



# Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) 1980 to 2020 - OUR 40th YEAR September 2020 Newsletter

<http://swflarchaeology.org/>

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



The SWFAS Newsletter was scheduled to return in October this year but the pandemic has changed many things for all of us. The cancellation of both the FAS 2020 Annual Meeting in May and the rescheduled event in October is the first time that this annual meeting has ever been cancelled. SWFAS was to be the host chapter and all of us were looking forward to hosting the membership at The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. We had arranged a great program and wonderful venue. A highlight of the annual meeting is the Friday night Stewards of Heritage awards and the Saturday night FAS awards ceremony during the banquet.

This year, because of the cancellation of the annual meeting, the FAS has created a video to honor the recipients of the 2020 awards. Please go to the FAS website, [fasweb.com](http://fasweb.com), and it is on the first page of the home page in the lower right-hand column and is narrated by Emily Jane Murray, FAS President. The feedback that FAS has received over the video has been overwhelming positive and, since many are unable to attend the annual meeting, may have created a new tradition to now do this on a yearly basis. Three members of SWFAS have been honored this year along with many other deserving individuals. The SWFAS members are: Charlie Strader, Susan Harrington and Elizabeth 'Betsy' Perdichizzi. Below is a listing of all the 2020 FAS honorees.

## 2020 FAS AWARDS

*Presented by the Florida Archaeological Council (FAC) and Stewards of Heritage:*

### 2020 FAC JOHN W. GRIFFIN AWARD



**CHRISTOPHER HUNT:**  
Old St. Joseph Archaeology



**AUBREY FARRELL:**  
Shark teeth at the Shields Mound

### 2020 STEWARDS OF HERITAGE AWARD



#### **FRIENDS OF FISH ISLAND:**

Preservation of Fish Island, St. Augustine. Campaigned with the Florida Land Trust to preserve the island and its archaeological sites. Florida purchased the island for 6.5 million.

## 2020 STEWARDS OF HERITAGE AWARD *(continued)*



**CHRIS NOLAN:** Recorded 45 historic cemeteries and has listed another 41 for preservation.

**LIN KEITH AND ANNE BROADWELL:** Preservation of an African-American historic cemetery that was in the right of way of I-95 in Ft. Lauderdale and getting it approved for the National Register of Historic Places.



## THE 2020 FAS DOROTHY MOORE STUDENT GRANT FOR \$500



**JOHN BLACKBURN:** USF student will study check stamped ceramics in a woodland context.

## SWFAS MEMBERS HONORED IN 2020

The following three members of SWFAS were honored by the Florida Anthropological Society in 2020. CONGRATULATIONS!

*The following are the full nominations submitted to FAS:*

### CHARLES “Charlie” E. STRADER NOMINATION – FAS 2020 WILLIAM C. LAZARUS MEMORIAL AWARD



The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) proposes Charles “Charlie” E. Strader for the Florida Anthropological Society 2020 William C. Lazarus Award. Charlie’s long and impactful contribution to South Florida archaeology started in 1983. Charlie called John Beriault, then President of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS), to inform him that his property on the Imperial River in Bonita Springs, Florida contained an archaeological site. Working with Charlie and SWFAS members, John Beriault oversaw the excavation of the well stratified, four -meter deep deposits of the site. Charlie was hooked. He joined SWFAS the same year and the site was named the Strader Site (8II709).

For the next 36 years, and hopefully many more, Charlie continued to make a positive contribution to the discovery, recording and preservation of cultural resources in Lee and Collier Counties. In the 1980’s and 1990’s, prior to the routine engagement of CRM firms to evaluate land slated for development, Charlie and John Beriault recorded over 100 archaeological sites and led salvage excavation to many of them. On weekends they would travel through the wooded areas or island hop in Charlie’s boat in Estero Bay looking for unrecorded sites. As SWFAS membership grew, Charlie organized recording sessions at his home to educate society members on proper completion of the site record cards. With Joe Long, another SWFAS member, they began mapping many of these sites and in conjunction with the Craighead Archaeological Laboratory, completing site report monographs. Results of a number of the projects on which Charlie

assisted in the field appear in the pages of *The Florida Anthropologist*, various technical reports generated by SWFAS or through Bob Carr and the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy.

