



## Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS)

### May 2019 Newsletter

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#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** by *John Furey, M.A., RPA*



With the issuance of our May Newsletter, we wrap up the Spring 2019 season and will return in October with a Newsletter, resume our presentations in November and finish out the year with a SWFAS Field Trip. We are in the process of organizing another series of interesting and informative presentations on Southwest Florida archaeology for you and look forward to another successful year. Have a safe (and fun) summer and we will see you again in November. Remember, if you are lucky enough to get to travel to an interesting location this summer, take some photos and provide a write up on your trip. You can then submit it to me and share it with our 300+ readers who will then wish that they had gone there with you!

I have included a brief re-cap on the 71st FAS Annual Meeting at Crystal River to provide you with a snapshot of how the meeting went and about some of the interesting papers that were presented. We are hosting the 2020 FAS Annual Meeting and are looking forward to offering you a fantastic local meeting to attend.

1585 The Roanoke Island Lost Colony: It is still lost. Did English knowledge of the value of copper trinkets and other knowledge gained from this attempt at settling the area, help save the 1587 Jamestown expedition? Find out by reading the article below.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR 2019 DUES BY CHECK OR PAY PAL**

**Your dues is our only source of income to continue providing quality archaeological presentations.**

#### **JOHN BERIAULT**

For many of you, my article last month on my meeting John Beriault for the first time, was your first introduction to him. John is a very special person and, not knowing him well, I did a very inadequate job in my introduction of him and describing his contributions to SWFAS. In 1997 John was awarded the Dr. Frank C. Craighead Award by the Southwest Florida Archaeology Society, and I recently came across the introductory speech for this award by Charlie Strader. Charlie's speech will more fully convey John's dedication to archaeology, his value to SWFAS as our founder and the breadth of his other interests.

#### **1997 Dr. Frank C. Craighead Award Presented by the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society**

Thank you (Steve Tutko, Pres.) for the opportunity to introduce the 1997 recipient of the Dr. Frank C. Craighead Award, John G. Beriault.

John could be called a modern day Renaissance man as he is certainly a man of many talents and interests.

Therefore – many people know John for many different reasons. Many know him as a local business owner, someone you can go to for the purchase of hardware and lumber or to ask: how to get a what-you-call-it, that attaches to that thing-a-ma-jig and how I can repair or build this.

Many people know him as a historian. Most often, John is asked questions about local history and as a native of Naples, John is intimately aware of this area's past and present. John has been a principle member of the Collier County Historical Society and was founder and past editor of its journal. He has also authored several stories and accounts of our area's history. Although not frequently called upon for, John also has a much broader knowledge of history, having graduated from the University of Miami, magna cum laude and member of 2 national honor societies.

John is very well read and versed in a wide variety of subjects, yet he is not just an armchair explorer. His love of nature and cultures both past and present have taken him to not only remote corners of Lee and Collier Counties but also to the tops of Mayan and Incan temples and into the rainforests of Amazonia and Central America. His thirst for knowledge and quests of discovery have provided him with a unique background and ability to help educate others about the world around them.

Many know John for his knowledge of plants. His knowledge of natural history goes way beyond this region's local flora and being a past president and principle member of the Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. John is also known by many of Florida's orchid lovers and growers. His skill with orchids and other plants are evident in his greenhouse, one of this area's most impressive.

In fact, John's thirst for knowledge and love of the botanical sciences lead him to study with the scientist and botanist for whom this award was named. His fieldtrips with Dr. Frank C. Craighead took them into rarely explored areas of Lee and Collier Counties. For approximately a decade, the two men had a symbiotic relationship enabling both to learn more about the environments of southwest Florida.

Many of us know John as an artist and writer. He is talented in many mediums. He has produced creative works in clay, stone, metal, wood, on film and on the canvas. Many have also enjoyed his spontaneous poems and lyrics. His insights and humor put into words and pen have often delighted us.

But most of us here tonight, and why we are gathered, is because we know John as one of this area's leading archaeologists. John's personal interest and his explorations of this area, from his youth onward, have given him an intimate and encompassing knowledge of this area's prehistory. He is regularly consulted by professional archaeologists who come into our area for research and study. For years, John is also the person who many locals come to, for such questions as "what is this artifact" and, rightfully so. It is difficult to stump John with such questions.

Indeed, we would probably not even be here tonight if it was not for John's love of archaeology. First of all, John is the founding father of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (or SWFAS). John helped coalesce a group of concerned and like-minded local citizens into a local chapter of the state Florida Anthropological Society. John's involvement and subsequent reporting of the salvage operation, which he spearheaded, at the Bay West site gained him statewide recognition. John was instrumental in securing the incorporation of SWFAS and gaining its state chapter status. Ever since, John has been a driving force for the continued success of the society and attracting new members. He has played leadership roles throughout the society's history and for many of its functions and projects.

The second reason why we would probably not be here tonight, if not for John – is his past relationship with Dr. Frank C. Craighead. When Collier Museum at Government Center Director, Ron Jamro, notified John that a small building used by Dr. Craighead that was in the county's possession had a dubious future, John coordinated with Ron Jamro and others to move the building to the museum's grounds and transform it into a working laboratory, operated by the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society and named in honor of Dr. Frank C. Craighead.

