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Meeting Notice

8:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, 1983

The September regular monthly meeting of the membership will be held at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, on Friday evening September 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the board room. Our first vice president, Robert S. Carr, Dade County Archaeologist, will provide the multi media presentation "Hidden History" concerning the work of the Historic Preservation Division of Community and Economic Development in Dade County.

Meeting Notice

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 1983

The September board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at Jo Southard's home, 8961 S.W. 51 Street, phone 279-3299. Each board member is requested to bring a covered dish for another "feast".

President's Corner

"Thank you" to the refreshment committee for the English desserts at our August meeting. I enjoyed the trifle very much.

If you are not receiving a weekly call by our new phone call committee and you would like to be notified about our excavation on a regular basis, please call me at 662-1950 or Jo Southard at 274-3299 or 854-3289.

Your continued enthusiasm is catching and spreading like an epidemic through our group. Thank you for your help and support in all of our projects.

Jeanie McGuire

Important Date to Remember

Please keep your calendars free for the weekend of September 30-October 2nd for the Annual Meeting of the Florida Trust for Historical Preservation, to be held at Brickell Point Holiday Inn here in Miami. Our society is co-sponsoring this event. There will be detailed information at our September regular meeting.

The August Board Meeting

Judi Trimble, still "sitting in" for our travelling secretary, Wilma Sakal, has this report on the August Board Meeting: at the August board meeting the upcoming Dade Heritage Trust Meeting was discussed; we hope many members will attend. A new system for a phone committee was set up to keep members posted on excavation activity. The membership committee decided to add an application to the newsletter. Joan Haas discussed the Crystal River trip and also has plans for a trip to Mexico. Sue Goldman reported that she has received the use of a camera and film from Miami Dade Community College to help document our field work. There was discussion of raising dues to \$12.00 for an individual membership and \$15.00 for a family membership. The proposal was voted on, and passed.

New Excavation Equipment

"Thank you" to member Dan Laxan for donating a new gasoline powered engine for our automatic sifter. We plan to convert from electric to gasoline so we can use the automatic sifter on our site Da 141.

"Thank you" to donations from six of our board members we were able to purchase the coordinate plotter which Ted Riggs demonstrated at the July regular meeting. We have used the plotter at Da 141 and it is an excellent piece of equipment which speeds up the process of detailed measuring in a control pit and gives more accurate results.

Field Director's Report

Field Director Jim McLellan reports that as of Saturday, September 17 official excavation days will alternate each week between Saturday and Sunday to accommodate members who are unable to "dig" on one of those days. So Sunday, September 25, Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, Oct. 9, are all official "dig" days. Someone will probably be at the site on the other day each weekend. Check with Jeanie McGuire (662-1950) or Bob Carr to be sure. We can always use extra hands and want to encourage all members and friends to come wield shovels, trowels and screens with us. If you can't make it for an all-day outing, join us for half a day or even a couple of hours if that is all that is possible in a busy schedule.

The Harvest is Approaching

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.

Notice from the Treasurer

Treasurer Tom Lux wants to call your attention to the new dues schedule. An increase in dues was voted in at the August Board Meeting. Effective September 1, 1983, dues are now \$12.00 for an individual membership and \$15.00 for a family membership. Dues for all members will be due and payable as of January 1, 1984, to simplify record keeping. If your membership is due for renewal before or after that date, Tom will give you a personal proration of the amount you owe now or will owe on January 1, 1984. For this personalized service you may call Tom at 573-7610 or 856-6524.

1983 Southeastern Archaeological Conference

Dates for this Conference are November 3-5. Details are in the August Newsletter, but if yours has been lost or stolen you may contact Albert C. Goodyear at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. (803)777-8170.

Workshops, Classes, Films, etc.

Workshops in art and craft projects using natural materials will be held each Saturday morning in September at Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 St., North Miami, 944-6111. Also at Arch Creek, a film, "This is Your Land" on Sept. 14 and info on landscaping with native Florida plants on Sept. 19. Both at 7:30 p.m.

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!
"SEE IT THEN" with Joan G. Haas

(Sat. only)

Join us, we're off to explore:

1. Jupiter/Tequesta--beachfront mound and blowing rocks; Stuart, Elliot Museum and House of Refuge, October 29, 30, Saturday and Sunday.
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

The most recent trip to Crystal River was too close to our deadline for an official report, but unofficially it apparently was a huge success. Look for an official report next month along with details for the trip to Jupiter the end of October. If you haven't already thrown it away, look at the Miami Herald Science Section for Wednesday, September 7, 1983. Included is an excellent history and description of the Fort Center site which we will be visiting in January. Also rumor has it that a trip to Mexico is in the planning stages.

Unique Opportunity

For those of you who would like to own your very own archaeological site here is your chance:

"We presently own and live on a confirmed Indian mound in the Rolling Oaks area of Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, which is basically untouched. Only one (1) 10 cm deep, 2m x 2m test pit has ever been done. ..artifacts on the surface, including spear points, pottery, etc. We are seeking to sell the home and property....Arrangements have been made with the listing agent for reduced commission in the event a sale is made in reponse to this letter" James W. Barney, 17530 S.W. 46th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33331, (305)434-1984.

Culled from the Newspapers

The encouraging news is that the underwater wreck site within the boundaries of the Biscayne National Monument has been ruled government property by the courts; the discouraging news is that the State of Florida has abandoned its effort to claim ownership of underwater wreck sites in state waters.

Date circled in red? According to our records, due are due!

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

- September 13: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Regular September Board Meeting, 8961 S.W. 51 Street, Miami, phone 279-3299.
- September 14: Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Films, Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 Street, North Miami.
- September 16: Friday 8:00 p.m., Regular September Meeting, Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami.
- September 17: Saturday 10:00-12:00 noon, Workshop, Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 Street, North Miami.
- September 19: Monday, 7:30 p.m. Arch Creek Trust Meeting, Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 Street, North Miami.
- September 24: Saturday, 10:00-12:00 noon, Workshop, Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 Street, North Miami.
- September 30: October 2: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Annual Meeting of Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Brickell Point Holiday Inn, 495 Brickell Avenue, Miami, phone 373-6000.
- October 29-30: Saturday and Sunday. Field trip to Jupiter/Tequesta.
- November 3-5: 1983 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Town House, 1615 Gervais Street, 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.



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