Without these herculean efforts, many sites that have now been destroyed may never have been recorded and the data entirely lost. In other cases, such as their identification of sites in Estero Bay, the ground work laid by Charlie Strader and John Beriault supports site monitoring and protection efforts that continue today through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Park Service. The sheer volume of sites recorded, including many smaller, less visible resources, also aids the robustness of maps generated for land planners and building permit reviewers to assess archaeological sensitivity, particularly in Lee County.

Charlie has served at all levels of SWFAS leadership positions with two years as president, seven as a trustee and nineteen years as Treasurer, his current position. Charlie ably manages the finances of the society through spendthrift and less so presidents and was instrumental in attaining non-profit status for the organization. He assisted in the establishment of the SWFAS Craighead Archaeological Laboratory at the Collier County Museum at Government Center in Naples, in operation since March 1988. He assisted with three previous FAS Conferences (1990, 2000, 2010) as well as the present one (2020). For many years the SWFAS December picnic was held at his home and it was said that if you ever needed a volunteer (or a place to fire experimental pottery!) call Charlie. This statement is still true today.

Charlie has also been a passionate advocate for historic preservation and education in local communities. He has been a long-time member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society, previously serving terms as president. The society has preserved, and or helped preserve, over forty historic sites in the city of Bonita Springs. In the 1980's and 1990's Charlie organizes several educational trips with SWFAS members to Central and South America to visit Mayan and Inca archaeological sites. From these visits he formed a company offering educational archaeological travel and eco tours to Peru, Panama, Costa Rica and the Amazon rainforest.

Historic preservation and education have also been two areas that Charlie has a passion for. He has been a long-time member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society in Bonita Springs, Florida, and, has served as its' president and the society has preserved, and or helped preserve, over forty historic sites in the city of Bonita Springs. In the 1980's and 1990's, Charlie organized several educational trips with SWFAS members to Central and South America to visit Mayan and Inca archaeological sites. From these visits he formed a company offering educational archaeological travel and eco tours to Peru, Panama, Costa Rica and the Amazon rainforest.

To date, Charlie's contributions have been recognized with two FAS Certificates of Achievement and two SWFAS Golden Trowel Awards. However, the William C. Lazarus Award more appropriately recognizes the sustained, substantial, and lasting impact Charlie's contributions have made to SWFAS and to the documentation of Florida's archaeological record. As Treasurer, Charlie oversees SWFAS's institutional membership to FAS and curates the FA Journal with other SWFAS papers. For that reason, Charlie did not routinely maintain a FAS membership of his own, SWFAS has taken it upon our organization to register Charlie as a FAS member in order to support this application for a most-deserving individual. We hope that you agree based on the summary above, that Charlie Strader exemplifies – through site recordation, historic preservation, and education – the accomplishments and spirit of William Lazarus.

## **SUSAN HARRINGTON - 2020 FAS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) nominates Susan Harrington for a Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) 2020 Certificate of Achievement award. Susan joined SWFAS several years ago and worked as a “Lab Rat” at the SWFAS Craighead Archaeological Laboratory at the Collier County Museum in Naples, Florida. She quickly distinguished herself with her computer skills and organizational abilities. In 2016 Susan became the SWFAS Secretary at a very crucial time; we were going on-line and creating a SWFAS website. Susan was instrumental in loading the many old paper SWFAS Newsletters that were stored at the lab to our new location in the ‘cloud’. The forty years of old newsletters were uploaded to our SWFAS On-Line and became the foundation of our website and historical information base. She was also able to locate much of our old original paperwork for the chapter and load it on discs to save it from possible destruction should a hurricane directly impact the lab.

Along with the above projects, SWFAS decided to upgrade our on-line mailing system to better capture our SWFAS members, Institutional mail Members and guest mail data information. This enabled us to develop a 300 plus mailing list to advertise our presentations and what was going on with SWFAS in Southwest Florida. Susan was able to create a new mailing and tracking system of non-member presentation attendees. We also advertise our programs in the local newspapers using free advertising as a non-profit and Susan accurately targeted the newspaper advance notification deadlines for prime locations. Another major area that she made an impact was the formatting of the SWFAS Newsletters. She has an ‘eye’ for the print layout and details and always made whatever was submitted to her a more pleasing print production. Susan is also the recipient of a 2017 SWFAS Golden Trowel Award and a 2019 SWFAS Certificate of Appreciation for her many contributions.

