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President: Jeanie McGuire

Editor: Beth Read

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, May 7, 7:30 P.M.

Regular May Board Meeting at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami. These are open meetings, please bring a covered dish and share in dinner and discussion.

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 P.M.

The regular May membership meeting will be held on a new day, new time and at a new place. Make note on your calendars or in your head, whichever works best for you. The third Thursday of each month will be our new meeting date. Most of our meetings will now be held at the Historical Museum at the new Cultural Center at 101 W. Flagler Street; next to the courthouse in downtown Miami.

The program on Thursday May 17, at 7:00 P.M. will be a presentation of the new Historical Museum by Linda Williams the assistant director. At that time Linda will also talk to us about a new exhibit entitled "The Viking in America, 1000 AD and Dade County 1000 AD." This will be a temporary exhibit in June and July. Linda has some exciting ideas and would like our help with this project.

ELECTION RESULTS

Our annual meeting was held at Arch Creek Memorial Park on April 20. At that time ballots were cast and the results are as follows:

President - Jeanie McGuire

Vice President - Bob Carr

Secretary - Joan Fonte

Treasurer - Wes Ries

Trustees - Dennis Wiedman 2 year (hold over): Seth Lefkow(new)

Judi Trimble 1 year (hold over)

Beth Read 1 year (appointed to an unexpired term)

Congratulations to our new board of directors. They will need everyone's help to make the coming year successful. We are actively recruiting for the following positions: program director, travel director, membership, publicity, fund raising. Please consider accepting one of these committee chairmanships. If you are interested please contact Jeanie McGuire.

Beth Read will continue as editor of the newsletter. Maggie Wood is our liaison with the Dade Heritage Trust board and we look forward to a continuation of that relationship during the coming year.

HELP WE NEED MONEY

Our bill for the 2 carbon dates (\$390.00) made a big hole in our treasury. We have ear-marked the \$115.00 in donations from Preservation Day as carbon dating funds. To do a quality job as researchers, we must have radio-carbon dates. Please help us find a way to meet these expenses.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

1983 was a great year and I look forward to 1984 with these goals in mind:

- Continued excavation
- Fund raising
- Increased membership
- Closer work with the Historical Museum
- Closer work with Dade Historical Trust
- More educational programs to promote community awareness
- Publication of the results of our excavations

Jeanie McGuire

FIELD NOTES

The work on Dal058 is progressing on schedule. Everyone who has spent time at this site has truly enjoyed the lovely surroundings of the park like setting. We have opened 7 pits, 5 of which have reached concretion at about 8 inches. Possible post holes in 2 or 3 pits and some unusual St. Johns incised pottery sherds have been found along with altered bone and shell.

We can use more hands at the site on scheduled days or at Wes Colemans for cleaning, sorting and accessioning of artifacts. Call 662-1950 or 226-6788 for more information.

EXCAVATION DATES

Saturday, May 13, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 26, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 3, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 17, 12:30 p.m..

SPECIAL THANKS

A special note of thanks to our member James Lockwood who has made a substantial financial contribution to our society to help with carbon dating expense. Thank you, Jim for your generous gift.

SPECIAL THANKS

A note of gratitude for Ted Riggs who gives us many hours of his time doing our surveywork and drawing our maps. Ted is a professional survey engineer who has also designed our coordinate plotter and the one-man fold-up screens.

IMPORTANT DATE

May 13, 1984, 2:00 p.m.

As part of our cooperation with Dade Heritage Trust we have invited the people of our community to visit Dal058 to see archaeologists at work. There will be no charge for the visit to the site and we will know in advance how many guests we will have. The date and time have been published in the Dade Heritage Days calendar along with many other exciting events during April 20 thru May 20. (See dates to remember) For more information or a complete calendar call 381-9565.

ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been an exciting time of growth for our organization. We have had a very active and supportive board of directors.

We've kept our treasury at \$900.00 while spending large sums of money on equipment and carbon dating. Our membership is at 72 which is an increase of about 10 people.

