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Michael Wylde on the Mound 5 Dig at Randell

At the April 21 SWFAS meeting in Bonita Springs, Michael Wylde of Randell Research Center will talk about the excavation in Mound 5 of the Pineland site. The meeting begins at 7:30; coffee and snacks are available at 7.

In late December 2009, the Randell Research Center was offered an opportunity to examine Mound 5 of the Brown's Mound Complex on property adjacent to RRC. Brown's Mound 1, the largest mound on the Pineland site, is thought to have been surrounded by five other mounds, forming a six-mound "complex." Mound 5 is indicated on a map drawn by Frank Hamilton Cushing in 1895, before twentieth-century land modifications began.

Work began with a 2-x-2-meter excavation on the northeast side of the mound. The first 40 cm contained historic material but below that appeared to be intact Calusa midden material.

Initial examination of the pottery shows a diverse assemblage of types from Lake Okeechobee, Tampa Bay and the St. Johns River basin as well as locally produced wares. Join us to hear the latest on this work from Michael Wylde, who is supervising the dig.

Michael has worked in New Mexico in the Canada Alamosa Project, in Mexico and Honduras as well as at the Pineland site. Beginning at the RRC as a volunteer, he was hired in January 2007, where he manages the bookstore, supervises all lab work done by volunteers and handles public education programs and site tours. Michael has a B.A. in Anthropology from Florida Gulf Coast University and will be entering the graduate program at the University of Florida at Gainesville this Fall.



Michael Wylde working on Mound 5.

No May SWFAS Meeting in Bonita Springs

The May SWFAS meeting will be the FAS meeting. There will be no Bonita Springs meeting and there will be no May SWFAS newsletter.

REGISTRATION FORM
2010 Florida Anthropological Society Meeting
May 7-8, 2010
Historic Fort Myers, Florida

Name (please type or print): _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Work phone: _____ Home or cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

FAS member? Yes ___ No ___ Chapter Affiliation: _____

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| 1. Full Registration (until April 7, 2010*) | _____ \$50 |
| Student registration (until April 7, 2010*) | _____ \$30 |
| 2. FAS Reception at Mound House | |
| Friday Evening, May 7, 2010, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. | _____ Free |
| FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards Presentation | |
| Bus departs from Harborside, Downtown Fort Myers | |
| 3. FAS Banquet in Historic Fort Myers | |
| Saturday evening, May 8, 2010 | |
| Keynote speaker: Dr. Jerald T. Milanich | _____ \$50 |
| 4. Workshop on Flatbed scanner use for artifact imagery, led by Louis Tesar | |
| Friday Afternoon, 3:30p.m. -6:00p.m. | _____ Free |
| Seven Seas, Southwest Regional FPAN Center, Fort Myers Beach | |
| 5. Calusa Heritage Trail, Randell Research Center at Pineland | |
| Sunday Morning, May 10, 9:00-Noon | |
| Bus Departs from Harborside, Downtown Fort Myers | _____ \$15 |
| 6. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Big Cypress Seminole Reservation | |
| Sunday, May 10, 9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. | |
| Bus Departs from Harborside, Downtown Fort Myers | _____ \$20 |
| (includes box lunch) | |

Registration and payment due by April 7, 2010

7. Donations to FAS 2010 Annual Meeting are most welcome. Thank you! \$ _____

8. Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail form with check payable to SWFAS to:

Southwest Florida Archaeological Society

Attn: FAS 2010 Conference

P.O. Box 9965, Naples, FL 34101

E-mail questions to: theresa@fortmyersbeachfl.gov

* For on-site registration, \$5 will be added to the conference registration fee.

2010 FAS Annual Meeting To Be Hosted by SWFAS

SWFAS is hosting the 62nd annual FAS meeting will be held May 7-9 at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

Schedule

Friday, May 7: Meetings for FAS, FAC and FPAN boards, committees and membership are scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon in Harborside Event Center meeting rooms.

