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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6 p.m.

The November Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, November 20 at 6 p.m. at Beth Read's office, 1489 South Miami Avenue, Miami. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 8 p.m.

November's speaker will be GYPSY GRAVES, President of the Broward County Archaeological Society and Director of the Museum of Archaeology in Ft. Lauderdale. Gypsy will be speaking about archaeology in Broward County and will discuss the Margate Blount site, a site in north Broward that her group has been excavating for several months. This will be especially interesting for those ASSF members who will be joining the BCAS on their Sunday digs (see DIG!!!DIG!!!DIG!!! for information).

Gypsy will also inform us about the discoveries made in Egypt by AWARE, All Women Archaeological Research Expedition, in 1985 and 1986, and tell us about future surveys planned in this area near the Temple of Karnak. See The Miami Herald profile article on Gypsy in this issue.

The meeting will be held at ARCH CREEK PARK, 1855 NE 135th Street (located at the corner of NE 135th St. and Biscayne Blvd.), North Miami. To get there, take I-95 north to NE 135th Street. Head east to Biscayne Blvd. Simple!!

Members that live south: Don't let the address fool you! It is only a 20 minute ride from the Audubon House. Phone: 944-6111. It's high time we met our North Dade members!!

DIG!!!DIG!!!DIG!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9:30 a.m.

We have been invited to join the Broward County Archaeological Society on their Sunday dig at Margate Blount!! Our first venture to Broward will be on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th. Bring your trowel, knee pads, snacks and spirit and join us for a long-awaited day of archaeology.

For those members who would like to carpool, we will be meeting in the Museum of Science parking lot located at 3280 South Miami Avenue, across from Viscaya, at 9:30 a.m. ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS SHOULD CALL DEBRA GOLDMAN AT 442-2687, evenings.

Members living in North Dade or members wanting to meet at the site in Broward should call Debra for directions.

If this Sunday trip is successful, we will continue to schedule them in the coming months. Time to get involved...

SORT!!!!SORT!!!!SORT!!!!

Sorting of the Margate Blount material takes place every Thursday night at the Museum of Archaeology in Ft. Lauderdale. We have been invited to join the BCAS in this phase of the project, too! This is a perfect opportunity to become familiar with faunal bone analysis and another way to meet some very interesting and knowledgeable people!

If you are interested, please call Debra Goldman at 442-2687, evenings. Hopefully, we can arrange a carpool for Thursday evenings.

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Those lucky enough to be present at Judi Trimble's slide presentation enjoyed reminiscing about the Coleman and Cheetum sites. Many familiar faces appeared on the screen, some thoughtful, some happy, others funny and even revealing!! Jo, Sue, Bob & Debbie, Jim, Bill, Seth, Jeanie, Stan & Mary, BJ, Beth, Emily, Larry & Ronnie, Dennis & Crescent, Joe & Joe, Jr., other Dennis, other Jim, Wes & Dee, John, Carla, mothers, sisters and friends were captured by Judi's unblinking eye, accompanied by Jazz, Reggae and New Age sounds. Poetry was read, libations and home-grown fruits enjoyed.

Sorry you missed it??!! Well, fortunately, Judi has agreed to repeat her performance at our annual meeting in April, 1988. Thank you Judi, for a truly wonderful evening.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 1987

The Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds at Tamiami Park, 112th Avenue and Coral Way. Come and enjoy historic crafts, folk arts and exhibits.

After the tremendous success of last year's exhibit, the ASSF will be doing another joint exhibit with the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, under the direction of ASSF member John Ayer. We need people to man our booth - be ready to sign up for a time slot or two at our meeting on Friday, November 20, or call Debra at 442-2687.



BURIAL BILL PASSED

Unmarked human graves are now protected under a new law passed by the State of Florida. The law, Chapter 87-154, requires uncovered burials over 75 years old to be reviewed by a state archaeologist.

BATTLE OF OKEECHOBEE RE-ENACTMENT

Although the State of Florida CARL (Conservation and Recreational Lands) Committee has voted down the proposed Okeechobee Battlefield Park, the 150th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Okeechobee is going full speed ahead!! (CARL did acquire the North Key Largo Site, Mo 128, recorded by Irving Eyster in 1972.)

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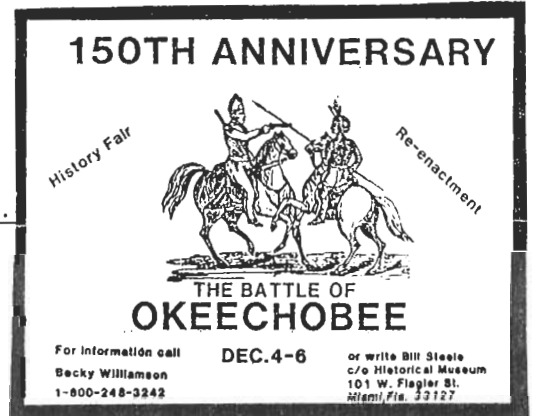
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 30 - December 6, Monday thru Sunday which is Battle Week

Get into the history spirit...
Dress in old country clothing the week of Nov. 30th...
Cotton dresses and bonnets, overalls and suspenders, old hats....

