



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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President: Wes Coleman Editor: Beth Read

BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held at Jo Southard's home, 8961 S.W. 51 Street, Miami. The Board hopes all members and friends will join us for good food and fellowship.

REGULAR MEETING

Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive South Miami. This will be the program's first surprise of the new administration.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held at Audubon House on April 12, 1985. The pot luck dinner was delicious and a huge success. The new slate of officers elected at the meeting are as follows:

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| President | Wes Coleman |
| Vice President | Bob Carr |
| Secretary | Emily Perry Dietrich |
| Treasurer | Wes Ries |
| Director: (3 year term) | Ron Phenix |
| Director: (1 year term) | Beth Read |

We wish them success for the year ahead and look forward to working together on old and new projects scheduled for 1985-86.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND SITE REPORT

A Moratorium on the Cheatum Site (DA1058) will go into effect on June 1, 1985. This moratorium will give all of us time to clean and sort all of the artifacts taken from the site and record our findings. The sooner this is done, the quicker we can write our reports on both sites DA141 and DA1058.

Starting April 20, 1985 the Society will be working on both Saturday and Sunday each week-end. We will dig one day on the site and clean and sort the next day at my house, 10 N.W. 124 Avenue, Miami. A time change for beginning work on Sunday, starting with Sunday, April 21, 1985, will be 9:00 a.m., the same starting time as for Saturdays.

I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year.

Wes Coleman

SECOND ANNUAL TEQUESTA BARBEQUE

We will be suspending work on the Cheatum site in June. As a farewell to the site the Second Annual Tequesta Barbeque is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 1985 at 1:00 p.m. All members and friends are invited to join us for a pot luck feast at the site. A fire will be provided along with plates, utensils and drinks. Come join us for what promises to be a bounteous and fun, albeit bittersweet, occasion.

ASSF ANNUAL 1984 REPORT

(as presented to ASSF Annual meeting and FAS Annual meeting in Daytona Beach)

During this year we have spent every weekend excavating a tree island known as Dal058 or the Cheatum Site in what was once the Everglades but is now part of a rock quarry west of Miami.

This site was professionally surveyed and a five foot grid established. Each of the 35 pits and 2 trenches have been mapped and all artifacts have been accessioned and will be turned over to the Historic Museum of Southern Florida. Excavation will be completed in June, 1985 and results will be prepared for publication. The major portion of this excavation has been coordinated by member Wes Coleman.

The society has become active in and supportive of the work of the following preservation organizations and causes: The Miami River Management Committee, Dade Heritage Trust, Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, Deering Estate and Hammock, Institute of Mayan Studies, Dade County Historic Preservation Division, Dade County Preservation Board and the Southwest Archaeological Society.

A new logo selected through a design competition now appears on our newsletter, stationery and brochures.

Monthly meetings revolved around exciting speakers selected by our program chairman, Emily Dieterich, and out of town trips were organized by travel coordinator, Daryl Nagel, to Cabbage Key, Indian Key, Lignum Vitae Key and the Florida State Museum. Membership chairman, Jo Southard, reports a paid membership of 75 and treasurer, Wes Ries, reports a strong balance of \$900.00. Robert Carr, Dade County Archaeologist has guided our research activities.

Community involvement by the Society has included: an educational booth at the HASF Harvest Festival, an archaeological day at Arch Creek, and lectures at schools, nursing homes, museums and local organizations.

With our community involvement and professional approach to excavation and research, I believe we have made a valuable contribution to preserving the heritage of South Florida during 1984-85.

Submitted April 1984
Jeanie McGuire, President

RESISTIVITY SURVEY: CHEATUM SITE

Per our conversation computer printouts of a resistivity survey of the Cheatum site was taken at 2.5' intervals along the east 25 line between north 60 and -10 of the site grid system. For the record, we were using a German made Geohm three resistivity unit with an internal micro-processor averaging capability. The set-up we used employed what is referred to as a Weiner configuration of four electrodes. The outer two emit the charge and the inner two record the reading at the center point of the two central electrodes.

We worked up the data in 3 formats: the first a point-to-point plot of actual readings; the other two have been smoothed using a computer based "Fourier smoothing" routine (Byte 1985:207-218) to define general patterns out of cyclical or fluctuating data. The first of the two smoothed versions has been printed with no background tick marks, and the other with horizontal resistance level markers.

