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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.

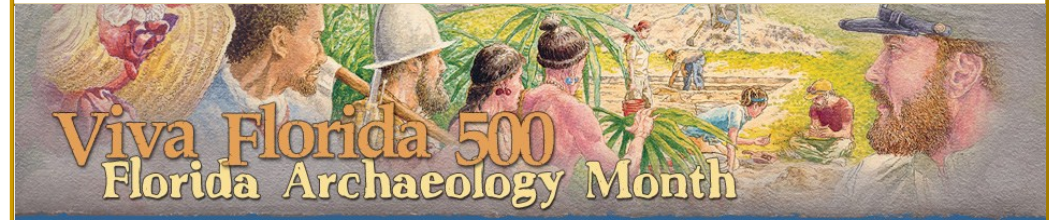
We're looking for man-on-the-

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 or 239-590-1476



**2013 FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH
CELEBRATES VIVA FLORIDA 500**



Each March in Florida is Archaeology Month (FAM). Statewide programs and events celebrating Florida Archaeology Month are designed to encourage Floridians and visitors to learn more about the archaeology and history of the state, and to preserve these important parts of Florida's rich cultural heritage. Florida Archaeology Month is coordinated by the Florida Anthropological Society, and supported by the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. This year's theme ties in with the broader state-wide Viva Florida 500 initiative.

To find any of the wonderful FAM events visit the official website: www.flpublicarchaeology.org/FAM. Free posters highlighting this year's theme with information about pivotal archaeological sites (including our own Mound Key) are available at SWFAS meetings and your local FPAN office.

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- 3/1– Florida Archaeology Month begins!
- 3/20– March meeting– Wylde
- 4/17– April meeting– Scott-Ireton

MARCH AND APRIL SPEAKERS

On March 20th, SWFAS will co-host Wylde's talk with the FGCU Anthropology Club. The meeting will take place at the Cohen Center on the FGCU campus at the normal time. Mr. Wylde, who has previously worked for the Randell Research Center, will be speaking about Dogs in the Archaeological Record.

On April 17, FPAN Associate Director and

underwater archaeologist, Dr. Della Scott-Ireton will be speaking for SWFAS at the Bonita Springs Community Center. She will present the findings of excavations that took place on the second-oldest shipwrecks in North America, The Tristan de Luna 1559 fleet. Come hear about the cutting edge findings being uncovered every summer in FL's waters!



ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Leicester, UK- Archaeologists at the U of Leicester have officially confirmed the remains excavated at a city carpark belong to the defeated monarch, King Richard III. The carpark was the location of the Priory of the Grey Friars, home to an order of Franciscan monks, and the location the deposed king was buried after his defeat. A battle scarred skeleton with a pronounced spinal curvature first tipped archaeologists that this individual was the misplaced monarch. DNA evidence from living descendants of Henry's sister, Anne of York solidly proved the remains' identification. Visit the U of Leicester's excellent webpage for info, videos, and reconstructions: <http://www.le.ac.uk/richardiii/>

Western Iran- The ruins of a 1,400-year-old palatial Sasanian building with five connected halls, two columned halls, and a courtyard have been discovered in western Iran. Its decorative moldings were crafted from stucco in geometric, human, animal, and mythological motifs. The archaeologists also uncovered two pieces of pottery used for writing. One of these ostracons had been engraved with 13 paragraphs, the other with eight paragraphs. The house was probably used during the summer by a noble family living in a nearby city that has been flooded by the recent construction of the Seimarch Dam. For more info and photos see: <http://tinyurl.com/d2cjsvz>

THE NIÑA AND PINTA VISIT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Just in time to celebrate Florida's 500th birthday, The Columbus Foundation will be bringing their historically accurate floating museums to our Southwest Florida waters! Step back in time to see near perfect examples of these early European craft and learn about the enigmatic man who altered the



course of Western history. These ships will make three local stops:

- March 5-March 18: Tin City, Naples, Florida
- March 20-March 27: Fort Myers Yacht Basin, Fort Myers, Florida
- March 29-April 3: Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda, Florida

Admission: \$8 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors 60+, \$6 Age 5-16, Free for < Age 4
Make sure you check out this unique opportunity! For more details see: www.thenina.com

FPAN UPDATE

Spring brings the FPAN SW office a whirlwind of activity. This year is particularly jam packed with archaeology goodness thanks to the combination of the year-long Viva Florida 500 celebration and March's Viva-themed Florida Archaeology Month (March).

