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North Central Region  
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The North Central Region has started the New Year off strong! This quarter began with the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. During my attendance at the conference I gave a paper on behalf of Lindsay Smith, Underwater Archaeologist with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research. I also attended the Gender and Minority Affairs Committee meeting as their Social Media Liason and the liason to the Public Education and Interpretation Committee.

In January I, along with staff from the West Central Region, attended a National Register of Historic Places workshop in Mobile, Alabama. Della Scott-Ireton and I are planning for the annual DHR/FPAN meeting, which will include a similar workshop for FPAN staff. We are planning to open this workshop up to members of the public as well. Della has been working with her contact in Washington D.C. and Barbara Mattick to coordinate this workshop.

The first quarter, of course, included Florida Archaeology Month. This region hosted, co-hosted and attended a great variety of events to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month (FAM). This year we were able to partner with several different organizations, which allowed us to have more FAM events. We partnered with the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation to co-host, along with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, an evening of lectures geared towards illustrating how archaeology can be of benefit to historic preservation and restoration. Several speakers, including myself, discussed the various historic structures and sites in the Tallahassee area that have benefited or currently are benefitting from archaeology. It was a great series, and had a wonderful turn out. It was also a great way to expose historic preservationists to archaeology and get archaeologists and preservationists together under the same roof.

Additionally, FPAN North Central partnered with the Tallahassee Community College Wakulla Service Center to offer a weekly lecture series during the month of March titled, "Creeks, Conquistadors, and Confederates: Archaeology of the Big Bend". During the course of the lecture series we had a variety of speakers come to speak about various aspects of archaeology in this region. Dr. William Lees kicked off the lecture series with a discussion of the archaeological work conducted at the site of the Battle of Natural Bridge. The weekend following his lecture was the reenactment of this battle, so it was a wonderful way to encourage attendees to visit the reenactment. We then had Dr. Nancy White come and discuss her work in the Apalachicola River Basin. The following week with had Franklin Price, Underwater Archaeologist with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, talk about the Florida Shipwreck Preserves and the USS Narcissus.

The North Central Region also had a booth at various festivals in the region during this quarter. To promote the 150<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Civil War in Florida and Florida Archaeology Month we had a booth at two Civil War battle reenactments; Olustee and Natural Bridge. We also partnered with Ochlockonee River State Park for their annual Primitive Arts Festival. This year FPAN offered a variety of hands-on activities for children and adults, presented to school field trip groups and held a youth atlant workshop during the festival. This region is fortunate to have a new volunteer with a great deal of experience working with children and knowledge of archaeology. This volunteer staffed the FPAN booth at the Museum of Florida History's annual Children's Day.

We have had a variety of youth activities and presentations this quarter and are busily planning for summer youth activities, including summer camps. I continue to work with the students enrolled in the after school program at Hosford School and Tolar Elementary in Liberty County. All of the FPAN Outreach Coordinators have been planning for this year's round of educator conferences taking place in Florida. This October I, along with Gregg Harding, will be attending the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference in Orlando. We are planning on having a table and presenting to the teachers in attendance.

Main Street Monticello has received a \$10,000 grant from the Humanities Council for the "Paleo-Indian to Seminole in Jefferson County, Florida" conference. I continue to work with them in organizing this event, which will take place in October 2012. My main role in this event will be organizing a Public Day at the Historic Opera House in downtown Monticello, which will take place tentatively on October 6.

I also have continued my work with the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD). I have been working with them to develop an interpretive trail of the site. Hiking trails have already been established and are currently used by visitors to the site. The SRWMD has the funds and the materials to construct kiosks along the trail for interpretive displays.

I was contacted by a group in Leon County concerned about a historic African American cemetery. The Munree Cemetery is located in Tallahassee and was established in the 1840s. It was part of the Welaunee Plantation and continued to be used until the mid-1900s. I have partnered with the Southeastern Archaeological Center to assist this group in properly documenting this cemetery and the burials. We will also provide them with guidance on how to properly maintain the cemetery. We are currently assessing whether a GPR survey is a possibility. If it is, we will plan on doing a public workshop and demonstration on GPR techniques. If it is not a possibility we plan on using GPS technology to map the cemetery and individual graves. A FMSF form was submitted in 2010 by the City of Tallahassee, and will be updated as appropriate.

