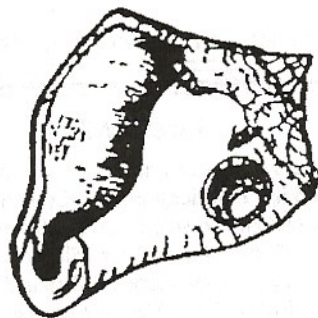


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J U N E M E E T I N G

The **June monthly meeting** will be held at the Bonita Springs Community Center Wednesday, the 17th. Gavel will be at 7:30 PM, preceded by a social period.

June's guest speaker will be Dr. Randolph Widmer, the leader of the Key Marco Excavation in 1995 and author of the book, **"The Evolution of the Calusa"**. Dr. Widmer of the University of Houston is continuing his work in the Southwest Florida area. Currently, he is leading a Field School for his students in the Rookery Bay area. In 1996, he and his wife, Dr. Rebecca Storey, received the Craighead Award for outstanding contribution to knowledge of the Southwest Florida area's pre-history. Dr. Widmer will discuss "Excavations at the Solana Site" (Punta Gorda, Fl.). ♦

From the Friends of the Collier County Museum

Nationally recognized artist, Martin Pate, has been commissioned to paint a scene depicting life in the mid-Archaic period featuring a fishing village and its ceremonial mounds. At about 7,000 years old, nearby Horr's Island holds remains of the southeast's oldest fishing community.

The National Park Service has assisted board member Art Lee with the planning of this project. Sketches have been received and they are all anxiously awaiting the finished product which promises to be a major addition to the Museum's standing historic exhibition. ♦

Looters strip Florida's Indian heritage near Tallahassee -- They'll pay \$30,000 in restitution, a 'landmark' fine

by Mark Foley, Associated Press

Tallahassee, Fla. - A truck parked near an archaeological site that recently had been looted of artifacts aroused the suspicion of a state wildlife officer. So he stopped and found two men at work in the heavily wooded area.

Robert Daniels photographed brothers Arthur and Daniel Cochran before he arrested them on charges of unlawful excavation of the state-owned archaeological site in the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area about 25 miles southeast of Tallahassee. They had uncovered stone tool fragments and pottery shards from the Weeden Island culture dating back 1,000 - 1500 years.

The case became a turning point in Florida's effort to halt the plunder of its American Indian heritage when a judge ordered the Cochrans to pay nearly \$30,000 in restitution. "That, by far, is a landmark," said Lt. Col. Randy Hopkins, assistant director of law enforcement for the state game commission.

About 20,000 archaeological sites have been identified across Florida, and most have been looted, Doran said. Most thieves wield shovels, but one treasure hunter recently used a bulldozer to cut a trench 15 feet deep and 100 feet long through

an Indian mound on Florida's southwest coast.

Florida began getting serious about enforcement in 1993 when the Legislature made it a felony, instead of a misdemeanor, to excavate without a permit.

Simply picking up an arrowhead or other artifact from state land without digging is punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Penalties for taking artifacts or digging on federal property can reach up to five years and \$100,000 for repeat offenders. The Cochrans' restitution was based on what it would have cost to conduct a professional archaeological excavation, state archaeologist Jim Miller said.

He said a site's value is based not only on the artifacts unearthed but where they are found in relation to each other and their surroundings. "It's not what we find, it's what we find out," said George Smith, chief of archaeology in the southeast region for the National Park Service. When a site is disturbed, that information is forever lost, the archaeologists said. ♦

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ABOUT SWFAS

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To join: Address your check to the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society, P. O. Box 9965, Naples, FL 34101. Dues are: Individual \$20, Individual Sustaining \$50.00, Family \$35, Student \$15.

Questions? ... Call Gail (992-6133)

The Date Book

Craighead lab hours are 9-12 Tuesdays and Thursdays. In Collier County Museum grounds, Airport Road and U.S. 41, east Naples.

- Wednesday, June 10th, Board of Directors meeting at the Hampton Inn, corner of U.S. 41 and Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, starting at 7:30 PM. Members welcome.

- Wednesday, June 17th, monthly meeting at the Bonita Springs Community Center; gavel at 7:30 PM preceded by a social period.

- Wednesday, July 8th, Board of Directors meeting at the Hampton Inn, corner of U.S. 41 and Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, starting at 7:30 PM. Members welcome.

- Wednesday, July 15th, monthly meeting at the Bonita Springs Community Center, gavel at 7:30 PM preceded by a social period.

