

The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida



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THE RAILROAD BETWEEN FLORIDA CITY AND KEY LARGO

Bob Naumann has worked and lived in the area between Florida City and Key Largo for the past thirty years. Bob previously owned businesses at MM 112.5 and MM115, and he has developed his fledgling interest in the area into a slide presentation entitled, "The 18 Mile Stretch of Railroad Between Florida City and Key Largo: Its History and the Effect on the Ecology of Florida Bay."

Bob will discuss everything from the initial reason for building the railroad, to present day issues, including the ecological impact. His enlightening talk will include informative handouts.

Please mark you calendars to hear Bob Naumann speak next Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. Location address: Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue

Please contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions. Hope to see you there!

The **Florida Museum of Natural History** has opened a new collection showcasing Florida's Ice Age fossils called, <u>"Tusks: Ice Age Florida's Mammoths and Mastodons."</u>

This is a traveling exhibit which includes: the most ancient Florida elephant relatives (Proboscideans), ancestral Shovel-tuskers, the lasgest fossil Proboscidean found in Florida, a full-sized mastodon skeleton, a baby Dima replica, infant Florida

ELORIDA ELORIDA mastodon, Ice-age neighbors, paleontological research at UF, artifacts made by ice age humans, cypress past and present.

You can locate show sites on their website, www.flmnh.ufl.edu/tusks,

and the museum is asking that people contact Charlene Smith at 352-840-2000, x-213, with suggestions for possible locations to share this exhibit. Any location needs to be secure and climate controlled.

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News From the Desk Of...

BOB CARR - Director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy

- * The archaeological investigation being done before development, on the "One Miami Project", by the Dupont Plaza has not yet begun. No starting date has been announced, but work should continue 4-6 months once begun. Volunteers may be needed for this project.
- * February 22-23. AHC (the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy) is co-sponsoring the Okeechobee Battle Field Reenactment. This is both an educational and entertaining event. Free admission for the educational displays, bands, cook off, and barbeque. http://www.flarchaeology.org/

GARY BEITER - Dade County Archaeologist

- * Upcoming work at Snapper Creek near Matheson Hammock should begin in March. The Parks Department has not given the exact date for the work to commence.
- * Lab work is still being completed on Greynolds Park artifacts and more information will be forthcoming.

DR. TRACI ARDREN - Professor of Anthropology U.M.

- * Dr. Ardren recently conducted an Archaeological Field School at Little Salt Springs in Sarasota County. Students spent ten days straight confirming the presence of an archaic midden on the site of U.M.'s 112 acre property. No land studies have been done there before, but underwater archaeology studies have been done near this area.
- * Dr. Ardren is teaching Florida Archaeology this term. During previous summers she has been researching in the Yucatan peninsula, but this summer will be writing for publication. Traci will be our guest speaker in May.

* Trail of the Lost Tribes, Inc.: 2003 Free Archaeology Speaker Series * "Honoring the Ancient Ones"

February 15 6:30 pm presentation followed by full-moon guided tour of the Crystal River Archaeological site, Crystal River Archaeological State Park, Crystal River; Archaeologist Gary Ellis, M.A. "Agents of Change, Guardians of Tradition: Women in Ancient Gulf Coast Florida".

March 14 4pm and 7pm Presentations, Historic Spanish Point, Osprey. Archaeologist Dale L.Hutchinson, Ph.D. "Adaptation, Conflict and Change: Bioarchaeology of the Florida Gulf Coast"

March 22 1pm and 4pm Presentations; 2:30pm tour of Weedon Island National Register Archaeological Site Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, St. Petersburg Archaeologist: Brent R. Weisman, Ph.D. "Virtual Homecoming: Bringing Weeden Back to Weedon"

April 5 11am and 4pm Presentations followed by site tours; 6pm 16th Century Spanish Feast fundraiser \$25, Anderson/Narvaez Site adjacent to Jungle Prada Mound Park, **St. Petersburg** (Pinellas County)

Archaeologist **Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Ph.D.** "Living on Boca Ciega Bay in the 1560's: Archaeology at the Anderson Site"

April 14 7:30pm Presentation, First Baptist Church, **Pine Island** (Lee County). Archaeologist **Ryan J. Wheeler, Ph. D.** "Newnans Lake and Florida's Canoeing Heritage"

May 25 1pm Presentation, Auditorium, DeSoto National Memorial, Bradenton (Manatee County) Archaeologist Margo Schwadron, M.A., RPA," The Shaw's Point Site at De Soto National Memorial: The Archaeology and History of a Coastal Shell Mound Village"

All six programs are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Elizabeth Neily, Project Director at (727) 321-7845

2003 Archaeology Fair

March is Archaeology Month, and once again we will be holding our annual Archaeology Fair. This year's fair will be held at the newly opened **Pioneer Museum** in Florida City (826 N. Krome Ave). Volunteers are always needed. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 if you can lend a hand. Mark the date on your calendar, Saturday March 29th and we hope to see you there.

F.A.S. NEWS

Carter Burrus, ASSF board member and F.A.S. (Florida Anthropological Society) Representative, attended the F.A.S. quarterly meeting in Orlando on January 18th. The 2003 F.A.S. Conference will be held May 9 -12 in Tallahassee. Look for information regarding registration and hotel accommodations in upcoming newsletters.

JUST A REMINDER...

Have you paid your dues for 2003? Membership fees are due in January. Please mail you're your payment to ASSF (address on the back page, Attn: Barbara Tansey), or bring your payment to the next meeting and deliver to our Treasurer, Brian Conesa.

ASSF monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Location: Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35th Avenue, 7:30 pm. Call Barbara at 305-633-9636 for directions.

Upcoming speakers:

March - Mario Ferrante

April - Dr. Harry Iceland

May - Dr. Traci Ardren I

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

PIONEER MUSEUM OPENS

The Pioneer Museum, located 826 N. Krome Ave., in Florida City is now open Friday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It's a "Work in Progress." Displays are being completed and the hours/days that they are open will be gradually be expanded. The museum is still in need of someone to take charge of the Veterinary cabinet, the Business Machine display case, the Ladies' Accessories display case, and a Black History display. To volunteers please call Terry or Bob Naumann at 305-242-0144.

FLORIDA PIONEER MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

≥LECTURE SERIES€

Lectures will be held in Homestead's Historic District, at the Old Town Hall Museum, 41 N. Krome Avenue. Scheduled Dates:

<u>Feb. 12</u> - Fort Mose: Free Black Town in the Spanish Frontier by Darcie MacMahon Mar. 12 - Historic Churches of the Area by

Mar Anne Munz, Terry Naumann, and Libby Neale

Apr. 9 - The Seminole Wars: America's First Vietnam by Joe Crankshaw

Lectures are **free**, open to the public, and preceded by a short business meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m.

ASSF Member Honored

The City of Ft. Lauderdale honored longtime ASSF member Ann Murray by naming a greenway after her, located at the northern end of SW 7th Avenue, on the south side of the New River.

The dedication ceremony was held on Sat., Jan. 25th, at 2:00 pm, - just 5 days before her 80th birthday!

Ann was honored for her many contributions and years of involvement within the community. She serves on many boards, and has been instrumental in much behind the scene conservation work over the years that has impacted south Florida.

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FAS membership application/renewal form

☐ INDIVIDUAL, \$2	join FAS. I enclose \$ 5
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> 2495 N.W. 35th 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.

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 13th, 7:30 pm,

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