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Meeting Notice

The November regular monthly meeting of the membership will be held at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue on Friday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Louis Ober, a biologist who has a speciality in paleontology.

Board Meeting

The November board meeting will be held at Dr. James M Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr. at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8. Please bring a dish to share for our pot luck supper.

President's Corner

Our October board meeting was hosted by Diane Thilmont and her mother. It was a charming affair in a lovely home with dinner music provided by Diane's mother. Thank you, Mrs. Thilmont and Diane.

Thank you, Daryl and Wes, for presenting our October program. It is always delightful when our own members share their interests and knowledge.

With the beautiful fall weather I hope to see more of you at the site on the weekends. Also, we can use help with the Harvest, so please call Seth.

Due to some good fortune, I was in Siena, Italy this past month. I was a guest of Count Fernando Cinelli at his castle-Villa, Spinocchi. He is the president and founder of the Etruscan Foundation and is concerned about preservation. If any one is interested in the Etruscans and would like to help in some research projects, please let me know.

Jeanie

Field Notes

We are continuing with our scheduled excavation of Dal41 at the Sterling Crushed Stone site. Our latest discovery has been a beautiful and rare celt cache. Currently we are doing more mapping and excavation of areas around the edges of the concretion. 9:00 12:30

Our tentative weekend schedule is: ~~Saturday, Nov. 19~~, Sunday, Nov. 27, Saturday, Dec. 3, Sunday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 17 at 12:30 p.m. until dusk.

We have a phone call committee for active "diggers" so we can keep in touch about changes in dates and times. If you are not receiving a phone call, please let us know. (Jeanie 662-1950)

We can use more help.

Jim McLellan

Harvest Update and Plea for Help!

Chairman, Seth Lefkow sends out an urgent S.O.S. for aid and assistance with our booth at the Annual Harvest Fair sponsored by the Historical Association of South Florida. Volunteers are needed to help set up the booth on Friday, November 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until finished. Seth is interested in borrowing any artifacts that members might be willing to loan for display in the booth. The Harvest times are: Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed both days to help man the booth. Please call Seth at 624-1347 or 861-8253 if you can help out for an hour or two. Location: the Dade County Fairgrounds at Coral Way and S.W. 112 Avenue. We hope to see you there, to help if you can and if not, just to browse.

American Indian Days

A special celebration to honor the memory of Cory Osceola is planned for the weekend of November 12 & 13 in Naples. It's the 4th annual American Indian Days held at the Naples Swamp Buggy Grounds in Naples both days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Featured will be Indian arts and crafts, a fashion show, Live Entertainment!, alligator wrestling and traditional Indian food..

Free admission and \$1.00 to park. For information: 1-813-774-4093

Archaeologists vs. the Treasure Hunters, Update

Current legislation is before both houses of Congress to tighten federal salvage laws and help preserve the underwater ship wrecks. We want to urge everyone to write your Congressman and Senators and encourage them to support this legislation.

Dues

A reminder about dues. Treasurer, Tom Lux has all the information on current and delinquent dues. 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.

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!

"SEE IT THEN" with Joan G. Haas

Join us we're off to explore:

1. Fort Center Mound (intriguing)--near Lake Okeechobee and Fisheating Creek, January 28, 29 Saturday and Sunday.
2. Estero Bay Mound (canoe trip) and Koreshan Village--near Ft. Myers, Mid-March.

The Jupiter trip was cancelled. If you are interested in having it re-scheduled contact Joan Haas, our travel coordinator at 856-9744.

SMILAX, anyone?

If you are curious, or if you think that's a patent medicine, look below and then read on. Even if you know what we are talking about, please read on, you may be interested in the activities of the Florida Native Plant Society - a group formed to encourage the protection and cultivation of native plants in Florida. For more information contact: The Florida Native Plant Society, Florida Conservation Foundation, Inc., 935 Orange Avenue, Winter Park, Florida 32789.

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Rats, fungi destroying Peruvian artifacts

LIMA, Peru - Pre-Columbian works of art and artifacts of major historical interest are rotting, crumbling or being stolen in museums here.

A stockroom tour of the more than half million pieces in the Peruvian national museum showed the holdings to be riddled with termites, infested with rats and attacked by fungi. The museum lacks climate controls and is seriously understaffed.

The deterioration of the woven fabrics is considered the greatest tragedy by archeologist. Some date back 8,000 years and are among the oldest known to man.

The loss is particularly poignant because the Rockefeller family donated money 30 years ago to conserve them. But the weavings, improperly stored, attracted insects and fungi.

Sylvio Mutal, head of UNESCO's cultural preservation programs in Latin America, said a UN study completed last month concluded that after years of meager budgets, "they can no longer cope" with their problems.

The museum staff is pained by the deterioration it sees but is limited by a budget that last year was less than \$200,000, according to assistant director Hermilio Rosas. That barely covered the salary of the museum's 89 staff members, including guards and secretaries. The staff is so small that only one curator and an assistant work with several hundred thousand ceramics.

Peru, one of the most advanced centers of ancient civilization in the Western Hemisphere, holds an interest for archeologists, museum curators and prehistorians matched only by Egypt and China.

The government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry has proposed a \$40 million archeology museum to replace the current one.

Construction has begun, in anticipation of a Inter-American Development Bank loan of \$20 million next month. Belaunde Terry has budgeted \$10 million in government money, but the project still is shy \$10 million.

The New York Times News Service  
Miami News, August 18, 1983

For the above thanks again to Judi Trimble.

Membership

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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM


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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.

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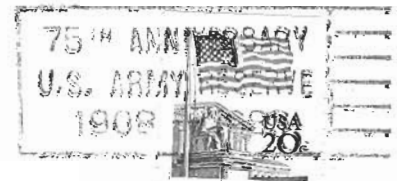
Dates to Remember

- November 8: Regular November Board meeting, Tuesday; 7:30 p.m. at Dr. James M. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr, Miami.
- November 12-13: Saturday and Sunday, 10:00-5:00, American Indian Days, Naples, Naples Swamp Buggy Grounds - Free admission.
- November 18: Harvest Booth set-up, Dade County Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.
- November 18: Friday, 8:00 p.m. Regular November Meeting, The Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami.
- November 19-20: Saturday and Sunday, 10:00-6:00. The Harvest Fair, Dade County Fairgrounds, Coral Way and S.W. 112 Avenue,
- November 21: Monday, 7:30 p.m. Arch Creek Trust Meeting, Arch Creek Park, 1855 N.E. 135 Street, North Miami.
- December 16: Christmas Dinner Meeting
- 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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