



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, 1986

The regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at Elizabeth R. Read's office, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami. All voting members are welcome to attend.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:30 p.m., Friday, April 25, 1986

This meeting is our annual meeting for election of officers and will be held in conjunction with our annual pot luck dinner. The society will provide plates, cups, etc. and drinks. The meeting will be held at Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami at 6:30 p.m. The election of officers and the annual report will follow dinner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for the coming year will be held at our annual meeting on April 25, 1986 following our annual pot luck dinner. The following slate of candidates are running for positions on the board for 1986.

President:	Sue Goldman
Vice President:	Bob Carr
Secretary:	Emily Dieterich
Treasurer:	John Carruthers
Directors:	2 three-year positions open
	Debra Goldman
	Jim Lord
	Vivian Peters

Ballots for paid members are enclosed with this issue of the newsletter. The ballots may be filed by mail for receipt prior to the annual meeting on April 25, 1986 or may be filed at the meeting. The ballots will be received and tallied by the election committee and the results announced at the business meeting immediately following the pot luck dinner. Following are brief biographies of the members who are running for office.

FAS ANNUAL MEETING

The Florida Anthropological Society's Annual Meeting will be held this year at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida on April 10-12, 1986. It is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences. Papers by members of the Florida Academy of Scientists will be presented on Friday and papers by members of the Florida Anthropological Society will be presented on Saturday. ASSF member Bob Carr will be presenting a paper on the Cutler Fossil Site. The banquet will be on Friday evening with Dr. Ed Petuch, Assistant Professor of Geology at Florida International University as the guest speaker. Dr. Petuch, a speaker at one of our regular membership meetings, will speak on the Astroid Impact Theory. Registration is Friday, April 11, 1986 from 2-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, 1986 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Registration is \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. For information call the J. Wayne Reitz Union, Gainesville, Florida.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE 1986

SUE GOLDMAN

Sue is an Associate Professor at the Mitchell Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade Community College. She teaches natural science, anthropology and sometime the history of South Florida. Sue has been a member of ASSF for 8 years. She is a past president of ASSF and a past board member of the Historical Society of South Florida. She is interested in the pre-history of South Florida and exploring the back country.

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 1970-1983.

EMILY PERRY DIETERICH

Emily is the Research Historian for Metro Dade Historic Preservation Division. She has been a member of ASSF for 4 years and a member of FAS for 3 years. Emily is interested in Florida archaeology and archaeological site preservation.

DEBRA SANDLER GOLDMAN

Debra is a space representative with the firm Herb Weiner and Associates. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Colgate University. She has worked with excavations in Mexico, Cape Florida and Munson Key. Sue has worked for 3 years with Bob Carr accessioning artifacts in Dade County. Debra has been a member of ASSF for 2 years.

JIM LORD

Jim has been married for nineteen years and has two children. He is involved in family activities such as Scouts, the Youth Fair and Little League. Jim has been interested in archaeology since the age of eight, and enjoys discovering historic and prehistoric sites. He is knowledgeable in North American Indian stone technology, designed and assembled the ASSF booth for the Harvest Fair, and currently is Chairman of the Display Committee.

VIVIAN PETERS

Vivian has been a member of ASSF for a number of years. She is keenly interested in archaeology and has the time and the desire to become more directly involved with the activities of the Society.

JOHN CARRUTHERS II

John became involved in archaeology and the ASSF after retirement from active law practice in the fall of 1984. He attended the FIU course, "Introduction to Archaeology", taught by Bill Johnson. When a member of the Board of Directors retired, John was appointed to the vacant position by Wes Coleman, and still serves. John was active in the work at the Cheetum site, represented the Society in the acquisition of the Deering Estate, and now serves as Treasurer of the Archaeological and Historic Conservancy.

FIELD REPORT

The Kendall Coleman site will be closed the first or second week in April. Final excavation dates are listed below.

ARCHAEOLOGY CLASS

Member Jeanie McGuire will conduct a beginning class in archaeology on April 19-20, 1986. This class is sponsored by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. For information call 375-1625, Education Department.

