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**SWFAS NEEDS YOU!**

Have you been to an interesting local or U.S. archaeological site? Have you been lucky enough to see or participate in archaeology abroad? Tell us about it! The SWFAS Newsletter is looking for member contributions!

Write us a paragraph (or two!) about your experiences or favorite topics and you

may see them in the next quarterly issue. We're looking for man-on-the-street reports, archaeological anecdotes, academic shorts, and more!

Got something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Tell us! Contact newsletter editor, Melissa Timo: [mtimo@fgcu.edu](mailto:mtimo@fgcu.edu) or 239-590-1476

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY  
SOCIETY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

**SWFAS ANNOUNCES 2012-2013 LECTURES**

SWFAS is pleased to announce its lecture series for the 2012-2013 season. All lectures are FREE and held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Community Hall (27381 Old U.S. 41). All are welcome! Refreshments are served at 7 p.m. and the lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. Spread the word! Bring a friend! Additional details about each speaker will follow in a separate flyer. Contact [asnapp@fgcu.edu](mailto:asnapp@fgcu.edu) for additional details.



October 17, 2012: **Nate Lawres** presents "Muskogean Warfare in the Contact Era"

November 14, 2012: **Gabrielle Vail** presents "De-Mystifying the Mayan Calendar"

December 8, 2012: **NO SPEAKER**- Annual SWFAS holiday field trip and picnic

January 16, 2013: **John Furey** presents "Shark tooth tools from the Boca Weir Site, Boca Raton"

February 20, 2013: **Steve Koski** presents "Sinkhole sites in SW Florida: Lehigh Spring, Little Salt Spring, and Warm Mineral Springs"

March 20, 2013: **Michael Wylde** presents "Dogs in the Archaeological Record" at Florida Gulf Coast University Campus

April 17, 2013: **Della Scott-Ireton** presents "The Emanuel Point Shipwrecks: Florida's Earliest Shipwrecks, Associated with the 1559 Colonization Attempt by Tristan de Luna at Pensacola"

May 15, 2013: **Victor Thompson** presents "Fort Center"

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**Special points of interest:**

- \* 10/11: Conservation 20/20 Lehigh Mtg.
- \* 10/17: October Mtg.- Lawres speaking.
- \* 10/20: National Archaeology Day.
- \* 11/14: November Mtg.- Vail speaking.
- \* 11/17: FPAN Mound Key Paddle.

**NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY**

October 20, 2012- The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) has announced the celebration of the second annual National Day of Archaeology. AIA has identified three overarching goals including: raising awareness of archaeology as a discipline and a resource; emphasizing the

universality of archaeological resources, including those right in our "backyards;" and uniting the archaeological community through a focal event.

Over 100 contributing organizations will host over 400 events in cities across the U.S. and Canada, and as far

away as Australia, Cyprus, Romania, and Ireland.

See a calendar of events on their website ([www.archaeological.org/NAD](http://www.archaeological.org/NAD)), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NatArkyDay](http://www.facebook.com/NatArkyDay)), or Twitter (@NatArkyDay)!

**ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Leicester, England-** Archaeologists looking for a medieval abbey under a 20th Century parking lot have revealed human remains that may be associated with the missing grave of King Henry III. The remains have evidence of battle trauma and scoliosis, which the beleaguered king was rumored to have. Richard Taylor, director of Corporate Affairs stated, "We are not saying today that we have found King Richard III. What we are saying is that the search for Richard III has entered a new phase. Our focus is shifting from the archaeological excavation to laboratory analysis. This skeleton certainly has characteristics that warrant extensive further detailed examination." Work is ongoing. See <http://www.le.ac.uk/> for more details.

**Stockholm, Sweden-** A new study of the *Vasa*, the seventeenth-century Swedish warship that sank in Stockholm's harbor on its maiden voyage, shows that its carved timbers are deteriorating faster than scientists had anticipated. The ship was raised in 1961 and moved to its own museum in 1990. The *Vasa* became a landmark case study for archaeologist and conservators interested in preserving wooden artifacts and vessels. The popular tourist attraction has proven that the challenging world of conservation has yet to come up with a failsafe way to protect our heritage from the ravages of the elements. Learn more at <http://www.vasamuseet.se/en/>.

**CONSERVATION 20/20 NOMINATION LEHIGH SPRING**

In May of this year, Lehigh Spring – the only known sinkhole in Lee County – was nominated for a second time to the county's Conservation 20/20 program which acquires land for conservation. Lehigh Spring resembles the nearby sinkholes of Little Salt Spring and Warm Mineral Springs which have yielded artifacts thousands of years old and are very significant archaeologically. In fact, Dr. Robin Brown states that in the 1960s, he dove in Lehigh Spring and recovered a wooden bowl at a ledge 40 feet deep which supports the belief that this site could contain fragile organic artifacts dating back thousands of years! Several professional archaeologists have spoken at Conservation 20/20 meetings on Lehigh Spring because of the extraordinary potential for significant archaeological resources. When Lehigh Spring comes before the Conservation 20/20's Conservation Land and Stewardship Advisory Committee on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the final meeting, archaeologists hope that this parcel will be recommended for acquisition. –Dr. Annette Snapp



**FPAN UPDATE**

The Florida Public Archaeology Network Southwest Regional office is picking up steam! This past summer, Director, Ds. Annette Snapp, and Outreach Coordinator, Melissa Timo, were busy making connections, excavating chocolate chip cookies, diving into local historic preservation ordinances, and throwing atlatl spears!

