

West Central Regional Center Quarterly Report – July-September 2011 Jeff Moates, Director Rae Harper, Outreach Coordinator Becky O'Sullivan, Graduate Student Assistant

## **Executive Summary**

In the first quarter (July-September) of 2011-12 fiscal year, West Central Regional Center (WCRC) staff participated in <u>11</u> various outreach events/presentations and attended <u>11</u> meetings with regional partners in the preservation, education, and government sectors.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	5	210
Public Events		
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	237
Adult Training/Workshops	3	32
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	2	340
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	-	-
Volunteer Programs		-
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Admin	11	-
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	-	-

FMSF submissions/updates	22	819
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article	none	-
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	Blog/Twitter/Facebook posts on intermittent basis	-
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	-	-

## Public Outreach

Info Booths/Edu Activities

• Florida Association of Museums; Hillsborough, 237 counted

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- In the Dirt lecture series Florida Historical Society/FPAN East Central; Brevard, 80 attended
- Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society; *Pinellas*, 75 attended
- History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota; Sarasota, 20 attended
- Driftwood Neighborhood meeting and presentation; *Pinellas, 25 attended*
- USF Public Archaeology Graduate Course, Hillsborough, 10 attended

Workshops/Training

- Project Archaeology, Kingsley Module; St. Johns 12 attended
- SSEAS training; *Pinellas, 12 attended*
- HADS training; *Pinellas, 8 attended*

Youth Event/Presentation

- Terrace Community Middle School; *Hillsborough, 300 attended*
- Freedom High School; *Hillsborough, 40 attended*

# Assisting/Advising Local Governments

Manatee County

- Cont. assistance with review and endorsement of Historic Preservation Ordinance
  - Attended several meetings with county planners and commissioners to discuss potential for review and adoption of specific historic preservation ordinance. A commission workshop of the proposed ordinance has been accepted but yet to be scheduled.

Pinellas County

- Assist City of St. Petersburg Parks Dept on archaeological issues at Maximo Park and other parks; install of educational signage at Maximo Park.
- Assistance to City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation staff with review of COAs in regards to proposed ground disturbing activities at or nearby locally landmarked archaeological sites.

Sarasota County

• Ongoing collaboration with History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County with development of *Explore Sarasota's Past* tourism travel map. Map was put on hold until meetings reconvene in Oct.

Desoto County

• Met with Desoto County Historical Society reps and Desoto County Clerk of Courts to discuss potential for creating and proposing historic preservation ordinance to county.

## Assisting DHR

Local contact for DHR, BAR – (also FL State Parks, FL DEP)

- Provide advice and liaison for Florida Master Site File submissions; delivered donated archaeological material to State Collections
- Distribute brochure and poster materials regarding Best Management Practices; State Underwater Archaeological Preserves; and DHR publications.
- Respond to requests for assistance with management duties to document, protect, preserve cultural resources within state park lands – Ybor City Museum State Park; Lake Manatee State park

# <u>Other</u>

- Finished shovel testing survey of grounds at Ybor City Museum State Park.
- Attended organizational meeting of Friends of Narcissus (benefit organization for the preserve nomination of USS Narcissus) at Florida Aquarium.
- Provided consultation to National Park Service (Biscayne National Park) for promotion of shipwreck trail.
- Organized meeting for Hillsborough County teachers with archaeology classes.
- Assisted FPAN NE office in recon and documentation of shipwreck at Lake Monroe outlet to St. Johns River in Volusia Co.

- Director serves as a Board Member for Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS), Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage (FISH), Florda Anthropological Society (FAS), Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research & Education (AWIARE) – attend meetings and participate in board activities and decisions.
- Staff also serves as board Member for AWIARE attend quarterly meetings and participate in board activities and decisions.
- Attended FPAN Outreach Coordinator's retreat in St. Augustine.