SITE TOUR

A tour of the Cutler Fossil Site sponsored by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida will be held on May 17, 1986. This site has attracted major national attention and represents one of the most significant finds in Florida. For details call 375-1625, Education Department.

ICE AGE REMAINS IN MIAMI

ARCHAEOLOGY

March/April 1986

"The first site in North America that might provide evidence of coexistence between humans and extinct animals from 10,000 years ago is being excavated in southern Florida within a mile of Biscayne Bay. Discovered in 1979 by local residents in a cave about the size of an average living room, the site has yielded more than 300 bags of bone tools and human and animal bones. At least 50 species of animals are represented including mammoths, bison, condors, giant sloths, and jaguars. According to palaeontologist Gary Morgan of the Florida State Museum in Gainesville, during the Ice Age, before melting glaciers created the Everglades and Biscayne Bay, the site may have been part of a savanna-like grassland cooler and drier than modern Florida.

Serious excavation of what Dade County archaeologist Robert Carr calls "perhaps the richest fossil site ever found in...eastern North America" began after the cave was vandalized last year."

ASSF GOES CABLE

The Board recently accepted a proposal by member Ed Bell regarding the production of our own ASSF Cable Program. Input is needed from all society members. If you are interested in helping out please call Ed at 448-6926 anytime. There will be a meeting of the Cable committee in early April to get the ball rolling.

Ed Bell

COMPARATIVE FAUNAL COLLECTION

Members of the field crew at the Cutler Fossil site are working with Sue Goldman on expanding the comparative faunal collection housed at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. They are experimenting with a number of decomposition cages. These are used to transform road kills into useful specimens for faunal analysis of midden materials. This faunal collection allows researchers to identify species content and minimum number of individuals as well as various other types of analyses, on the bones retrieved from archaeological excavations.

Bill Johnson

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bill Johnson who presented an interesting lecture at our March membership meeting on theories of human migration across the Bering Sea land bridge.

U-F ARCHAEOLOGIST ZEROES IN ON FIRST COLUMBUS CAMP

The Miami News

Thursday, August 15, 1985

"We can definitely say that we're in the vicinity of where Columbus had his first settlement," said Kathleen Deagan, an archaeologist at U-F's Florida State Museum.

Deagan and five U-F students are spending their third summer at the site of an Arawak Indian village on the northern coast of Haiti. The excavation is being sponsored by the university's Institute for Early Contact Period Studies, which is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Deagan says her team is looking for the remains of a fortified area where Columbus' shipwrecked men settled in 1493.

"The mapping activities of this summer will allow us to really narrow down our search," she said. in a recent interview. "This fall, we'll analyze all the material we've collected, and we'll get a good idea of exactly where we are."

So far, the team has found "pottery and animal bones and other evidence of the day-to-day life" at the settlement, said U-F archaeologist Michael Gannon.

"What they're looking for is a concentration of artifacts that, when put on the computer, will show areas of occupation," he explained.

Gannon said the archaeologists are using three techniques to map the village.

"Twenty-five workers are methodically combing the surface, meter by meter, bagging every item they find. The location of these items will be fed into a computer," he said.

"Test holes are also being bored so that the subsurface can be mapped. Finally, an electromagnetic device is being used to locate any disturbances beneath the ground that might suggest human interference, such as foundations, palisade, a path or a mound.

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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:

- April 7: Regular April Board of Directors Meeting, Beth Read's Office, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami, 7:30 p.m.;
- April 19-20: Archaeology and a Dig, Seminar with Jeanie McGuire, Historical Museum, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, information 375-1492
- April 18-May 15: Dade Heritage Days, Tours and open houses of all areas of Dade County, information 358-9572;
- April 25: Regular April Membership Meeting, Election of Officers and Annual Pot Luck Dinner, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami, 6:30 p.m.;
- May 5: Regular May Board of Directors Meeting;
- May 10: Old Southside, Brickell walk sponsored by the Historical Museum, for information call 375-1492;
- May 16: Regular May Meeting.

EXCAVATION DATES: Sunday, April 6th and Saturday, April 12th.



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