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Meeting Notice

The October regular monthly meeting of the membership will be held at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, on Friday October 21 at 8:00 p.m. We will meet in the board room for a presentation about the "Cliff Dwellers of Mesa Verde" given by two of our members, Daryl Nagle and Wes Ries.

Meeting Notice

The October board meeting will be held at the home of Diane Thilmont, 1924 S.W. 21 Terr. at 7:30 p.m. Each board member is asked to bring a covered dish for a pot luck dinner.

President's Corner

A special note of thanks to Robert Carr for his fine program on preservation in Dade County at our September regular meeting.

Also thank you to Jo Southard, Joe Southard, Bob Carr, Joan Hass, Seth Lefkow, Judi Trimble and Sue Goldman for their time and effort during the Annual meeting of the Florida Trust for Historical Preservation held at Brickell Point Holiday Inn here in Miami the weekend of September 30 to October 2. We helped with registration and set up a very attractive display of artifacts from South Florida and Brickell Point.

We welcome our new membership chairman, Diane Thilmont. Diane is our second vice-president and has volunteered to update our membership list and keep it current as we begin our new dues collection in January 1, 1984.

A note of "no thanks" to the person belonging to the car which put a large "winkle" in the side of my car in the museum parking lot during our September regular meeting. However "mister fix-it", Wes Coleman, using sheer brute strength, has put it back to almost normal appearance. Thank you, Wes.

Jeanie

Field Notes

With the use of a very large front end loader the top soil has been cleared from Dal41 at the Sterling Crushed Stone Site. The top of the concretion layer has been exposed and our task is to clean the surface with brooms and to map any significant features.

We can use everyone's help, if only for a few hours once a month. If you can help during the week or weekends please call Jim McLellan at 821-3735, Bob Carr at 579-2553, or Jeanie McGuire at 662-1950.

Our tentative weekend schedule is Sunday, October 9, Saturday, October 15, Sunday October 23, Sunday October 30, Saturday November 5, Sunday November 13 and Saturday November 19. We will meet at the site at 12:30 p.m. unless you receive a phone call of a change.

If you have never received a call about excavations and would like to be on a regular calling list, or you have never joined us on an excavation and would like to try it, please call Jeanie McGuire at 662-1950.

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Arch Creek Mill Site

Hope some of you caught eember Irving Eyster's lecture and tour of the coontie stark mill at Arch Creek on Sunday, October 9. Many of our members worked with Irving on this site which added significantly to our knowledge of historic Dade County.

Dues

Please check with Tom Lux to see if your dues are current. Starting in January 1984 dues for individuals will be \$12.00 and families \$15.00. This will be payable during the month of January for all members. At the end of a 3 month grace period unpaid memberships will no longer receive a monthly newsletter.

Membership

Please check with Diane Thilmont to be sure she has a current address and phone number for our records.

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!

"SEE IT THEN" with Joan G. Haas

Join us, we're off to explore:

1. Jupiter/Tequesta--Beachfront mound and blowing rocks; Stuart, Elliot Museum and House of Refuge, Saturday, October 29.
2. Fort Center Mound (intriguing)--near Lake Okeechobee and Fisheating Creek, January 28,29. Saturday and Sunday.
3. Estero Bay Mound (canoe trip) and Koreshan Village--near Ft. Myers, Mid-March.

Travel Update

Join us as we explore a unique beachfront mound, view the fascinating blowing rocks, and visit the Elliot Museum and the House of Refuge.

We'll leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. from the Historical Museum's parking lot for this all-day excursion. We plan to return after dinner. Please call me at 856-9744 (leave message on my machine if I'm out) to let me know if you are a party of one or many. Since we will be carpooling, we need to also know how many you have room for in your car or if you need a ride.

Joan Haas

Harvest Time

Dates for the Harvest Festival this year are November 19-20, a Saturday and Sunday. Chairman Seth Lefkow will be in charge of our booth. Fossil shark's teeth which were gathered on the trip to Venice will be offered for a donation at the booth and Seth is looking for help one evening to assemble the shark's teeth. He also is looking for photographs and artifacts to decorate the booth and for volunteers to work the booth that week-end. If you can help, contact Seth at 861-8253 or 624-1347.

