



The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida

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April General Meeting

The April General Meeting will be held Friday, April 21 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.)

Since this is our annual meeting for election of officers, it will be held in conjunction with our annual **Pot Luck Dinner**. The society will provide plates, cups, etc., and drinks - you provide a covered dish, salad or dessert.

The slate of candidates and their biographies is on page 3. Ballots for paid members are enclosed with this issue of the newsletter on page 4.

The ballots may be filed by mail for receipt prior to the annual meeting on April 21, 1989 or 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**.

Be Sure
and
Vote

See
You at Our
April Meeting!

April Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, April 21, 1989
1489 S. Miami Avenue
6:00 p.m.

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

Items of Interest

Elliott Key Clean Up Trip

A.S.S.F. will participate in the annual Clean Up Campaign at Elliott Key on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Members who plan to attend should meet at the Park Office next to Homestead Bayfront Park by 8:30 a.m.

Bring your lunch, water to drink, mosquito repellent, and sun screen. Plastic bags for the clean up and some snacks will be provided.

Since A.S.S.F. will help with the clean up, there will be no charge for the boat trip to Elliott Key.

In order to find Biscayne National Park Headquarters when coming from the north, take U.S. 1 to S.W. 137th Avenue which is the same as Tallahassee Road. Go south to North Canal Drive which is the same as 328th Street. Go east to Biscayne National Headquarters. There should be directional signs posted along the route.

Alternatively take the Florida Turnpike to the Tallahassee Road exit and turn south on Tallahassee Road to North Canal Drive.

For more information, call 247-7275.

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Update on March Meeting

Poznanski Wows Members

The March Meeting at Simpson Park was attended by our largest crowd in some time. (Your editor would have been there, but she got lost!)

Stephen Poznanski, the speaker for the evening and a renewed member, kept our rapt attention which could be measured by the silence as he concentrated on many artifacts for a reading. He had never seen these items before, for each was brought by the membership and ranged from the prehistoric to a recent Miami Hurricane football crowd (an orange peel).

Perhaps the most significant reading was provided to **Rita Hess** who inquired about the location of a long missing legal document that she needed in a few weeks. Stephen asked only Rita's first name. He described the document as located in a folder covered by a towel, and stated that Rita had moved it to this location.

On the Sunday following the meeting, Rita found the folder in a plastic carton, covered by a yellow ski vest. In the folder was the document. As an added bonus, Rita also found an old savings bond and a forgotten radio.

Though Stephen lives in Hollywood, we hope he will attend our meetings and continue to share his talent with us.

John Carruthers

Joe H. Davis, Jr. - Archaeologist

Davis Earns Degree

We have learned that Wheaton College, Illinois, will confer upon Joe his Bachelor of Science Degree in Archaeology on May 16, 1989.

Joe anticipates graduate work toward his Master's Degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee, or joining the Peace Corps and his sister in Botswana.

It is a pleasure to see the young professional on his way. We congratulate you, Joe!

John Carruthers

A.S.S.F. Sign In The Works

Special thanks to **Bob Freer** and **Barbara Tansey** for volunteering the professional talent to paint the canvas sign donated by Vice President **John Ayer**. The sign will include the name and logo of the society and will be ready for the general meeting.

Barbara is home from the hospital and on the mend. Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Barbara.

John Carruthers

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:

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 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

Election of Officers - 1989/90

The election of the 1989 A.S.S.F. officers will be held on Friday, April 21 at our annual meeting. The following candidates are running for positions on the board:

President - Beth Read	Director 3 year term - Caridad Planas
Vice-President - John Ayer	Director 3 year term - Sonja Noah
Secretary - Vivian Peters	Director 3 year term - Pat Cervi
Treasurer - John Carruthers	Director 3 year term - Jim Lord
Continuing Directors - Bob Carr, Seth Lefkow and Barbara Tansey	

Biographies of the Nominees

Beth Read has been a very active member of the society for over ten years, serving as President last year, Vice-President, and as Newsletter Editor and director for 4 years prior to that. Beth is an attorney with a general civil practice.

John Ayer has been a society member for several years, served as Vice-President last year, and as Chairperson of the Exhibit Committee in 1987 and Co-chairperson in 1986. John has a special interest in the Cape Florida Lighthouse site and his talent as a carpenter has benefited the society on many occasions.

Vivian Peters has been a society member for 7 years, serving as Secretary last year and as a Director the year before that. Vivian is a manager at Knight-Ridder, the parent company of the Miami Herald.

John Carruthers II has served as Treasurer of the society since 1986 after becoming a member in 1984. He has participated in a number of digs and is also the Treasurer of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. John is a legal consultant.

Caridad Planas has been a member of the society for the past 2 years. She is a practicing attorney who has had a general civil practice in the Miami area for over seven years and is presently with the State of Florida and HRS. She has a green thumb, a great orchid collection and especially enjoys the out-of-doors.

