

Northeast Regional Center
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Ft. Heilman Public Archaeology Day, Clay County

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Executive Summary

Activities for the quarter revolved around teacher training workshops and conference responsibilities. Three workshops were facilitated by Center staff: *Project Archaeology* workshop at Cumberland Island National Seashore with teachers representing Florida and Georgia, a combined Project Wet/Project Archaeology workshop in Marion County to capture teachers from the St. Johns River area, and “Archaeology Goes to Camp” counselor training. Involving a wide range of partners during these activities did decrease the summer demand of visiting individual camps and allowed staff to spend time and resources achieving strategic planning goals, such as improved involvement with local governments.

Participation in professional conferences continued with a poster on public outreach using GPR, a research paper on findings from the *T’Omb* gpr surveys, presentation of two papers at the Florida Anthropological Society Meeting, a poster on impact of ghost tourism on archaeological sites at the Society for Economic Anthropology, and finally acceptance of a Statewide Preservation Award for the *Coquina Queries* program.

Center staff continue to be involved in a wide range of activities, including responding to calls from the public to record archaeological sites, visits to clubs and classrooms, production of video podcasts encouraging visitation to local heritage sites, and overseeing writing of the Kingsley Plantation Shelter lessons by teacher-ranger-teachers for *Project Archaeology* curriculum.

Type of Activity/Event	Events	Attendees
Public Presentations	10	474
Public Events	4	378
Professional Conferences	3	127
Adult Training/Workshops/Symposiums	5	1,551
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	13	774
Volunteers (hours/number)	140	31
Meetings attended	35	295
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	9	
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	8	2,724
Other- Displays (Lincolnton Museum, VIC)	2	150,171
TOTAL	227	156,525

Public Outreach

Information Tables

- Area Archaeology Public Day at Ribault Club House, Timucuan Preserve, National Park Service, Jacksonville, Duval County—16 attendees

Professional Conferences

- Presented “Three Cemeteries and a Funeral: Preliminary Results of GPR Testing at the Huguenot, Tolomato, and National Cemeteries in St. Augustine” at Florida Anthropological Society Meeting, Ft. Meyers—42 attendees
- Presented paper “St. Augustine Archaeology Camp: Past, Present, and Future” at Florida Anthropological Society Meeting, Ft. Meyers—35 attendees
- Poster on use of GPR for Public Engagement in Cemeteries presented at Society for American Archaeology Conference, St. Louis, Mo—18 contacts
- Paper on results from cemetery GPR surveys presented at Society for American Archaeology Conference, St. Louis, Mo—26 attendees
- Poster presented on “Ghost Economy: Impact of Ghost Tourism on Archaeological Sites in Northeast Florida” at Society of Economic Anthropology, Ybor City—18 contacts
- Attended Florida Trust Conference in Ft. Meyers
 - ❖ Accepted Statewide Preservation Award for Coquina Queries in Category of Preservation Education- estimated 50 at presentation

Public Presentations

- Ormond Beach Historical Society presentation on Fantastic Archaeology as part of Florida Humanities Council funded series, Ormond Beach, Volusia County—150 attendees
- Archaeology along the St. Johns River presentation for the Mandarin Museum, Jacksonville, Duval County—33 attendees
- Lemonade Lecture at DeBary Hall on Historic Cemeteries as Archaeological Sites, Enterprise, Volusia County—36 attendees
- Take your child to work day presentation for St. Johns River Management District, Palatka, Putnam County—119 attendees
- Sarah Miller, Robin Moore, and Chuck Meide present local archaeology projects for St. Augustine Archaeology Association Meeting, Flagler College, St. Johns County—57 attendees
- Rebecca Gorman, St. Augustine Archaeology Association Meeting, Flagler College, St. Johns County—42 attendees
- Underwater Archaeology presentation for Melrose Public Library, Putnam County—4 attendees

Public Events

- Layers of Life presentation and activity, Ft. Mose State Park, St. Johns County—13 attendees
- A1A Education Fair, Whitney Lab, Marineland, Flagler County—24 attendees
- Maple Leaf Day, Museum of Science and History, Jacksonville, Duval County—60 attendees
- Ft. Heilman Archaeology Day, Middleburg, Clay County—138 attendees
- Family Fun Day, Gold Head Branch State Park, Clay County—164 attendees

