

West Central Regional Center Quarterly Report – April-June 2011

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Executive Summary

In the fourth quarter (April-June) of 2010-11 fiscal year, West Central Regional Center (WCRC) staff participated in <u>27</u> various outreach events/presentations and attended <u>11</u> meetings with regional partners in the preservation, education, and government sectors.

Quarter highlights for WCRC staff include a test of the loan program for ARCHAEO CART. Bashaw Elementary borrowed ARCHAEO CART for a short time at the end of the school year for use of the program in conjunction with Science Week. Staff also attended Project Archaeology training in St. Augustine, participated in the Tampa Bay History Center summer camp titled Archaeology Adventures, and worked closely with Manatee County director of Historical Resources Department and a County Commissioner on the adoption of a specific county Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	9	205
Public Events	2	5025
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	4	145
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	83
Adult Training/Workshops	2 (2 attended)	31
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	7	335

TOTAL	39	5824
FMSF submissions/updates		
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article	none	-
Electronic Media produced—Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	Blog(4)/Twitter(54)/Facebook(59) posts on intermittent basis	-
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	-	-
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	-	1
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Admin	11	-
Volunteer Programs		-
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	-	1

Public Outreach

Info Booths/Edu Activities

- Spring Plant Sale at USF Botanical Gardens; Hillsborough, 5000 attended
- Girl Scout event at Crowley Museum and Nature Center; Sarasota, 30 counted
- Florida Statewide Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan; Pinellas 25 attended

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Tampa Bay History Center; Hillsborough, 25 attended 7 classes
- Sertoma Club of Greater Tampa; Hillsborough, 15 attended
- History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota; Sarasota, 20 attended

Workshops/Training

- SSEAS training; Delray Beach, St. Lucie, 15 counted
- HADS training; Monroe 18 attended
- Staff attended Project Archaeology Training for Kingsley Plantation module

Youth Event/Presentation

• Florida Gulf Coast Univ; Lee, 25 counted

- Summer Edu Programming with FL Maritime Museum at Cortez; *Manatee*, 20 attended 2 programs
- Take Your Kids to Work Day at USF; Hillsborough, 50 counted
- Archaeology Adventures Summer Camp at Tampa Bay History Center; Hillsborough, 20 attended

Assisting/Advising Local Governments

Hillsborough County

• Cont. to attend meetings with county staff and HRRB for update of county inventory to include recorded archaeological sites on public lands.

Pinellas County

- Cont. assistance with City of St. Petersburg Parks Dept on archaeological issues – at Maximo Park and other parks.
- Cont. assistance to City of St. Petersburg Historic Preservation staff with review of COAs in regards to proposed ground disturbing activities where landmarked archaeological sites are located.

Highlands County

 Cont. assistance with county planner staffed to Historic Preservation Commission; specifically working with commission in creating an Explore map for Highlands County.

Sarasota County

 Ongoing collaboration with History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County with development of Explore Sarasota's Past tourism travel map.

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.

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>

- Director serves as a Board Member of Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society as well as the Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage – attend monthly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions that in many ways relates to job duties.
- Staff serves as Board Members of Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education – attend quarterly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions.