



# The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida



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## The Ibis Archaeological Field School at Little Salt Spring

Dr. Traci Ardren, Professor of Anthropology at University of Miami, has conducted field schools at several locations. During January 2003, the field school was held at Little Salt Springs in Sarasota County.

Land based excavations were initiated on the 112 acre parcel which is owned by the University of Miami. These excavations were designed to begin determination of the extent of the terrestrial component of the site. Fieldwork was able to positively identify midden materials on the UM property that may be the southernmost extent of the Archaic midden found adjacent to the Little Salt Springs slough. Carl J. Clausen originally discovered this slough in the 1970's.

Dr. Ardren will present the results of the excavations and the subsequent analyses of this project. Please mark your calendars to hear Traci Ardren speak on Thursday, May 8th, 7:30 p.m., at Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue. Please contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 if you need directions.

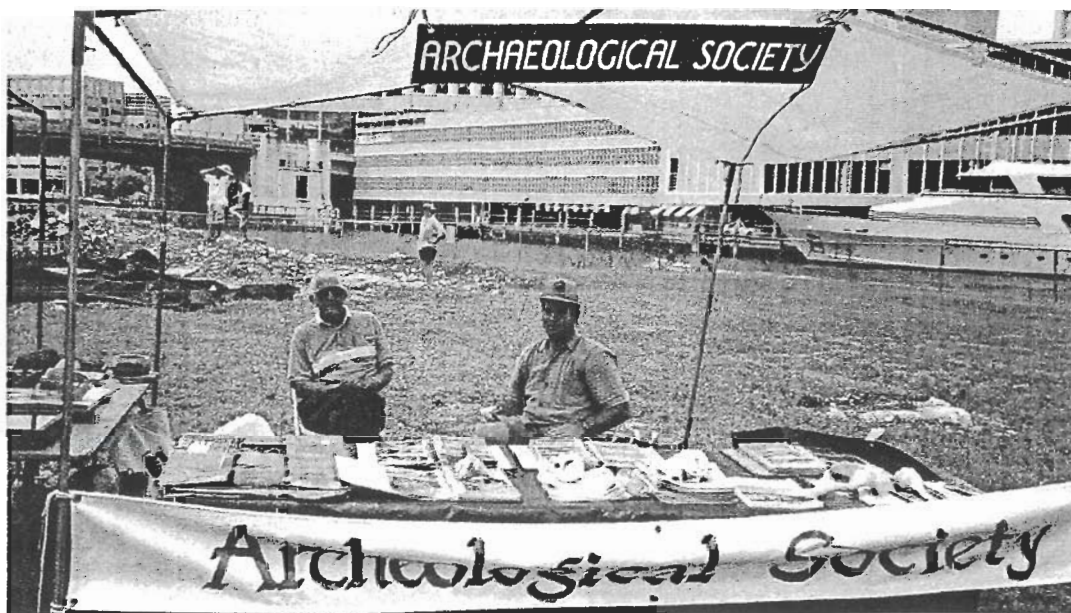


Photo: ASSF members Brian Conesa and Stanley Klein at Miami River Days event.

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## Miami River Days

On April 5th, in an effort to educate, inform, and celebrate Miami's early days, Miami River Days was held once again along the banks of the Miami River. While the majority of the festivities and displays were located at José Martí Park, the water taxi also shuttled people over to the Miami Circle.

Gary Beiter and Bob Carr, who were both instrumental in the Miami Circle Project, gave tours of the Circle. ASSF set-up their display on the Miami Circle site with members Brian Conesa, Bill Lyons and Mary Ellen Gray on hand to answer questions and distribute materials.

The event was well attended by enthusiastic, interested people who wanted to learn more about local history as well as have an enjoyable time. See photo, pg 1.



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

### Upcoming speakers:

**June 12....**Mario Ferrante - Malta

(July and August there are no meetings)

**Sept. 11....**Gary Beiter - Update- Miami Sites

**Oct. 9.....**Rick Ferrer - South Date

If you have a speaker you'd like to refer please contact Beth Read at [W4YIH@earthlink.net](mailto:W4YIH@earthlink.net) or Pat Cervi at [pcervi@msn.com](mailto:pcervi@msn.com).

## In the Know...

Submitted by Brian Conesa

More interesting websites:

<http://susdl.flca.edu/fh/>

Florida Heritage Collection search page

[www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/](http://www.nmnh.si.edu/naa/)

A starting point to the National Anthropological archives [www.keyshistory.org/index.html](http://www.keyshistory.org/index.html)

Jerry Wilkinson - a great site.

Please share interesting websites that could be added to the ASSF web page, or newsletter. Send to the email address or phone # on the back of this newsletter.

## News From the Desk Of...

**Gary Beiter** - Dade County Archaeologist, Update on the Matheson Hammock/ Snapper Creek Project: With a June 30th final report deadline, field work will continue for a month followed by a month of lab work. All parks require a cultural survey from the state with a recommendation of what areas are to be preserved. They are continuing to shovel test on the south side of Snapper Creek. Prehistoric midden and historic deposits around dried up springs have been identified, as well as a gorge that was formed by spring action. The south side has more solution holes, some as deep as those in the Miami Circle, while the N side has typical black midden.

**Alison Eglart-Berry** - Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, Biological Anthropologist. Update on Dupont Plaza/ One Miami Project: Work has started on this archaeological sensitive area. They have done cores, augering, and found natural soil. Since it's on a natural shoreline there are several possibilities: Granada Village contact period, Tequesta Village-prehistoric, possible Spanish village, and possibility of historic graves. Findings are not conclusive at this time.

## Screen like a Banshee!

Please come out and help screen artifact-rich dirt rescued from the Bamboo Site, located at the Everglades Outpost just outside of Florida City. Although we've been screening for sometime, there is plenty left to sift. Any help is appreciated and no experience is necessary! Address: 35601 S.W. 192 Ave. Call Brian at 305-251-8386 for directions and more information.

## FLORIDA PIONEER MUSEUM ≧LECTURE SERIES≦

Lectures will be held in Homestead's Historic District, at the Old Town Hall Museum, 41 N. Krome Ave. Lectures are **free**, open to the public, preceded by a short business mtg at 7:00 pm.

**Florida Anthropological Society**  
FAS membership application/renewal form

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

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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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- 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, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,  
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**SPEAKER:**

**Dr. Traci Ardren**

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