



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 1, 7:30 P.M.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami. The Board hopes all members and friends will join us for good food and fellowship. Emily and Ron will host this month's board meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 12, 6:30 P.M.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami. A pot luck dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The society will provide plates, cups, etc. and drinks. Our outgoing president, Jeanie McGuire, will provide dessert. The election of officers and the annual report will follow dinner.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be my last time to write for this column of our newsletter. I have enjoyed the past two years as president of this organization and have been pleased with the growth we have made as so many of you have become active as leaders.

In the beginning of my first term I was a "one lady show"; if I didn't think about it, do it or attend it, it didn't get done at all. Now, I can go away for several weeks and all work continues as if no one even knew I was away. What a beautiful feeling to know our society is in the "good hands" of so many dedicated people.

I am so very proud of us. Thank you for all of your support. I would have to list every member of our society if I were to pay tribute, because each of you have participated in some way to make this an active organization in south Florida's growth.

I intend to remain active in ASSF and will hope to put my time and energy into raising funds and writing up our site reports and research activities for publication. These are areas in which we still need to improve.

I will look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on April 12th at the Audubon House at 6:30 p.m. At that time we will recognize the outstanding work of our outgoing board members and congratulate and welcome our new incoming board members.

See you then!

Jeanie McGuire

T-Shirts

The T-shirts are here. If you placed an order, please contact Jeanie (284-4692 or 662-1950) and make arrangement for pick up. We have extras in assorted colors and sizes and they are available for \$7.00 each. Wear one on the site and keep an extra for special affairs-like meeting nites, FAS meetings or any place you would like people to ask questions about archaeology in Dade County. Promote ASSF and our efforts to preserve our heritage.

### YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS TAKE NOTE!

If you are under the age of 18 and can not work on our current site in the rock pit area you are INVITED to: help clean and sort all of the artifacts from the site as they are prepared to be sent to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. This work can be done at your convenience at Wes Coleman's home on weekday or weekends. Please call him at 226-6788 to make arrangements.

P.S. Even if you are old (over 18) you can and should be helping in this area also. We are behind in our cleaning and need you.

### DADE HERITAGE DAYS

As ASSF's contribution to Dade Heritage Days your board of directors has designated Saturday, April 27th as a day to invite the public to learn more about our Prehistoric heritage. We will be at Arch Creek Park from 10:00-4:00 giving tours of the Hammock, tours of the museum and supervise the screening of the spoil from the creek dredging. We can use your help that day; please call Ron at 944-6111 or Jeanie at 284-4692 and they will let you know how you can become involved. This will be fun and be a major contribution to our community!

### FAS

Many thanks to member Joan Haas for being our representative to the FAS board meeting in February. She lives in Winter Park and is running for the office of treasurer of FAS. Please vote for her, she is a valuable asset to preservation in this state. Joan is the founding chairman of the newly formed Winter Park Historic Preservation Board. Congratulations.

Please join us in Daytona Beach for the annual FAS meeting, April 19th and 20th. A great way to learn about archaeology here in Florida.

### FIELD DAY WAS A FIELD DAY

On March 3rd there were 25 adult students from Jeanie's archaeology class at the museum and 20 students from Charlie Lancomb's anthropology class at FIU on our site. Our 15 members pitched right in and we had a great day. Professional work was accomplished and soil was moved! Job well done!

### FIELD REPORT

Forty-five guests were on site on March 3rd. Needless to say, these guests added to 15 regular workers moved a lot of dirt in the pits and helped start a trench. An employee of Bob Holt Company, and friend of member Bob Carr, secured the donation of his time and machinery to trench at the site the week-end of March 9-10. Bob Carr also has made arrangements for donated time for a contour map of the site.

Because of the difficulty in members finding time to write up reports of our excavations, a team method of writing will be adopted. At the end of each day's excavations, one member of each team working in each pit will write an account of work that day and items found. These reports will be utilized to compile the final report. A Field Journal will be kept. Digging will be halted 30 minutes early each day to allow time to write that day's field report for each pit and enter these reports in the Field Journal.

EXCAVATION DATES: Sunday, March 13, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, April 14, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, April 28, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 12, 12:30 p.m.

INSTITUTE OF MAYA STUDIES LIAISON

Emily Perry Dieterich has been designated as liaison person for ASSF with the Institute of Maya Studies. She will regularly attend meetings of the Institute to facilitate any coordination of activities that will be beneficial for both groups.

REPORT FROM IMS LIAISON

On behalf of the ASSF I made a presentation at the March board meeting of the Institute of Maya Studies (IMS). My purpose in attending the meeting was to establish lines of communication between the two societies, which happen to be the only archaeologically oriented organizations in Dade County.

We actually began this cooperative effort inadvertently last month by exchanging guest speakers; Bob Carr gave a presentation on local archaeology to the IMS, while Ray Stewart presented an overview of Maya archaeology to our society.

Many exciting ideas were discussed at the board meeting including:

- a newsletter/membership application exchange;
- a publication of society meetings and programs in each other's newsletters;
- co-sponsoring a program, guest lecturer, or lecture series;
- distribution of information relating to classes on Maya archaeology and Florida archaeology;
- notices of each societies' field trips;
- publication of an article regarding the "Maya connection" in Florida.