From this relationship and happenstance, the Dr. Frank C. Craighead award was later created by Art Lee and the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society in an effort to focus attention on local archaeology and honor those who have significantly contributed to our knowledge of this area's prehistory and to the preservation of its cultural resources.

Besides helping honor Dr. Craighead and being the founding father of SWFAS, John is known in archaeology circles around the state for other important reasons as well. John is personally responsible for recording with the State of Florida over 100 archaeological sites in Lee and Collier Counties. He has co-authored a chapter with Robert Carr in the book *Environments in South Florida, Past and Present* entitled "Prehistoric Man in South Florida". John is frequently cited in works by numerous professional archaeologists and he has authored several archaeological investigation reports and articles. He was also an active proponent in helping Lee and Collier counties pass cultural resource management ordinances.

In recognition of his vast knowledge of Florida archaeology, John was elected president of the statewide Florida Anthropological Society and served as a Board member for many years. He also received that organization's Lazarus Award, its highest honor to an avocational archaeologist. His many past terms as president of SWFAS and his leadership in its field operations are testament to his intense long-standing commitment to Florida archaeology. But unknown to many, are John's generous donations – those of time, materials and money to SWFAS, the FAS and other community organizations.

John's passion for archaeology has been infectious to many of us and he has gladly shared his knowledge and abilities. Indeed, this is also another one of the attributes that make him deserving of this award, the ability to interest and entertain others about archaeology.

Many of us, including myself, are fortunate to also know John as a friend. An now, at this time, I would like to introduce this year's recipient of the Dr. Frank C. Craighead award to my friend, John Beriault.

Charlie Strader

#### **REPORT ON THE FAS 71st ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 10-12, 2019 CRYSTAL RIVER, FL**

This year the 71st Annual Meeting was held in Crystal River, Florida; the last meeting there was 50 years ago in 1969! The venue was a lovely place called the Plantation that was on an arm of the Crystal River itself and only a short drive from the famous Chrystal River Archaeological State Park where we enjoyed a Friday evening outing. If you haven't visited the park, it contains several low burial mounds and a magnificent 'temple' mound about 40 feet high with a staircase built into it for ease of acceding to the top for a view of the river and surrounding area. They were recently able to purchase the property directly across the river to maintain the pristine view since it was originally inhabited. There is a small archaeological museum on site that displays artifacts and the exhibits were actually designed by Ripley P. Bullen.

The Saturday conference presented a 60-paper program and 11 posters. The papers presented covered a wide range of topics and, the ones that I was able to attend proved to be highly interesting. The vendor tables were very interesting with a total of 13 vendors participating; the highest number that I have seen. The SWFAS attendees at this conference were: Betty Anholt, George Luer, Austin Bell, Theresa Schober and John and Linda Furey. It was a great place to meet old friends and colleagues that we hadn't seen since the conference last year. Prior to the keynote speaker, an awards ceremony was held (see below). The Saturday night dinner was capped by a great meal and a great talk by Dr. Ginessa Mahar titled *With a Little Help from Our Friends: Investigating Florida's Ancient Fisheries*. Dr. Mahar spoke to SWFAS in April 2016 with a talk about Fishing Techniques of Early Florida Inhabitants. Two sold out Sunday boat excursions to other archaeological sites were offered; one to Roberts Island and another to Shell Island.

#### **THERESA SCHOBER AWARDED THE 2019 FAS RIPLEY P. BULLEN MEMORIAL AWARD**

At the 71st FAS Conference, Theresa Schober was awarded the prestigious FAS Ripley P. Bullen Memorial Award, and it was presented by John F. Furey, President of SWFAS. This award was created to honor outstanding candidates who provide ; 1. Contributions to the improvement of working relations between professional and avocational archaeologists in the State of Florida, 2. Leadership, encouragement and guidance in providing opportunities for avocational archaeologists to contribute to Florida archaeology, 3. Cooperation with and demonstrated interest in making the avocational archaeologist more aware of Florida's archaeological heritage, and 4. Contribution to improving the image of the avocational archaeologist as a contributor to the study of Florida archaeology.

Theresa has met all of these requirements and more, and has been an integral member of both the FAS and SWFAS for many years. Many of her projects and excavations involve avocational archaeologists and she has proven herself to be a leader and a teacher. Congratulations to Theresa for receiving this great honor and recognition of all her work.

#### **ARTICLE**

##### **THE JAMESTOWN ENGLISH COLONY**

##### **ARCHAEOLOGISTS GETTING CLOSER TO FIGURING OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOST COLONY, EXPERT SAYS**

*By Bob Ruegsegger*

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*Feb 18, 2019*

Archaeologists are getting closer to figuring out where members of the Lost Colony went, according to Nicholas Lucchetti, the principal investigator and archaeologist with the James River Institute for Archaeology. Lucchetti's presentation in late January at the Isle of Wight County Museum in Smithfield focused on the "possible relocation" of some of the Roanoke Island colonists to a site in eastern North Carolina named Site X. But he said others from the Lost

Colony, maybe even a large group, might have migrated to somewhere near Site X. "Now we have things pointing us in the right direction," he said. "We have Site X. We've got the map (Virginea Pars). We have a published article by a very prominent, deceased North Carolina historian Tom Parramore."