I continue to act as Chair for the Fundraising Committee as PAST continues to plan for the FAS 2012 Annual Meeting to be held in Tallahassee this May. In addition to my fundraising duties I am also assisting in various other capacities as well to help make this meeting a success.

Forgotten Coast Television, TNT Hide-a-Way kayak rentals and FPAN North Central teamed up to film a segment on the natural and cultural highlights of the Wakulla River. This segment aired on Forgotten Coast TV in February. The segment can be viewed at [www.forgottencoasttv.com/](http://www.forgottencoasttv.com/).

According to Google Analytics, the first quarter of 2012 saw 1,261 visits to the North Central Region's website (78.75% new visitors, 21.25% returning visitors). The number of Facebook fans has increased from 245 to 265 and followers on Twitter have increased from 277 to 292. Subscribers to our quarterly

newsletter have also increased, from 297 to 385. The number of attendees to FPAN North Central events this quarter was 3,603. This large increase in event attendees can most likely be attributed to March being Florida Archaeology Month. During this quarter the North Central Region received \$388.37 in donations, which were sent to UWF to be deposited into the FPAN account.

<b>Type of Activity/Event</b>	<b># of Events/Presentations/Activities</b>	<b># of Attendees</b>
Public Presentations	4	123
Public Events	4	1447
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	3	
Adult Training/Workshops		
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	6	848
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	2	
Volunteer Programs	1	2
Meetings attended-Government, Schools, Administration	12	1183
Printed Articles-Magazine, Newspaper	2	
Printed Media produced- Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced- Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	2 mass emailings (including 1 newsletters this quarter-spring edition)	385 subscribers
	FPAN Facebook	265 fans
	FPAN Twitter	292 followers
	“Archaeology Gone Public” Blog	6 posts
Major Publications- Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,603*</b>

\*This total does not include newsletter subscribers, Facebook fans, Twitter followers or blog followers.

**Public Outreach:**

Informational Booths:

- Florida Museum of History, Children’s Day (Leon) – 203 attendees

- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Wildlife Heritage and Outdoor Festival (Wakulla) – 209 attendees
- Olustee Battle Reenactment (Baker) – 539 attendees
- Ochlockonee River State Park Primitive Arts Festival (Wakulla) – 443 attendees
- Natural Bridge Battle Reenactment (Leon) – 256 attendees
- Ghazvini Learning Center Career Fair (Leon) – 450 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours:

- “The Natural Bridge Campaign” FAM Lecture, Dr. William Lees (Wakulla) – 30 attendees
- “Archaeology’s contributions to Historic Preservation” Lecture (Leon) – 43 attendees
- “Adventures in Archaeology” FAM Lecture, Dr. Nancy White (Wakulla) – 17 attendees
- “Underwater Archaeology” FAM Lecture, Franklin Price – 7 attendees
- “Wakulla and Page Ladson Archaeological Sites” FAM Lecture, James Dunbar – 26 attendees

Youth Events/Presentations:

- Hosford Monthly Visit – January (Liberty) – 23 attendees
- Medart Elementary Visit (Wakulla) – 134 attendees
- Tolar Monthly Visit – February (Liberty) – 15 attendees
- Tolar Monthly Visit – March (Liberty) – 23 attendees

**Assisting DHR:**

- Distributed DHR literature to public at events

**Other:**

- Attended the Society for Historic Archaeology Conference – read paper for Lindsay Smith of DHR
- Attended the Gender and Minority Affairs Committee meeting at SHA
- Assisting with planning of the FAS 2012 Annual Meeting
- Continue to assist the Wakulla County Historical Society with projects, continue to be a member on the Board of Directors
- Attended NRHP Workshop in Mobile, AL
- Board member of the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee
- Working as a member of the ATTF to promote archaeotourism
- Assisting the Big Bend Maritime Center with efforts to create an educational center in Panacea
- Assisting Mainstreet Monticello with conference to be held in October
- Assisting the Suwannee River Water Management District with interpretive trail of Suwannee Springs
- Assisting with preservation efforts at Munree Cemetery
- Working with the Girl Scouts to plan archaeology summer camp
- Attended Scientific Diving training at UWF, became member of FPAN Dive Team