School Programs

- Tool talk at Kelley Smith Elementary, Putnam County—298 students
- Tool talk at Melrose Elementary, Putnam County—122 students
- PB&J and replica talk at Chisholm Elementary, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County—168 students
- Legacy program at Princess Place County Park, Flagler County—10 students
- Tool talk at Camp Chowenwaw County Park, Clay County—75 students
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- Tool talk at Camp Chowenwaw County Park, Clay County—32 students
- Eco-adventures Camp, Ravine Gardens State Park, Putnam County—14 students
- River Camp, Walter Jones Historical Park, Jacksonville, Duval County—22 students
- City of St. Augustine Camp week 1, St. Johns County—6 campers
- City of St. Augustine Camp week 2, St. Johns County—9 campers

Workshops/Training

- Archaeology Goes to Camp: Camp Counselor Training, Flagler College, St. Johns County—13 registrants
- Joint Project Wet/Project Archaeology Workshop at Silver Springs State Park, Marion County—22 registrants
- Project Archaeology Teacher Training Workshop, Cumberland Island National Seashore, St. Mary's, Georgia—16 registrants

Symposiums

- Partner on Discover First America Series: Flagler's Age of Opulence, Flagler College, St. Johns County—800 estimated attendees
- Partner on Discover First America Series: African-Americans in Florida, Flagler College, St. Johns County—700 estimated attendees

Media

- Northeast Region Website—850 new visitors
- Coquina Queries Website—386 new visitors
- Northeast Region BLOG—6 new entries, 717 new visitors
- Twitter Account—127 new postings, 100 followers
- Posted Virtual Florida Fieldtrip podcasts to the website—799 new views

Displays

- *Archaeology in Lincolnton*— 171 visitors
- Visitors Information Center, St. Augustine—stocked maps, brochures, and events calendar; 150,000 visitors quarterly

Grants

- Continued consultation on Kingsley Shelter Curriculum, a joint program with the National Park Service and Project Archaeology

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Clay County

- Attended Historic Resource Board Meeting, Green Cove Springs
- Consulted with County Archivist on Clay County sites

Duval County

- Attended Jacksonville Community Councils, Inc. issues meetings on Sunshine State survey and Public School update

Flagler County

- Assisted in donation of private collection to Flagler County's Princess Place Preserve
- Nominated and stood in support of Flagler County Commissioners acceptance of Statewide Preservation Award for Archaeological Landscape

Nassau County

- Attended meetings for Old Town Bicentennial Committee and was appointed to the events organizing board, Fernandina Beach
- Attended meeting at West Nassau Historical Society, Callahan

Putnam County

- Responded to request from St. Johns River Management District to consult and help record cemeteries on SJRMD property

St. Johns County

- Attended grants panel for National Heritage Area and worked with area partners to bring a heritage foods event to St. Johns and Flagler Counties next year
- Attended Tourism Development Council's workshop to discuss future funding and administration of the County's cultural arts programs
- Spoke to County Commissioners on behalf of heritage tourism partners over concerns of Cultural Council's future funding
- Appointed to St. Johns County Historic Resource Review Board (HRRB)
- Attended HRRB meeting
- Responded to private resident who owns part of Mission San Diego de Salomatoto site to discuss conservation and donation possibilities to county
- Discussed proposed Center for Applied Historic Preservation program with City of St. Augustine staff

Volusia County

- Corresponded with Halifax Heritage Trails organization on proposed designation for Volusia and Flagler County portion of A1A

Assisting DHR

Site Identification Team

- Highbridge Archaeology Form: 8 VO 09216; Volusia County
- Oakland Cemetery Form: 8 VO 07183 (update), Volusia County
- Bosque Bello Cemetery Form: 8 NA 01245; Nassau County
- West View Cemetery Form: 8 PU 01619; Putnam County
- Coquina Well 24 Nelmar Avenue Archaeology Form: 8 SJ 05488; St. Johns County
- Murphy Creek Conservation Area Cemetery Form: 8 PU 01626; Putnam County (in progress)
- Orange Creek Restoration Area Historic Landscape Form: 8 MR 03580; Marion County (in progress)

Other

- Accepted State Wide Preservation Award in the category of Heritage Education for Coquina Queries program
- Continued to advocated for the Center to open an archaeology laboratory and met with Robin Moore to discuss potential space at the County's Nease House
- Attended partners meeting for new Public History Program at Flagler College, St. Augustine
- Attended Florida Association of Museums seminar on Social Media for Heritage Professionals, Orlando
- Attended FPAN BOD meeting in Ft. Meyers

- Hired two new assistants: Sarah Bennett for Outreach and Samantha Benoit for Graphics and Media
- Participated in conference call to discuss ongoing Strategic Planning for the Network
- Advisory Board Meeting held at Flagler College, St. Johns County—8 attendees



Teachers modeling assessment for Project Archaeology Shelter lesson.



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