



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 4, 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. Seth Lefkow will host the Board Meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

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

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

The guest speaker for the March meeting will be Bill Johnson, ASSF member and professor of anthropology at Florida International University. Bill will present a slide show of his recent archaeological work in Alaska including scenes of the Landscape and flora and fauna of the area. As an extra treat, Bill will have samples of jams he made from Alaskan fruits and berries available for tasting. Be sure to join us for an interesting and "tasty" evening!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is time to start thinking about a new board of directors and officers for the coming year. If you have an interest being active in the administration of our organization, please call Denis Wiedman, chairman of our nominating committee. (944-0514) The slate will be presented at the March 15th meeting. We will vote in April. The ballot will appear in the April Newsletter.

To recognize the outgoing board and congratulate the incoming board we will have a special dinner celebration on April 12th. The FAS meeting begins on April 19th so we will have our regular meeting on the 12th. Mark this date on your calendar and watch for details in the April Newsletter.

We are an important link in the future of South Florida as we preserve our pre-history for future generations. Be brave and get involved and make a contribution to your community. You'll like the feeling.

Jeanie McGuire

FIELD REPORT

An interesting new find at the Cheatum site is a copper bead found in the concretion in the area of the cemetery. An educated guess is that it dates from 0-400 AD and the probable origin is North Georgia or South America. The interesting tooth found at the site has been positively identified as a canine tooth by the lab at Gainesville. Jeanie McGuire and Dan LaComb will be bringing their archaeological students to tour the site this month. We have only about six months left to finish this excavation, so all members and friends who can help with the digging and accessioning are needed, sought after and welcomed heartily.

Wes Coleman

EXCAVATION DATES

Sunday, March 3, 12:30 P.M., Saturday, March 9, 9:00 A.M., Sunday, March 17, 12:30 P.M., Saturday, March 23, 9:00 A.M., Sunday, March 31, 12:30 P.M., Saturday, April 6, 9:00 A.M. and Sunday, April 14, 12:30 P.M.

### TRAVEL REPORT

The weekend activities hosting the Southwest Archaeological Society were a great success, at least measured in terms of numbers of persons from both groups participating. The Saturday activities included digging at the Cheatum site and the Tequesta III barbeque during which time there were 40-50 persons working and socializing and eating marvelous foods in great quantities! While the weather was cold and the day drab, Saturday, January 27th found about 35 people enjoying breakfast at Matheson Hammock at the very early hour of 7:00 a.m. A tram tour of Fairchild Gardens followed and then various activities including hot coffee and snacks at the warm home of Sue Goldman. Sue had presented a short program on the preservation of animal carcasses for comparative study at the Matheson activity. Finally, the group met at the museum for a tour of the labs led graciously by Dan Marcus, and then were free to enjoy the museum. Some people in the group also enjoyed the alligator wrestling on the plaza.

Saturday night Ron Phenix hosted an open party for all the revelers and the pursuits were anything but trivial! In other words everyone had a great time and still made it to the early breakfast.

Hopefully we can have occasional get-togethers like this again so that our ideas and friendships can be further exchanged. Hearty thanks to all who worked so hard to make this a successful weekend.

### FUTURE TRAVEL

March 30 and April 13: Grittyware party at C. Strodees home in Naples. First day to shape pottery and let dry. Second day to fire pottery. Sign up and details from D. Reis.

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. (payment nonrefundable by April 1, may be necessary for the boat).

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EDUCATION

Daryl Ries presented a program to residents of Greenbriar Nursing Home January 31, at their request, using Jeanie McGuire's educational kit. The residents especially enjoyed viewing the slides of Miami from the late 1800's and early 1900's as contrasted with today. After the slides, residents were very interested in shell tools, artifacts and pottery sherds on display and especially enjoyed the pottery that they could touch. They expressed interest in touring the museum in the future.

### HELP PRESERVE OUR PAST

A donation to A.S.S.F. will help pay for carbon dating, photography and field supplies. Call 284-4692 or 662-1950 for details. We need your support NOW.

### POST CARD

A post card is enclosed ready for your signature and mailing to Governor Graham. Please sign and send it as an indication of your support for public acquisition of the Deering Estate and hammock.

CHARLES DEERING ESTATE - PART III

John Carruthers

On March 6, 1985, the Governor and his Cabinet are reported to be meeting with the advisors to the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program to review the proposal to purchase the Deering Estate.

The Miami Herald, on its Sunday, Feb. 17, 1985, editorial page, stated:

"There are many good reasons for putting the highest priority on public acquisition of the Charles Deering Estate. The 368-acre property on Biscayne Bay in South Dade is of unique environmental, historical, and recreational value.

