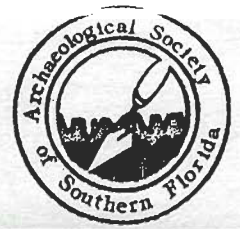




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The Life and Times of S. Florida Indians

In the not so distant past South Florida was home to many different groups of Indians. In her soon to be released 6th novel, entitled Daughter of the Fifth Moon, author Lynn Mckee focuses on the Taino and Carib Indians who lived in the Caribbean.

Mckee had an affinity for archaeology at an early age and had always wanted to write about Indian life. Not long after joining the Broward County Archaeological Society, she realized her first story. Her latest book begins with a Taino family saving their young daughter's life when the village is pillaged by a group of Carib Indians. Tequesta, Calusa, Ais, Jeaga, Carib and Taino Indians can be found throughout Mckee's stories. These tribes co-existed pretty much synonymously in Florida and/or the Caribbean.

In Daughter of the Fifth Moon Mckee researched translated writings from Spanish, French and English mariners to piece together a picture of the notorious Carib Tribe. The Caribs were especially feared for their reputation as cannibals. Various reports seem to suggest their favorite food consisted of roasted "young men." They also had a reputation for kidnapping, raping, and pillaging villages. Although they would return with the women to their villages, the Caribs would kill any babies born from relations with non-Carib women. The Carib are curious in that they didn't appear to go marauding for land acquisition or to acquire offspring.

In sharp contrast, the Taino had no weapons to speak of (as there were no large animals to kill), and had no word for war in their language.

Mckee's latest book begins in what she imagines now to be the Dominican Republic and continues on to what is now Vero Beach, Florida. The Miami Circle and the surrounding area is mentioned also, but is not referred to by name. Unlike Jane Auel ("Clan of the Cave Bear" fame), whose stories go back to the end of the last ice age, Mckee's stories cover about 2,000 years, and try to envision life in the new world before European contact.

Please join us on Thursday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m., Atlantic Radio Telephone, 2495 NW 35th Avenue. Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.

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Helpful Dating Tips

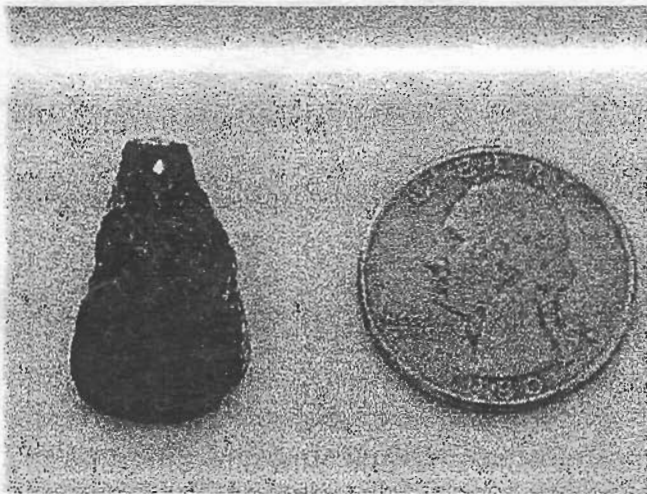
(for site material, from an old Antique magazine)

- 1775 square nails came into use
- 1800 free-blown bottles ended about this time
- 1880 wire nails were invented
- *1880 before this date, flat sea food cans were constructed of 3 pieces
- 1884 ventless depressed top seafood cans came into use
- 1892 Crown Top bottles were invented (bottle tops)
- *1895 tin can "key" was invented
- 1900 paper labels overtook embossing
- 1900 Crown Top bottles became common
- 1903 bottle seams now went to the top of the bottle
- 1917 before this date food cans were soldered together
- 1935 first beer can put in use
- 1954 first cone top beer can introduced
- 1955 cone tops became obsolete
- 1962 pull tabs were invented (throw away tabs)

*Apparently the seafood industry was very prominent in the 1800's. There are a number of people who collect oyster tins. The Plains Indians also used the metal from oyster tins for making numerous objects.

Bottle Dating

- 1840-1860 Pontil mark on bottom of bottle
 - Pre-1860 mold seam ends at shoulder
 - 1860-1880 mold seam extends to neck
 - 1880-1900 mold seam extends to lip
 - 1900-on mold seam extends over lip
- 3-piece mold bottles – 1820-1880
round bottoms – 1860-1913



EAR OR NECKLACE ORNAMENT

This incised shell artifact was unearthed from one of the dirt piles originally transported from the Bamboo Site, now located at Barbara Tansey's home.

Although the Bamboo Site spoil piles are littered with plenty of pottery, beads and celts, this is the first time ASSF member Jim Clupper has found an incised shell ornament. Jim Lord speculated it might be of Tequesta origin.

Jim was screening a few Saturdays ago with fellow ASSF members Bill Lyons, Jim South and Manny Meland.

ASSF CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mark your calendars for the upcoming ASSF Dinner.

Where: Old Culter Inn

When: Thursday, December 7th



- Caesar Salad w/Blackened Scallops or Shrimp \$14
- Grilled chicken breast over Pasta Marinara \$16.50
- London broil w/mushroom gravy over mashed potatoes or rice & veggies \$15

Call (305) 238-1514 for directions or visit their website at WWW.OLDCULTERINN.COM

Screen like a Banshee!

Please come out and help screen artifact-rich dirt rescued from the Bamboo Site, located at the Everglades Outpost in Florida City. Although we've been screening for sometime, there are plenty of piles left to sift, and we now have a tarp covering the screening area for shade. 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)

Continuing Site Restoration of Indian Key

Restoration work will continue at the Indian Key site, starting again sometime this fall or winter.

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 or you may contact Pat Wells or Bob Rose directly at Lignumvitae Key State Botanical Site (305) 393-4039 to volunteer and for directions.

Upcoming Conference:

Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 102nd Annual Meeting, January 3-6, 2001, at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina.

Accommodations: San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 W. Harbor Dr. More information to follow in up-coming newsletters.

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FAS membership application/renewal form

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

- INDIVIDUAL, \$25 FAMILY, \$30 INSTITUTIONAL, \$25
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I have read and will abide by the Objectives and Code of Ethics of ASSF listed below, and I wish to apply for membership.

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- CHECK ONE:** New Member Renewal
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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**.

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.

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m. Mailing Address

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