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## Harney Flats with Curtis McKinney

Dr. Curtis McKinney from Miami Dade College will present, "Harney Flats, a Multi-Component Lithic Potpourri Paleo-Indian Extravaganza."

Harney Flats was excavated as part of the I-75 by-pass project. This multi-component site contained Middle Archaic to Clovis cultural artifacts, with the most common artifact being the uniface scraper, and the most common point, the Suwannee point. Exotic stone types, metamorphic and igneous rock, from the Appalachians were also found.

Curtis will describe the 100 sq. meter excavation areas worked with the large crew of University of South Florida art students, and their unique discoveries.

Join us on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., at the Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue, Miami.

You may contact ASSF President, Barbara Tansey, at telephone number (305) 633-9636 for directions, or schedule information.

Hope to see you there!



**The Executive Board extends a sincere "Thank you" to Darrell Cunningham and George Cummings for providing refreshments at the last board meeting.**

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

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#### **Speakers 2003**

- Nov. 13      **Bob Carr** will bring person who uses scanner on topography confirmed
- Dec. 11?     **Holiday Dinner** – location to be announced

#### **Speakers 2004**

- Jan. 8        **Dr. Bradley Bennett** FIU confirmed 305.348.3586
- Feb. 12      **Dr. Traci Ardren**, Asst. Prof. of Anthropology, U/M confirmed  
Domestic Rituals of the Maya Trading Center of Chunchucmil, Yucatan

If you have an idea for a speaker, or someone you'd like to recommend, please contact Beth Read at [W4YIH@earthlink.net](mailto:W4YIH@earthlink.net) or Pat Cervi at [pcerv@msn.com](mailto:pcerv@msn.com).

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### **Lost Cities of the Amazon Revealed**

Archaeologists, Michael Heckenberger of the Univ. of Florida and his colleagues, discovered a grid of villages and managed parks reported the journal Science in Sept. Found in the Upper Xingu region of the southern Amazon in central Brazil were the remains of urban communities which required relatively sophisticated ability. The population appeared to have numbered in the thousands. These newly discovered traces of carefully engineered ancient roads, bridges, and plazas in Brazil's tropical forest demonstrate how the people who dwelled there dramatically changed their local landscape. This may help dispel the impression of an "untouched" Amazon before the Europeans' arrival. This environment was long thought to be too hostile for large scale human settlement and the soil too poor to support agriculture for a significant size population.

#### **Upcoming Event**

The 20th Annual Miami Book Fair International will be held Nov. 2 - 9 at the Wolfson Campus. ASSF will have a display at the Street Fair, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please circle the dates and plan to spend a few hours promoting and heightening awareness of archaeology.

## **News From the Desk Of...**

### **Bob Carr**

"The Miami Circle: A Sense of Place" will be presented by the AIA South FL, Inc., at the Main Library in Broward County at 100 S. Andrews Avenue on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., in the main auditorium. Bob will present the facts about the 2,000 yr. old Tequesta landmark, and how its discovery changed the public face of preservation in Miami.

### **Gary Beiter**

Work is continuing on the publication of the findings from the Greynolds Park and Snapper Creek sites. Systematic surveys of different county properties for new sites and better evaluation of known site will begin later this autumn.

## **Archaeologist Rush to Survey Historic Sites**

Excerpted from the Sun Sentinel, Aug. 9, 2003, by Tal Abbady

In September, an updated map of all sites where early Floridians lived, ate, slept, fought battles and died was made available to the public.

About 165 archaeological sites were counted a decade ago when scholars last took stock of Palm Beach County's rich antiquity. They included Depression-era ranches, ancient Indian mounds and 19<sup>th</sup>-century battlegrounds. Some were in backyards, under roadways or in the path of condominium developments.

In Florida, no law protects those sites from destruction. Now, about half are gone or damaged.

County officials hired Bob Carr, Director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, to lead the archaeological survey and remapping project. The state and county are paying \$50,000. Bob and his team of archaeologists began their work in December and have submitted the map to the county in September.

There are more than 20,000 recorded archaeological sites in Florida, according to Bob. Most date from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, but some are relics of the state's Indian communities from thousands of years ago.

The old site map has been computerized and made available to the public and educators. With the use of a global positioning system that allows scholars to pinpoint the exact location of a site.

Carr's list of the county's 10 most significant sites include Riverbend Park in Jupiter, where U.S. soldiers fought Seminole Indians in the Battle of Loxahatchee in 1838; Big Mound city near Lake Okeechobee, a prehistoric earthwork; and an Indian burial mound as tall as a two-story house on the grounds of Boca Marina, a gated waterfront community.

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**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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