



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 3, 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. Jeanie will host a Holiday board meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

Friday, December 7, 7:30 P.M.

Our regular December meeting will be a holiday dinner meeting at Sorrento's Restaurant, 3059 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, at 7:30 p.m. As many of you will recall we met at the same place last year. The food is delicious, the company is great and we hope to see many of you there this year. This time we will have a separate dining room but will be able to order from the regular menu. Come early if you can and join us for a drink at the bar at 7:00.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The attendance at our last three meetings has been very poor. We have missed you and are considering some changes in meeting times and places. Since we need some help, with this decision, please call me or complete the questionnaire which is enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. Your board of directors believes that you are very much a part of this organization and wants to meet your needs as well as those of other members whose interests may differ. Let us know how you feel about the monthly meetings.

Best wishes for the holidays and I look forward to seeing many of you at our holiday dinner meeting on December 7th.

Jeanie

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FROM YOUR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND THE

NEWSLETTER STAFF



THANK YOU

A special thanks to Mr. Carter Burrus who presented his research on the cultural history of Biscayne National Park with a multimedia slide presentation at our November regular meeting.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLOISTERS

Join our friends at Dade Heritage Trust for a lovely Christmas party at the Monastery of St. Bernard in North Miami Beach on December 12th at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include a tour, caroling, tree trimming and refreshments. Please call Nancy at Dade Heritage Trust headquarters for details and reservations. 385-9572

FAS CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual FAS meeting will be held on April 19, 20, 21 at Daytona Beach, Florida. If you would like to present a paper on anthropological or archaeological research, historic or prehistoric preservation, education or any interdisciplinary study, please contact Jeanie (284-4695) for an application which must be submitted by January 1, 1985.

Jeanie has applied to present her research and development of her educational kit "My Prehistoric Dade County".

DEERING ESTATE

Our Dade County Historic Preservation Board and the staff of the Dade County Historic Preservation Division of Community and Economic Development are working very hard to save the 395 acre Deering Estate and hammock located on Biscayne Bay off Old Cutler Road between S.W. 152nd street and 167 street. This is a beautiful piece of pristine land that is archaeologically significant; burial mounds and prehistoric village sites are located on the property. It is the historic site of the original Cutler Village and the lovely Deering Home which was built in the early 1900's.

If you would like to lend your support, please plan to attend the next public hearing scheduled for December 5, 3:00 p.m., Dade County Court House, County Commission Chambers.

SOUTHWEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, December 20, 7:30 P.M.

Our President, Jeanie McGuire, will be the guest speaker for the Southwest Archaeological Society's December meeting which will be held in Naples. Since our own meeting is early this month, on December 7th, some of you might enjoy driving over to Naples, joining John Beriault's group and listening to Jeanie's presentation, "My Prehistoric Dade County".

DIVERS SEARCH LAKE

The DeFuniak Springs Herald-Breeze

"Diving operations are underway in Lake DeFuniak as a team of five divers search the lake's shores and bottom for items that may contribute to the preservation of the history of Walton County and DeFuniak Springs...

All items recovered from the lake will be photographed, recorded, and given a registration number for identification purposes...

All items of historical significance will become the property of DeFuniak Springs to be displayed to the public"...

Kathy Strawn

"A team of divers led by Phil Gibson ended its search of Lake DeFuniak Friday afternoon after making local legend a reality. The discovery, Wednesday, of a pistol dating to the mid-17th or early 18th century confirmed that early explorers visited this area long before any attempts at settlement was made locally..."

EXCAVATION DATES: Note some changes!

Sunday, December 9, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.,  
Sunday, December 23, NO DIG, Sunday, December 30, 12:30 p.m., Saturday,  
December 5, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, January 13, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19,  
9:00 a.m.

TRAVEL

February 2nd: Plans are now being finalized for our trip to Lignumvitae and Indian Key. Twelve to sixteen people from the southwest Florida group plan to join us. Now I need to know:

1. who wishes to reserve a place;
2. who wishes to stay overnight (and which night(s) Feb 1 and/or 2?);
3. who has a boat and can shuttle members to the islands;
4. who has an "in" at a less expensive motel near Islamorada or Matecumbe

(Our plan is to tour Lignumvitae 8AM- 12N lunch on the grounds, then tour Indian Key 1PM- 4PM). Please call now, 821-3761.

