



Southwest Region
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HIGHLIGHTS

Thinking Like a Network by Deliver of Standardized Programs: CRPT with Museum of the Everglades

In February, the Florida Public Archaeology Network partnered with the [Museum of the Everglades](#) to host a [Cemetery Resource Protection Training \(CRPT\)](#) workshop. This workshop empowers people to care for their communities through learning about cemeteries as cultural resources, how to record a cemetery for the [Florida Master Site File](#), and about [laws protecting historic cemeteries](#).

Following the morning in the classroom, participants enjoyed lunch from sponsor [Hole in the Wall Pizza](#) and then were able to head out to document a historic cemetery with [Everglades Old Time Charters](#).



CRPT Volunteers at the Museum of the Everglades

Goal Provide for Long Term Viability of the Network: Virtual Talks with FB Live

With the outbreak of Covid-19 limiting in person public activities, Rachael Kangas has developed a weekly informal lecture series relating to common topics in archaeology. The lectures, which air weekly at three, have tackled subjects like underwater archaeology, stratigraphy, and even experimental archaeology with clay pots. The lectures, [which air weekly at 3 pm](#), have garnered an audience size ranging from 800-1200 views.



Kangas, Emma Dietrich, and Della Scott-Ireton

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - The region participated in a career day at Eastside Elementary in Clewiston
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
 - Rachael Kangas continued work on ACUNE with FGCU, leading an end test user team for the GIS based resource
 - Ayers-Rigsby was featured on CBC's ["As It Happens"](#) program
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Kangas is working with Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park to document sites at risk due to sea level rise through FPAN's HMS program