December 4, Friday 10:00 a.m. Registration for re-enactors
King's Bay Battle site

Contact: Bill Steele
(305) 375-1492
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130



December 5, Saturday 8:00 a.m. History Fair
in the park downtown

***Exhibits, crafts, foods of the past and today, games for the kids,
Come enjoy a beautiful day with your family and experience time
as it was 150 years ago.

December 5, Saturday 10:00 a.m. KING'S BAY BATTLE SITE
Orientation for re-enactors
King's Bay Battle site
11:00 a.m. Walk through with Officers
4:00 p.m. Skirmish
6:00 p.m. Barbecue-Sponsored by the Jaycees

8:00 p.m. Costume Ball
Seminole Cove Clubhouse
Period Dress Attire

Contact Renee Eighner for info: (813) 763-1927

***The Archaeological and Historical Conservancy of Miami has commissioned
Guy Labree to do an original oil painting for this 150th Anniversary,
which will be auctioned at the Costume Ball.

December 6, Sunday ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT KING'S BAY SITE

8:00 a.m. Powder Rations awarded
9:00 a.m. General Assembly, Speeches,
Honorary Chief, Honorary Colonel,
Beard Growing Awards
11:00 a.m. Safety Inspection and March to
the field
12:00 Noon Battle Begins

***IF YOU would like to help on a committee, call (813) 763-6957, ask for Becky
Williamson. Please leave your name and number.

Dec 2001 UPDATE

As a follow-up to our September meeting, Finley Matheson's proposed development plan and request for re-zoning for the tract of land containing the Cutler Fossil Site was not approved.

YUCATAN TRIP

An archaeological field excursion is planned through Florida Atlantic University for December 17-22, 1987 under the direction of Dr. William Jerald Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy is an FAU anthropology faculty member and has conducted excavations in Central America, the Caribbean and Florida.

The tour cost is \$270.00 and includes air transportation to/from Merida, 5 nights hotel accommodations (based on double occupancy), excursions to Uxmal-Kabah and Chichen Itza, and round trip hotel/airport transfers. Optional sidetrips to Palenque and Dzibilchaltun are also available for an additional fee.

Please contact Marge at the FAU Anthropology Department at 393-3230 for more information.

The Miami Herald
October 26, 1987



Miami Herald

Gypsy Graves strives to keep Fort Lauderdale Museum of Archaeology afloat.

Archaeologist on hunt for museum support

You could tell it wasn't exactly Gypsy Graves' idea of a good time, sitting around eating salad with a roomful of business-women, getting ready to give them a speech.

For one thing, she'd had to dress up, to put on something besides her jeans and a comfortable shirt. Gypsy Graves, director of the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Archaeology, doesn't feel quite right in a dress.

She can't dig around when she's all dressed up. She can't lug equipment through deserts and swamps and then drop to her hands and knees in dust and mud, looking for pottery and fossils and dinosaur bones. That, you see, is Gypsy Graves' idea of a good time.

And that is what she was giving the speech about, telling this meeting of the

Close-Up

By Joe Rhodes
Herald Staff Writer

Fort Lauderdale Women in Communications chapter about the good times she's been having in Egypt over the past couple of years, digging near the Great Temple of Karnak, heading up the first all-women archaeology team ever permitted to mount an expedition in that country.

"They discourage women from digging over there," she told her all-female audience. "Women are supposed to stay home and take care of the kids.

"There were a number of times when we were out in the dirt and the village women would come by and start laughing and pointing at us, because women aren't supposed to do that. Women are supposed to be respectable and wear all these black things."

"We didn't go over there trying to make any social statement," she said when asked why there were no men on the expedition.

"It just started out with women, and it was more convenient to keep it that way. At one time, we had as many as 14 women living in a house with 1½ bathrooms. You don't want any men around in a situation like that. It's a little cozy."

She told them stories for nearly an hour, told them about using high-tech instruments to scan for relics beneath the earth. She did

her best to make it sound like eight women in the midst of an Indiana Jones adventure, complete with tales of secret temples and undiscovered 70-foot statues and close encounters with cobras.

"It's all hype," Gypsy Graves said when it was over, "something to get their attention."

It's not that she isn't excited about her work in Egypt, not that she even minds talking about it, but what she really wants is to get people excited about archaeology, to get them interested in studying ancient civilizations and other cultures, to get them excited about digging up the past.

