



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 11, 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. Wes Ries will host the Board Meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

Friday, February 15, 7:30 P.M.

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

The guest speaker for the February meeting will be Ray Stewart, Chairman of the archaeological section of the Institute of Mayan Studies. Mr. Stewart will share with us an explanation of the Institute and an overview/introduction of Mayan archaeology with a slide presentation.

Please note the change of meeting place and day.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have become a very active society! There is a great little army of field workers, very dedicated to being on the site each scheduled work day. In fact we looked like a picture from "National Geographic" last Sunday.

John Carruthers has become very involved as our representative in the preservation of the Deering Estate-and his efforts and talents have proved fruitful.

Emily Perry Dieterich and Judi Trimble are working to provide our members with vital information concerning our site and educational material.

One area needs some help from all of you! Seth Lefkow heads up our fund raising committee-and he needs your financial help. In order for our work to continue here in Dade County we need funding for our carbon dating and field supplies and photography. We need donations from our members and outside help from our community. Please do your part and help us raise some money. All donations to ASSF are considered as a tax write-off.

It was great to see so many of you at the Audubon House for our January Meeting. We hope you enjoy our return to Friday nite meetings and the new location. We may also hold some meetings at Arch Creek in the future.

Jeanie McGuire

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to new members WINNIE SMITH, EDWARD BELL, DIANE STUTTS, RICHARD K. PALLE, NINA ELLENBOGEN, the JIM LORD FAMILY and the CARLOS URRUTIA FAMILY. Please join us whenever possible. We hope to see you at the site and/or at our next general meeting.

THANK YOU

A note of appreciation and thank you goes to Ed Petuch for his interesting and enthusiastic presentation on South Florida geology and fossil shells at our last general meeting. The slides were beautiful and Ed's enthusiasm for his chosen field was infectious.

DUES REMINDER

Dues are due as of January 1, 1985. If this detail has escaped your attention, an enlarged membership/renewal application is enclosed with this issue for your convenience. Don't forget to sign the code of ethics and include with your dues so we can update our files.

WARNING: March 1, 1985 is Purge Date for the newsletter mailing list.

'ARCHAEOLOGY AND A DIG'

Join Jeanie McGuire at the Historic Museum of Southern Florida on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 A.M. for a morning seminar about Dade County Archaeology. Then on Sunday, March 3rd she will take you on an actual afternoon of excavating. Please call the museum for details: 375-1492.

T-SHIRTS

Our logo T-shirts have been a great success. Our original supply has been "sold out".

The new order will be placed on February 1st. You can order any color in any size, just let Jeanie know at 284-4692.

BROWN HOUSE

Thank you to Bill Lyons and Jeanie McGuire for their donations to Dade Heritage Trust for the restoration of the Brown House. Please help us increase this list by giving a check to Wes Ries or any board member. Make the check payable to ASSF or DHT.

TRAVEL

February 16: we have been invited to join the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society for a tour of Pine Island, a large island offshore from Ft. Myers with interesting archaeological and historic sites. Call D. Ries for details, not available at press time, at 821-3761.

March: (date not set) Travel to Naples to join in a "Grittyware Party". Try your hand at making pottery the way that native Americans did in ancient times. An expert in pottery will be in attendance. Call D. Ries for details, 821-3761.

May 11-12: Lignum Vitae and Indian Key tours. Our postponed trip is rescheduled. Call D. Ries to reserve a boat and motel spot if you wish to go. Minimum is 25 people. The cost will depend on arrangements that can be made based on the size of the group. Hotel rooms will be reserved for Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11.

Since we have been unable to find a member with access to boat transportation, we will rent a boat in the area. Rough estimates on costs are \$35.00-\$45.00 per night for the hotel, double occupancy and \$15.00-\$20.00 per person for the total boat cost. Food will be on your own. ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE BY MARCH 1, SO CALL BEFORE THIS DATE IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED. (prepayment nonrefundable by April 1, may be necessary for the boat).

YUCATAN TRIP

Join the Southwest group on May 25th for 10 days at \$789.00. Call Jeanie McGuire for details at 284-4692.

FIELD REPORT - CHEATUM SITE Da 1058

In the last few weeks in the southern side of the Cheatum Site we have opened 13 new pits, excavating a sizable cemetery. During the next few weeks we shall find how far this feature extends into the southern edges of the Cheatum Site.

SAFETY RULES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXCAVATION ON FLORIDA ROCK PROPERTY

The new owners of the rock quarry, where the Cheatum Site is located, have provided us with a list of their safety rules for us as we work on their property. Please read and take heed!

1. No person under 18 years of age will be permitted to enter the property.
2. Stay completely away from machinery and equipment.
3. Stay away from edge of pit banks and do not attempt to climb on piles of excavated material.
4. Do not attempt to climb on stock piles.
5. Do not attempt to climb on boulders.
6. Stay away from edge of water impoundments.
7. No swimming.
8. Watch for snakes.
9. Stay away from explosives magazines and trailers.
10. Follow the instructions of the Florida Rock representatives who will meet you at the quarry entrance.
11. Park automobiles in locations designated by our representatives.

TIPS FROM TRIMBLE

We are delighted to see so many new faces helping with the excavation at the Cheatum Site and participating in the recent exciting discoveries. Judi Trimble has put together the following tips FYI with the hope that it will increase both your participation and your pleasure.

BASIC TOOLS NEEDED FOR EXCAVATION:

1. 5 inch mason trowel (with handle soldered to the blade)
2. 2 inch paint brush (soft)
3. dust pan
4. bucket

SOME OTHER TOOLS WHICH ARE USEFUL:

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| 1. root cutters | 5. measuring tape |
| 2. wisk broom | 6. paper and pencil |
| 3. dental tools | 7. magic marker |
| 4. gloves | 8. zip lock & garbage bags |

PIT PROTOCOL

1. At Cheatum Site: when arriving wait until one of our five Field Supervisors, Jeanie McGuire, Jo Southard, Bob Carr, Dennis Kennille or Wes Coleman have signed their name at the top of the gate keeper's sign-in sheet before going on the site.
2. Friendly Co-worker: be responsible for your own tools. Always ask before borrowing someone else's tools. Always return borrowed tools promptly.
3. Smoking-Non Smoking: Smoking in or near pits being excavated is discouraged. Smoke can interfere with carbon-dating results. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only, see Emily Perry Deitrich for exact location and complete details. Non smokers are discouraged from entering the smoking areas.
4. All materials excavated at the Cheatum Site become property of the ASSF. Once material is screened it should not be left at the site, but taken to Wes Coleman's house for further investigation and to be accessioned.
5. While excavating: if you are not sure of something, please ask a Field Supervisor and don't hesitate to ask again if the same question arises or even if your question may seem strange or unusual or uninformed. Everyone is anxious to share their information and knowledge and to keep the excavation on the right tracks.

MIAMI RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Update and Request for Support

The Miami River Management Committee (MRMC) was established in December, 1983, by Executive Order of Governor Bob Graham. The committee was charged with developing a master plan for land use along the Miami River, suggesting environmental and aesthetic improvements, and identifying short and long term goals of the master plan. After a year of study, the MRMC recently submitted its final recommendations to the Governor. My job for the past four months has been working as the Administrative Assistant to the MRMC and I believe certain recommendations of the committee may be of interest to members of the ASSF.

The MRMC was divided into five subcommittees, one of which was the History and Planning Subcommittee. The recommended goals and actions pertinent to the ASSF originated from this subcommittee.