Lectures, heritage events, and cookie excavations— there's something for everyone. Be sure to check our website

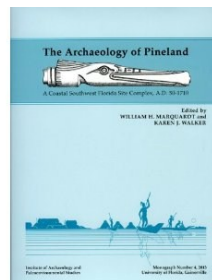
regularly for new events ([fpublicarchaeolog.org](http://publicarchaeolog.org)). For the tech-savvy, get up to the minute notices and photos on our Facebook page (FPANsouthwest) or Twitter (@FPANSouthwest) account.



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RANDELL RESEARCH CENTER ANNOUNCES LONG-AWAITED MONOGRAPH

The Archaeology of Pineland: A Coastal Southwest Florida Site Complex, A.D. 50-1710 reports the results of a multi-year, interdisciplinary project. Focused mainly on 1700 years of Native American occupation, the book also provides new information about post-contact changes in culture and landscape. Abundantly illustrated, the book's 19 chapters include more than 400 figures. The book contains never-before-published information about the archaeology, history, and environment of Southwest Florida, and will be an essential reference work for future studies. It also stands as a detailed and tangible case study in historical ecology.



ARCHAEOLOGY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, CONT.

North Port, Florida- Tragically, Little Salt Spring Archeological and Ecological Preserve has become another victim of fiscal belt-tightening. The University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science's new dean has decided to repeal the site's operating budget and terminate scientific activity. Little Salt Spring in Sarasota County has yielded more artifacts that shed light on the first occupiers in Florida than virtually any other archaeological site in the state. The artifacts gleaned from the spring have given scientists a glimpse into what it was like to live here even before the first pyramids appeared in Egypt and ages before de León named the state, as far back as 12,000+ years ago. <http://tinyurl.com/aeaj4ek>

Egypt- 2,000 years ago, someone hid away some of the most valuable possessions they had — their shoes. Seven shoes were intentionally deposited in a jar in an Egyptian temple in Luxor between two mud bricks. They included three pairs and a single. Two pairs were originally worn by children and were only about 7 inches (18 centimeters) long. Using palm fiber string, the child shoes were tied together within the single shoe (it was larger and meant for an adult) and put in the jar. Another pair of shoes, more than 9 inches (24 cm) long that had been worn by a limping adult, was also inserted in the jar. Because sandals were the norm, analysis suggests the shoes may have been foreign-made and were "relatively expensive." <http://tinyurl.com/alrvxao>

FGCU'S ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB GEARS UP FOR BUSY SPRING SEMESTER

The Florida Gulf Coast University Anthropology Club's spring is jam-packed with activities. From teaching children's camps in archaeology to anthropological conferences, they are doing it all in a very short amount of time. A Forensics Gala will be held on March 1 to raise awareness on Forensic Anthropology. On March 19, the club will be teaching a children's workshop at a local elementary school on archaeology, including staging mock-digs for the children to learn hands on what it's like in the field. March 23, the club will be working with the FGCU Civic Engagement program on a one-day camp on the Calusa for underprivileged children at the Charlotte County Historical Center entitled *Becoming Fierce: A Day in the Life of the Calusa*. April brings the club to Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, where the students will learn about theme park culture and ethnoprimateology in a theme park setting. The Anthropology Club is finishing off their spring semester with a bang, as they head off in May for the Florida Anthropological Society Conference 2013. —Erin Broemel

AN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGIST IN LEICESTER



I had the good fortune to attend and present a paper at this year's annual Society for Historical Archaeology meeting in Leicester, UK in January. Besides being my favorite professional conference, this was my first trip to the UK.

I was assured by the customs agent at Heathrow that there was nothing of archaeological significance in Leicester. As an American archaeologist, I knew "significance" in England was relative, but was happy to learn that Leicester held much more than I thought! Roman baths (see top), Norman castles, Medieval and Renaissance churches, and great early Industrial Age architecture. For example, in the photo below, the church is where Geoffrey Chaucer got married and the building on the right is older than Florida (1512)!

I think I was especially impressed with SHA's public day (right). This is usually the last day of the conference where



local archaeologists and heritage groups put on displays for the community. And boy, did those Leicester folk know how to put on a show! Medieval knights showed off armor, Norman knights and ladies played games with kids, and WWI soldiers explained their gear. The Leicester Archaeological Society (who were celebrating their 150th anniversary!) had an impressive display about the use of aerial photography in archaeology.



It was a wonderful experience, and I was able to take away a number of great ideas. I can also say that I stood in the carpark next to the tent which covered the hole in the ground where Rickard III was uncovered. It's the little things that keep this American Archaeologist happy! - Melissa Timmo