Dig This . . .

by Steve Tutko

Meetings and more meetings. Those of us who attend meetings, especially if we are still in the workplace, know they can often be boring or a waste of the space time continuum. The 1998 FAS meeting in Gainesville was certainly an exception. Friday evening all FAS members were invited by the Florida Archaeological Council to attend a reception, tours, and awards ceremony at Powell Hall, the fantastic new home for the Florida Museum of Natural History. The museum, originally built in 1917, had 15,000 square feet, but the new facility will have 55,000 - not enough room for the 19 million specimens. The exhibits are outstanding, however, the Southwest Florida exhibit - People and Environments, including a mangrove forest, underwater walk thru, Gulf coast fishing, and Calusa, Seminole and Miccosukee tribes, won't be ready until 2000. Other exhibits will be ongoing for a number of years but the museum is already worth a visit. There is now plenty of parking making the museum visitor friendly. Saturday, the many interesting and informative papers were presented at the Matheson Historical Center. Patti Bartlett, who now works at the University of Florida, says hello to all her friends in Southwest Florida. Saturday evening FAS hosted a BBQ and awards ceremony. SWFAS had three members receive recognition for their efforts: **Captain Carl Johnson**, for his computer expertise; **Ella May Ablahat**, conscientious lab worker; and **Nancy Olson**, chairman of Archaeology Month. **Jack Thompson** was thanked by outgoing president of FAS, Loren Blakeley, for his many years, starting before the Spanish American War, as treasurer and registered agent for FAS. The incoming FAS officers for 1998-99 are as follows: president: Cynthia Cerrato; first vice president: Bruce Piatek; second vice president: Steve Martin; corresponding secretary: Betty Reggan; and treasurer: Jack Thompson. The night was highlighted by the viewing of the beautiful video filmed by Stewart and Cotton Brown, which describes Florida's Indian Cultures. Next year, the FAS conference will be held at Eglin Air Force Base, sometime in April. Watch for details.

Amphibian update - the frog is still living in my garbage can, and he now has a friend. Stay tuned! ♦ ❄ ❄



Welcome New Members

The Society welcomes Angela Ekola of Bonita Springs, Fl.

Thank You Guest Editor

I'd like to thank Charlie Strader for producing and publishing the monthly newsletter for May. Charlie has always helped with the newsletter--he contributes news, helps with terminology, helps find graphics, proofreads, folds, stuffs and labels envelopes--and he makes it fun! Thanks for doing such a great job!!!

The Fine Screen

- Thank you SWFAS member Sue Long for providing us with a list of upcoming speakers. Sue is an active board member and she participates in many SWFAS projects. Her support is greatly appreciated.

- We're still looking for a Hospitality Committee Chairman to coordinate refreshments at the monthly meetings. We have plenty of coffee but no one to prepare it. Please volunteer and help make our meetings special.

- Volunteers wanted at the lab. See details on page 3 of this newsletter. . .

Creation of the Useppa Museum Discussed at May Meeting

Barbara Sumwalt, Director of the Useppa Museum gave SWFAS members and guests an excellent talk at the May monthly meeting. Barbara talked about the trials and tribulations of starting a small museum. She said that even with money, without help it gets to be a formidable task; yet she said she had a great time doing it. She covered the history of the island from Paleo times to the Bay of Pigs. The museum houses the **Useppa man** whose skeleton was unearthed on the island during construction. Barbara had the skeleton reconstructed in Oklahoma and it has been in the museum for some time. In 1985, a woman skeleton was unearthed during tennis court construction and she is also being reconstructed. So now, the museum will house the **Useppa woman** as well. The unveiling is scheduled for November, 1998. From all indications, the Useppa man and woman could have been a couple. They both date at AD 600 and one was found about 100 yards south of the museum and the other just north of the museum. American flyers registered for the Bay of Pigs had an encampment on Useppa and received training there. The museum has a new segment on the Bay of Pigs and in the Spring of 1997, those flyers still surviving had a reunion there. For those SWFAS members interested in visiting the museum, if you can wait, there are plans for a field trip there in December.

The Book Bin

"LITHICS AFTER THE STONE AGE - A Handbook of Stone Tools from the Levant"

Steven A. Rosen (Ben Gurion University)

The end of the Stone Age did not mean the demise of lithic technology in the Levant, Egypt and the Near East. While generally neglected by archaeologists, stone tools regularly appear in strata dating over two millennia after the first appearance of metal tools. In this volume, Steven Rosen has produced the first in-depth analysis of this important corpus. For both Near Eastern archaeologists and lithics specialists of all geographical regions, he includes function, distribution, style, chronology, allowing for easy identification of lithic materials.

