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BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 10, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami. These meetings are open meetings and all voting members are welcome to attend and join the Board for coffee and dessert. Jo Southard will be our hostess.

MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

The regular September membership meeting will be held at the new Historical Museum at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami in the classroom on the lower level.

Three members of our society will present short papers on various subjects including work and findings on our ongoing excavation of the Coleman and Cheetum sites and on the Arch Creek site.

BOARD MEETING REPORT

The regular monthly board meeting was held at Dr. Jackson's office on August 7, 1984. Vice President, Bob Carr presided in the absence of President Jeanie McGuire. A decision was made to extend mailing the newsletter to the main Metro-Dade public library. Emily Perry announced the programs scheduled for the September (member papers) and October (John Beriault on Chokoloskee).

Judi Trimble volunteered and was appointed to represent ASSAF at the September meeting of the FAS. A decision was made to go to the general membership for a volunteer to assume the responsibility of Publicity Chairman. Two new positions of field supervisor were created and Jo Southard and Dennis Kennelly were appointed to these positions. The Board voted on the logos submitted, narrowing the field to four entries to be submitted to the general membership at the August General Meeting.

Joan Fonte

FIELD REPORT

Work is continuing on the Cheetum and Coleman sites. During the past several weeks a group of shell tools in association with a deer antler were uncovered on the Cheetum site. These items may be related to a burial, although no burial has been uncovered as yet. On Sunday, August 26, we returned to the Coleman site to specifically get samples from beneath the concretion. Mr. Richard Johnson of Beta Laboratories will do thermo-luminescent dating of soil and pottery from these samples as a part of his own research projects. The resulting dates can then be compared to the carbon dating which has already been completed for samples from the same provenience.

Bob Carr

EXCAVATION DATES: Saturday, September 1, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 9, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 23, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 7, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 13, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 21, 12:30 p.m.

### FIELD REPORT II, NEW BURIAL?

An interesting association of tools and bone artifacts recently uncovered on the Cheetum site may indicate a burial. A large dipper was found along with celts, a pick with three holes, a small cat skull, a fox jaw with teeth and a bone point. A deer antler was also found, the points of which may have been polished. The antler broke with removal from the site, but is preserved in Judi Trimble's field drawing.

Jo Southard

### NEW FIELD SUPERVISORS

Difficulty has been encountered in the past in ensuring that at least one of the field directors is at the excavation site on the regularly scheduled excavation date. The Board, recognizing that all of the field directors are burdened with multiple responsibilities, voted to create two new positions: field supervisors. Jo Southard and Dennis Kennely were to these positions. Jo and Dennis will have full authority to proceed with and supervise the work on any regularly scheduled excavation date in the absence of a field director. The Board believes that this step will avoid difficulties experienced in the past and will ensure ongoing excavations on the important sites in West Dade which are the focus of our current work. At the same time some of the pressure on our hard working field directors will be eased.

### SALVAGE EXCAVATION IN NAPLES, FLORIDA

Responding to a plea from the Archaeological Society of Southwest Florida, a small, but mighty delegation from A.S.S.F. traveled to Naples the weekend of July 21st and 22nd. Included in the group were members Jo Southard, Jeanie McGuire, Debbie and Bob Carr, Ron Phenix and Emily Perry. Our purpose was to help the Naples group in a salvage excavation of a sand mound which was scheduled to be destroyed. Earlier excavations at the site indicated Indian occupation and possible burials. Several pits were excavated, revealing layers of multi-colored sand; quite a change from the black dirt middens on our side of the state. Unfortunately and suprisingly, not a single artifact was recovered during the project. However, we did get a taste of Southwest Florida archaeology and enjoyed meeting the friendly and interesting members of the Naples group. We look forward to them visiting one of our sites in the near future. Thanks to John Beriault for his gracious hospitality.

Emily Perry

### TEQUESTA BARBECUE II

A repeat of the highly successful Tequesta Barbecue I was held in conjunction with the regular scheduled excavation of the Coleman site on Sunday, August 26, 1984. Although "digging" was interrupted for about 20 minutes by one of those wild and impressive South Florida summer thunderstorms, the "diggers" present took refuge in their cars until it blew over. Digging was then resumed until around 3:00 p.m. when member and "master chief" Seth Lefkow presided over Tequesta Barbecue II. He, as usual, turned out an impressive number of Tequesta Burgers to complement all the other good food and good conversation enjoyed by the twenty (20) members and friends who turned out for the occasion.

### LOGO WINNER

Member Emily Perry is the winner of our Logo Contest! Our new logo will be reduced appropriately and in the future will grace our newsletter, membership cards, and correspondence. Congratulations Emily. Runners-up were two entries by Jim Lord and an anonymous entry which needs to be claimed so we can extend the appropriate recognition.

LOGO CONTEST

The Board was overwhelmed by TWENTY-SIX (26)! entries in the Logo Contest at the regular August Board Meeting. The number and quality of the entries was gratifying but made the selection of the finalists for submission to the general membership extremely difficult. Three separate votes were taken before the entries were narrowed to four semi-finalists. A hearty thank you to all of those who participated and made the decision so difficult.

A LIGHT TOUCH?

Now that we know all of that artistic talent is out there, we are looking for a cartoonist for the newsletter. If someone can do the art but not the humor let me know; we are willing to try to put together a team. Call your editor, Beth Read at 361-2102.

MUSEUM CONFERENCE

Don't forget the Museum Conference in Tampa on October 16-19. The theme is "The Cultural Explosion in the South: Developing from the Past, Looking to the Future." This is one that is within our easy geographical range and promises to be worth your time and effort if it can be worked into your schedule. For information:

SEMC '84, Museum of Science and Industry  
480 East Fowler Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33617

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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Objective: To provide a formal means by which individuals and institutions interested in archaeological and anthropological studies in South Florida and related areas may come together for mutual benefits.

Code of Ethics:

1. Members of the society agree to promote archaeological site preservation and conservation, to excavate only endangered sites as part of a qualified research group, to not excavate archaeological sites for the unscientific collecting of artifacts.
2. All artifacts and material recovered from society projects are property of the society.

I hereby apply for membership in the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Renewal\_\_\_ New Member\_\_\_ \$12.00 Individual\_\_\_ \$15.00 Family\_\_\_

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of  
Southern Florida

Due: January 1, 1984

101 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33130

AUGUST MEETING: REPORT FROM THE BAHAMAS

Members and friends who gathered at the Historical Museum for the regular August membership meeting all enjoyed an interesting report on the Loyalist settlement on Treasure Cay presented by members Sandra Riley and Bob Carr. Sandra and Bob led the excavation of this site in June of this year. Sandra Riley provided slides and a mini lecture on the historical background of the 18th century Bahamian settlement. Bob provided slides of members and friends on location as well as a box of artifacts found on the site. Thank you Sandra and Bob for a most interesting evening.

RIGORS OF EARLY MEETING TIME

We know it may be difficult for some members to make our early meeting time at the Museum. Since we must vacate the premises by 9:00 p.m. we have no other choice. Those of you who have difficulty scheduling both dinner and the meeting may want to consider a postponed meal. The delicious snacks provided by Hospitality Chairman, Diane Thilmont are more than adequate (believe me!) to hold you over until 9:00 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM

Some members and friends might be interested in a symposium entitled "Southern Ceremonial Complex: Artifacts and Analysis" to be held in Greenwood, Mississippi the end of this month. The subject matter covers the entire southeast United States and will be accompanied by an exhibit of artifacts from sites through out the region. For information contact:

Cottonlandia Museum  
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Greenwood, MS 38930  
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September 27-29, 1984



WINNING DESIGN

LOGO CONTEST

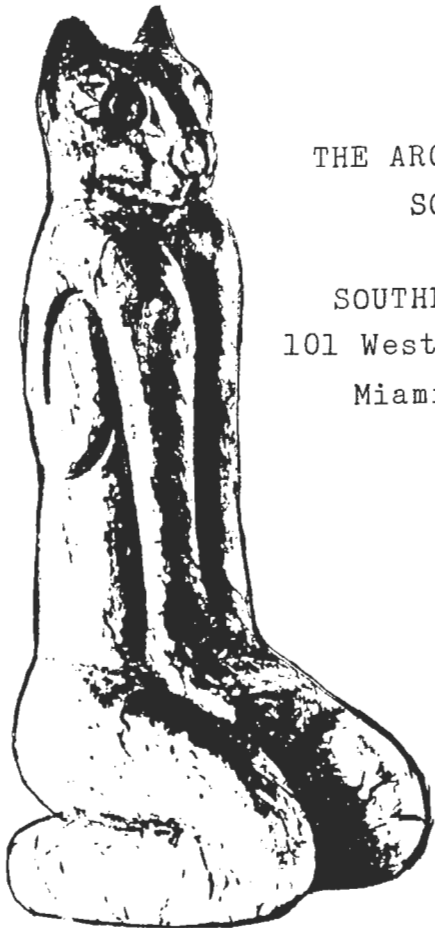
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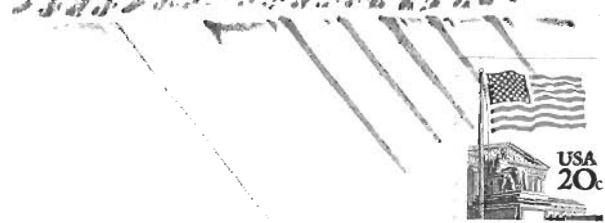
Dates to Remember

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September 20, Thursday: Regular Meeting, Historical Museum, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami, 7:00 p.m.  
September 27-29: Symposium, "Southern Ceremonial Complex: Artifacts and Analysis", Cottonlandia Museum, Greenwood, Mississippi.  
October 16-19: Southeastern Museum Conference, Museum of Science and Industry, Tamap, Florida.  
October 19-21: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual Meeting, SUNY-Binghamton, NY.  
November 2-4: Eastern States Archaeological Federation, 51st. Annual Mtg, Holiday Inn, Annapolis, MD.  
November 8-10: Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Annual Meeting, Pensacola Hilton Hotel, Pensacola, FL.  
November 15-18: American Anthropological Association 83rd. Annual Meeting, Denver Hilton and Holiday Inn Denver Downtown.

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