

East Central Region
Florida Public Archaeology
Network

Quarterly Report
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Executive Summary

The first three months at our new host, the Florida Historical Society, has been a productive period. We have settled into our offices, have our computers fully functional, and have already held three very successful events here at the Library. Our activities and events are listed below.

The activities for the last quarter are as follows:

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	10	438
Public Events	9	1,702
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	1	40
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	
Adult Training/Workshops	0	0
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	9	229
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	5	
Volunteer Programs	0	0
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	5	71
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	0	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	1	
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	10	2,815
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article	1-in press 1-under review	
TOTAL	53	5,295

Public Outreach

Public Lectures

- Brevard County Pan-Hellenic – 30 Attendees
- Amelia Island Historical Museum – 95 Attendees
- Lagoon House Brown Bag Lecture – 26 Attendees
- Kissimmee Valley Archaeological Society – 120 Attendees
- Seminole County Museum of History – 17 Attendees
- International Birding Festival Lecture – 18 Attendees
- Environmental Learning Center – 45 Attendees
- Brevard Retired Teachers Association – 27 Attendees
- South Brevard Historical Society – 45 Attendees
- **Total Attendees - 438**

Youth Event/Presentation

- Cocoa Beach Jr/Senior High – 24 Attendees
- Cocoa Beach Jr/Senior High – 26 Attendees
- Cocoa Beach Jr/Senior High – 28 Attendees
- Cocoa Beach Jr/Senior High – 13 Attendees
- Cocoa Beach Jr/Senior High – 26 Attendees
- Oviedo High School – 23 Attendees
- Oviedo High School – 21 Attendees
- Seminole County Museum of History Arch Day – 28 Attendees
- Social Studies Meeting – 25 Attendees
- **Total Attendees - 229**

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Orange County

- FHS represented FPAN at Social Studies Educators meeting
- Assisting Oakland Nature Preserve in public fieldwork
- Participate in Central Florida Archaeological Society meetings

Brevard County

- Brevard County Historical Commission – Dr. Wentz serves on board
- Article on update of FPAN's East Central Region, 3 years later

Martin County

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Seminole County

- Public lecture at the Seminole County Museum of History
- Public Archaeology Dig for Kids at the SCMH
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Osceola County

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Indian River County

- Public lecture at the Environmental Learning Center
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Okeechobee County

- Public lecture for the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological Society
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

St Lucie County

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Outside of Region

- Assisted Dr. Michele Williams with event in Ft. Lauderdale

Assisting DHR

Develop presentation for FAS on Skeletal excavation/analysis for St. John's County

Florida Archaeological Council

- Dr. Wentz serves as board member and will be in charge of new memberships as of May 2010

Personnel

From February 23-24, we held interviews for the position of Outreach Coordinator for the East Central Region. We advertised extensively throughout the state of Florida, including within universities and local governments and had four candidates apply. Although each candidate offered certain skills and experience, our former Administrative Assistant, Gregg Harding, proved to be the best overall candidate and was offered the position.

Gregg started with our office last September as Admin Assistant when Nathan Lawres took over the OC position. Gregg has shown incredible initiative and has taken on tasks with great enthusiasm. He is an excellent people person and has very good presentation skills. He comes to us with an additional background in business administration so has proven very useful in developing flyers and informational for events. He is building his own list of public lectures and has presented to several local civic groups. He is currently focusing on sending out informational emails for public school teachers and will be working with Rae Harper on adopting criteria for teacher training for the summer.

Facility

Our new location at the Florida Historical Society has been outstanding. We now have a dedicated, motivated partner and we are constantly developing new opportunities for public events. Our first event was an Open House, held on January 22nd to give our FPAN followers a chance to see our new facility. We had a reception and I gave a lecture on Florida's prehistoric mounds. We had an excellent attendance of over 80 people. Our

second event was held on February 18th. Tim Kosusko, a PhD candidate at FIT studying biological education presented a fascinating lecture on Florida's thousand island chain off the east coast. It was very successful, with over 38 in attendance. Our third big event featured Dr. Judy Bense, who came to present a lecture on West Florida's history following Spanish contact. She gave an outstanding presentation and stayed to answer questions during a reception that followed. It was a great opportunity to have her tour our facility, take in our wonderful location in Downtown Cocoa Village, and spend time with the FPAN and FHS staff.

Future Events

Now that we have settled into our facility, we have numerous events scheduled for the next few months. We are hosting a lecture next month featuring Dr. John Schultz, a professor from UCF who specializes in forensic and historic cemetery surveys utilizing GPR. Following his lecture, we are hosting a public day at the historic Rossetter House in Melbourne (which is managed by FHS). There, Dr. Schultz will conduct a GPR survey of the family cemetery to locate unmarked graves within the cemetery boundaries. The Indian River Anthropological Society will be participating with artifact demonstrations and talks, a local flint knapper will be on hand for demonstrations, and we will be holding cemetery talks and house tours throughout the day. It should be a great opportunity for the public to learn about this exceptional technology and its application in archaeology.

We have much travel in the months ahead. I will be attending the Paleopathology Association Meetings and the Society for American Archaeology Meetings. Gregg and I will be attending the Florida Anthropological Society Meetings and the Florida Historical Society Meetings. We will also be attending the HADS training in Marathon Key and have begun the preliminary plans to bring the training to our region.

We are developing a summer film series that will feature films on Florida's past and cutting edge technology in archaeology. We will hold three film nights and include special discussants familiar with the topics on hand. We have chosen two films so far but the series is still in development.

Professional Development

I will be presenting papers at the SAA, FAS, and FHS upcoming meetings. I currently have a paper in press with the Florida Anthropologist and one under review for the same journal. Dr. Williams and I are beginning to write up our research on medicinal plant use among the Windover population and I have also been exploring early medicinal practices at the time of European contact.