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Historic Preservation in Dade County

Learn how you can make a difference in your community and protect our history. This Thursday, Rick Ferrer, Dade County's Historic Preservation Officer, will discuss our county's Historic Preservation program, including the aims, advantages, misconceptions and achievements to date. Rick will also give us an overview of many important sites that have received historic designation.

Since 1981 (when the county passed its Historic Preservation Ordinance), we have maintained a Historic Preservation Board empowered to designate and protect historic and archaeological sites within the county's areas of jurisdiction. Miami-Dade County's Office of Historic Preservation has existed for the same amount of time. We deal with many different contingents including preservation, archaeological matters, assisting homeowners, neighborhoods, government agencies, architects, and developers. We also serve as staff to the Historic Preservation Board.

Our office and the Historic Preservation Board's jurisdiction extends over a huge area which includes many communities, neighborhoods and municipalities (from Florida Bay to the Broward line). We do not operate within municipalities that maintain their own historic preservation boards and ordinances (i.e., Coral Gables, Miami Beach, Miami, Miami Shores, Homestead, Opa-locka, Miami Springs, Hialeah, or South Miami).

Miami-Dade County government has approximately 150 designated historic and archaeological sites, districts and zones. This does not include sites and districts in the municipalities mentioned above. Designation affords a certain level of protection to properties and insures that important features are preserved for the future.

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Every month, we review many permit applications which may potentially affect historic properties in either minor (example: exterior paint colors) or major (example: demolition) ways. This review process allows for us to determine if changes to a property would be sensitive, compatible and respectful of the historic character of the property. The aim is always to preserve what we have while allowing flexibility of use and reuse.

A county-wide survey conducted between 1977-81 recorded over 6,000 historic sites. This survey was later used as a reference for identifying sites for designation and protection by the county. The benchmark used to survey buildings at the time was that they had to have been at least 50 years of age, if not older. Many new sites (since 1980), now qualify for inclusion. We are now working towards a new county-wide survey that will likely be able to expand the original number of sites by the tens of thousands.

Before working for the Historic Preservation Office, Rick attended UM where he studied architecture and history. He has worked in Dade County's Historic Preservation Office for 7 years as a researcher, architectural historian, and plans reviewer. He previously worked for the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy for 3 years.

Please mark your calendars to hear Rick speak this Thursday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m., Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue. Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.

The Trail of the Lost Tribes

The Trail of the Lost Tribes is a partnership between public and private organizations striving to provide consistent interpretation of the archaeology, anthropology and natural history of the ancient cultural sites on Florida's Gulf Coast.

The first project of the Trail of the Lost Tribes includes the production of a tourism brochure that will include a map of the 19 publicly accessible sites along Florida's Gulf Coast from Crystal River to Ft. Myers Beach.

Sites include: Crystal River Arch. State Park, Safety Harbor Mound, Weedon Island Preserve, Jungle Prada Mound Park (in St. Pete), Madira Bickel Mound State Arch. Site (Manatee County.), Portavant Temple Mound at Emerson point Park (Manatee County), Indian Mound Park (Sarasota), Mound Key Arch. State Park (Lee County), and many more.

Contact Karen A. Fraley, Project Co-Director at [Karen@aroundbend .com](mailto:Karen@aroundbend.com) for a brochure/map, more information and a membership application.



54th FAS Annual Meeting

2002 hosted by:

Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society
Tampa Bay, Florida

Date: May 3 - 5, 2002

Accommodations: Hilton Hotel, St. Petersburg (727) 894-5000.

Price: \$99.00 single/double
(Mention FAS when reserving rooms)

Contact: Dave Burns
daveburns@prodigy.net or (813) 968-7910



EARLY REGISTRATION will be available until April 1, 2002 at \$35.00 per person.

After that date registration will be \$45.00.

Make checks payable to "CGCAS/FAS"

Mail form and check to:

Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society
7701 - 22nd Ave., N
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

CALL FOR PAPERS Abstracts should be no more than 100 words in length and must be accompanied by the meeting registration fee. Abstracts are due no later than March 15th, 2002. Send papers to Robert Austin, Tele: (813) 677-2280, FAX: (813) 671-8416, E-mail: bob@searchinc.com

Florida Underwater Archaeology Conference 2nd Annual Meeting

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society will be held in conjunction with the Second Annual Meeting of the Florida Underwater Archaeology Conference on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 3, 4, and 5 at the Hilton Hotel, St. Petersburg, FL. Friday, May 3rd will also be the Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Awards at the Science Center of Pinellas County.



**Note: ASSF Membership Dues
Reminder...** Don't forget to pay
your annual dues for 2002!

Screen like a Banshee!

Help us screen artifact-rich dirt (rescued from the Bamboo Site), now located at the Everglades Outpost, next to Florida City. Although the soil has been disturbed, it is artifact-rich and many Indian trade beads, pieces of pottery and bone have been found. Any help is appreciated and no experience is necessary!

Address: 35601 S.W. 192 Ave.
Call 305-247--8000 for directions.

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We're Looking for a Few Good...

Board Members

ASSF is in need of volunteers interested in serving as officers on the board. Board elections are coming up in April and all board positions are open. If you'd like to add your name to the ballot please contact Lisa at (305) 807-8102.

We are also looking for someone who would like to be our FAS (Florida Anthropology Society) Representative. You must be able to travel to FAS meetings one Saturday each month. The meetings are usually held in Winter Park. This is an opportunity to meet archaeologists and anthropologists from around the state. Please contact Barbara at (305) 633-9636 if you are interested.

ASSF UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

February.....Rick Ferrer, Hist. Preservation
March.....Arthur Dunkleman, Curator,
Kislak Collection
April.....Mario Ferrente, (and Elections)
May.....Dr. Pat Wickman
June.....Howard Kleinberg, Old Miami
July/August...Summer Break – no meetings

If you have a potential speaker you'd like to refer to ASSF, please contact Beth Read at W4YIH@earthlink.net or Pat Cervi at pcervi@msn.com to submit your suggestion.

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 _____

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Mail to: FAS Membership
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. 35th Avenue
Miami, FL 33142

ASSF 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.

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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Miami, Florida 33142

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m.,

2495 N.W. 35th Avenue

Address

SPEAKER: Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation

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