"Moreover, it's the only site of its kind still available for public purchase. After it's gone, there won't be any others. Time is short, too. The pressures for residential development in the area are strong and increasing. To forego an opportunity to buy the estate now would be an irreversible error."

To show that you support the ASSF and the acquisition of this archaeologically unique hammock and estate, write to any and all of the following at the Capitol Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32304: Gov. Robert D. Graham, Secretary of State George Firestone, Comptroller Gerald A. Lewis, Attorney General Jim C. Smith, Secretary of Education Ralph D. Turlington, Secretary of Agriculture Doyle E. Conner, Secretary of the Treasury and Insurance Commissioner William D. Gunter, and Lt. Governor Wayne Nixon.

The ASSF was represented on Feb. 19, 1985, at a public meeting with the Dade Delegation. A presentation of our position in the acquisition of the Deering Estate was made. We need the support of our Representatives and Senators.

Post Cards already stamped and addressed, with a supportive message are being printed for our use. The cards will have aerial photographs of the Estate. These will be made available to you soon.

Time is running out. We need more evidence of concern on the part of our elected representatives. This can be accomplished if they know how you feel. Write to the Governor, Cabinet, the County Commissioners, and your Representative and Senator.

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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

Due: January 1, 1985 Miami, Florida 33130

UPDATE

On February 19, 1985 the Dade County Commission unanimously passed a resolution urging the governor and the cabinet to acquire the Deering Estate and hammock. The Commission also indicated the commission might be willing to make up the difference if the state cannot meet the \$22.5 million asking price with CARL funds.

DUES ARE DUE

The following names are on our list as paid members and will comprise the new mailing list for the April Newsletter. If your name is not on the list check with Treasurer Wes Ries.

Baldwin, Charles W., Jr.  
Baque, Darlene  
Barrettino, Batista M.  
Bell, Ed  
Blazevic, Raymond L.  
Carr, Debbi & Bob  
Carruthers, John II  
Chernela, Dr. Janet  
Chiappetta, Donna Marie  
Coleman, Wes  
Davis, Joe H., Jr.  
Dieterich, Emily Perry  
Dolan, Peggy Ann  
Dumas, Ernest M.  
Ellenbogen, Nina C.  
Esplin, Beatrice  
Eyster, Irving  
Fitzgerald, M/M Walter J.  
Fonte, Joan Connor  
Goldman, Debra  
Herreid, Charlene  
Johnson, William  
Kiem, Mary & Stanley  
Laxson, Dan

Lefkow, Seth  
Lockwood, Jim  
Lord, James S.  
Lyons, William R.  
McGuire, Jeanie  
Myers, Benny  
Palle, Richard K.  
Petuck, Ed  
Phenix, Ronald S.  
Read, Elizabeth  
Ries, Daryl & Wes  
Riley, Sandra  
Sorrentino, Charlene & Dan  
Southard, Edyth "Jo" H.  
Stutts, Dianne & Julia  
Teems, David H.  
Thilmont, Diane  
Trimble, Judi  
Villa, Sandra  
Villamil, Juan M.  
Ward, Robert Bruce  
Wiedman, Dennis  
Wood, Neal S., Jr. & Margaret  
Zelenak, Pan  
Smith, Winifred

FAS MEETING

Mark the week-end of April 19-21 for the FAS Meeting in Daytona Beach. ASSF members Bob Carr and Jeanie McGuire will be presenting papers. If you would like to go as a group, Ron Phenix is taking reservations for a package trip via bus. A minimum of 10 people is required. The package includes bus transportation from Miami to Daytona Beach and back, use of the bus all day on Saturday, and two nights at the Holiday Inn Surfside (the hotel where the FAS meetings will be held). The price is \$129 per person. Reservations must be made by April 1, 1985. For details and reservations contact Ron Phenix (home 923-1918, work 944-6111). The address for the Holiday Inn is 2700 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach and conference rates are \$35, \$45 and \$55. Two pick-up points and drop off points in Miami will be arranged at members convenience. Travelling as a group is always fun, so give Ron a call if you are interested. Don't forget April 1st is the sign-up deadline.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 2-3: Seminar  
March 4: Monday, Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
March 15: March Membership Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
March 30: Grittyware party, Naples.  
April 1: Deadline for group transportation to FAS Meeting, Daytona Beach.  
April 19-21: FAS Meeting, Daytona Beach.  
May 11-12: Lignum Vitae and Indian Key tours  
May 25-June 2: Yucatan trip

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