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Key Marco Shell Midden

Join us this coming Thursday to hear Dr. John Beriault speak on the Key Marco Shell Midden Site. John is the past and current president of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society. He is past president of FAS (1983); a lifelong resident of Naples and has been an avocational archaeologist almost as many years.

Two years ago he began working for the Archaeological & Historical Conservancy Inc.(AHC), a non- profit, private archaeological investigative organization. John has worked in Collier, Lee, Monroe, Broward, and Dade Counties. His presentation will encompass more than a year and a half of work carried out at the Key Marco Shell Midden, 8CR48. This is the same site where Frank Hamilton Cushing found the preserved wooden material (the famed "Key Marco Cat"), back in 1896, and where ASSF has participated in the excavation in the past.

AHC worked in four separate sites (house lots) in the south, central, and northwestern portions of the 50 acre Key Marco shell midden site. The presentation will focus on the work at the Olde Marco Inn and the Barnes Lot, two contiguous properties in the northwestern quadrant of the original shell key. In the last 100+ years since Wells Sawyer did his fine topographic map of the site, the area has been dredged, filled, bulldozed, into a relatively flat and featureless expanse of condos, homes, small shops and the historic Olde Marco Inn. Part of the work was re-discovering the shell midden features shown on the Sawyer Map and verifying the accuracy of the map. The conclusion was that the map was very accurate. In addition to monitoring at the projects, AHC and Dr. Randolph Widmer of the University of Houston did excavations and other sampling and testing, which will also be discussed.

Please join us Thursday, March 9th, 7:30 p.m., Atlantic Radio Telephone, 2495 NW 35th Avenue, to hear John present and view his slides. Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.

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March is Archaeology Month!



Don't forget Sunday is the...



ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR

WHERE: Monkey Jungle, 14805 S.W. 216th Street

WHEN: Sunday, March 5th, 10-4:00 p.m.

WHAT: Museum displays, lectures, videos, artifact displays, free handouts and information, flint knapping demonstration by Albert Killian, Florida memorabilia, and special dirt from which children can "excavate" authentic artifacts.

Talk to archaeologists who worked on the Miami Circle and view Miami Circle photos and information.

Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for more information.

ASSF Annual Officer and Board Member Election

The annual election of ASSF Officers and Board Members whose terms have expired will take place in March. Enclosed you'll find a flyer listing current and potential candidates with a short personal profile for each person.

Please mail the ballot or file in person at the March 9th meeting.

Mailing address: 2495 S.W. 35th Avenue
Miami Florida 33142
attention: Barbara Tansey.

Ballots will be received and tallied by the election committee and the results will be announced at the close of the meeting immediately following our guest speaker, and posted in our April newsletter.

Sites of Interest:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/keys/> **Florida Keys: Paradise With Attitude**

<http://www.uke.uni-hamburg.de/virtualmummy> **Virtual Mummy Tour**

Continuing Site Restoration of Indian Key

Restoration work will continue through Spring at the Indian Key site. We need anyone that is interested in hot, dirty work. The park service will supply transportation to the island each day, shovels, wheelbarrows, drinking water, etc. Additional shovels and screens will be needed. Each person should bring with them each day - lunch, water or any other liquid you like (please - no alcohol), gloves and any tools you can lend us for this project. (Screens are greatly needed). Please contact Seth Lefkow at (305) 868-2828 to volunteer and for directions.

Make a Note...

FAS 2000 Annual Meeting

Join us for the FAS 2000 Annual Meeting, May 5th to 7th, being held at Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Hotel in downtown Fort Myers, 2220 W. 1st Street, on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River.

FAC (Florida Archaeological Council) will host the reception at the Thomas A. Edison Home, 1/4 mile from the hotel. There are two field trips offered: Pineland Archaeological Site Complex Tours; and Mound Key Archaeological Site Boat Tours.

For hotel reservations call (800) 664-7775. To register for the conference send a check for \$30 to:

FAS Annual Meeting
P.O. Box 9965
Naples, Florida 34101-9965

Note: remember to include an additional \$20 per person if attending the Saturday night banquet.

You may also contact John Beriault at JGBeriault@aol.com for more information.

Keep in mind...

ASSF will begin assisting in the initial survey consisting of digging test postholes for the **Spring Gardens Historic District Preservation Project**, beginning sometime this month. Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for the latest schedule.

Don't Miss...

Miami River Days

Sponsored by Metro Dade County, **Miami River Days** will be held in downtown Miami, Lummus Park, 404 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Saturday, April 1st, from 11 to 4:00 pm.

ASSF will have a presence in the park and Bob Freer from the Everglades Alligator Farm (<http://everglades.com/>) will demonstrate alligator wrestling on the original site location of Joe Alligator's Tropical Farm attraction back in the early 1900's, in Spring Gardens Historic District (which will also be one of the River Taxi's stops that day).

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## Screen like a Banshee!

Please come out and help screen artifact-rich dirt rescued from the Bamboo Site, located at the Everglades Outpost in Homestead. Any help is appreciated and no experience is necessary!

**Address: 35601 S.W. 192 Ave.**

**Call 305-247-8000 for directions.**

**(PS - wear something that can get very dirty)**

## Future Editorial Section

This space is reserved for future questions, answers and comments from our readers.

[Letters must be received by the first of each month to be included in an upcoming newsletter. Content may be edited if space does not permit letter to be printed in full.]

Address your letters to: Lisa Weier, 6905 NW 25<sup>th</sup> St., Miami, FL 33122, or email Lisa at [bigpicture14@ecoolworks.com](mailto:bigpicture14@ecoolworks.com)

Anyone interested in purchasing educational material can find the Florida Anthropological Society's video, "Shadows and Reflections on the Past," available at [http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/ aucilla11\\_1/FASvideo.htm](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/aucilla11_1/FASvideo.htm).

Topics covered include: Paleoindians - The Aucilla River; Tequesta - Cutler Ridge Mound; Apalachee - Lake Jackson Mounds; Timucua - Fort Caroline National Monument; and Calusa - Mound Key.

**FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**FAS membership application/renewal form**

YES, I want to join **FAS**. I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- INDIVIDUAL, \$25    FAMILY, \$30    INSTITUTIONAL, \$25
- SUSTAINING, \$40 OR MORE    PATRON, \$100    LIFE, \$500

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:        FAS Membership  
                  Terry Simpsons, CGCAS  
                  P.O. Box 82255  
                  Tampa, Florida 33682

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA**

**ASSF membership application/renewal form**

I have read and will abide by the Objectives and Code of Ethics of ASSF listed below, and I wish to apply for membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**    New Member    Renewal

**CHECK ONE:**    Individual (\$20)    Family (\$25)

Mail to: Barbara Tansey  
                  ASSF Membership  
                  2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
                  Miami, FL 33142

**ASSF 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 benefit.**

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
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**FIRST CLASS**



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**NEXT MEETING:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

**SPEAKER:** John Beriault, Key Marco Shell Midden

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