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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ron Phenix, 1935 Lincoln Street, Hollywood. All voting members are welcome to attend.

REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Friday, September 20, 8:00 p.m.

The regular meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami. The speaker for the evening will be Gypsy Graves from Broward County Archaeological Society who will report on her excavation in Egypt with an all women archaeological team.

THANK YOU

We want to thank Laymond Hardy for an interesting discussion of the traditional diet of the Seminole Indians in South Florida and Indian place names. Also congratulations to Laymond on his recent breakthrough in the development of cold resistant plants.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The August Membership Meeting was moved to the First United Methodist Church where a large group met to hear Laymond Hardy. Refreshments were provided by Seth Lefkow in the form of a birthday cake in honor of his natal day. Wes Coleman donated an old bottle for the raffle which, appropriately, was won by Seth. John Carruthers reported that preservation of the Deering Estate is now an accomplished fact and our focus now should be on the management contract.

COURTHOUSE DIG YIELDS ARTIFACTS

The Miami Herald
Sunday, July 28, 1985

TALLAHASSEE - "There's more than red mud being uncovered as workers build a \$31 million courthouse for Leon County.

Archaeologists are finding enough goods from the 1800's to open up a general store.

There is an 8-inch cannon possibly dating back to the Civil War, broken pieces of crockery imported from England and a 10-foot reservoir of mule manure thought to have come from a holding pen for the animals.

Officials have found more than 50 pieces of antique jugs, jars and bottles, rusty horseshoes and mud-caked chains beneath the old courthouse that was demolished to make way for the new structure.

There's also trash and bricks apparently from a fire that wiped out 84 Tallahassee buildings in May 1943, said state archaeologist Calvin Jones.

The first discovery at the old courthouse site was a well dating back to the 1800's.

The items are cleaned and stored for the state Division of Archives, History and Records Management. Later they will be displayed on the first floor of the new courthouse."

Florida Archeologists Seek First New World Settlement
HAITI SEARCHED FOR CLUES ON COLUMBUS
The Miami News
Friday, August 16, 1985

EN BAS SALINE, Haiti -"Christopher Columbus walked this ground. Of that, a team of U.S. archaeologists is virtually certain.

Here on Haiti's north coast, amid what is now a patchwork of thorn tree thickets and banana fields, 39 of the men who discovered the New World lived - and ultimately died - after Columbus' flagship ran aground on a nearby reef on Christmas Day in 1492.

Now, Florida-based archaeologists say there is persuasive evidence that the remote, rural village of En Bas Saline is the long-sought site of La Navidad, the ill-fated settlement of shipwrecked sailors that was Spain's first outpost in the New World.

If they are correct, somewhere near the edge of a mangrove swamp east of Cap Haitien lies tangible evidence of Columbus' historic first voyage of discovery.

If they find it, the rediscovery of La Navidad will end a search that has tantalized and confounded historians for two centuries.

Earlier "discoveries" of the settlement - including those by such distinguished scholars as French geographer Moreau de Saint-Mery and U.S. historian Samuel Eliot Morison - have been discredited, so the prospect of similar embarrassment has made the Florida archaeologists cautious in their public pronouncements about the work.

But Dr. Kathleen Deagan, head of the University of Florida Department of Anthropology, says that after three summers of surveys and excavations, 'all available evidence' supports identification of the site as the Indian village where Columbus' men built a small fortress with timbers salvaged from the shipwrecked Santa Maria."

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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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 9: Monday, Regular September Board Meeting, at the home of Ron Phenix, 1935 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, 7:30 p.m.
September 20: Friday, Regular September Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami at 8:00 p.m.
November 15 -16: The Harvest.

KEY LARGO'S PAST PUT TOGETHER

The Miami Herald

Friday, August 9, 1985

KEY WEST - "Archaeologists are combing mangroves and uplands, searching for remnants from Key Largo's past to piece together the historical puzzle of the Upper Keys.

Using a \$5,000.00 matching grant from the National Park Service, Florida's Archaeological and Historical Conservancy Inc. hopes to produce a manifest of the historic sites in Key Largo.

It is the first phase of an archaeological survey of all the Keys, the conservancy said.

Already documented on Key Largo are about 12 Indian mounds, where remains of ancient civilizations dating back 4,000 years can be found."



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