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North Central Region  
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School may have let out for summer, but the North Central Regional Office has not slowed down the youth outreach! During the summer months the North Central Region participates in a number of summer camps. Due to the limited staff in this region, instead of creating our own camps, the North Central office partners with other organizations within the region to co-host summer camp programs. The North Central Region partners with the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, the Liberty County 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community and the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory's SciGirl Summer Camp Program. Each of these programs offers different challenges and FPAN staff creates a program that is tailored to the individual missions of each summer camp program. This year the Girl Scouts that participated in the "Scouting the Past" summer camp received their "Playing the Past" and "Scribe" patches. They also had a special visit from the Civil War reenactors of the John G. Riley House Museum. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program is a nation-wide grants program for rural and underserved communities. It provides educational enrichment programs for students in these areas during the school year in the form of an after school program. In the summer the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program offers an enrichment day camp. FPAN North Central has worked with this program in Liberty County for two years now both during the school year and during the summer day camp. FPAN North Central will be making a visit to the SciGirls Summer Camp program in mid-July where the campers will do an experiment involving atlats.

Since its creation, the North Central Region office has worked hard to assist local organizations that are working on various preservation projects in the region. The most recent of which involves a historic African American cemetery located in Tallahassee. The Munree Cemetery, as it is known, was established in the late 1800s or early 1900s. It is associated with the Welaunee and Monreif plantations of Tallahassee. The cemetery contains at least 250 burials, the majority of which are unmarked. Since 2009 a group of concerned citizens have been working with county and city officials to protect and preserve this historic site. The citizens established a non-profit organization, The Munree Cemetery Foundation, Inc. as part of this effort. In early 2012 this group contacted the Southeast Archaeological Center asking if there were any archaeologists that would be interested in assisting them. The Southeast Archaeological Center contacted the North Central FPAN office. Since that time the Southeast Archaeological Center and the North Central FPAN office have partnered with the local citizens to work to ensure the cemetery is properly documented and maintained. This opportunity is being used to

create awareness within the community of the importance of historic cemeteries and how to properly maintain and protect them.

In June a team of archaeologists from FPAN North Central, the Southeast Archaeological Center, the Panhandle Archaeological Society and volunteers from the Munree Cemetery Foundation, Inc. and the community took two days to document the cemetery and conduct some much needed maintenance. The Southeast Archaeological Center generously provided GPR equipment to assist with this effort. The citizens had the opportunity to get some hands on experience using the GPR. The group also took this opportunity to learn how to safely and properly clean cemetery monuments using D-2 Biological Solution and learned how to document sites using the Florida Master Site File cemetery form. In addition to using these more common methods of cemetery documentation, a unique opportunity was presented to those involved as well. Human Remain Detection (HRD) dogs were brought in by trained handlers who volunteered their time to assist with locating possible unidentified unmarked burials. This allowed us to narrow down the areas that could benefit most from the use of GPR. This information will be compared with the results of the GPR survey. The public was invited out to the cemetery while the dogs were conducting their survey and the dog handlers did a wonderful job in educating visitors and answering questions alongside the archaeologists. WFSU-TV came out to the cemetery to document the history of the cemetery and get some footage and interviews of the volunteers and archaeologists. Again, the local program, *Dimensions*, will feature a local FPAN project! As you may recall they also did a feature on the Orman House project in Apalachicola in 2010. The Munree Cemetery special will air on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm on WFSU-TV. Other media outlets also came

out to cover the project, including WCTV local news and the Tallahassee Democrat.



1. Volunteers pose for picture at Munree Cemetery.

The North Central Region has also strived to have a continually strong online presence as well. The number of followers on Facebook has increased from 265 to 286. The number of followers on Twitter has increased from 292 to 315. The number of subscribers to our quarterly e-newsletter has also increased from 385 to 434. The North Central blog, *Shovel Bytes*, has been updated with 6 posts this quarter. The blog has become a great tool to promote archaeoheritage

tourism to sites in this region. It is also a wonderful educational tool as well. We have seen a slight

increase in the number of comments on the blog in the last several months! This quarter has been very productive, with 1073 attendees to FPAN events in this region. We are busily getting ready for some great events for the next quarter, including more summer camp visits, several lectures, a kayak tour of the Wakulla River and our first Project Archaeology workshop!

<b>Type of Activity/Event</b>	<b># of Events/Presentations/Activities</b>	<b># of Attendees</b>
Public Presentations	4	140
Public Events	4	382
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)		
Adult Training/Workshops	1	11
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	8	518
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	5	
Volunteer Programs		
Meetings attended-Government, Schools, Administration	4	22
Printed Articles-Magazine, Newspaper	1	
Printed Media produced- Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced- Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	1 mass emailing  FPAN Facebook  FPAN Twitter  "Archaeology Gone Public" Blog	434  206 fans  315 followers  6 Posts
Major Publications- Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	1073

\*The total number of attendees does not include any of the numbers from the category "electronic media produced".

### **Public Outreach**

#### Info Booths:

- Carrabelle Riverfront Festival, Franklin County – 214 attendees
- Wild Florida Fest, Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, Hamilton County – 103 attendees

#### Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours:

- "Historic Cemeteries as Historic Resources", Columbia County – 39 attendees

- “Native Plants, Native People”, Columbia County – 37 attendees
- “Turpentine Industry in North Florida”, Wakulla County – 27 attendees

#### Workshops:

- Wakulla County Historical Society organizational workshop, Wakulla County – 11 attendees
- Munree Cemetery Project, Leon County – 65 attendees

#### Media Events:

- WFSU-TV filming at Munree Cemetery
- WCTV interview and news coverage at Munree Cemetery
- Tallahassee Democrat article, “Munree Cemetery renovation is moving forward” by Byron Dobson, Sunday June 24, 2012

#### Youth Event/Presentation:

- Holy Comforter School classroom visit, Leon County – 63 attendees
- Tolar School 21<sup>st</sup> Century visit (April), Liberty County – 10 attendees
- Hosford School 21<sup>st</sup> Century visit (April), Liberty County – 20 attendees
- Shadeville Elementary Project Learning Tree program, Wakulla County – 128 attendees
- Tolar School 21<sup>st</sup> Century visit (May), Liberty County – 16 attendees
- Tolar School 21<sup>st</sup> Century visit (June), Liberty County – 123 attendees
- Hosford 21<sup>st</sup> Century visit (June), Liberty County – 130 attendees
- Camp for All Seasons Girl Scout Summer Camp, Leon County – 28 attendees

#### Other:

- Provided swag and Florida Archaeology Month posters and bookmarks for Ghazvini Learning Center’s teacher appreciation week, Leon County.
- Continued work with the Archaeotourism Task Force.
- Judged website entries for the Florida History Fair at Tallahassee Community College, Leon County.
- Assisted with the planning of the annual FAS meeting in Tallahassee, Leon County.
- Attended a PastPerfect webinar.
- Attended HADS in Marathon, FL.