Explorers, historians and archaeologists have been trying to figure out what happened to the Roanoke colony since at least 1590 when John White, tasked by Sir Walter Raleigh with setting up a new colony in 1587, returned to the colony after gathering supplies from England to find it deserted. Lucchetti and the First Colony Foundation subscribe to the proposition that the colonists went to a new location and have been conducting archaeological and historical investigations to figure out where.

Recent archaeological excavations — backed by the historical record and some highly respected theories — indicate that Site X in Bertie County, N.C., might be a step in the right direction. Dozens of 16th-century, English-associated artifacts excavated at Site X include lead seals from bales of cloth, firing pans from snaphaunce firearms, aglets for shirt-lace strings, shards of Border ware (ceramics) and tenterhooks for stretching hides, Lucchetti said. There is also the argument and evidence from Parramore's article, "The 'Lost Colony' Found: A Documentary Perspective." It holds that the English colonists deserted their site on Roanoke Island because of extreme drought and poor living conditions and migrated to northeastern, North Carolina, to find sustenance with the Weapemeoc people.

But at present, Lucchetti says the Lost Colony "is still lost." "It all seems to be pointing us pretty close to where we are (Site X)," he said. "We're not real sure what it is, but we know what it is not. It is not the relocation site of a major group of the 1587 colony. It tells us that maybe there was a big group of them somewhere close." Lucchetti and the First Colony Foundation are among a long list of explorers and archaeologists who have examined the Lost Colony.

In 1608 when John Smith went to trade with the Warrosquoake Native Americans in what is now Isle of Wight County, he left some men to travel south with Warrosquoake warriors to try to find the Roanoke colonists who had disappeared, said Tracey Neikirk, the museum's curator. "That was one of the tenets of the Jamestown charter. They had to look for the Lost Colony — the folks of Roanoke. They didn't find them — obviously," Neikirk said. Despite the failures of the colonies at Roanoke, the English, according to Lucchetti, learned a lot from Raleigh's early expeditions. They learned some of the Native Americans' language, Algonquian, and they learned how valuable copper was to them. Copper was worn as jewelry and conveyed status according to Englishman Thomas Harriot, member of the 1585 Roanoke expedition.

When Harriot returned to England, he wrote a report about the natural resources, plants and animals in the area and what the English had learned from the Native Americans. Harriot wrote a memo regarding a partial phonetic alphabet of the indigenous people and also advised future expeditions to carry thin copper plates for trade with the Native Americans. "On the memo, it says to take copper plates as thin as paper and cut them up into squares and circles of different sizes," Lucchetti said. "Harriot knew that the Indians didn't want European copper objects. They wanted what were status objects."

Lucchetti contended that the intelligence regarding the value of copper provided by Harriot, may have — two decades later — saved Jamestown from complete annihilation by the Powhatan. "Powhatan was at war with the Monacans in the Richmond-Piedmont area," Lucchetti said. "That's where he (Powhatan) got his copper that he used to control his empire. That's shut off and here come the English guys at Jamestown who have all kinds of copper. So — maybe — that's a big reason why Powhatan didn't wipe Jamestown off of the face of the map."

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We encourage those interested in Florida archaeology to become members of The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS). Annual dues are due in January and membership applications to both organizations are attached. Membership in the FAS provides you with four annual volumes of *The Florida Anthropologist* and occasional newsletters on anthropological events in Florida in addition to the annual statewide meeting. More information on FAS can be found online at: [www.fasweb.org](http://www.fasweb.org). Membership in SWFAS offers you a local series of talks on archaeological and anthropological subjects that you can attend. The SWFAS monthly newsletter keeps you up to date on local events as well as other important archaeological topics. We urge you to support both with your membership. All of the SWFAS Lecture Series are open to the public at no charge.



# JOIN US!

## The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society

<http://swflarchaeology.org/>

The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) was founded in 1980 as a not-for profit corporation to provide a meeting place for people interested in the area's past.

Our goals are to:

- Learn more of the area's history
- Create a place for sharing of this information
- Advocate for preservation of cultural resources

Its members include professional and amateur archaeologists and interested members of the general public. Members come from all walks of life and age groups. They share a lively curiosity, a respect for the people who preceded them here, and a feeling of responsibility for the conservation of the places and objects they left behind.

The Society holds monthly meetings between October and April, attracting speakers who are in the forefront of archaeological and historical research. Occasionally members join in trips to historical and archaeological sites.

A monthly newsletter, Facebook page, and website keep members abreast of our events and happenings.

The organization is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society, a statewide organization that publishes quarterly newsletters and a journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, and holds an annual conference.

**I want to help The Southwest Florida Archaeology Society preserve and interpret Florida's heritage!**

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Membership in the Society is open to all interested individuals who are willing to abide by the [Florida Anthropological Society Statement of Ethical Responsibilities](#), which can be found on our website: [fasweb.org](#). Membership is for one year.



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Student*	\$15
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