

Southwest Florida Archaeological Society

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG, THE DIG IS DUG, THERE'S SORTING TO DO IN SPITE OF THE BUGS! Attention, all members!!! We're suffering from an artifactual backlog, and if we hope to retain John Beriault as our chief warehouse for all the fruits of our digging labors, we've got to move our debitage! It was decided at our last meeting that we will schedule two sorting sessions a month to try and increase our productivity rate. Put these dates on your schedule, and see if you can't help out at least one session a month. This schedule will be in effect until further notice: **EVERY THIRD AND SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**, John's house, 3550 Bolero Way, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This month the dates are May 8 and May 15. See you there?

MAY 12, 10 a.m. ARTIFACT ANALYSIS SESSION: These sessions are the ones where actual interpretation and descriptions of artifacts are compiled. If only to learn more about our subject matter, these analyses sessions are invaluable to lay archaeologists who wish to gain more knowledge about general archaeological techniques, and shared information and views regarding the material that we have all dug up will become integrated into the final reports that our Society plans to publish on each of the archaeological sites we excavated. Remember, not one active member of our group is a professional archaeologist. **WE NEED EACH OTHER!**

MAYATRIP Planning Session. For the lucky ones who will be leaving for the Yucatan, a planning session is schedule for May 13 at 1 p.m., at May Ruth Winchell's home, 230 3rd Av. South, Naples.

MAY 17 SWFAS REGULAR MEETING: Our evening speaker will be Bill Johnson, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, whose subject will be "Archaeology in the Swamp Environment", using the Green Swamp north-east of Tampa as a predictive model.

UPDATE ON CHOKOLOSKEE DIG: 300-400 lbs. of artifacts to sort and an excellent topographical map produced by Joe Long and Guy Fischer. Thanks to B&B, Builders and Sunburst Supply (John Beriault and Eleanor Young) for their donations of material; also, greetings and much gratitude to our comrades/colleagues from the Archaeological Society of South Florida, Especially JEANIE McGUIRE, who John compares to his right arm, also Wes Reis, Daryl Nagel, Bill Steele, Stephanie, and Judy Trimble gets the long distance runner award for coming to our meeting the following Thursday to see the slide show we presented on the dig. **AND OF COURSE, THE OMNI-PRESENT BOB CARR!** I'm sure others could name more, but due to minimal brain damage, this is the best I can do.

SWFAS MEETING MINUTES: 4/19/84 Treasurer's and secretary's report approved as read/Special thanks to Mark Benedict for referring archaeological surveys to our Society/Survey Committee visited Lely Estates to survey 6 sq. mile area/ John Beriault surveyed a five acre tract in Bonita Springs area/Jack Thompson reconnoitered on one site in north Collier area/Site Form Committee submitted 11 site forms, thanks to John Beriault, Charlie and Gail Strader. We have been informed by Cathy Jones at the Florida Department of Archives that we are the most active chapter in the state in this regard...Way to go! Please complete and return your questionnaires to Charlie S./ Two letters of appreciation will be sent to Bob Carr and Chris Hancock re: Chokoloskee dig. / A motion was passed to donate \$100 to the F.A.S. Annual Conference. Charlie Strader is putting together a pottery catalog and bibliography to be available to members/John B. & Charlie S. transported our traveling display to Harmon's in the Mall.



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