In a continuing effort to draw attention to and support for out local archaeological resources, Dr. Snapp has been working with Lee County and Ft. Myers Historic Preservation Committees to revise or reinterpret local ordinances in light of the mishandling of the downtown Fort Myers Regional Library and waterfront projects, as well as the new challenges faced in the Conservation 20/20 Lehigh nomination. FPAN and the local community find themselves in a true "teaching moment" to help officials understand that just because its underground, doesn't mean it isn't there! It's time to protect and conserve our shared heritage!

Outreach Coordinator, Melissa Timo, has been linking up with local libraries, schools, parks, and museums in new and interesting ways. She has worked with Harlem Community Library summer campers to practice excavation techniques by using chocolate chip cookies in Clewiston. She has partnered up with Collier County Museums to offer

ongoing lecture series entitled "Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology every other Wednesday at 2pm. Topics range from the archaeology of pets, booze and beverage, ghost towns, beauty, and toys. See <http://www.colliermuseums.com/events.php> for topics and dates! In July, FPAN and Caloosahatchee Reg. Park held an atlatl workshop. Now that schools are back in session, Melissa has also started offering in-school fieldtrips for students, like the 5th and 6th graders at Charlotte Academy.

Check the FPAN SW calendar of events for all those fun, free archaeology activities in the near future (<http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/swrc/eventList.php>)! On Oct. 13th and 20th, FPAN and Randell Research Center staff plan to offer a Project Archaeology teachers' workshop. And on Nov. 17th, FPAN and Koreshan State Historic Site staff will once again host a Mound Key Paddle. Canoe or Kayak your way back in time to land of the Calusa.



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**ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, CONT.**

**Mulanay, Philippines-** Never-before found limestone coffins have been found near the remains of a 1,000 year old mountain top jungle village in the Philippines. These coffins, unique in the southeastern Asian nation, indicate both a cultural complexity never before believed and that the residents utilized metal tools. The area, formerly a hotbed of modern guerrilla activity, has become a source of pride for local residents. The region was listed as a protected site by the Pilipino government in 1998, however the area has been heavily ransacked by treasure seekers in the past. Learn more at [http://journalstar.com/news/world/asia/ap-exclusive-unique-tombs-found-in-philippines/article\\_8505fcd4-427e-5905-89c7-543cab94c564.html](http://journalstar.com/news/world/asia/ap-exclusive-unique-tombs-found-in-philippines/article_8505fcd4-427e-5905-89c7-543cab94c564.html)

**Tingambato, Michoacan, Mexico-** A groundskeeper at the Tingambato Michoacan Archaeological Zone discovered a 1,000 year old untouched funerary chamber while cutting the grass. His foot sank 10 cm in the dirt until it hit the tomb's sandstone slab ceiling. Archaeologists called to the scene carefully uncovered human remains, shells, and 19,000 green stone beads. Although cultural affiliation is currently unknown, "the characteristics that have dominated in the tomb and the wealth of the burial indicate that the area of Tingambato must have had a major importance in the pre Hispanic culture of this region." More Information: [http://www.artdaily.org/index.asp?int\\_sec=11&int\\_new=57844#UGCPC7libTp/urll](http://www.artdaily.org/index.asp?int_sec=11&int_new=57844#UGCPC7libTp/urll)  
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**NEWS FROM THE SEMINOLE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**



The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office has several upcoming opportunities that maybe of interest to SWFAS members. The office serves the Tribal public by preserving sites of importance to the Seminole Tribe and by conducting surveys on the Tribes Reservations that are spread-out throughout the southern Florida peninsular. In commemoration of placing our first property on the National Register of Historic Places the THPO is currently planning a celebration. The Red Barn, located on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation, was built in 1941 as part of the work completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division (CCC-ID). The listing of this important building, which has been pivotal to the development of the Seminole cattle program, by National Register of Historic Places is significant. A short summary of the property can be found on the National Register website ([www.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian/2010/red\\_barn.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian/2010/red_barn.htm)). The planned celebration will be to invite people to the reservation to share in the significance and history of this property and will hopefully include a live band for a proper band dance atmosphere! SWFAS members will be amongst the first to know about this event and can watch this space for more details in future newsletters. On a separate note SWFAS members may be interested to note that the THPO currently is seeking to fill two full-time positions: Archaeological Field Technician and Laboratory Technician. Full details of these positions can be found at: [www.semtribe.com/Employment/TribalHeadquarters](http://www.semtribe.com/Employment/TribalHeadquarters)



**HIGHLIGHTING FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY'S ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB**

We are a registered student organization which works to encourage, facilitate, and connect FGCU students interested in anthropology with others, both in the faculty and the community, as well as provide hands on activities. The goal of this club is to connect students to activities, programs, conferences, lectures, and other community events focused on many different aspects of anthropology, encompassing the four fields of anthropology (biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, linguistic anthropology, and archaeology).

**Big events upcoming this semester**

The Anthropology Club will be hosting a lecture by Dr. Jessica Rothman on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2012. She will be talking about Primate nutrition. The club will be working alongside the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society, hosting a lecture by Michael Wylde who will be talking about Dogs in the

Archaeological Record on March 20, 2013. In addition to the lecture series, the Anthropology Club will be working to fundraise upcoming study abroad trips to Ghana and Guatemala. - Jeffrey Sepanski



Photo: Anthro Club Treasurer Erin Broemel and students of Mrs. Richardson's class. During Quarles Cares. Courtesy of FGCU Anthropology Club