Friday at noon FPAN is hosting a walking tour of historic Fort Myers led by Marion M. Almy, president of Archaeological Consultants, Inc. Learn about the location of the original fort of Fort Myers on this FPAN tour, which will be open to the general public and is being held in association with the FAS conference. Please register for the walking tour when you arrive on Friday morning at the Harborside Event Center.

On Friday afternoon, Louis Tesar of the Bureau of Archaeological Research will present a workshop on how to prepare high quality digital images of artifacts for publications, posters, and presentations using a flatbed scanner. The workshop will be held at the historic Seven Seas building at Newton Park in Fort Myers Beach, the new home of the Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network. The Friday evening FAS reception and FAC Stewards of Heritage Awards Presentation will be at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach with an opportunity to view the newly completed walk-in shell mound exhibit. Bus transportation to and from the reception is included in your conference registration and will depart from the Harborside Event Center.

Saturday, May 8: Papers and posters will be presented morning and afternoon at Harborside Event Center. The deadline for abstracts and poster proposals is February 12, 2010. Vendors with books and other wares will be available at the event center. Lunch is on your own on Saturday and many small restaurants are nearby, or pick up a sandwich and stroll by the river.

The FAS Annual Business Meeting and FAS New Board Meeting will follow the paper sessions on Saturday.

Saturday night's banquet will be held at the City Pier on the river in downtown Fort Myers. Now housing the Art of the Olympians, FAS banquet attendees will get a sneak peak at the new exhibit. Featured speaker is Dr. Jerald T. Milanich,

If you would like to volunteer to help with FAS 2010, we need you! Please call (239-784-3014) or e-mail (katiesbetz@gmail.com) Katie Betz and let her know.

Curator Emeritus in Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History on "Adventures in the Everglades: Anthropologist Alanson Skinner's 1910 Expedition to the Seminole Indians." In 1910, the American Museum of Natural History sent Alanson Skinner on an expedition to the Seminole Indians to garner information and secure a collection of material culture. Skinner's resulting article is one of the first ethnographic studies of the Seminole by a professional anthropologist. Recently, while engaged in other research at that museum, Milanech stumbled across the story behind the expedition, its planning and aftermath. A century later there is still much to be learned from the expedition, information that is also important to the Seminole Indians.

Sunday, May 9: You are encouraged to register for one of the two field trips offered on Sunday, to the Randell Research Center at Pineland or the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Museum.

The Randell Research Center at Pineland encompasses more than 50 acres on the western shore of Pine Island, a significant site which was inhabited by the Calusa for over 1,500 years. The Calusa Heritage Trail takes visitors to the massive shell mounds, canals, and other features of the Pineland archaeological site. The field trip to Randell Research Center at Pineland will be from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bus transportation is included with your field trip registration.

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is located on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation. The museum is owned and run by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and collects, preserves, protects and interprets Seminole culture and history. In addition to touring the excellent museum, participants will get an inside tour of the artifact conservation lab and hear about recent archaeological excavations by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office from Paul Backhouse, Deputy THPO, including recent work at Fort Shackelford. The field trip to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Museum will be from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Box lunch and bus transportation are included with your field trip registration.

SWFAS Newsletter by E-Mail

If you're online, you can get the SWFAS newsletter (with color photos!) sent to you as a PDF via e-mail. Many SWFAS members have already made the switch -- it saves quite a bit on printing and postage costs. If you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail, please note it on the sign-in sheet or let Charlie Strader, Theresa Schober or Karen Nelson know at the next meeting.

About SWFAS

The Directorate:

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If you would like to join SWFAS, please address your check to: The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society; P.O. Box 9965; Naples, FL 34101

Dues are: Individual - \$20; Sustaining - \$50; Family - \$35; Student \$15

Learn more about SWFAS at:

<http://www.explorationsinc.com/swfl-archaeology/index.html>

Board meetings are usually held prior to the regular meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Community Hall at 27381 Old U.S. 41 (by the banyan tree). All are welcome. Board meetings begin at 6 p.m. Regular meetings begin at 7:30 (with coffee served at 7).

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