Sonja Noah has been a member of the society for a number of years. She is a senior at Coral Gables High School. Last year she traveled to China under the sponsorship of the People to People Program, visited several sites and worked along side Chinese archaeologists during that trip.

Pat Cervi has been a member of the society for a year and a half. She has been Newsletter Editor since October, 1988. Pat works at Knight-Ridder in the Training Department where she coordinates the Executive Leadership Program as well as advertising and circulation sales training programs.

Jim Lord has been interested in archaeology since he was eight years old, and enjoys discovering historic and prehistoric sites and is knowledgeable in North American Indian stone technology. Jim has been an enthusiastic participant in society matters for several years and has served on the board of directors.

Archaeological Society Of Southern Florida 1989 Ballot

Write-Ins

President:	Beth Read	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-President:	John Ayer	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary:	Vivian Peters	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer:	John Carruthers II	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, 3 yr. term:	Pat Cervi	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, 3 yr. term:	Jim Lord	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, 3 yr. term:	Sonja Noah	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Director, 3 yr. term:	Caridad Planas	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

A.S.S.F. Board Members - 1988/89

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

This space is reserved
for an article by you!

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Call Pat Cervi, Editor at 376-3942
or drop her a few lines or an article
taken from a newspaper or magazine
at:

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 1 Herald Plaza
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Be sure to include your name so
Pat can credit the article to you.

Park to be dedicated

Islamorada Free Press, February 8, 1989

The largest marine catastrophe in the history of the Florida Keys has led to the creation of the San Pedro Underwater State Park. Dedication is planned on Sunday, April 2, as a highlight of that weekend's annual Indian Key Festival in Islamorada.

Thirteen ships that unluckily set sail on Friday the 13th in July 1733 remain on the reefs and shoals of the Keys. They were part of an armada of 21 vessels carrying treasures from the new world home to Cadiz, Spain, from Havana. A sudden hurricane swept the fleet across the coral reefs to destruction.

Only one of the 21, the *Nuestra Senora de Rosario* survived and was able to limp back to Havana with the news of the tragedy.

In the years that followed, Spanish salvors, camping on Plantation, Upper and Lower Matecumbe Keys, worked to recover the valuable cargos with the forced assistance of the native Indians.

Some of the ships were repaired sufficiently to be moved to Havana. The ships that protruded above

water were burned to the waterline to conceal their locations from eager would-be salvors mostly from the Bahamas.

Most interesting is the fact that the salvors recovered far more treasure than what was listed as lost! The reason being that much contraband was being smuggled to avoid paying the "king's fifth" - the royal duty collected by King Phillip of Spain.

Of the wreck sites the San Pedro was chosen as an archaeological preserve because of its location, depth, its corals and fishlife.

After two and a half centuries the remains of each ship have been savaged by the elements and salvaged again and again in the hope of finding something worthwhile, until today little remains except ballast stones and a few timbers.

Of the wreck sites the *San Pedro* was chosen as an archaeological preserve because of its location, depth, its corals and fishlife. Situated in a sand bed surrounded by a vast area of sand and grass, the ballast pile has grown into a small

island of marine life. Small coral heads have grown on the stones providing cover for a variety of tropicals. Forty-two kinds of fish were counted by marine biologists on the oasis.

When completed, a nature trail will guide swimmers and help identify the life. It will also serve as a border to remind divers not to get so close as to alarm the inhabitants. Mooring buoys will identify the park. Anchoring will not be allowed.

Concrete cannons are being placed to enhance the wreck as it would have looked if untouched down through the years. Florida Rock and Sand of Tavernier is casting them from a mold of a gun from a sister shipwreck - the *San Jose*. Many other local business and individuals have volunteered services to the development of the project.

Area dive shops are working to arrange scattered ballast stones at the site and add donated timers, stones and artifacts some of which were removed from the *San Pedro* site. Buddy's Dive Shop, Bud N' Mary's Dive Shop, and World Down Under centers deserve

commendation for their continuous contributions of funds and labor. Holiday Isle and the Cheeca Lodge have been outstanding in the help to the community effort.

Most significantly, well-known treasure salvors are actively aiding with research, artifacts and funding - Henry Taylor, Bob Weller, Don Washing-

ton, Bob Dent, Allen Weinbaum and Duncan Matthewson to mention just a few.

Florida Governor Bob Martinez, Secretary of State Jim Smith and other state leaders are invited to attend the dedication as well as the mayor, county commissioners and Sheriff Allison DeFoor. When confirmations are complete the details will be released in the coming

weeks.

Your help is needed to insure the success and growth of the *San Pedro* project. You can send your tax-free donations to the *San Pedro* Trust, c/o Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 915, Islamorada, FL 33036 or drop them off at the Red Caboose, Mile Marker 82.5 bayside in Islamorada.



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