



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 7, 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. Judi Trimble will host the Board Meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

Friday, January 18, 7:30 P.M.

The regular January membership meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami.

The guest speaker for the January meeting will be Dr. Ed Petuch, Professor of Geology at FIU, Tamiami Campus. Dr. Petuch is a Paleontologist who specializes in mapping the ancient shorelines and stratigraphy of Florida. He will present a lecture and slide show.

Please note the change of meeting place and day.

FIELD REPORT

Bob Carr reports that attendance at the digs has been very good. John Beriault has requested sampleings from the clay pit for test firing to determine whether or not the clay could have been used to make pottery. Two photographers visited the site last month and took photographs for a textbook to be published in the future. Test pits at DA1058 should be completed by the end of January at which time a trench will be put in.

HARVEST FAIR REPORT

The Society's booth at the Harvest Fair was the best ever in terms of interest generated and appearance. The lighted display case looked elegant when stocked with artifacts, the electric screen loaded with black soil and salted with sherds, shells, and bones drew crowds, and Jeanie's Two-Blue Wall made a perfect setting for Judi's slide presentation. The members present answered questions by the dozens and described the uses of the artifacts to the many people attracted to the display.

For all of their help before, during, and after the Harvest, I would like to thank Judi Trimble, John Carruthers, Jim Lord, Emily Dieterich, Ron Phenix, and Tom Tilden. You were all great and it couldn't have been done without you.

Seth Lefkow

EXCAVATION DATES

Sunday, December 20, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 5, 9:00 a.m.,  
Sunday, January 13, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 9:00 a.m., Saturday,  
January 26, 11:00 a.m., Sunday, February 10, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, February  
16, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, February 24, 12:30, p m.

TRAVEL

February 2-3

Lignum Vitae and Indian Key Postponed to May 11-12 so that hotel arrangements can be made for the group. Details in February.

March

A weekend with the S.W. Florida Archaeological Society. Tentative plans for a Gritty-ware party with experts in attendance. We are invited to join in backyard experimentation is reproducing pottery as our fathers did for the educational experience. Call D. Nagel if interested in attending.

SFAS HOSTS SWFAS - January 26-27, 1985

Our colleagues in the Southwest group have been invited to spend a weekend with our group for educational and social activities. If they accept, the following is our plan of activities:

Saturday:            dig at the Cheatum Site 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
                      Tequesta III Barbeque at the Cheatum site    4:00 p.m. - ?

Sunday:             Breakfast at Matheson Hammock area    7:00 a.m.  
                      Tour Fairchild Gardens                    a.m.  
                      Lunch on your own  
                      Visit to the Historical Museum for the afternoon, (special  
                          events are being offered these afternoons also; see the  
                          HASF notices)

We see this as an opportunity to share the wealth of activities in our area with a group which openly invites us to join in all of their experiences. Our two-way sharing of ideas, work, equipment and camaraderie has been greatly beneficial to all of South Florida.

If you can attend the BBQ please plan your food and a quantity for 1-2 more people. If you wish to join us at breakfast please call for ideas on what foods will be needed.

In order to organize this overall weekend I need some volunteers please. If you would like to help generally, or specifically, with tasks below please call me (D. Nagel):

1. organizing the BBQ equipment for Saturday p.m. at Tequesta;
2. offering room in your home for Saturday night;
3. assisting with Sunday breakfast;
4. guiding informally at the Museum.

Thank you. Hope to have a great turnout.

Daryl Nagel    821-3761

NOTICE FROM YOUR TREASURER

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEMBERS TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR ORGANIZATION.

Thank you,  
Wes Reis

HOLIDAY DINNER

A large group of members and friends turned out for the Holiday Dinner at Aorrento's Restaurant on December 7, 1984 for a fine mix of good friends, good conversation and good food. Awards were presented to Seth Lefkow (for his efforts above and beyond the expected on all projects and particularly for his work on the Harvest and fund raising), to Judi Trimble (for always being on hand to help in all of our projects and particularly the Harvest) and to Dennis Kennelly (for outstanding attendance and work at the site).

BOARD MEETING REPORT

Treasurer, Wes Reis, reported a balance of \$651.31 after expenditures for letterhead and brochures. Support for public acquisition of the Deering Estate was discussed along with future plans for excavation of DA141 and DA1058. The FAS slide presentation needs up dating and all members who have slides are referred to Judi Trimble. For Preservation Month the board decided to set up screens and conduct tours at the Arch Creek site, a date to be decided later. A motion was made and passed that ASSF join the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. The annual cost is \$30.00. Jo Southard received a request for a presentation from the Green Briar Nursing Home. Daryl Nagle volunteered to do the presentation. Judi Trimble will hostess the January Board Meeting at Dr. Jackson's office. It was decided to hold the January general meeting at the Audubon House in South Miami. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



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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  
101 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33130

Due: January 1, 1984

CHARLES DEERING ESTATE AND HAMMOCK

Louise Hill, a mover and shaker in Dade County matters involving preservation of historic areas and in promotion of garden activities, has formed a Central Committee, in which the ASSF is represented, for the purpose of contacting those in State and County government in an effort to secure public acquisition of the Deering Estate. The Committee needs your help.

