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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the office of Beth Read, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami. All voting members are welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

The holidays are rapidly approaching so be sure to mark your calendar for our traditional holiday dinner meeting. The committee has chosen an especially appropriate location: Anderson's Corner, a historic building in South Dade which has been restored and presently houses a restaurant serving delicious food. A separate dining room on the second floor has been reserved for ASSF so there will be plenty of room for members, family and friends:

The day:    Friday, December 13th

The time:    7:00 p.m.

The place:    Anderson's Corner, 15700 S.W. 232 Street

The food:    (Delicious;) we will have our choice of three entrees:  
                  chicken or two kinds of fish.

The price:    \$18.75 per person, includes entree, dessert, beverage, tax  
                  and tips. (wine and alcoholic beverages extra)

Call Jeanie McGuire at 662-1950 or 284-4692 and let her know how many will be in your party.

ART OF TAINO INDIANS AT BACARDI GALLERY

The current exhibition at the Bacardi Gallery is of special interest to everyone interested in archaeology. "The Art of the Taino" exhibit was put together in the Dominican Republic and was previously shown at the Metropolitan in New York. The Taino Indians were some of the first new world peoples encountered by Christopher Columbus and have been characterized as friendly and peaceful in contrast to the fierce cannibalistic Caribs.

This show includes mortars and pestles with figureheads, graters made from volcanic rock, ax heads with human and animal effigies, bowls, bottles etc. The rarest item is a well preserved wood carving of the god Corote. The Bacardi Gallery is located at 2100 Biscayne Boulevard and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. week days and the exhibition runs through December 13, 1985.

THANK YOU

All who helped with the booth at the Harvest are due a grateful thank you from everyone with ASSF. The booth was one of the more attractive at the fair and we attracted a lot of interest and handed out many brochures and newsletters.

FIELD REPORT

The society has not been involved in any official digs this summer. Wes Coleman has been actively monitoring several sites however and has located a new site located near the Old Trail Site. The society will now excavate a site which has already been partially bulldozed known as the Kendall Coleman Site, off 112th Avenue and Sunset. Ted Riggs will do the survey of our new excavation site (a sand midden) the first week-end in December. (Dec. 7-8) Field Directors will be Wes Coleman and Emily Dieterich. This project will be a Saturday and Sunday project. Each pit will have a crew captain and will do an excavation report form each week-end. If you are interested in participating call Wes Coleman at 226-6788 or Emily Dieterich at 989-1931.

An agreement has been made with Dolphins owner Joe Robbie regarding the stadium site. Robbie agreed to hire Jack Earne to monitor the archaeological site. A new site has been discovered which is a small campsite circa 1200/1400 A.D. The site is approximately 2 1/2 acres and Bob Carr said Dade County is not interested in preserving it for a park. Bob suggested that maybe the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy might be interested.

DEERING ESTATE REPORT

John Carruthers reports the estate has been designated by Dade County on August 21, 1985, and included all the individual areas except the "Fossil Site". John said that Louise Hill has a commitment from the Parks Department to have the Garden Club Show at the estate next March. Bob Carr has developed a management plan for the historical and archaeological areas on the property which was submitted to the Parks Department.

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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:

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_

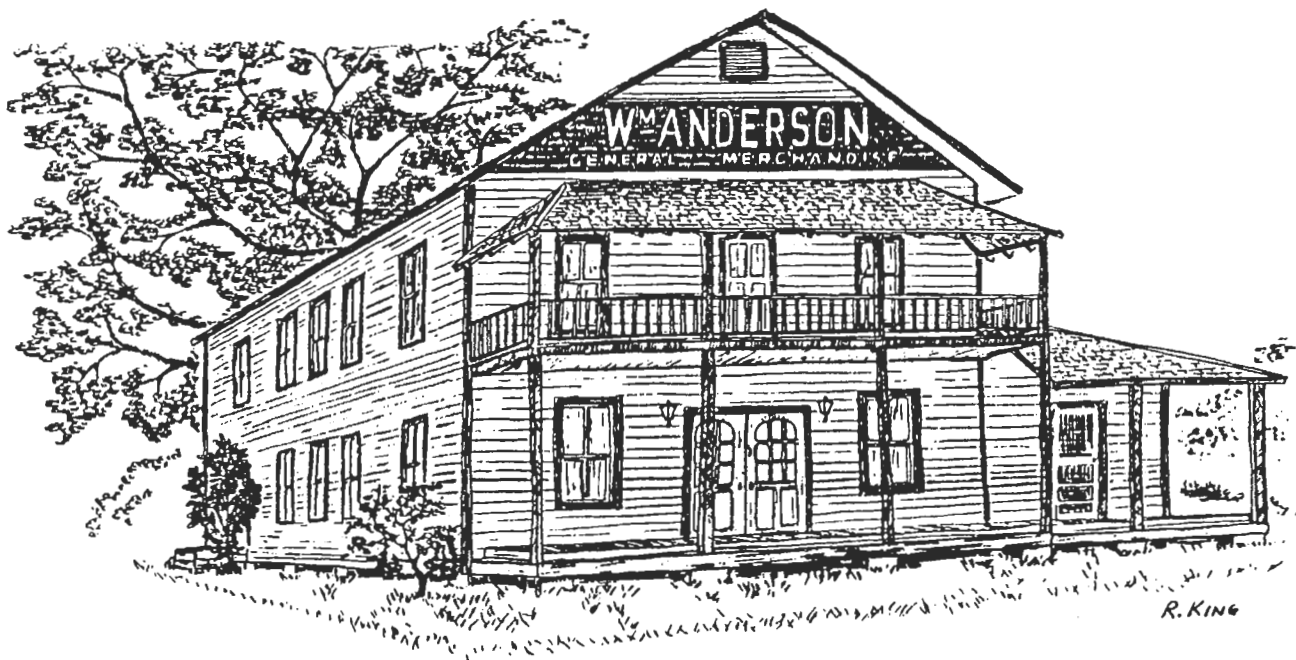
Address:

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



### ANDERSON'S COUNTRY INN by Jeanie McGuire

In the early 1900's while Miami was growing rapidly, South Dade remained "open country". When Will Anderson opened his General Merchandise Store in the Silver Palm area in 1911, he provided everything from dynamite to lace for the local residents who had been driving fifteen miles to Cutler for the bare necessities. It's location at the crossroads of 15700 SW 232 Street (Silver Palm Drive) made the general store a popular stopping off place. Mr. Anderson and his family made their home on the second floor.

The store was in full flower until the thirties when it was converted to apartments. Dade County condemned the structure in 1974 but The Villagers, a women's civic group, rescued it as an historic structure.

Tom Henry eventually purchased the place with financial backing from the DHT Revolving Fund. Tom was determined to have a "quaint" restaurant at Anderson's Corner, and with hard work he made his dream a reality.

This Dade County landmark is now on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public as Anderson's Country Inn. The menu offers deliciously prepared South Florida fare, including unique presentations of spicy conch chowder, pecan snapper, and a mango dressing for your salad. Hours are Tues.-Sat. from 5 to 11 pm; Sundays feature Brunch, served from 11 am-3 pm and dinner from 5-9 pm. And now during our lovely cool weather there is dining on the veranda. Reservations are accepted:-246-1911.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 2: Regular December Board Meeting  
December 11: Miami Shores Candlelight Open House Tour  
December 13: Holiday Dinner Meeting, Anderson's Corner, Silver Palm Drive and  
S.W. 157 Avenue. Call Jeanie McGuire at 662-1950 or 284-4692  
January 6, 86: Regular Board Meeting  
January 17, 86: Regular Membership Meeting  
Through December 13, 1985: Art of the Taino Indians, Bacardi Gallery,  
2100 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.



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