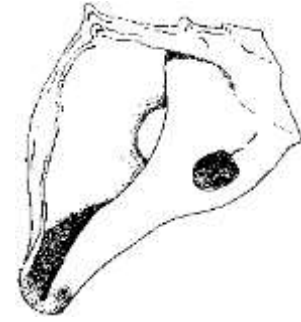


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DECEMBER 11 FIELD TRIP TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The December field trip will be at the Ortona Mound State Park about 9 miles northeast of La Belle, FL. To reach it, travel to La Belle on either State Road 80 (30 miles from Fort Myers) or State Road 29 (66 miles from Naples). Cross the Caloosahatchee River Bridge at La Belle and continue north on S.R. 29 about 3.8 miles. Turn right (east) onto S.R. 78 and go about 6.0 miles. Passing the road to Ortona Locks Recreation Area, continue another 0.7 mile east.

Look on the left (north) side of the road for a large white sign as shown in the map below.

Turn left (north) at the sign and follow shell road Chiaha Lane 0.2 mile to the grass parking lot. Meet there at 11:00 AM, Saturday December 11, 2004. The group will walk east into the park.

Bob Carr, our speaker in November, will be our guide.

Bring your lunch, water, sunscreen, etc. (You all know the drill.)

CRAIGHEAD LAB REPORT

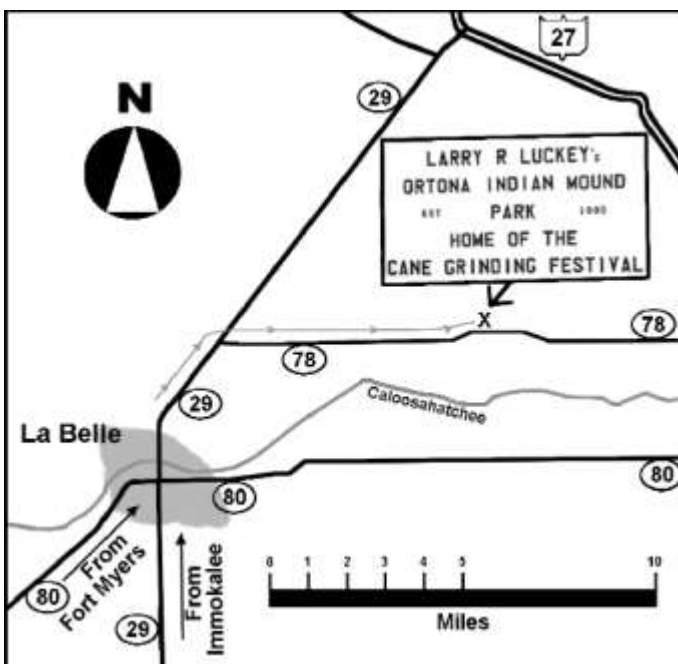
We are currently writing a report on the Strader Site. Also we are sorting material for display for our visitors, and reviewing workbooks of projects for further reports.

Again we wait for more Old Marco Inn material to arrive.

Elizabeth Clement's name will be joining others on our "wall of fame" who have worked more than 200 hours. Thanks for all your time, Liz.

"STORIES BURIED IN THE GROUND": THE TRAIL OF THE LOST TRIBES 2005 SPEAKER SERIES

Beginning in the spring of 2005, the third Trail of the Lost Tribes speaker series will promote awareness of Florida's prehistory.



Briefly, the Trail Speaker Series:

February 12, 2005 at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center, St. Petersburg. Speaker: Archaeologist Robert J. Austin, Ph.D. "West Williams-Harney Flats, an Important Paleo-Archaic Archaeological Site..."

Contact: Kimberly Finn, Community Relations Director, 813-228-0097.

March 5, 2005, 11am and 2pm at the Science Center of Pinellas Co., St Petersburg. Speaker: Archaeologist Glen Doran, Ph.D. "Windover: Multidisciplinary Investigations of an Early Archaic Florida Cemetery..."

Contact: Susan S. Gordon, Executive Director, 727-384-0027.

April 23, 2005 at the Mound House, Ft Myers Beach, with guided tours of Mound Key in Estero Bay. Speaker: Archaeologist Corbett Torrence, M.A. "Caloosahatchee Landscapes: An Architectural Analysis of Coastal Mound Sites in South Florida"

Contact: Theresa Schober, M.A., 239-765-0865.

July 26, 2005 at the Brooksville City Council Chambers, Brooksville. Speaker: Archaeologist Lori D. Collins, M.A. "Prehistoric and Historic Trails across the Big Hammock..."

Contact: Virginia Jackson, 352-799-0129.

August 13, 2005 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel, Hollywood. Panel Discussion: Tina Marie Osceola, Executive Director, AH-THA-THI-KI Museum.

W.S. Bill Steele, Tribal Historic Preservation officer, Seminole Tribe of Florida

October 14, 2005 at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. Speaker: Judith Bense, Ph.D. "Spanish Colonial Presidios in West Florida:..."

Contact: William H. Marquardt, Ph.D., Curator in Archaeology, 352-392-1721.

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