"I really don't like a lot of publicity myself," she said after she returned to her

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Unearthing interest in archaeology is one pet project

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desk at The Fort Lauderdale Museum of Archaeology and had a chance to change into her regular clothes. "I'd much rather be working upstairs with my bones than giving lectures and going to luncheons, but that's a necessary part of it if we're going to make the museum known."

It's not very well-known now, and certainly isn't much to look at. The museum, housed in a former blood plasma center at 203 SW First Ave., is a makeshift collection of artifacts, informational displays and old bones. There are exhibits of pre-Columbian artwork, finds from archaeological digs all over Broward County and South Florida, including the bones of a 2,000-year-old Tequesta Indian maiden named Charlie. There is a diorama illustrating the life style of the Tequestas, a tribe that was driven to extinction 400 years ago.

There are also lights that don't turn on unless you kick them, leaky ceilings and cracked walls. The desks and offices are cluttered with files and research materials. Storerooms are overflowing with artifacts too numerous to display. In one corner of the main room there's a 12-foot statue of Neptune, left over from the movie set of *Nerds in Paradise* and some day, Graves hopes, the centerpiece of a marine archaeology exhibit.

"Nobody else wanted it," she said. "We take what we can get."

For years she has been trying to keep the museum, a project of the Broward Archaeo-

logical Society, afloat. There is a \$5,000 grant from the Broward Arts Council to pay the utility bills. The rent on the building, owned by the Broward County School Board, is only \$2 a year. But there is pressure to sell the building, smack in the middle of the proposed New River Arts District.

"We live from day to day," Graves said, "not knowing whether we're gonna be here."

"We feel we're accomplishing something in this community, that we need to have a museum of this type in an area with a million residents and 4 million visitors. But we need support from the community to survive. And to get support, we have to be known."

And if talking about the Egypt Project is the way to get the museum and the archaeological society known, then that's what Graves will talk about. The work, which began in 1985 and is scheduled to last for 10 years, has already brought international recognition, and Graves is confident there's more to come.

She and four other women will be going back in February to continue their surveying of an 11-acre site adjacent to the Temple of Karnak, near Luxor. Graves says the group, known as the All Women Archaeological Research Expedition (AWARE), was granted exclusive rights to the much-coveted site because it was dedicated to "passive archaeology," surveying with electronic instruments rather than doing random excavations.

"There were major universities that wanted to excavate the site, but they [the Egyptian government] wouldn't let them do

it. All we wanted to do was survey, and I think it was because we were an expedition that didn't involve coming over and digging up Egypt, destroying their treasures and taking stuff home."

The original expedition, except for Graves, consisted mostly of amateurs, women who were curious and enthusiastic, but without any real archaeological experience.

"The first week, we made every mistake in the book. Instruments got broken, we made mistakes on records, we measured things wrong. But during the next nine weeks we did one of the most thorough surveys that's ever been done on a site in Egypt."

That survey, among other things, turned up pieces of a 70-foot statue of King Tut's grandfather, Pharaoh Amenhotep III, believed to be the largest Egyptian statue ever built. Eventually, the team would like to reassemble the colossus on its original site.

But that is still years away. For now Gypsy Graves has other things to worry about, digs all over Broward County, giving those lectures, keeping the museum alive.

"I wish I had more time to spend over there, I wish I had more time to spend over here, I wish I had more time to spend at the museum," she said. "Every year for Christmas I asked to be cloned and nobody'll do it for me."

Close-Up offers Herald readers an in-depth look at issues, people and places throughout Broward County.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift idea??

Why not give an ASSF gift membership?? Just fill out the GIFT MEMBERSHIP portion of the Membership Application below and send it in with your payment. The recipient of your gift will begin receiving the ASSF newsletter in January 1988. The Membership Application in their first newsletter will be noted as being a gift from you!

Please print clearly!! Don't forget to pay YOUR 1988 dues, too!

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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

Due: JANUARY 1988
c/o Beth Road
1489 South Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33129

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I would prefer to have meetings on Thursday nights _____.

Friday Nights _____.

GIFT MEMBERSHIP

I would like to send a one-year gift membership to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

\$12.00 Individual _____ \$15.00 Family _____

This gift is from:

Name: _____

Address: _____



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11-14 Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC), Omni Hotel,
Charleston Place, 130 Market St., Charleston, S.C. Also,
Eastern States Archaeological Confederation Meeting
(803)722-4900 or (800)843-6664

November 15 Margate Blount Archaeological Dig, 9:30 a.m.

November 20 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

November 20 Membership Meeting, 8:00 p.m., ARCH CREEK PARK

November 21-22 Harvest Fair, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tamiami Park

November 26 Thanksgiving!

December 4-6 Battle of Okeechobee Re-enactment and History Fair,
Okeechobee, FL

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