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The Northwest Region had a busy start to fiscal year 2015/2016, working with a variety of organizations to produce some exciting archaeology outreach! In July, FPAN Northwest responded to a request from the City of Gulf Breeze and the Gulf Breeze Historical Society to revamp an existing exhibit on the Deadman's Island Shipwreck in the Gulf Breeze Community Center (originally put together in the early 1990s). Working with the City of Gulf Breeze, the University of West Florida Division of Anthropology and Archaeology's collections team, and the Florida Division of Historical Resources, FPAN staff was able to produce a beautiful new exhibit that both educates viewers about the 18th-century British shipwreck site off Deadman's Island and relays a strong archaeological preservation message. In August, FPAN Northwest coordinated with FPAN West Central to travel to Biscayne National Park to conduct a Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) workshop for recreational divers. Biscayne National Park staff assisted FPAN in conducting the four-day, in-depth workshop for the 17 registered participants. The workshop was a tremendous success and these new submerged archaeological site stewards are hoped to be a valuable resource in helping Biscayne National Park manage their submerged sites in the future. FPAN Northwest also welcomed Brianna Patterson, its newest intern, in August. Brianna is pursuing her Master's degree in Historical Archaeology at the University of West Florida and will be assisting FPAN's outreach and education efforts over the next three years. In September, FPAN Northwest staff assisted the UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology in hosting the "By These Hands: Vernacular Markers of Pensacola's Historic African American Cemeteries" public workshop, a program funded through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The weekend-long workshop was comprised of a Thursday evening public presentation, a mini Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) conducted by

FPAN Northeast's Sarah Miller on Friday, and presentations and site tours on Saturday. As the University of West Florida moves forward in becoming an organizational member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS), FPAN Northwest Public Archaeology Coordinator Nicole Grinnan also attended the AAUS conference in September to attend the new Dive Safety Officer training workshop and promote FPAN's scuba diver training programs.

The North Central Region has also had a busy first quarter of the 2015/2016 fiscal year! In July we wrapped up a variety of summer camps and we also started a long-term volunteer project. The Leon County Cemetery Recording Project is going to involve volunteers in ensuring that all historic cemeteries are on record with updated information on the Florida Master Site File. Once they have completed Leon County, we hope to move on to surrounding counties. The long-term goal is to have all cemeteries in the North Central region recorded in the site file. This will provide volunteers, many of them students, with valuable real-world experience in working with the Florida Master Site File to properly record sites. We also wrapped up our 2015 season of lectures to the Tallahassee Senior Center lunch and learn series. We also established what we hope will become a regular meeting with the other archaeological programs and institutions in the Tallahassee area, which include SEAC, FSU, DHR/BAR and Mission San Luis. We hope that these meetings will offer more collaboration and communication between the different groups and will foster more meaningful public outreach. Barbara Clark is working with Goodwood Plantation and Museum to plan an exhibit on their china collection, which will include a lecture and other associated activities for both adults and children. We have also started reaching out to areas in the region in which we have not had much programming in recently in an attempt to drum up interest for future programs (possibly during Florida Archaeology Month). The most exciting news for this quarter is the hiring of former FPAN intern and UWF graduate, Tristan Harrenstein. He was hired in August to work in the North Central Regional Center as a Public Archaeology Coordinator. In addition to the regular duties associated with that position, his primary function within this office will be to collaborate with other regions to develop a method to effectively work more with local governments. He has developed a long-term project as a strategy to engage local governments. The long-term project that he has assigned involves developing a program designed to inform local governments of laws and grant opportunities relating to heritage resources. The project is still in its planning stages, but right now he intends to create a series of short (30-60 minute) workshops each covering subjects like heritage tourism, state and federal laws, and preservation grants. This will allow us to tailor a workshop to the audience's specific interests. Rather than being comprehensive, these workshops will provide local governments with the basic information and the tools required to pursue the subject further.

Northwest Region's Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Non-diving HADS in St. Augustine continuing to be planned for October in coordination with the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum.
- Nicole assisted with FPAN Northwest's first kayak tour of Deadman's Island, with assistance from Pensacola Paddle Sport and Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research's Dr. Roger Smith.

- Nicole is coordinating with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design interpretive panels for a Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail funded by a grant from the National Park Service.
- Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation Board.
- Nicole and Public Archaeology Interns planning for a number of outreach events and heritage festivals in October and November.

North Central Region's Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- We have begun to post regularly to the North Central blog again, with a goal of at least one post per week.
- We have begun to utilize twitter again and have begun coordinating our Facebook posts and Twitter posts using a web application called Hootsuite.
- Barbara and Tristan are both working with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to plan the 2016 conference in Tallahassee. It will include a mini CRPT and a panel discussing archaeology and the NHPA.
- Barbara has agreed to remain the PEIC State Coordinator for Florida for SAA
- Continue to present to civic organizations and attend festivals and plan a variety of other outreach events



FPAN Northwest's Nicole Grinnan and Destination Archaeology Resource Center's Mike Thomin put the finishing touches on the new Deadman's Island Shipwreck exhibit in the Gulf Breeze Community Center.



Participants in the first “Paddle through the Past” kayak tour of Deadman’s Island discover some of the island’s long history with Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research’s Dr. Roger Smith and FPAN Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton.



Brianna Patterson conducts an activity with children and Tristan Harrenstein discusses artifacts from our traveling type collection during the annual Archaeology Day at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown.



Tristan Harrenstein assists a group of children with the Build a Boat activity from Beyond Artifacts during Hartsfield Elementary School's Annual Science Night in Tallahassee.