



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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REGULAR JANUARY MEETING

8:00 P.M. Friday, January 17, 1986

The regular membership meeting will be held at Coral Gables House at 907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Florida. Coral Gables House is the former home of George Merrick, the founder of Coral Gables. If you have not already toured the house this will be an added bonus for the January meeting. The location is approximately five blocks west of the Coral Gables City Hall.

The speaker for the evening will be Pete Balcaen, curator of the Monkey Jungle. He will give a lecture and slide presentation on primate behavior, complete with a live specimen for an added attraction.

FIELD REPORT - KENDALL-COLEMAN SITE

Excavation has begun on our newest project in the Kendall Coleman site. Various volunteers have put in two work days. Now that the holidays are behind us, regular excavation days will be scheduled on Saturdays. Call the field director, Wes Coleman at 226-6788 or Bill Johnson at 949-6765 (home) if you would like to participate in this project.

This excavation is being conducted under a special Certificate to Dig issued by Dade County. To qualify for the Certificate ASSF has agreed to abide by Special Conditions which will be observed by those working the site. The Special Conditions are as follows:

1. All excavations and surface collections will be made in a controlled manner.
2. Each pit excavation will be directly supervised by a pit supervisor.
3. Each pit will be documented with a pit data form, copies of which will be included in the final report submitted to this agency.
4. Any primary human burials uncovered during excavations may be exposed and documented but not removed, except with approval of County and State Archeologist.
5. A final field report with photos and copies of field notes will be submitted to this agency no longer than 45 days after the completion of the field work.
6. All excavated pits will be documented by individual photographs.
7. All recovered material will be accessioned and presented to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida for curating.
8. This permit will expire 90 days after the day of issue. Any additional archeological work conducted after the date will require a new Certificate To Dig.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Dr. Susan Wallace Rieling who facilitated the arrangements for our use of Coral Gables House for our January meeting.

UPDATE ON THE CHEETAM AND COLEMAN SITES

ASSF spent two years working these sites. A summary report of findings is in the process of preparation. Permission to destroy the site has not as yet been granted to the owners by the County and State agencies. If this permission is forthcoming our society may monitor the site at the time of destruction. As a group we should consider the possibility of stripping the site and removing the material to Wes Coleman's back yard for screening and accessioning. This procedure was followed when the Granada site was destroyed. Regular excavation or work days would be scheduled every week-end for approximately 1½ to 2 years to complete a project of this size. The advantages are that it provides an ongoing project in which members can participate. It also provides an excellent opportunity for novices to gain the skills required for actual on site excavation, and educational opportunities for field trips for interested groups. Interesting research questions are posed for materials excavated under these circumstances. If you have ideas or opinions contact one of the Board Members. We will be faced with this decision in the near future.

SOUTH DATE FOSSIL SITE

The fossil site being excavated under private contract continues to yield interesting finds including additional human remains in conjunction with extinct mammals and two paleo-Indian projectile points (flint). Radio carbon dating is being done in Zurich, Switzerland at the only presently functioning accelerated carbon dating laboratory. Volunteers for sorting and digging on week days only will be accepted starting sometime in January. Contact Bob Carr at 545-4229 (office), 446-8862 (home) if you are interested.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following people have recently joined ASSF. We hope you will actively join us in some or all of our activities and hope to see you at our next general meeting: Dorothy A. Pardee, Linda McCoy, Barbara McDongall, Pervell Dunbar, Celia Carter, Tere Muxo, Beverly Clark, Lillian Joseph, Marjorie Williamson, Linda Jung, Maria A. Salling, Jane L. Sparrow, Carter E. Burrus, Jr., Sharon Rogers, Susan Gilbert, Mark Duda, Jeffery L. Alt, John M. Petti, Linda L. Richardson and Robert Mitchell, Jr.

WORKSHOP

A work shop on the National Register and procedure for obtaining National Register status for historic structures is scheduled for January 29, 1986 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Coral Gables. The work shop is jointly sponsored by the Dade Historic Trust and Florida State Historic Preservation Division. If you are interested call 358-9572 for details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING

Our annual Christmas Dinner Meeting at Anderson's Corners on December 13th was a huge success. The setting was lovely and the food delicious. Special Awards were presented to Jim Lord for his outstanding work on our booth at the Harvest Fair and to John Carruthers for his long hours and excellent representation of ASSF interests in the acquisition of the Deering Estate by Dade County and the State of Florida.

DUES ARE DUE

A reminder to all members that 1986 dues are due as of January 1, 1986. The application below is reprinted for your convenience.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting is scheduled for January 15, 1986 on the proposed Silver Palm Historic District in South Dade. If you are interested in attending call the Dade Historic Trust at 358-9572 for the place and time.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our speaker for the February regular membership meeting will be Ken Hughes with a presentation on the archaeology of Ft. Jupiter. In March Bill Johnson will return with another evening for us in Alaska. April will bring the Annual Meeting Pot Luck Dinner. We hope you will schedule all of these upcoming events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Wes Coleman has appointed the following members for the 1986 Nominating Committee: Beth Read 361-2102 (home) 374-5699 (work)
Wes Ries 696-6721 (work) 821-3761 (home)
Jo Southard 375-1600 (work)

If you would like to serve on the Board for the coming year or know of someone who would like to serve contact a member of the committee. Nominations will be presented to the general membership at the March regular meeting. Ballots will be included with the April Newsletter and counted at the April Annual Meeting.

ART DECO WEEK-END

Special activities are planned for the week-end of January 11-12 in the Art Deco Historic District on Miami Beach. Included is a party on Espanola Way on January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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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: _____ Signature: _____

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:

Jan. 11-12, 1986	Art Deco Week-end, Art Deco Historic District Miami, Beach
Jan. 17, 1986	Regular Meeting, Coral Gables House, 907 Coral Way, Coral Gables, 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 15, 1986	Public Meeting on proposed Silver Palm Historic District, 358-9572
Feb. 3, 1986	Regular February Board Meeting, Beth Read's Office, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami
Feb. 21, 1986	Regular February Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Dr., South Miami
March 3, 1986	Regular March Board Meeting
March 21, 1986	Regular March Meeting
Jan. 29, 1986	Work shop on National Register Procedure for Historic Historic Structures sponsored by Metropolitan Museum of History, Coral Gables



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