



**The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
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## January General Meeting

The January General Meeting will be held Friday, January 20th at 7:30 p.m. in Simpson Park which is located at 55 S.W. 17th Road, Miami. (The Park is just off South Miami Avenue, close to the I-95 exit. Call 856-6801 for directions.)

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"In Search of the Lost World," a 52 minute color film, narrated by E.G. Marshal will be shown at the meeting. This documentary looks at the archaeological discovery of early American civilization. It depicts the ruins of the Mayan, Aztec and Inca civilizations in Central and South America, plus shows scenes of Pueblo and Mound Builder remains in the United States. The film considers the possibilities of various peoples having come to the Americas from other lands such as Egypt and Africa, bringing their civilizations with them.



### January Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, January 20, 1989  
1489 S. Miami Avenue  
6:00 p.m.

Our regular January Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Beth Read's office, immediately prior to the January General Meeting at Simpson Park. All board members are urged to attend. Interested members at large are invited and welcomed.

### Annual Membership Dues

1989 membership dues are now payable. Receipt of these dues is the most significant increase in our modest Treasury.

It is important to receive these dues prior to the annual meeting in April. To vote, you must have paid your dues. Incoming officers and directors can better plan ahead if the Treasury is "healthy."

Beth has kept our costs to a minimum, provides her office for Board Meetings and feeds the hungry participants. (Members are always welcome to Board Meetings.)

The coming year has promise of increased participation in Southern Florida. So get your dues in NOW. They remain the same: Individual Membership is \$12 and Family Membership is \$15.

**John Carruthers II**

*See  
You at Our  
January Meeting!*

## Yard Sale Update

We thank all of you who donated to and labored at the yard sale at the home of Brooke and Lisa Lefkow.

Our one-day sale amounted to \$334.65. This, with other recent donations, has helped put our Treasury on a firmer base. With the dues for 1989 membership we should be more secure for the coming year. You will benefit if you continue to participate in ASSF.

Special thanks for the Yard Sale help go to **Beth and Gordon Read, John Ayer, Vivian and Walt Peters, Seth Lefkow** and his generous family, **Sue Goldman, Jim Lord, Bob Carr, Judi Trimble, Mary and Stanley Kiem, Bonnie Daniels and Adam Lawrence, Rita Hess, Dan Laxson, and Bill Lyons.**

John Carruthers II

## Society Members Stay Busy

**Debra Goldman** is working on an archaeological survey in south Texas.

**Marilyn Masson** has passed her Master's comprehensive exams at Florida State University.

**Don Mattucci** is a chauffeur for movie stars for the month of January.

**Bill Steele** has completed the construction of a model of Ft. Christmas for the Historical Museum of South Florida.

**Amy Felmley** continues work on her Master's degree at Florida Atlantic University.

**Emily Dieterich** has moved into her new home in Loxahatchee with her husband and eight cats.

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### *ASSF Board Members*

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*President, Beth Read*  
*Vice President, John Ayer*  
*Treasurer, John Carruthers*  
*Secretary, Vivian Peters*  
*Directors:*  
*Bob Carr*  
*Debra Goldman*  
*Seth Lefkow*  
*Jim Lord*  
*Barbara Tansey*

## Archaeological Society of Southern Florida - 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:

- 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.
- All artifacts and material recovered from society projects are the property of the society.

I hereby apply for membership in the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Family \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida, 1489 S. Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33131



Archaeological excavations were conducted on December 10th and 11th at Crane Hammock at Marathon in the Florida Keys in cooperation with the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy and the Florida Keys Land Trust.

The dig was directed by Irving Eyster and was done to provide information on Crane Hammock's historic settlement that had been discovered during the Conservancy's survey of the property.

Excavations indicated two

## Crane Hammock Dig

separate areas of settlement, one dating from as early as the 1860's as indicated by the many black glass bottle fragments uncovered by the **Kiems**. Several intact bottles were also discovered.

A second area of settlement a quarter mile away appeared to date from the late 19th century through the 1930's. Crockery, including dutch

oven fragments were uncovered in this area. A 1901 dime was also unearthed.

One of the most significant discoveries of the weekend was the locating of several areas of prehistoric refuse including Glades Tooled pottery sherds found by **Mark Duda**.

The dig was well publicized and included volunteers from a local high school. The event helped raise funds to acquire Crane Hammock as a historic and botanical preserve.

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## Bone Valley

Mulberry, Fla. - Ten million years ago, mastodons, saber-tooth tigers and giant sloths roamed Florida. Several times in the eons since, the oceans covered Florida, and in them swam giant white sharks and dugongs much larger than their descendant manatees.

These prehistoric animals are all extinct now, but the remains of many of them can be found here in Bone Valley, in the heart of Florida's phosphate country. Phosphate is a mineral used in fertilizers that has been mined in Central Florida for more than 100 years.

Huge draglines that dig into the phosphate deposits are constantly turning up bones and fossils of prehistoric life,

particularly sharks and dugongs, but also including such extinct beasts as woolly mammoths, glyptodons (a huge armadillo-like animal), equus (early horse) and giant bears.

Some of the best specimens of these are found in the Mulberry Phosphate Museum. Set in an old railroad depot, the museum displays everything from rhinoceros vertebrae and ancient camel teeth to giant sloth claws and dugong rib cages. Everything on display was found in Bone Valley

You can gaze in some trepidation at a serrated tooth six inches long and just as wide that came from a great white shark whose open mouth was seven feet across. One whale vertebrae on display has a shark tooth embedded in it. There is

a jaw bone of a giant bear, an eight-inch fang from a saber-tooth tiger and a dental world's fair of teeth and jaw bones from mammoths, mastodons and other beasts of yesteryear.

Replicas of several prehistoric animals, including a giant sloth, glyptodon and mastodon, are on exhibit, as are large illustrations of how the phosphate deposits were created and photo murals of the process used to extract the minerals.

The Miami Herald  
Sunday, October 2, 1988.

### IF YOU GO

Phosphate Museum: Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission Free.

Information: Mulberry Phosphate Museum, P.O. Box 707, Mulberry, Fla. 33860 (813) 425-2823. Florida Phosphate Council, P.O. Box 5530, Lakeland, Fla. 33807-5530, (813)646-8583.

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