Workshops, Classes, Films, etc.

Lecture, Dr. Julia Mortin, "Toxic Plants in South Florida", Monday, October 1 7:30 p.m. Arch Creek Park, 1855 NE 135 Street, Miami; Plant Sale and Art Sho also at Arch Creek Park, Saturday November 5, 9:00-5:00, (Here's your chance to add a native plant to your corner of South Florida).

no natives!

Say more at mtg.

Archaeologists vs. the Treasure Hunters

An article in the current issue of Smithsonian magazine explores the old but still lively controversy over who controls sunken ships and artifacts found in costal and international waters. Florida and Dade and Monroe counties are "front and center" in this drama and you maybe interested in how the problem is presented for the layman in this article. It comes complete with beautiful underwater photos of wreck sites which may be familiar to you.

New Items of Interest

Thanks to Judi Trimble, we pass along the following for your information and, we hope, your entertainment:

"Lucky accident" preserves garment for 3,000 years

ATHENS, Greece - "A 'lucky chemical accident' preserved a Greek warrior's robe that was stuffed into a bronze burial urn almost 3,000 years ago when his remains were buried near a young woman and four horses.... The bronze burial urn, more than 15 inches high, was preserved in a shaft grave that also held a knife and the skeleton of a young woman, decked in gold jewelery. An adjoining grave contained the skeletons of four horses.

'It looks as though the warrior's wife or concubine and his horses were required to accompany him to the underworld,' Evi Touloupa, a Greek archeologist who supervised the dig, said in an interview.

The urn also held the warrior's spearhead and sword and a whetstone...

'The cloth was saved by a lucky chemical accident,' Margaritoff said. 'It was in contact with the bronze walls of the amphora and the copper oxides slowed down decay.'

More than 50 per cent of the garment has survived. Woven in two pieces, the cylindrical robe had upper panels of shaggy weave, similar to modern towelling.

The lower part was plain. Two double pleats, carefully stitched down, marked the side seams, and there was an opening for the head, but no arm-holes.

'The warrior must have been a giant of man in his time,' Margaritoff said. 'The garment was 4 feet, 6 inches long.'

'It could have been worn with the arms inside' or perhaps the openings were sewn up after the warrior died,' Touloupa said....

Garments from the Neolithic period - the Stone Age - have been found in Switzerland, and garments up to 4,000 years old have been found in Denmark, according to researchers at the British Museum. Linen fabrics dating from 5,000 B.C. have been found in Egypt.

By Kerin Hope, Associated Press
Miami Herald, July 6, 1983

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of
Southern Florida
3280 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129

Please check: Renewal _____ New Member _____
\$12.00: Individual _____ \$15.00: Family _____

Due: January 1, 1984; prorated from September 1, 1983.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Dates to Remember

- October 11: Tuesday; 7:30 p.m. Regular October Board Meeting, at 1924 S.W. 21 Terr., Miami.
October 17: Monday 7:30 p.m. Dr. Julia Mortin: Toxic Plants: Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 St., North Miami.
October 21: Friday, 8:00 p.m., Regular October Meeting, The Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Ave., Miami.
October 29: Saturday: Field trip to Jupiter/Tequesta.
November 5: Saturday 9-5, Plant sale and Art Show: Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 St., North Miami.
November 3-5: 1983 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Town House, 1615 Gervais St., Columbia, S.C.
November 4-6: 50th Anniversary meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation.
January 5-6/84: Annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeologists and the Conference on Underwater Archaeology, Williamsburg, Va.
January 28-29/84: Saturday and Sunday. Field trip to Fort Center.
March /84: Field trip to Estero Bay.

Excavation Dates: Saturday October 15, Sunday October 23, Sunday October 30, Saturday November 5, Saturday November 19: 12:30 p.m. At the site.



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