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AUDUBON HOUSE: RECREATION OF HISTORICAL REPRESENTATION FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION OF SITE

When you visited Key West did you see the Audubon House? Monica Faraldo, instructor, researcher, and author from the University of Miami's Department of Anthropology will present a preliminary report from the on-going archaeological excavation of this site. With her Powerpoint presentation she will also display some items from the Audubon excavation site.

Formerly the house of Captain John Geiger, the home was built by ships' carpenters in the early 19th century and furnished with salvaged goods from reef-wrecked ships. Neglected during the 20th century, the current owners Colonel Mitchell Wolfson and his wife created a foundation and hope to preserve the Audubon home as a museum, recapturing the original decor and cultural details.

Their foundation seeks to recapture the original decorum, style, and cultural details. I present data from an archaeological excavation of May 2003. The items recovered represent the style of dishes, types of cookware, glassware, and various types of domestic goods circa 1870 to 1920.

Please mark your calendars to hear Monica Faraldo speak next Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. Location: Atlantic Radio and Telephone office bldg, 2495 N.W. 35th Ave. Please contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 if directions are needed. Hope to see you there.

ATTENTION: ASSF's May 13th meeting will be held at the Main Library in downtown in Miami; the Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 pm, Sam Boldrick, Manager of the Florida Collection at the Main Library downtown, will conduct a tour for ASSF members. Guests are welcome. Contact Barbara Tansey, ASSF president, at 305.633.9636 for more information.



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SUCCESSFUL ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR

Our annual Archaeology Fair was held March 28th at the Deering Estate and had a variety of offerings for the visitors. "Archaeology in Public Areas" was the heading under which speakers Gary Beiter, Miami-Dade County archaeologist, Dr. Tracy Ardren, Anthropology Professor, Univ. of Miami, Bob Carr, President, Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, Brenda Lanzendorf, Archaeologist, Biscayne Bay National Park, Jorge Zamanillo, Historical Museum of South Florida, and John Ricisak, archaeologist, all gave lectures.

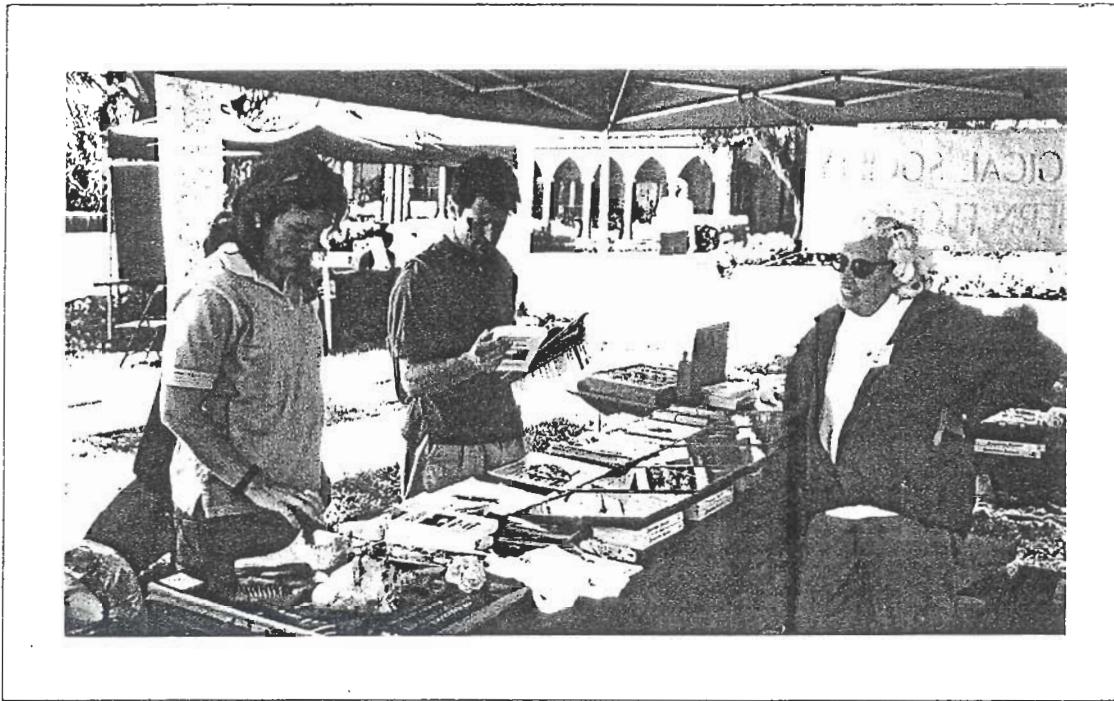
Special tours were given by Deering Estate naturalist of the Tequesta Burial Mound where approximately fifteen Tequesta are buried. Gary Beiter conducted the tours of the Deering Estate Midden where the excavated artifacts include shell tools, conch celts, pottery, shark vertebrae, otolith, and possible Spanish artifacts. There was also a model archaeology dig, and solar viewing.

Exhibitors included ASSF, Biscayne National Park, Monkey Jungle, Arch Creek/Greynolds Park, New World Charters, Southern Cross Astronomical Society, and the Dept. of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Archaeological Research.

ASSF volunteers included Gary Beiter, Pat Cervi, Bob Carr, Brian Conesa, George Cummings, Mary Ellen Gray, Rick Jacobson, Curtis McKinney, Beth Read, Barbara Tansey, and Lisa Weier, who helped to explain the displays, and answered questions for the interested visitors. Jim Lord Jr. hosted a special display along with Joanne Lord and daughter Tammy. The combined efforts of ASSF members, family and friends produced a memorable event. A special "Thank You," to all those in attendance.



Albert demonstrating the fine art of flint knapping to interested visitors at the fair.



Beth Read answering questions and handing out information at the Fair.

2004 FAS Annual Conference will be hosted by the Broward County Archaeological Society this year, from May 14-16. This event will be held at the Sheraton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1825 Griffin Rd. Send in your registration form if you plan to attend, or contact them via email at <http://web.usf.edu/~fas/annual.html>

2004 ASSF Speakers Schedule

- April 8 Annual Elections, and speaker Monica Faraldo, Key West Project
- May 13 Sam Boldrick - Florida Collection at the Miami Public Library downtown
- June 10 John Beriault, Yucatan
- Sept. 9 Jim Clupper – Smithsonian pictures of FL artifacts/or Prehistoric Tool Making
- Oct. 14 Rick Ferrer - tentative
- Nov. 11 Bob Carr or Gary Beiter update
- Dec. 9 or 10 Holiday Dinner – Seth Lefkow

If you have an idea for a speaker, or someone you'd like to recommend, please contact Beth Read at W4YIH@earthlink.net or Pat Cervi at pcervi@msn.com.

Fort Drum Crystal Mine, in Okeechobee, hosts a weekend "Rock Swap and Fossil Fair," April 24-25. \$5 general admission, \$15 admission for mineral and shell club members – limit 1 5-gallon bucket and 1 specimen to enter the mine. You may collect rare calcite crystals and shells, and vertebrate and invertebrate fossils. BBQ and entertainment provided. Contact Eddie Rucks at 863-634-4579; www.ThefossilGeode.com

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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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