Altamira Press, 1997, (91247) \$24.95

submitted by Steve Tutko

HELP WANTED BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT AT THE LAB

Lab director, Art Lee says unless more volunteers step forward, SWFAS will have to decline a request to analyze **3,000 potsherds from Mound Key**, salvaged by the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville in the course of a topographical survey.

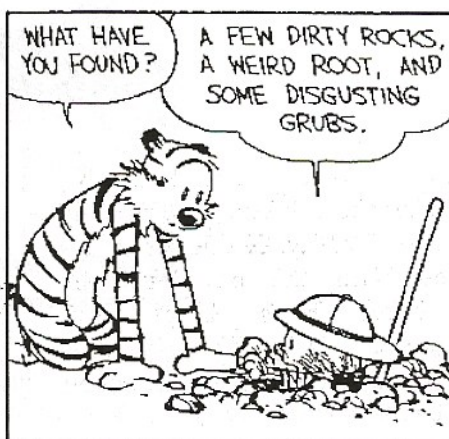
To date, only three people have signified willingness to participate in the work, which would take place during usual lab hours, which are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, although other sessions could be arranged if necessary.

The work involves weighing and recording on a form data contained on envelopes containing the sherds, including location. The information will be computer processed.

If you are interested in helping this work, drop a postcard to Craighead Laboratory, P.O. Box 9965, Naples, FL 34101, or telephone Ella May Ablahat at (941) 732-0962, indicating the hours and days you are available.

You don't have to be a pottery expert to do the work - Be a Calvin and/or a Hobbs . . . no rocks, roots or grubs in this one!

Lack of Volunteers May Force SWFAS To Decline Analysis Project



Aucilla River Prehistory Project "Virtual Museum Exhibit"

A "virtual museum exhibit" of some of the highlights of the ARPP is now on-line. Designed as a "slide show", the exhibit includes graphic representations of many aspects of the project. The exhibit is designed to give the viewer background information on the geological/hydrological history of the Aucilla River area. Modules on the flora and fauna of the area during the Pleistocene, human artifacts recovered by the project, and the personnel and equipment that make the project such a success, are included with a special section on highlights of the project's major accomplishments since its inception in 1983. ♦

Artwork by Dean Quigley (who also did the art work for some of our SWFAS T-shirts), Marisa Renz, Chris Kreider and Jim Dunbar. Designed by Dr. S. David Webb and Joan Herrera. Site design and html programming by Dr. Wayne King and Joan Herrera.

from the Aucilla River Times, March, 1998

Who Used To Be Who In Archaeology



by Steve Tutko

Max Uhle, B. 1856, d. 1944, a German scholar, is considered the father of Peruvian archaeology. His explorations included archaeological expeditions in the village of Chinca and Ica where he discovered the source of NAZCA pottery. He also worked in Chile and Ecuador.

School Days - Mound Key 1923-24

SWFAS member, Captain Carl Johnson recently received a thank you note from Jimmie Kate (Wamble) Hays for leading her on a tour around Mound Key. Ms. Hays took the tour in 1997 at the age of 82. Seventy-five years earlier she had attended school there. In her note to Carl, she enclosed a picture of the school house on Mound Key. Carl stated that while on the tour Ms. Hays pointed out the exact location of the school and described the route from the (now missing) pier to the school.

During the week, the Wamble girls lived in a room attached to the back of the school. On Fridays, they were ferried upriver to their parents home in "Estero Grove" by fisherman Joe Fernandez. Monday mornings, he ferried them back to Mound Key for another week of school.

Ms. Hays, after reading Capt. Carl Johnson's "Ship's Log" column in the Fort Myers News-Press (11/19/97), sent this picture (right) to him. In an attached letter, she wrote, "This may be the only existing picture of the school house." ♦

Taken in part from On Mound Key and all about Estero Bay Rev. 1998 by Captains Carl Johnson & Charles Weeks.

Minnie Lee Wamble noted:
"2nd year
teaching school -
at Mound Key, Fl.
1923-24."



In this photograph, Teacher Minnie Lee Wamble and her sister Jimmie Kate Wamble stand in the doorway. Other children are listed as: Evelyn & Mary Leuttich, Fonzie Johnson, Bill Johnson's Children, Sid Johnson's Children.