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## MIAMI CIRCLE UPDATE

By **Bob Carr**

Join us for an informative presentation by Bob Carr, noted archaeologist. Bob will share the current status of the artifacts recovered from the Miami Circle. Analysis and evaluation of the Miami Circle artifacts and its people have been ongoing.

Bob Carr is currently the Director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy (AHC), and is working in Broward County. His career has spanned over thirty years, including the notable position of being Dade County's 1st archaeologist. In this position he was instrumental in the implementation of the Historical Sites Preservation Ordinance. He achieved the position of Director of Historic Preservation, and was awarded a grant for analysis of the Miami Circle. His extensive publications include both periodical articles and technical reports. Recently he completed the survey of the Ortona Canal in Glades County.

Please mark your calendars to hear Bob Carr speak on Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building. Address: 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Call Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.

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## A MEMORABLE AND EXCITING VISIT

*By Mary Ellen Gray*

Jim Clupper, a member of our society, was recently privileged to visit the Smithsonian Museum Support Center while on vacation in Washington D.C. While his annual journey usually finds him at the Library of Congress, The Anthropological Institute, or the National Archives, this year's visit was different because he had requested to be shown the collection of artifacts in storage from the Surfside, Golden Glades and Opa Locka sites, which were gathered during the W.P.A. project in 1937. Jim knew of the origin of these artifacts through his readings of the unpublished documents held in the National Anthropological Archives.

The multistoried Museum Support Center located in MD houses thousands of varied collections, but you are only escorted to the collection that you requested. Jim visited the stored artifacts three days taking over 200 digital images. When asked what was the most memorable item Jim replied, "The single best item was a snake effigy which was carved out of shell." He thought that no Florida resident had seen these artifacts since they were housed there in the 1930's. Jim hopes to have some pictures to show us, and perhaps even a slide presentation. Since these items can be arranged to be viewed, what are the society members' thoughts about a field trip to Washington D.C. in summer 2003, or might we be interested in sponsoring the collection on loan?

More information about the Opa Locka, Surfside, and Golden Glades Collection is available in the online catalog from the Smithsonian Institute, and museum support at [www.NMNH.si.edu/anthro/cm/index](http://www.NMNH.si.edu/anthro/cm/index) . Other sites of interest are the National Anthropological Institute, [www.NMNH.si.edu/naa](http://www.NMNH.si.edu/naa) and the National Archives at [www.NARA.gov](http://www.NARA.gov) . You can add these to your "Favorite Places", or "Bookmarks."



### **THE MIAMI CIRCLE AND BEYOND: ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOUTH FLORIDA**

On Thursday, Oct. 17, several of our society members were at the opening reception for "First Arrivals," the Historical Museum's permanent exhibition on the archaeology of S. Florida. They expressed compliments upon seeing the artifacts, displays and murals.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Historical Museum of South Florida, Jorge Zamanillo, archaeologist, and curator at the Historical Museum, introduced the distinguished panel members to a large audience. Dr. Ryan Wheeler, state validator of the Miami Circle, Bob Carr, Exe. Director of the Nature Conservancy, Dr Randolph Widmer, from Univ. of Texas, and Irvy Quitmyer, a zooarchaeologist discussed their roles in the Miami Circle Project.

New information was shared, as analysis is still being completed. Some facts brought to light: 570 bone artifacts analyzed, 150 shell artifacts analyzed, most tools but some were decorated which supports the multi-use theory, 120 pumice artifacts were shown to probably have come from Mexico, and 2 Galina artifacts thought to have come from around Missouri. They are doing new detailed maps and aerial photography. Everything from the sedimentology, to the Tequesta traditions, to the various time references for this Circle were discussed by the panel and questioned by the audience. To what extent do you think of archaeology as a science? After listening to this panel it was clear that each archaeological question does not have only one precise answer.

## MEDIEVAL MIAMI AND ITS PARALLELS: CROSSROADS CITIES AROUND THE TROPIC OF CANCER

A free symposium will be held Sunday, Dec. 8th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, 609 Brickell Ave. Presentations and discussions with specialists on the world of the Miami Circle. Besides Tequesta Miami, speakers will also address other port cities in Asia and Africa.

The symposium is followed by a reception sponsored by the South Florida Chapter of the Fulbright Association. Florida Humanities Council, Jay Kislak Foundation, and the Institute for Asian Studies and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at FIU are the sponsors of the event. Ample parking behind the church.

## ASSF HOLIDAY DINNER

STEAK & ALE

9090 S.W. 97 Avenue

Friday, December 6, 2002

Drinks at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**Choose one - \$20.93 includes  
everything but tax:**

Hawaiian Chicken (regular portion)

12 oz. Top Sirloin Steak

8 oz. Herb Roasted Prime Rib

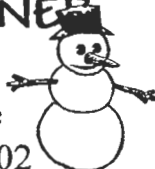
10 oz. Fresh Baked Salmon

**Choice of:** Salad Bar or Caesar Salad  
Rice Pilaf or Potato; Tea, Coffee, or Soda  
Chocolate or Strawberry Mousse

Please **RSVP** to Pat Cervi 305.667.4449

or

email: [pcervi@msn.com](mailto:pcervi@msn.com) by Monday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## PIONEER MUSEUM TO OPEN

Florida Pioneer Museum members and Florida City have been working hard to restore the museum from the devastation of hurricane Andrew. The new opening is scheduled for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. They are in need of volunteers for many tasks. For information please call Terry or Bob Naumann at 305-242-0144.

## MOUTH OF THE MIAMI RIVER

The Theatre Program at FIU presents a 90 minute synthesis of drama, music and dance designed for the entire family on Fri. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, call the FIU box office at (305-348-3789 or visit the website at [www.fiu.edu/~thedan](http://www.fiu.edu/~thedan).



Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of July, August and December), at Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35<sup>th</sup> Ave., 7:30 pm, phone 305-633-9636.

## UPCOMING ASSF SPEAKERS:

**November**.....Bob Carr, Miami Circle

**December**..... - no meeting -  
Christmas Dinner

**January**..... Dr. Bradley Bennet

**February**..... Rick Ferrer - South Dade

If you have a potential speaker you'd like to refer to ASSF, please contact Beth Read at [W4YIH@earthlink.net](mailto:W4YIH@earthlink.net) or Pat Cervi at [pcerv@msn.com](mailto:pcerv@msn.com) to submit your suggestions.

**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

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Mail to:      Stacy Hopper  
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**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  
                 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
                 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.

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
Barbara Tansey, President  
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Miami, Florida 33142

**FIRST CLASS**



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**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,  
at 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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