This October, FPAN is collaborating with Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site to host the fourth annual “Secrets of Santa Rosa: Archaeology and History in Your Backyard” lecture series! The series is part of the annual Beaches to Woodlands Tour presented by the Santa Rosa County Tourist Development Council. These lectures will be fun, informative, and are the products of ongoing research by local historians and archaeologists.

The lectures will be held on Saturdays during October in the Arcadia Mill classroom, located at 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, FL 32583. The lectures begin at 11:00 am and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour including time at the end for questions.

Lectures will include:

**October 5th:** "The Rise and Fall of Pensacola’s Fishing Industry," presented by Cindie Catellier, Historical Consultant and Adjunct Instructor at PSC

**October 12th:** “The Blackwater River: A Ship’s Graveyard and Outdoor Museum,” presented by Will Wilson, UWF Archaeology Graduate Student

**October 19th:** “The Imogene Theater: A Chequered History of Adaptation,” presented by Rick Ames, UWF Public History Graduate Student

**October 26th:** “The Scott Site: Bringing Archaeology to Milton High School,” presented by Jess Hendrix, UWF Archaeology Graduate Student

All lectures are free and open to the public. Arcadia Mill staff will offer guided tours of the site after each lecture. Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site is operated by West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., a direct support organization of the University of West Florida.
Meet FPAN Northwest’s New Intern: Janene Johnston

FPAN’s Northwest Region is happy to introduce its newest intern, Janene Johnston. Janene received the Florida Public Archaeology Network’s 2013 assistantship and is an incoming Historical Archaeology graduate student at UWF. She joins Tristan Harrenstein and Gregg Harding this year as a Public Archaeology intern!

Janene graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2011 with a B.A. in Anthropology. Her undergraduate field school experience involved excavating the domestic slave quarters at James Madison’s Montpelier. Since then, she has taken additional archaeology classes at Murray State University and served as an intern for the Center for American Archaeology. The internship, which focused on public education and outreach, consisted primarily of supervising both adult and high school students in the excavation of a prehistoric village site.

Janene is looking forward to continuing her education at UWF and to becoming a part of the FPAN team. She is especially excited to learn about Florida’s rich history and delve into the diverse sites across the region.

Please help us welcome Janene to the FPAN family!

Site Spotlight: FPAN and Milton High School Scott Site Update

During the fall semester of 2013, FPAN will continue excavations with Milton High School at the Scott Site located outside Milton, Florida. Once a week, students from Jeff Klug’s Anthropology and Archaeology class will meet at the site and in the classroom to learn and practice hands-on archaeological methods while also contributing to ongoing research of this historical archaeological site. UWF graduate students and FPAN assistants Gregg Harding and Jess Hendrix will be supervising activities at the Scott Site.

The Scott Site has previously been identified as an early to mid-19th-century brick-making operation and provides another archaeological example of the Milton area’s important contribution to the growth and development of Northwest Florida at the time. Historic documentation points to the site’s early use and construction in the 1830s by an entrepreneur from the New Orleans area, Jean Baptiste Bahan. With the aid of thirty slaves, Bahan operated this site during the U.S. Army-funded “brick boom” that saw the construction of coastal fortifications such as Pensacola’s Fort Pickens and Fort McRae.

This year, students will continue excavations on the foundation of a brick structure thought to be part of the historic brick kiln. The students will also conduct an archaeological survey of the project area to determine the site’s boundary and will learn how to use tools such as a ground penetrating radar (GPR), X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (XRF), and total station. With the completion of field work in the near future, students will also begin to plan for the installation of an artifact display case for the Milton High School lobby. In addition, another Scott Site Media Day is in the works where school officials, FPAN staff, parents, and other VIPs will have the opportunity to tour the site and see the students’ progress.

FPAN Northwest would like to send a special thanks to the Milton High School administration and to the Santa Rosa County School Board for their support!
Northwest Florida Couple Calls for Help in Identifying Human Remains in Backyard

A few years after hurricane Ivan ripped through Northwest Florida, Rita Rose and Philip Fischler decided to clean up some of the dead tree stumps in their Gonzalez, Florida, backyard. As one of the stumps emerged from the ground, Fischler noticed what looked like bone tangled in the old tree’s roots. Rose’s son recognized the significant age of the bone and suggested that the couple talk to Dr. Joanne Curtin, a biological anthropologist at the University of West Florida.

After working with the local medical examiner, Dr. Curtin determined that the bone was part of a human burial that was older than 50 years, and thus a potential archaeological research project to determine the age and identity of the deceased individual. Rose and Fischler then invited Dr. Curtin and the students in her 2011 UWF Forensic Field School to investigate the site further, collect any significant archaeological data, and recover any human remains still in the area.

Based on the findings of the Forensic Field School investigation and subsequent analysis by Dr. Curtin and graduate student Stephanie Ward, the fragmented human remains found on Rose and Fischler’s property likely belonged to a middle-aged, caucasian male. Brass buttons without any decoration found in association with the burial suggest that this individual was probably buried some time in the 1800s. Additional investigation into the age of the tree stump that was directly on top of the human remains through tree-ring (or dendrochronological) analysis also verifies that the burial was much older than 50 years.

This August, FPAN Northwest joined Rose, Fischler, and Dr. Curtin as they reburied the remains in the same spot from which they were recovered in 2011. This Gonzalez, Florida, couple provide a wonderful example of what should be done when encountering human remains on private property. They also plan to honor the deceased individual with whom they share land by marking the burial with a headstone to prevent future loss of the grave.

Events Calendar

All of FPAN Northwest’s events are also listed online! Visit our Events Calendar to get the most up-to-date information!

September

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“Unearthing Florida” presentation, 6:00pm, Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze

10
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, “A Fine Wreck in Shallow Water: The Soldier Key Wreck,” 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

12-14
Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar, Pensacola.