The Deering Estate consists of 359 acres of thick tropical hammock, valuable archaeological resources including burial mound, early Dade County structures, and abundant tropical flora. Bob Carr, Dade County Archaeologist and AASF member, has examined the property and confirms its archaeological value. The property faces Biscayne Bay on the East, Old Cutler Road on the West, is bounded by S.W. 152 and S.W. 168 Streets, and includes offshore Chicken Key. What is believed to be the original Old Cutler Road runs through the property. Fossil remains, dating from 10-12,000 BP, have been excavated from the site and analyzed by the University of Florida in Gainesville. Some of the remains are believed to be bones of the only sabre-tooth tiger ever found in Florida. Water holes leading to caves carved out by water action probably contain more archaeological specimens which await the more adventuresome (and agile) excavators.

A letter on behalf of ASSF has been directed to Commissioner James Redford. You are asked to expand upon this effort by writing to any of the commissioners, to Gov. Robert Graham, and to Elton J. Gissendanner, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, urging the acquisition of this unique site. The matter is urgent; the Trustee of the Deering Estate property has entered into a contract with Cutler Development Company, a partnership, which is willing to sell the property to the County (and perhaps the State) for 23 Million Dollars. He won't wait forever.

Daryl Nagel has provided the Newsletter with the attached suggestions to aid you in writing these letters. These suggestions were authored by the Florida Nurses Association, Orlando, Florida. If you need more factual information, I have plenty.

It is suggested you write to any of the following: Mayor Stephen P. Clark (Room 242), Commissioners James Redford, Jr., Beverly Phillips, Clara Oesterle, Harvey Ruvlin, Barbara Carey, Barry Schreiber, Sherman Winn, and Jorge Valdes (Room 252), Dade County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130, or

Governor Robert D. Graham, Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, Tallahassee, FL 32304, or

Elton J. Gissendanner, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303.

John Carruthers II

T-SHIRT SALE

The entire order of T-shirts has been sold for a total profit of \$19.05. A second order is in the process. If you missed getting one this time around call Jeanie at 662-1950. This order can include several colors. If you prefer a color other than blue, let Jeanie Know.

FLORIDA NURSES ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 6985

Orlando, Florida 32803

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR CONTACTING ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

DO'S

1. Be understanding and reasonable. Recognize that there are differences of opinions and try to appreciate the responsibility borne by those in elective office.
2. Be thoughtful and realistic. Thank them for things well done and remember that compromise is necessary if democracy is to operate.
3. Be courteous and brief. Rudeness prevents establishment of rapport, but short to the point discussions are most effective.
4. Be practical and informed. If Legislators vote against bills that you are supporting find out why. Study the facts before making a judgment and before asking a Legislator to adopt a specific position.

DON'TS

1. Don't under-estimate the public official. Most officials want to do the right thing; remember it is our obligation to keep them informed of what is right.
2. Don't blame your representatives for failing to do what you want. Avoid asking for "special favors". Don't threaten them, but make certain you have prepared and presented your case in the best possible manner.
3. Don't pretend to have vast influence; speak honestly about the group you represent.

NOTES FOR LETTER WRITERS

1. Personal hand written letters one page in length, if possible, are most effective.
2. Form letters are not very effective.
3. Unsigned letters and petitions with pages of signatures are also not very effective.
4. Speak to just one issue in your letter and give reasons for your position.
5. Be constructive; don't just say what's wrong; point out the good things.
6. If you have specialized knowledge on certain subjects write. Remember it is our obligation to help legislators be informed.
7. Provide legislators with the most current, accurate, and reliable information that you have.
8. Please spell names correctly and use the proper titles.
9. Sign your name clearly and include your address.

Letters to member of the Florida Legislature should be sent to the Capitol.

Example:                   Honorable John Doe  
                              Capitol Building  
                              Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Salutations:           Senator                   - Dear Sir or Dear Senator Doe  
                              Representative   - Dear Sir or Dear Mr. Doe

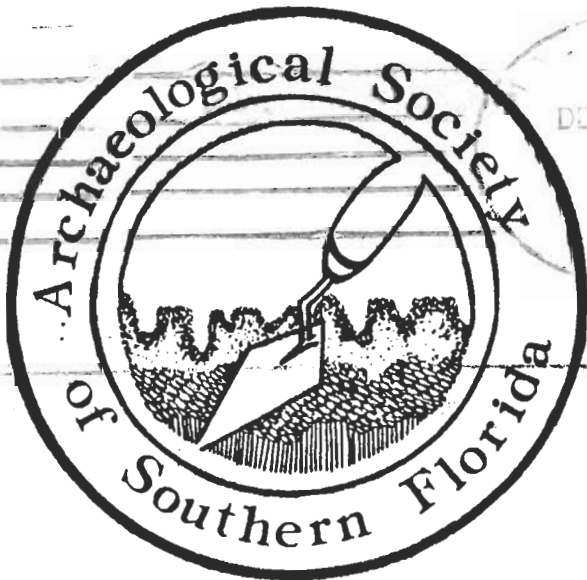
DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 11-January 31: traveling exhibit opens at the Museum of Science, "Florida Fossil Mammals", features 16 extinct mammals from the Miocene, Pliocene and Pleistocene. The address for the Museum of Science is 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami.

April 19-21: F.A.S. Annual Meeting, Daytona Beach, FL.

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