We have opened two sites, Dal41 and Dal058 with on going excavations which have produced artifacts dating around 2000 years BC.

We established a vital relationship with Dade Heritage Trust with Maggie Wood and Jeanie McGuire acting as liaisons with their respective boards. This relationship has helped us raise funds and support community activities.

A contract has been drawn up with the Historical Museum of Southern Florida as a repository for our artifacts.

With Joan Haas' direction we traveled to Venice, Little Salt Spring, Crystal River and Estero Bay.

Thanks to Seth Lefkow we had a booth at the Harvest. Thanks to Diane Thilmont we have an updated membership list. Thanks to Bob Carr and Jeanie McGuire for producing brochures and to Judi Trimble for keeping the refreshment committee alive.

Jeanie McGuire
Immediate Past President

NEW THEORY ON DINOSAURS BLAMES NEUTRONS FOR DOOM

LaJolla, Calif.--(UPI) A bombardment of neutrons from outer space may have caused extinction of the dinosaur 65 million years ago...Animals and plants requiring large amounts of calcium and sodium from seawater also could have been doomed by the unusually strong storm of radiation, marine biologist Artitides Yayanos wrote in Thursday's edition of the British science journal Nature. The radiation could have affected land animals that laid eggs with large amounts of calcium...lethal radioactive products could have been incorporated into...bones and eggshells of sea (and land) life, wiping them out....a check of the list of surviving and extinct organisms showed that small sea creatures with no calcium came through the (Cretaceous) period virtually unharmed, while those species that required calcium to maintain life generally became extinct.

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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

Name:

Address:

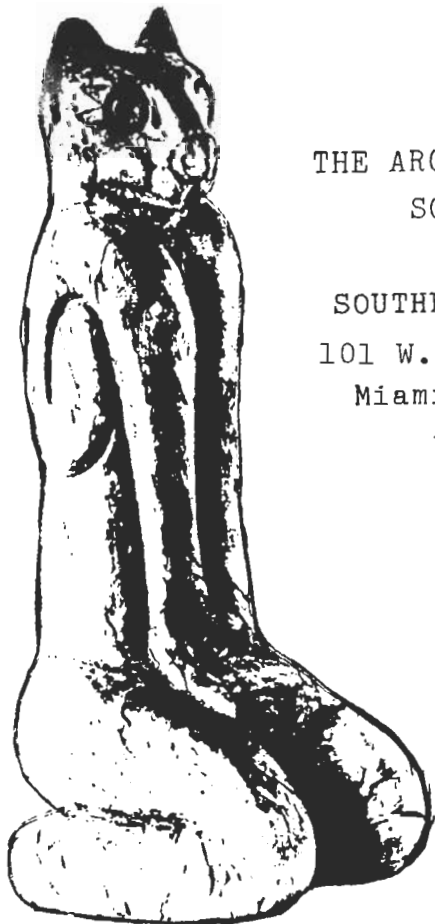
Telephone:

Dates to Remember

- May 7: Monday, 7:30 p.m., Regular May Board Meeting; Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami.
- May 8: Dade Heritage Trust, South Florida History class
- May 12: Dade Heritage Trust, Pioneer Day-Lummas Park
- May 13: Tour of Dal058 - Dade Heritage Trust, Cape Florida Lighthouse
- May 15: Dade Heritage Trust, Pioneers and Presentation
- May 16: Dade Heritage Trust, Preservation Day-Tallahassee
- May 17: Thursday, 7:00 p.m. regular membership meeting, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami.
- May 18: Dade Heritage Trust, Dr. Jackson's office-open house
- May 19: Dade Heritage Trust, Bus tour-Miami- old and new
- May 19: Dade Heritage Trust, Gondola Tours-Historic Miami Beach
- May 19: Dade Heritage Trust, Moon over Miami Ball
- May 20: Dade Heritage Trust, Bus tour Miami Beach Historic Homes
- May 25-June 3: Southwest Archaeological Society trip to the Yucatan.

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