17
“Civil War Letters Home to Maine…” presentation, 6:00pm, Gulf Breeze Community Center, 800 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze.

18
Archaeology Cafe on 3D Printing 6:00pm, O’Zone Pizza Pub, 1010 N 12th Ave, Pensacola.

19
“A Native American View of the Night Sky,” Shows at 6:00pm and 8:00pm, PSC Planetarium, Bldg. 21, 1000 College Blvd, Pensacola.

October

5
Secrets of Santa Rosa Lecture Series, 11:00am, Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, FL.

8
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, “Garden Archaeology in the Colonial Fort of Pensacola: 2012 Excavations at the Governor’s Garden,” 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

Events continued on page 2!
The staff at FPAN Northwest have been working with a local Girl Scout, Carly Perreault, to create a traveling exhibit on the Civil War in Northwest Florida. This project will help Carly achieve the Girl Scout’s Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Carly’s project is nearing completion and she plans to donate the traveling exhibit to the Santa Rosa County School Board. She intends for her exhibit to be displayed in Santa Rosa County elementary and middle schools to help educate students about the historical importance of the Civil War to Northwest Florida. The exhibit discusses local sites of importance during the war and the daily lives of both Union and Confederate soldiers.

Please help us in congratulating Carly!

The Pensacola Pin Series

This September, FPAN is releasing the Pensacola Pin Series! The series includes six collectible lapel pins, five of which showcase iconic historic sites in the Pensacola area.

If you are interested in collecting the pins, watch for announcements on FPAN Northwest’s website, Foursquare, Facebook, and Twitter for events FPAN is attending and will be offering pins! At these events, FPAN Northwest will offer five of the six pins. Participants will be required to show previously collected pins (if any!) and check in at the event on Foursquare to receive their next pin.

To get the last pin, participants will need to visit and check in at 12 of the 26 locations on the Panhandle History Foursquare list. This list can be found at https://foursquare.com/fpannorthwest/list/panhandle-history. After visiting at least 12 sites on the lists, come in to FPAN’s Destination Archaeology Museum (207 E. Main Street, Pensacola), Monday-Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm to receive your final pin!

These awesome pins will only be available for a limited time, so be sure to be on the lookout for pin events! For more information, contact Tristan Harrenstein at foursquare@flpublicarchaeology.org.

Finding History through Foursquare

Looking for a museum, historic, or archaeological site to visit?

Check out FPAN’s new lists of historic sites and museums on Foursquare, a social media website that allows users to create lists of some of their favorite venues and to share their locations with friends.

Lists can be found at https://foursquare.com/fpannorthwest/lists. The collection currently includes:

- Pensacola’s Museums
- Historic Pensacola
- Panhandle History
- Heat-less History
- Family Friendly Locations
- Open Saturdays
- Rainy Day History

November

6-9
Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Westin Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, FL.

7-9
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) Conference, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL.

12
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, “Investigating Slavery at Arcadia Mill Using Historical Documents and Material Culture,” 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

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Pioneer Day, 10:00am-3:00pm, Rocky Bayou State Park, Niceville.

October, cont.

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19
International Archaeology Day: Lab and Museum Open, 10:00am-4:00pm, FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 E. Main Street, Pensacola.

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Historic Pensacola Village Fall Festival, 10:00am-4:00pm, Historic Pensacola Village, Pensacola.

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International Archaeology Day: Oct. 19, 2013

Join us in celebrating the Archaeological Institute of America’s (AIA) 3rd annual International Archaeology Day on October 19th! International Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Throughout the month of October, and on October 19th in particular, the AIA and its collaborating organizations throughout the United States and around the world will raise awareness of archaeology and provide opportunities for the public to participate in archaeological activities. Whether it is a family-friendly archaeology fair, a guided tour of a local archaeological site, or a lecture from an archaeologist, each interactive hands-on program will provide the public a chance to experience the past while raising awareness of archaeology and emphasizing that archaeology is everywhere.

Celebrate International Archaeology Day with FPAN on Saturday, October 19th by visiting the Destination Archaeology Resource Center (DARC) or volunteering in the archaeology lab from 10:00am-4:00pm. Everyone who visits us will receive a public archaeology gift! An archaeologist will be available to answer questions at both the museum and lab.

FPAN can help facilitate speakers for meetings of your civic group, community organization, youth club, or heritage society, and for lecture series and special events. In addition to staff, we also can draw on the expertise of University of West Florida professors and graduate students as well as on local professional historians and archaeologists. Click here or call 850.595.0050 ext.103 for more information.

Interested in volunteering?
FPAN is seeking enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to help rough sort artifacts recovered from local archaeological sites! The volunteer program is perfect for individuals or groups that have always dreamed of getting their hands dirty working as an archaeologist. No experience is needed and all ages are welcome! Click here or call 850.595.0050 ext.103 for more information.

Need someone to talk at your event?
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Heritage Awareness Diving Arrives in Pensacola

This September, FPAN Northwest is staying home to conduct the Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) program!

The Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar is intended to explain the advantages of conserving shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources, not only to preserve information about our collective past, but also to preserve the vibrant ecosystems that grow around shipwrecks. HADS focuses on providing scuba Course Directors, Instructor Trainers, and Instructors with a greater knowledge of how to proactively protect shipwrecks, artificial reefs, and other underwater cultural sites as part of the marine environment. The program consists of two days of classroom instruction and one day of open water diving. Upon completion of HADS, participants can teach the new Heritage Awareness Specialty Course, approved by the PADI, NAUI, and SSI scuba agencies, as well as incorporate underwater historic preservation into other courses.

If you think you might be interested in our upcoming HADS program, please visit our registration page!