West Central & Central Regional Centers January/February/March 2021 Jeffrey Moates, Director S. Nigel Rudolph, Public Archaeology Coordinator II



FPAN Staff participated in 51 distinct meetings/events/activities during the January-March 2021 quarter, serving 659 people in education and outreach in Florida archaeology. Staff divided these activities mostly between meetings, site visits, and presentations. However, a couple youth programs and other activities made their way into the quarterly record.

We're happy to continue to participate in digital and virtual outreach efforts and to provide archaeological services upon request. As these months went by, Nigel and I were happy to get back out there and meet up with stakeholders and the general public when it was safe. We tried our best to keep it that way, with masks up and practicing kindness.

## **Quarter Highlights:**

Highlights this quarter again took on a touch of the old-style programming and a consistent sprinkling in of the new, digital/virtual-based outreach. First, staff from both regions worked with Dr. Diane Wallman of USF Anthropology to host a series of panels and roundtables focused on the need and idea of a Re-Memorialization of Gamble Plantation Historic State Park in Ellenton, Manatee County. The West Central Region also hosted important online discussions and presentations about the heritage documentation efforts and Seminole peoples' struggle with what's known and passed on about Egmont Key. Lastly, we continue to provide assistance to our long term partner in the Central Region, the Crystal River Archaeological State Park, with many of their management and interpretive needs. The dugout canoe on display at the Park's Museum was ready for transport to Tallahassee for ongoing conservation treatments. We gratefully obliged and hauled the vessel to its destination. Additionally, a socially-distanced and responsible Moon Over the Mounds tour event returned. Nigel and I were delighted to be part of it again.