The bottom line results from this experimental transect indicate two points: 1) that there is a clear and consistent difference in resistivity demonstrable between the hard pan site concentration, and the non-hard pan areas; and 2) the resistivity levels themselves further indicate that when your data is transferred to ohms/feet measurements, [and that is effective resistivity equal to $2x(\pi)xDx(\text{resistivity})$], one gets readings of 300 to 600 ohms/feet, which indicates the high probability of good radar penetration of at least one to two meters in depth in this kind of soil and site matrix.

Joel W. Grossman, Ph.D.
Chief Archaeologist
Greenhouse Consultants, Inc.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT - April 2, 1985

Wesley G. Ries, Treasurer

Beginning Balance - April 18, 1986 \$ 861.26

INCOME

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| Donations (Brochures, Equipment, Supplies) | 410.00 |
| Donations (Carbon Dating/Dog Skeleton) | 250.00 |
| Membership (ASSF) | 890.00 |
| Tee Shirt Sale | 316.00 |

Total \$ 1,866.00

EXPENSES

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| Brochure Printing and Mailing | \$ 162.38 |
| Equipment and Supplies | 151.25 |
| FAS Travel | 50.00 |
| Membership/Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc. | 30.00 |
| Newsletter | 804.87 |
| Service Charge | 26.37 |
| Trophies | 49.04 |
| Tee Shirts | 348.06 |

Total \$ 1,621.97

Income Less Expenses \$ 244.08

Ending Balance (begining balance plus income minus expenses) 1,105.29

Checkbook Balance 1,105.29

Committed to C-Dating 250.00

AVAILABLE BALANCE \$ 855.29

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:

- 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.
- 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

DADE HERITAGE DAYS

Here is the schedule for the final two weeks of Dade Heritage Days. All these events are sure to be interesting and worth your while.

FOURTH WEEK

Saturday, April 27, 9 AM-2 PM THE BARNACLE CANOE TRIP, Historical Association of Southern Florida. \$17 (375-1625)

Friday, May 3, 6:30 PM-10 PM HISTORIC GALA. The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation and Burdines, 22 East Flagler Street. Fashion show, historic sites display, art exhibit \$25 (638-6064)

Saturday, May 4, 9 AM-Noon MIAMI SPRINGS PUEBLO BUILDINGS BUS TOUR, Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board \$5 (888-4849)

Monday, May 6-June HISTORIC BUILDINGS ART DISPLAY at Miami Springs City Hall, 201 Westward Drive, 885-4581.

Sunday, May 5, Noon COCONUT GROVE SOUTH HISTORIC HOMES WALKING TOUR, Dade Heritage Trust. \$10. (358-9572)

FIFTH WEEK: MIAMI

Friday, May 10, 4-7 PM OPEN HOUSE AT DR. JACKSON'S OFFICE, 190 SE 12 Terrace, Dade Heritage Trust. FREE. (358-9572)

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM-4 PM HISTORIC HOMEOWNERS WORKSHOP, Dade Heritage Trust. Seminars on restoration, exhibits, films, expert advice. \$5 (358-9572)

10 AM-5 PM PIONEER DAY IN LUMMUS PARK, 404 NW 3 Street, Dade Heritage Trust and the City of Miami. OPEN HOUSE AT THE WAGNER HOMESTEAD (Miami's Oldest House) and at the SCOTTISH RIFE TEMPLE. FREE. (358-9572)

10 AM and 2 PM DOWNTOWN MIAMI WALKING TOURS, The Women's Junior League of Miami and the Historical Association of Southern Florida. FREE. (358-9572)

1 PM-3 PM MIAMI RIVER SCENIC CRUISE BOAT TOUR, The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation and the Miami River Management Committee. \$10 (638-6064)

Tuesday, May 14, 10 AM PIONEER AND PRESERVATION FESTIVAL, The Black Archives, History and Research Foundation at the Caleb Center, 5400 NW 22 Avenue, Meeting Room 101. FREE (638-6064)

Wednesday, May 15 PRESERVATION DAY IN TALLAHASSEE, Dade Heritage Trust and the Florida Trust (358-9572)

Thursday, May 16 CELEBRITY COOK-OFF, Dade Heritage Trust and Bemhana of Tokyo at the Steak House, 1665 79th Street Causeway. All proceeds will benefit Dade Heritage Trust. (358-9572)

SOUTH DADE

Friday, May 17, 7:30 PM-9 PM CORAL CASTLE COCKTAIL RECEPTION, Coral Castle and Dade Heritage Trust. \$5. (358-9572)

