



Southwest Region- Quarterly Report October to December 2015

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Highlight of Quarter

Despite the Southwest Region losing its entire staff during this period, FPAN efforts in the area continued without interruption. Though behind the scenes, the office was experiencing a transition period, the Southwest Region remained active in public events and activities. Staff members from the Southeast Region were able to cover many of the previously scheduled lectures. They were also able to call on staff in the West Central Regional Center to reinforce these efforts. As a direct result of these collective efforts, the Southwest Region had a successful quarter and allowed our new hire a working base from which to begin. That said, Public Archaeology Coordinator Rachael Kangas began at the start of December and dove right in. In her first month, she formed new partner relationships, gave well-received lectures, spoke with local press, and brought a renewed excitement and energy to the region.

Public Outreach

- Delivered six lectures at regional educational and historical venues to over 200 people in attendance.
- Presented two youth programs at two venues for 100 children.
- Staffed FPAN information booths at the Swamp Heritage Festival and the Mound House reopening event, connecting with about 400 people.
- Met with staff at like-minded agencies, such as the Ah-Kah-Thi-Ki museum, to discuss future partnership opportunities.
- Led a CRPT workshop at the Charlotte County Historical Society.
- Ms. Kangas spoke with local press about cultural heritage and about her upcoming lecture.

Assistance to Local Governments

- Provided outreach and education opportunities for county-run libraries and museums.
- Attended a trip to the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge and shared knowledge on the archaeological resources available

Administrative Duties

- Moved into new downtown Ft. Myers office space set up space.
- Participated in staff meetings at SW and SE FPAN offices.
- Met with FAU Faculty.

Professional Development

- Attended a new employee orientation.
- Attended Sea-Level Rise workshop



Southwest regions new Outreach Coordinator, Rachael Kangas, getting her feet wet in the new position.