began in 1998. She used original grids showing streets and where houses had been using GIS and compared them to old grids and drawings.

She also found that there had been slaves on the island as shown by glass beads and burial grounds.

Also found were kitchen areas, water cisterns, bottles, an 1849 coin, pipes, plates (ceramic form 1842-1850).

Also evidence was found of military presence; civil war bottle and buttons, and ammunition.

Her study showed how the landscape had changed over time and how the people had lived.

FROM THE FORT MYERS NEWS-PRESS – OCTOBER 17,2003 BY KEVIN LOLLAR

NEW ARCHAEOLOGIST TO FIND SHIPWRECKS.

...After almost 50 years of doing world-class research in marine biology – first as Cape Haze Marine Laboratory and then as Mote – The lab has hired a nautical archaeologist, whose first job will be to look for shipwrecks in Charlotte Harbor.

Bringing an archaeologist on board fits into Mote's extensive five-year

Charlotte Harbor Initiative, during which scientists are studying virtually every aspect of the estuary's biology. J. Coz Cozzi, a former research associate at the University of West Florida's Maritime Archaeology Institute, also will work on sunken ships in the Keys from Mote's field station on Summerland Key.

Cozzi's credentials include serving as field director of the Emanuel Point Shipwreck Excavation off Pensacola. When Cozzi starts scouring Charlotte Harbor with a magnetometer and side-scan sonar, probably sometime this winter, he'll be looking for any kind of vessel, including sunken Spanish Cuban fishing boats, and 19th Century schooners and steamships.

There's not a lot of good records of shipwrecks in that area,"Cozzi said. "Its not unusual for an area that was a sleepy backwater port to not have good historical records, but that's the value of archaeology: Why go out if the historical record tells you everything?"

Eventually, Cozzi might look for evidence in the harbor of paleo-Indians, who lived in the area during the last Ice Age, when the coast was about 200 miles west of Sanibel.

"Charlotte Harbor, thousands of years ago was out of the water in some places, so there's a very good likelihood of paleo-Indian artifacts underwater," he said. "There's no way to detect Those sorts of things by remote sensing, but I hoope to do some divews to see if we can't find something."...

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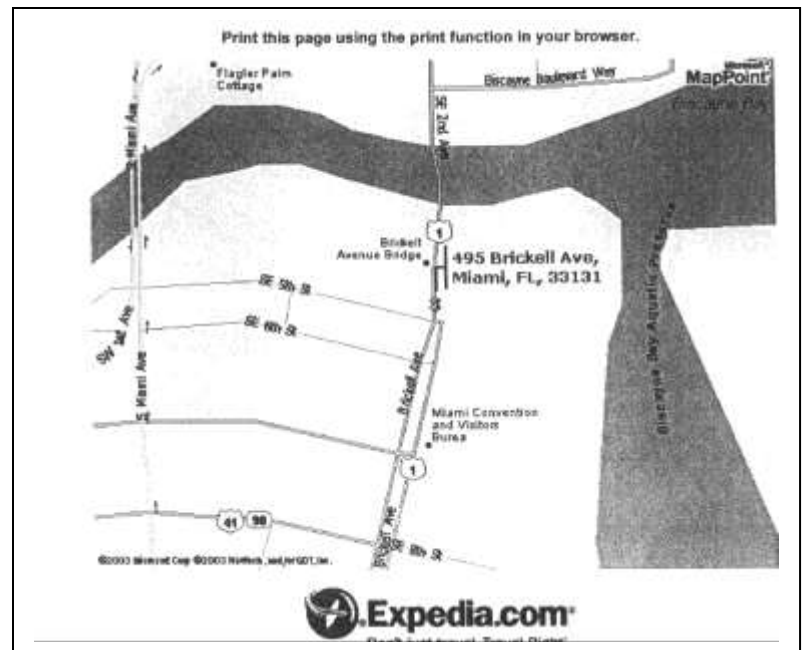
Dues are: Individual-\$20.

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CLOSE-UP MAP OF DEC. FIELD- TRIP DESTINATION



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