



Southwest Region
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HIGHLIGHTS

Training: Heritage Monitoring Scouts at Randell Research Center

On Thursday November 10th, volunteers from the Randell Research Center/Pineland met with Florida Public Archaeology Network's (FPAN) southwest region to learn about FPAN's Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) program. The HMS program is a citizen science initiative to empower communities to verify archaeological site information, and to monitor sites that are at risk due to inclement weather events and sea level rise.

The HMS workshop was led by Rachael Kangas, MA, RPA, Public Archaeology Coordinator for FPAN southwest, and Sara Ayers-Rigsby, MA, RPA, Director of FPAN Southeast/Southwest regions. Cindy Bear, Coordinator for Programs and Services, at the Randell Research Center, facilitated the workshop. Twelve volunteers attended, and have subsequently monitored archaeological sites at various locations throughout Lee County.



Ms. Kangas at the Randell Research Center

Assistance to Local Government and the Division of Historical Resources: ARM Training

In December, Rachael Kangas and Sara Ayers-Rigsby assisted the FL DHR and Florida State Parks in Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training for land managers. This course is designed to teach land managers from various agencies throughout the state to recognize and care for archaeological resources at their facility. During this two-day course, Kangas and Ayers-Rigsby assisted DHR staff in presenting information about archaeological resources in southwest Florida, and logging information into FPAN's HMS database.



DHR and FPAN staff at ARM training

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- **Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs**
 - FPAN SW and SE developed a monthly newsletter for the region based on standard formatting created by Nicole Grinnan at coordinating center.
- **Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level**
 - Ms. Kangas raised awareness of sea level rise and archaeological resources by presenting at Estero Bay area's Cela Tega conference, which focuses on resiliency.
- **Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network**
 - Rachael Kangas and Mallory Fenn, Public Archaeologists for the southwest and southeast regions, developed and presented a scientific drawing workshop for undergraduate students at Florida Gulf Coast University. They will expand the program to other interested institutions.
 - Rachael Kangas and Sara Ayers-Rigsby presented papers as part of the public outreach session at the annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Athens, Georgia.