



**Southeast Region**  
Quarterly Report –September 2016  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Assistance to Local Governments: Collections in Palm Beach County**

This August and September, FPAN SE staff developed a program to train and assist volunteers in the county in up-to-date collections management procedures, in order to facilitate the county's curation of collections originally housed by the Morikami Museum. To this end, Ms. Fenn, Ms. Scott and Ms. Gravlin-Beman developed a system for managing the collection and trained county volunteers and interns in file management, accessioning, and artifact photography. With many collections receiving various levels of care throughout the state, developing a standardized program to train volunteers in collections care and management is critical.



**Ms. Fenn photographing artifacts**

## Assistance to the DHR: The Miami Circle and Beyond

FPAN SE staff was privileged to be able to assist the DHR with archaeological monitoring prior to proposed improvements to the park at the Miami Circle. These improvements will provide for greater enjoyment and knowledge of the area to the local community. Additionally, Ms. Ayers-Rigsby assisted Florida State Park staff with assessing potential archaeological sites at Dagny Johnson State Park in Monroe County.



**FPAN SE and DHR staff at Miami Circle**

### Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
  - FPAN SE assisted with organization of two Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) programs in Monroe County—one in partnership with NPS at Biscayne National Park and one in Tavernier.
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - FPAN SE attended the Tidally United conference in St. Augustine in August of 2016, and will cohost the 2017 conference with the Seminole Tribe.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  - FPAN's Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) program and interviews with Della Scott-Ireton and Sara Ayers-Rigsby were featured in the *Florida Keys Free Press*.
  - Staff conducted a kayak tour of Indian Key in Monroe County.
  - The Southeast Region hired Mallory Fenn as a Public Archaeology Coordinator. Ms. Fenn is a Miami native who has worked on the Met Square Site, as well as working for major heritage sites in Miami-Dade county such as Vizcaya.

- Ms. Fenn attended the National Association of Interpreters Certified Interpretive Guide program in Tampa in September 2016.