A major goal of the History and Planning Subcommittee was "preservation of the river as an area of archaeological and historical significance". The subcommittee recommended the following actions:

1. Notify the Dade County archaeologist prior to any development along the river;
2. Encourage the City of Miami to designate an archaeological district along the river (specific boundaries were included);
3. Request the state of Florida to publish a manual listing all local, state, and federal laws which relate to preserving archaeological and historic sites;
4. Encourage riverfront businesses and developers to erect historic markers where appropriate;
5. Request the state of Florida to acquire archaeologically and historically significant properties along the river through land swaps or other appropriate means.

Another goal of the History and Planning Subcommittee was to "increase public awareness of the historical importance of the river." The following actions were recommended:

1. Encourage historical, environmental, and civic groups to develop a speakers bureau on various aspects of the river;
2. Develop and publicize tours on the river;
3. Feature river-related activities as part of the annual Dade County Historic Preservation Week.

Several recommended actions were directed at specific sites along the river:

1. Development of Ft. Dallas Historic Park;
2. Erect historic markers at Brickell Holiday Inn, the Knight Center, the Flagler House, and José Martí Park;
3. Cleanup, development, and recognition of Paradise Point Park as an archaeological significant area; re-name the park Miami River Rapids Park; purchase the adjacent property (Ferguson Mill Site) for a potential archaeological restoration site.

The life of the MRMC has been extended until December, 1985. During the coming year the committee will attempt to realize some of its short term goals, and initiate procedures for accomplishing the long term goals. I plan to stay involved with the MRMC (in some capacity), and invite any ASSF members to become involved. If you have comments on the recommendations, or additional ideas, please let me know. I also have copies of the complete MRMC report available for reading. Call 989-1931, evenings.

I firmly believe the ASSF should support the MRMC's work, which will in turn help protect the archaeological and historical integrity of the Miami River.

Emily Perry Dieterich

CHARLES DEERING ESTATE AND HAMMOCK

A major step has been taken toward the acquisition of the Deering Estate. On January 19, 1985, the Cutler Development Company, a partnership, executed an option agreement to the Nature Conservancy, a nation-wide non-profit organization devoted to preservation and conservation of valuable lands and buildings. The partnership has a contract to purchase the Deering Estate from the owners. The option permits the purchase of the estate by the conservancy from the partnership for \$22.5 million. The conservancy received a grant from the Dade County Commission on January 10th amounting to \$500,000.00. This was used to secure the option.

The conservancy is required to pay an additional \$500,000.00 by March 15th. By that date, it expects to have a commitment from the State Cabinet to buy the property. This would be accomplished through the conservation and Recreational Land program (CARL). The property has been listed with the program, BUT it is 27th in line for acquisition. Supervising the land acquisition program is Dr. Elton J. Gissendanner, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Again, we urge every member to WRITE to Dr. Gissendanner and to Gov. Robert D. Graham, Office of the Governor, Capitol Bldg., Tallahassee, FL 32304, to approve the acquisition by CARL. It is in your interests as members and residents of South Florida that this land be held by the public. It is important to know that the state cannot pay more than the average of two appraisals of the value of the property. The appraised values will be announced to the Florida Cabinet on January 30, 1985. Your letters should be mailed as soon as practicable. See the January Newsletter for additional details, or call me at 665-6633.

John Carruthers II

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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

Due: January 1, 1985 Miami, Florida 33130

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 11: Monday, Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami, 7:30 p.m.
February 13: Wednesday, Picnic with the Bard, Vizcaya, 6:30 p.m., 358-9572
February 15, Friday, General Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami, 7:30 p.m.
February 16: Saturday, Southwest Archaeological Society tour of Pine Island, Ft. Myers
March: Grittyware party - Naples
March 2-3: Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Seminar "Archaeology and a Dig", 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami.
April 19-21: FAS Meeting
May 11-12: Lignum Vitae and Indian Key tours
May 25-June 2: Yucatan trip with the Southwest Archaeological Society.

EXCAVATION-DATES:

Sunday, February 3, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday, February 17, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m., Sunday,
March 3, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m.



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