Daryl Nagel

VISIT TO U.F. STATE MUSEUM AND LABORATORY - November 17-18

Saturday morning we met the eighteen members of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society at the prearranged motel in Gainesville. Saturday afternoon we visited the State Geological Site, Devil's Millhopper which is a sinkhole (120 feet deep, 500 foot rim diameter) of lush growth "reminiscent of deep Appalachian ravines. An interpretive center provides information on the flora and fauna. Rock layers and fossils have provided researchers with extensive data relative to Florida from the past 20 million years. The stairway descent takes the visitor to the floor where cool caves can be viewed and small falls and streams heard in the pleasant and peaceful environment.

Our next visit was to nearby San Felasco Hammock State Preserve where the climax mesic hammock, sandhill, hydric hammock and swamps were all seen while traveling the nature trail. This is the location of historic and prehistoric sites.

Saturday night, on a light note, we all were at The Yearling at Cross Creek of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings fame. We all sampled each others choices and came away having eaten 'gator, softshelled turtle, frog legs and a variety of sea life. Our delight was such that we thought of asking McDonalds to consider a line of McGator, McCooter and McFrog! We walked down to Cross Creek and felt the past as it was described in Mrs. Rawlings works around us.

Sunday morning we met at the U.F. State Museum and were provided with a slide presentation by Donna Ruhl of the Fort Center area and artifacts. We then had a leisurely tour of the anthropological laboratories including the carefully sealed room with the highly delicate artifacts-including the Fort Center wood carvings. Later Dr. Elizabeth Wing provided a slide presentation of her work in the Dutch Antilles area with zooarchaeological techniques and interpretations of prehistoric and historic patterns of existence of subsistence. This was followed by a tour of the zooarchaeological laboratories.

Our trip ended with lunch in the museum garden during International Day Festival.

The trip was worth the journey both at scientific and social levels. The graciousness and friendship of our sister group on the West Coast could not easily be duplicated.

Thanks to Charles Strader for making this trip possible for both groups. (We took many slides and will share them at a future meeting).

Daryl Nagle and Wes Reiss

Among the items to surface were an old parking meter, a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey marker that had been vandalized at another location and tossed in the lake, a variety of fishing gear, locks, keys, golf balls, doorknobs, and an 1887 Seated Liberty Dime.

Contrary to rumors that have been circulating, no box full of money was recovered, nor did the divers encounter a monster alligator. The 'gator was about 18" in length. Gibson said that it would be prudent to assume that a larger animal could be present in the lake, but hastened to say that the reptiles seldom pose a threat to people if left unmolested.

The team did find that the lake is fed by at least one spring that bubbles through the sand at the bottom. They found no indication of a bottomless hole at the center of the lake, contrary to widely held belief"...

Shannon Tunstall  
The DeFuniak Springs Herald-Breeze  
Thursday, September 6, 1984

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Help us improve attendance at our monthly meetings by completing this questionnaire or by calling Jo Southard at 375-1600 or Jeanie at 284-4692.

Check the choices you think would improve attendance at our regular monthly meetings. All suggestions are welcome.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Change the meeting place.  
Suggestion:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Change the meeting time.  
Suggestion:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Change the meeting day.  
Suggestion:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Hold only quarterly meetings
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Program suggestions:

Send questionnaire to:

ASSF  
C/O Historical Museum  
101 West Flagler Street  
Miami, FL 33130

REMINDER!

1985 dues are due and payable as of January 1, 1985.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
101 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33130

due: January 1, 1984

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 2: Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Trolly Tour of Coral Gables with Historical Museum.  
December 3: Monday, Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
December 7: Friday, Regular December Holiday Dinner Meeting, Sorrento's Restraunt, 3059 S.W. 8th Street, Miami.  
December 12: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Christmas at the Cloisters with Dade Heritage Trust.  
December 20: Thursday, 7:30 p.m. S.W.A.S., December meeting, Naples.  
February 2, 1985: Trip to Lignumvitae Key and Indian Key.  
April 19-21: F.A.S. Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL

T-SHIRTS

If you did not purchase your ASSF T-shirt, please call Jeanie (662-1950). They are \$6.00 per shirt. They are attractive and will look great on dig days.

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