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JUNE SWFAS MEETING

The June meeting of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society will be on June 16, 2004. We will meet in room 109 Ben Hill Griffen building at 7:30 pm with refreshments served at 7:00 pm.

The speaker will be John Paeno, the new operations manager of Randell Research Center on Pine Island.

John was recently second in command of Fort Ontario New York State Historic Site on the Oswego River in Central New York. He has done research and restoration on a cemetery site reputed to be part of the Underground Railroad.

John moved to Bokeelia in October with his family.

SWFAS MEMBERS AND THE CHAPTER RECEIVE AWARDS

Jo Ann Gray and Betsy McCarthy received awards for their contributions to SWFAS. Jack Thompson received their awards for them and was told to stay on the platform. SWFAS won the Chapter Award. The citations are printed in this issue. All members can take credit for the Chapter Award.

FAS CHAPTER AWARD

"The following is the text for the SWFAS awards including the Chapter Award. Please convey my congratulations to the members of a truly remarkable chapter.

All the Best,

Sheila Stewart"

The sixth recipient of the Florida Anthropological Society Chapter Award is the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) for their "outstanding achievements in site preservation and study, field and lab work, and public education."

SWFAS incorporated in January 1980, and soon was helping conduct salvage work at the Bay West Site, a Middle Archaic Period burial pond reported in *The Florida Anthropologist* in 1981. Since then, SWFAS has promoted site preservation and a great deal of archaeological research. A pride of SWFAS is the Craighead Archaeological Laboratory on the grounds of the Collier County Museum, in Naples, where collections are housed and the public can see lab analysis in action.

Every March during the last decade, SWFAS has promoted archaeologi-

cal education during Archaeology Month. Speakers and tours of the Craighead Laboratory are highlights of these activities. The chapter's regular monthly meetings feature a variety of topics focused on Florida.

Heroic, sustained efforts by SWFAS member Art Lee led to the adoption of an Historic Preservation Ordinance in Collier County in 1991. The ordinance created the Collier County Historic Preservation Board, on which several SWFAS members have served. Work by the Board and SWFAS members led to salvage excavations at the doomed Satin Leaf Site, an Archaic Period site on a Marco Island dune ridge. Earlier chapter efforts helped investigate and protect the Mulberry Midden and Heineken Hammock sites. In its first decade, SWFAS recorded more than 100 sites in the Florida Master Site File.

SWFAS field projects produce detailed lab reports, which have generated publications about Mulberry Midden, Stain Leaf, and Heineken Hammock in *The Florida Anthropologist* in 1993, 1997 and 1998. SWFAS members have worked with many professional archaeologists in southwestern Florida, including Carr, Dickel, Luer, Marquardt, Masson, Newman, Russo, Schober, Torrence, Walker, Weisman, Widmer and Worth. For example, SWFAS members assisted archaeologist Randolph Widmer in salvage work at Old Marco in 1995 and again at the Olde Marco Inn in 1998 and 1999.

By working with the Miami-based Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, SWFAS has helped

salvage and protect sites, such as the Oak Knoll Mound and Bonita Shellworks in Bonita Bay. By working with the State of Florida and Florida Museum of Natural History, longtime SWFAS members Pat and Don Randell preserved Josslyn Island and much of Pineland. Recently, SWFAS member Bud House has been working through The Calusa Land Trust to preserve parts of the Pine Island Canal.

In 1996, SWFAS helped display the Smithsonian Institution's "Key Marco Cat" at the Collier County Museum. It was the star of a Centennial Exhibit about Cushing and Sawyer's Work at Key Marco. SWFAS hosted FAS Annual Meetings in 1990 and 2000.

SWFAS Members have been active in FAS at the state level. Several have served as FAS Presidents and in other offices on the FAS Board. Jack Thompson has been particularly devoted, serving as FAS Treasurer for a decade, followed by two terms as FAS President. SWFAS members have helped FAS run harmoniously as an outstanding democratic, educational organization. It is my pleasure to present this year's chapter award to the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society.

JO ANN GRAY

Jo Ann Gray is a long time SWFAS member and serves as their recording secretary. Her professional experience gives the Society minutes that meet all requirements of the State of Florida. She has worked on SWFAS digs and at special

occasions such as Archaeology Days and The Collier County Museums' Olde Florida Days, which allowed the Society to meet their goal of educating the public. It is my pleasure to present this certificate of achievement to Jo Ann Gray.

ELIZABETH "BETSY" McCARTHY

Elizabeth "Betsy" McCarthy joined the SWFAS volunteers at the Craighead Archaeology Laboratory in 1997. As an artist and art teacher, she brought unique skills. Each and every artifact is drawn to scale, freehand. SWFAS finds that these pictures print much better than photographs in their reports. At the same time she is a willing participant in all the Society's endeavors. It is my pleasure to present this certificate of achievement to Betsy McCarthy.

JULY FIELD TRIP

On July 17 our members and friends will tour the Pine Island site, a major Calusa village. Plan to be there at 10:00 am. Details will be in the July newsletter.

SNORKELERS MAY HAVE CAUSED HOLES IN SPRING

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DELEON SPRINGS – The small depressions that closed the DeLeon Springs swimming area last week may have been caused by artifact thieves run out of the park a day

earlier rather than the sinkholes that had been suspected.

A park ranger on patrol late last Wednesday saw three snorkelers "fanning" in the spring pool, said Park Manager Steve Banton. "We call them pot hunters or heritage robbers. They sort of float on top of the water, let their legs hang down and fan the bottom with their flippers looking for artifacts."

The park ranger ordered the snorkelers to leave the park immediately, but wasn't on duty the next morning when swimmers reported the small holes in the swimming area.

One swimmer said she thought she saw one of the depressions cave in, Banton said. "So, to err on the side of caution, we closed it down."

A geological consultant who examined the bottom of the spring pool Saturday said no movement had occurred except where it would be expected – at the cavern where the spring boil flows from the ground. So the pool was reopened for swimming.

Artifact collectors looking for such treasures as pottery shards, fossilized teeth and arrowheads, have been a problem for state land managers for years. Many of the state's springs, including DeLeon, are even listed on an internet site that promotes artifact hunting.

But such collecting is illegal on state-owned property, said Dana Bryan, who oversees natural and cultural resources for all the state parks.

Metal detectors are banned in most cases and archaeological exploration

requires a permit from both the park service and the state's historical division, Bryan said.

ABOUT SWFAS –

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MUMIFIED LION UNCOVERED IN EGYPT

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3395487>

by Paul Rincon

Archaeologists have unearthed the first example of a lion mummified by the ancient Egyptians, in the tomb of the woman who helped rear King Tutankhamun.

Although the breeding and burial of lions as sacred animals in Egypt is mentioned by ancient sources, to date no one had found a mummified specimen.

The male lion is amongst the largest known to science and its bones show it lived to an old age in captivity.

The lion was found in a tomb at Saqqara in northern Egypt belonging to Maia, wet nurse to Tutankhamun, who was buried in about 1430 BC.

Alan Lloyd, professor of classics and ancient history at the University of Wales, Swansea, told BBC News Online “The lion is a creature that has a long association with the king (of Egypt).

“The king was thought of as a lion and as having the qualities of a lion. The qualities the Egyptians were interested in, of course, were martial.

“I think this should be regarded as an expression of Egyptian nationalism,” said Professor Lloyd.



During the last few centuries BC, the site at Saqqara where the lion was buried was dedicated to the feline goddess Bastet.

The lion was found lying on a rock with its head turned north and its body oriented toward the east.