## **ELIZABETH (BETSY) PERDICHIZZI - 2020 FAS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society (SWFAS) nominates Elizabeth (Betsy) Perdichizzi for a Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) Certificate of Achievement 2020 Award. Betsy joined SWFAS in 1993 and has served as 2nd Vice President for two years, 1st Vice president one year, President for two years and as a Trustee for seven years. During this time, she participated in several SWFAS salvage excavations. In 1991 SWFAS had been instrumental in assisting Collier County form the Historic Archaeological Preservation Board (HAPB) and the preservation of historic and archaeological sites in Collier County is controlled by this board. Betsy has served many years on this board in various roles, and continues to serve today to preserve our local heritage in Collier County.

Betsy was instrumental in spearheading the 1995 loan of the ‘Marco Cat’ to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1896 Cushing excavation and, again, in 1999 to celebrate the millennium. This was through a local bank where ‘the Cat’ was exhibited in the bank during the day and kept in the bank vault overnight. She and her husband Bill, were founding members of the Marco Island Historical Society and became active in the quest to build the Marco Island Historical Museum. This museum and the attached Rose Auditorium were eventually incorporated into the Collier County Museum group and, for two years, hosts the return of “The Marco Cat” and other items from the famous 1896 Frank Hamilton Cushing excavation. While her interest in pre-history was served through SWFAS and the HAPB board, she had an overriding interest in the local history of Marco Island and Collier County, Florida. Betsy, through the Historical Society, inspired the creation of the Marco Island Re-enactors in 1998 and began a series of historical pioneer reenactments that gave performances for the public and in the schools and this continues to this day.

In 1999 she founded the Caxambas Press and wrote and published four non-fiction books on early pioneer people and families on Marco Island. In 2004 she was awarded the Golden Quill Award from the Florida Historical Society for these stories. Betsy continues to contribute to the community through her membership in SWFAS, serving on the HAPB board and the Marco Historical Society. With this award SWFAS recognizes her contributions to archaeological and historical preservation in Collier County as well as her many other accomplishments.

## **OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020**

### **Officers**

President: John Furey  
First Vice-President: Jim Oswald  
Second Vice-President: Elizabeth Clement  
Secretary: Susan Harrington  
Treasurer: Charlie Strader

### **Trustees**

First of 3-year term:  
Jan Gooding  
Amanda Townsend  
Second of 3-year term:  
Theresa Schober (Chapter Rep.)  
Mary Southall  
William Locascio  
Third of 3-year term:  
Tiffany Bannworth

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***Check out our website at <http://swflarchaeology.org/>***

## **SWFAS AND FAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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!**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Check One:

Individual (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Individual (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_ Life (\$500) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Support SWFAS Speakers and Programs \_\_\_\_\_

Skills, training, interests: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of the Southwest Archaeological Society. I further release from any and all liability due to accident and injury to myself, dependents and any property owners cooperating with the society.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to SWFAS and mail to:

Charlie Strader  
SWFAS Treasurer  
27655 Kent Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

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# FAS Membership Categories

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](http://fasweb.org). *Membership is for one year.*

Student *	\$15	Sustaining	\$100
Regular	\$30	Patron	\$1,000
Family	\$35	Benefactor	\$2,500
Institutional	\$30		

\*Student membership is open to graduate, undergraduate and high school students. A photocopy of your student ID must accompany payment. \*\*Add \$25 for foreign addresses.

Send Membership Form and Dues Payment to:

Florida Anthropological Society, P O Box 1561 Boynton Beach, FL 33425

*You can join online or pay Membership dues renewals via PayPal on our website [fasweb.org](http://fasweb.org).*

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I wish to make a donation to:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dot Moore/FAS Student Grant Fund    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Archaeology Month Account

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Anthropologist Monograph Fund    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Florida Anthropologist Endowment Fund

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Florida Anthropological Society.

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Signature

Date