Anyone with further ideas or suggestions please contact me. The next IMS general meeting is April 17th at 8:00 p.m. at the Museum of Science. The Archaeology Section of the IMS meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Ponce de Leon School.

Emily Perry Dieterich

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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

### THANK YOU

Sue Goldman and Lois Cowan donated \$250.00 for carbon dating of the remains of the dog found on the Cheetum site. Seth Lefkow has donated \$100.00 to help defray printing costs.

### MEETING MEETING COSTS

Seth Lefkow is attempting to secure a wheelbarrow which we can donate to the Audubon House to offset the normal fee of \$25.00 for groups who use Audubon House for meetings. The Audubon Society will also accept donated time and services for Audubon projects. We will have more details in future issues of the newsletter on ways and times in which our members can help.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS

This issue of the newsletter includes a ballot which members can mail to ASSF in time for receipt prior to the annual meeting on April 12, 1985 or may bring to the meeting on that date. Following are brief biographical sketches for members running for office for the coming year:

1. President: Wes Coleman
2. Vice President: Bob Carr
3. Secretary: Emily Perry Dieterich
4. Treasurer: Wes Ries
5. Director: (3 years) Ron Phenix
6. Director: (1 year) Beth Read

### WES COLEMAN

Wes Coleman has been active in Florida archaeology since 1971 having served as past president of the Miami-West Indies Archaeological Society when it was the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society. He is also a life member of the FAS and their director-at-large from 1974-1976.

Wes' familiarity with local sites is legendary. He has acted as Field Director or Co-Field Director on numerous excavations including the Arch Creek (Da23) project, the Trail Site (Da34), and the on-going project at the Coleman-Cheetum sites. He also coordinated the salvage excavations of the paleontological Jet Port site in the Big Cypress.

Wes was instrumental in providing archaeological information that helped preserve the Arch Creek site, the Opa-Locka site, and Lignum Vitae Key through the Nature Conservancy.

### BOB CARR

Bob has been involved in archaeology since the 1960's. He received a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Florida State University, and has worked with Florida's Division of Archives and History. Subsequently, he worked as an archaeologist with the National Park Service and did field work in the Big Cypress and the Everglades. Presently, he is the Dade County Archaeologist.

Most of Bob's field work has been in Florida, but he has participated on other projects in the southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean. He is a member of the FAS and past president of the Florida Archaeological Council. Bob also served as editor of The Florida Anthropologist from 1979 - 1983.

### EMILY PERRY DIETERICH

Emily is the Environmental Education Director for Tropical Audubon Society. She has been a member of ASSF for three years and a member of FAS for two years. Currently Emily is working on a Masters degree in anthropology at Florida International University. Emily is interested in Florida archaeology and archaeological site preservation.

#### WES RIES

Wes Ries has served admirably and well as our Treasurer for this past year. He has been active in ASSF for the past several years, working diligently on site as well as serving as a board member. Wes has helped Travel Coordinator Daryl with arrangements for our out-of-county activities and has frequently represented ASSF at joint meetings with other interest groups. His enthusiasm and wide-ranging interests are valuable and valued assets for ASSF.

#### RON PHENIX

Ron Phenix is a park attendant at Arch Creek Park and Museum. He has been a member of ASSF for two years and participates in local digs and fieldworks. Ron is a Florida plant specialist, participating in plant inventories of archaeological sites.

#### BETH READ

Beth Read is the present editor of our newsletter. She has been active in ASSF for a number of years and was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Board last year. Beth worked on the Granada Site for six months, during the salvage dig prior to construction of the Knight Center/Hyatt Regency, and has worked on numerous other sites throughout Dade County.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR ARCH CREEK PARK

Arch Creek Park and Museum, a preserved archaeological site in North Miami, was recently designated as an historic site by the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Board. The site, which dates from 500 B.C., is owned by the State of Florida and leased by the Dade County Parks Department for use as a passive park and interpretive center. The local designation provides protection as well as recognition for the archaeological and historical components of the site. If the National Register nomination for the park is approved, (currently being considered in Tallahassee), Arch Creek Park will be the first archaeological site in Dade County to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### HOT FLASH-DEERING ESTATE

Efforts to preserve the Derring Estate through public ownership are now back to square one. The high purchase price has thwarted efforts to acquire the Estate using state CARL funds. Numerous meetings at the state level have failed to produce a solution. Options which are presently being explored are designation by the state as an area of significant historic interest and legislative action. In the meantime development plans are proceeding apace. A flyer with full details will be distributed at the annual meeting.

John Carruthers

#### EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member Bob Carr will present a lecture on the Archaeology of Key Biscayne at the Key Biscayne Episcopal Church on April 1, 1985. Member Bob Carr, Jeanie McGuire and Bill Johnson will speak at Hammocks Junior High School for Career Days.

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to new members, JANET CHERNELA, DEBRA GOLDMAN, CHARLENE HERREID, WILLIAM JOHNSON and PAN ZELENAK.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 1: Monday, Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Jackson's office,  
190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
April 12: Friday, Annual Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive,  
South Miami, 6:30 p.m.  
April 13: Saturday, Grittyware party, Naples  
April 19-21: FAS Meeting, Daytona Beach  
April 27: Dade Heritage Days, Arch Creek Park, N.E. 135th Street and  
Biscayne Blvd., Miami, telephone: 944-6111  
May 11-12: Lignum Vitae and Indian Key tours  
May 25-June 2: Yucatan trip

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