Saturday, May 18, 3 PM-6 PM THE PRESERVATION EXPRESS, The Gold Coast Railroad Museum Ride through the Farmlands on this historic train, pulled by a steam locomotive. Historic 1920's vintage rolling stock (not air conditioned). Includes "Open House" tours of the Ferdinand Magellan car and Engine #153 - both listed on the National Register. \$15 First Class includes champagne and hors d'oeuvres (443-2216), or rule coach. \$7 Adults, \$6 DHT members, \$5 children. (253-0063)

Saturday, May 18, Evening BIG BAND DANCE CELEBRATION, 6th Anniversary of National Register Historic District Designation, Lincoln Road Mall, The 30's Cafe and Miami Design Preservation League. (672-2014)

FAS ANNUAL MEETING IN DAYTONA BEACH
April 19-21, 1985

This annual conference was well attended by ASSF. The following people kept our organization in the limelight in all areas from partying to presenting papers. A special note of thanks to the following: Ron Phenix, Emily Dieterich, Judi Trimble, Carla Lopez, Wes Ries, Daryl Nagel, Jo Southard, Joan Haas, Bob Carr and Jeanie McGuire.

ARTIFACT THIEVES FOUND GUILTY
National Parks Magazine, March/April, 1985

"The three men arrested for digging up scores of Civil War relics at Richmond National Battlefield Park, Virginia, recently pleaded guilty to violating the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA). This is the first successfully prosecuted ARPA case east of the Mississippi--and a warning to artifact thieves and vandals. Each man faces a substantial fine and a possible jail sentence."

ANCIENT SEEDS SPROUT
Associated Press - Peking

"Some 2,000 year-old seeds taken from an ancient tomb in central China have stunned archaeologists and sprouted into plants bearing tomatoes... That determination has prompted debate as to whether the seeds actually dated from the Han Dynasty because previous theories held that tomatoes were imported in the last century from South America."

They've trenched my heart
to reveal the truth,
Before the quarry takes it.
They've found the tools of Forgotten Ones;
so they can say what was.
They'll tell it by the tools they've found,
of shell and rock and bone.
And of the Pendants left behind,
their stories shall be told.
Ages passed since they've been here.
Ages passed since I've heard them laugh,
And felt their cocking fires burn.
They used to cook up turtle,
for food so long ago.
They hunted deer.
They netted fish.
They made their pottery and left their marks.
Ages passes since they've been here.
Now they cook their burgers,
and pass their cornbread around.
They drink their Coke's and sip their beer,
they pass the wine around.
They laugh and talk and show concern
by research they have done.
They sit in a circle talking of
how it used to be.
Ages passed since they've sat here,
upon my blessed mound.
They're speaking of the bones they found,
of the Ancient Ones.
They left them with me years ago,
Buried in this ground.

They are the bones of men and women
and of their children, too.
They used to laugh.
They sang their songs
and danced upon my ground.
They worked and wept,
they slept and dreamt;
And looked into the skies.
They lived and died upon me.
They left their marks
on bone and pottery,
I never have forgotten.
I'll hold on to them while I can,
take heart,
I'm crying to you!
Please leave them here
where they were left,
it's their rightful place to be.
The water's edge has come and gone,
And now I am in danger
So the sun will shine
and plants will grow,
The trees shade above me.
Please leave me here,
protect me now,
So you can sit upon me
And read the stories
that have been told,
That will be written about me.

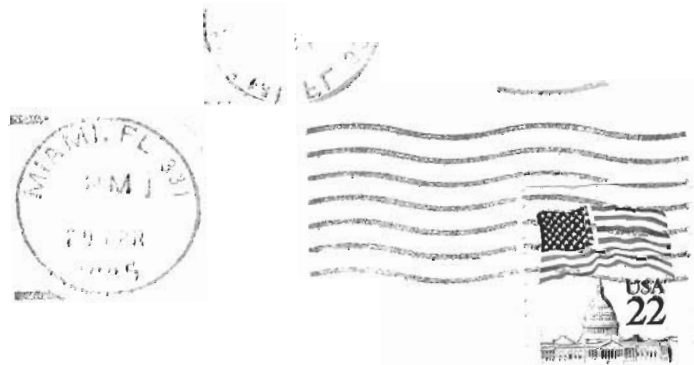
Judi Trimble

Dates to Remember:

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8961 S.W. 51 Street, Miami, 7:30 p.m.
May 17: Friday, Regular Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive,
South Miami, 7:30 p.m.
May 18: Saturday, Annual Tequesta Barbeque
May 11-12: Lignum Vitae and Indian Key tours
May 25-June 2: Yucatan trip

EXCAVATION DAYS - every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the site.

CLEANING AND ACCESSING - every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at 10 N.W. 124 Avenue, Miami



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