



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January's Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, January 15 at 6 pm at Beth Read's office, 1489 South Miami Avenue. ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND. All interested members are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January's meeting will feature Ralph Beaudry, park naturalist at Simpson Park. Ralph will give us a history of the park, which is the oldest park in the city of Miami and preserves a portion of the Brickell Hammock that once extended from the Miami River to Coconut Grove. Mr. Beaudry will also talk about the Big Cypress Preserve which will be followed up by a field trip to the Big Cypress later this year.

The meeting will be held at SIMPSON PARK, 55 SW 17th Road, Miami. There is a sign and entrance off South Miami Avenue going east before the road curves north. See you there at 8:00 pm.

NOVEMBER NEWS

At our November meeting, Gypsy Graves told us about some very interesting finds at Margate Blount. The site seems to contain a large ceremonial component with entire animal skeletons and whole antlers found buried with humans. A tremendous amount of alligator coprolites was also discovered interred in the burial area suggesting the possibility of an alligator cult. A very thick skulled individual puzzled Gypsy and her crew. A giant, dwarf or Black were three possible alternatives suggested by the analysis. A pre-Columbian Black would be unique.

Thank you, Gypsy, for a fun and informative lecture!

DECEMBER DOLDRUMS??

Where was everyone for our Christmas Dinner? If the membership is not going to attend, those of us who spend our time and energy planning won't bother.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The Historical Museum of South Florida has a terrific exhibit on the Miami River. "From Mayami to Miami: The Story of a River" will be at HMSF until January 17th. Political cartoons in Florida will be on exhibit beginning in February.

The Museum of Archaeology in Ft. Lauderdale has "African Primitive Images" on exhibit from February 1 through March 31. A marine archaeology exhibit will also be coming soon.

DECO/TECO

Pink like a Flamingo.
 Turquoise as the sky.
 Aqua like the ocean.
 Orange as a peach.

The structures are streamline,
 they stand out so grand.
 A time to look back on
 and to look to again.

These buildings of new reflecting
 colors and light all around them.
 As those buildings of old
 with glass bricks diffusing light thru them.

Shaded Oaks and Black Olives.
 Palm tree shadows in late afternoon.
 Giant urns, Bougainvillea filled
 of fushia, yellow, purple and white.

Tropical sunset complimenting the
 Industrial Art that adorns them.
 Brightly painted lines rounding corners.
 Neon lighted windows in the darkness.

A few old buildings have elegant
 gilded stairways thru their lobbies.
 As new ones seem to want
 to climb into the heavens.

Architecture in living Technicolor
 high-lighting every turn of dimension
 with sophisticated distinction.
 And burst of colors bold and very Arttectonic.

Lavendar showered in dawn's moonlight
 as the ocean's tide washes out from shore.
 Sunrise then comes again to cast
 its shimmering light on colors of the tropics.

Judi Trimble



THE 11th ANNUAL
 ART DECO
 WEEKEND
 JANUARY 14 - 17, 1988
 OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH
 A PRESENTATION OF THE MIAMI DESIGN PRESERVATION LEAGUE

- STREET FESTIVAL
- ART DECO ANTIQUES
- DECORATIVE ARTS
- BIG BAND SOUNDS
- INTERNATIONAL FOODS
- TROPICAL DRINKS
- MOON OVER MIAMI BALL
- WALKING/TRAM TOURS
- LECTURES/EXHIBITS
- RESTORED ART DECO HOTELS
- NATIONAL TRUST MAIN STREET CONFERENCE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OPENED

South Florida's first Archaeological Park was opened on December 9, 1987. The 8.9 acre park was donated by Arvida corporation to the Broward County Parks Department and is situated within the Weston development in west Broward. Arvida contracted the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy to develop a preservation plan for the site. The result is a preserved Tequesta midden interpreted with a 5 meter excavation cut away. The park also includes a reconstructed Seminole village. The park is open during daylight hours seven days a week and is located one mile south of State Road 84, near the intersection of Weston Blvd. and Indian Trace Rd.

Bob Carr

BATTLE OF OKEECHOBEE RE-ENACTMENT A SUCCESS!!

Hundreds of spectators gathered in Okeechobee on December 6, 1987 to watch 80 soldiers and Indians re-enact "the fiercest battle of the fiercest of the Indian Wars." The re-enactment was preceded by a day of games, music, dancing and a crafts and history fair. Saturday evening's costume ball was attended by a bevy of beautiful Brownfields, colorfully dressed Indians and handsome tuxedoed and uniformed men. "Charge On!", a Guy Labree painting of Gentry's stand at the battle, was auctioned off during the evening.

"Authentic" was the buzz word of the weekend, with Col. Richard Gentry being re-enacted by his great, great, great, grandson, Gentry Sayad from Missouri. James Billie, Seminole Tribal Chairman, also participated in the re-enactment... his first! Congratulations to Bill Steele and Wes Coleman for a fantastic effort!

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! THANK YOU!!

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDAMEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORMObjective:

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

c/o Beth Road

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Due: JANUARY 1988

DATES

JAN. 15 BOARD MEETING, 6 PM
JAN. 15 MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 8 PM
SIMPSON PARK
JAN. 14-17 ART DECO WEEKEND!



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