



# The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida



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## GOLD COAST RAILROAD MUSEUM VENUE FOR SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING

If you have never visited the Gold Coast Railroad Museum you are in for a treat. On Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will meet in the GCRR Museum at 12450 SW 152 Street, on the grounds of Metro Zoo. Jim Clupper, Branch Manager, Monroe County Branch Library, Islamorada, will be our guest speaker. Jim will talk to us about "Prehistoric Tools and Artifact Replication."

Mike Hall, Executive Director, GCRR Museum, has invited ASSF members and guests to come early and enjoy the Museum. Bring a picnic basket and relax. All the cars will be open and we are free to tour them on our own, or be amazed when Mike takes us on a personal tour of the many railroad engines and cars from our past on exhibit there.

The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. aboard the Atlantic Coast Line Lounge, located near the restrooms. The General Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the same car.

### ***IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, HERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION:***

From Miami take US-1 or the turnpike extension south to SW 152 Street. Turn right on SW 152 Street (west) and proceed a few blocks to Metro Zoo on the left. Enter Metro Zoo and follow the signs to the GCRR Museum on the right. From the south, take US-1 or the turnpike extension north to SW 152 Street. Turn left and proceed to Metro Zoo.

The GCRR Museum closes at 4:00 p.m., but Mike will be at the front door of the Museum Gift Shop to welcome us.

The Metro Zoo gate closes at 7:30 p.m. If you are not on the grounds of Metro Zoo before 7:30 p.m. you cannot get in. When our meeting is over, Mike will call Metro Zoo Security to open the gate and we will all leave together by 9:00 p.m. There is no charge for this service; however, to keep the gate open from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. costs \$50.00. If any member would like to donate that amount, the gate will stay open. ☺



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ASSF Member Bill Lyons teaching a local Boy Scout Troop the fundamentals of archaeology. The group sifted through a disturbed spoil pile from the Bamboo site, now located at the Everglades Outpost. Here the troops are inspecting reproduction tools Bill provided. Gary Beiter and Brian Conesa also facilitated.

#### 2004 ASSF Speakers Schedule

- Oct. 14 Rick Ferrer
- Nov. 11 Bob Carr or Gary Beiter - update
- Dec. 9 or 10 Holiday Dinner – Seth Lefkow,  
Coordinator

#### 2005 ASSF Speakers Schedule

- Jan. 13 Manuel Torres FIU Art History Prehistoric  
Chileans
- Feb. 9 Monica Faraldo Faunal material from Atocha and  
Santa Margarita
- March 10 Ray Stewart Fla Lighthouses
- April 14 Joan Gill Blank/Elections

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

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

Two more presentations in the series "**Meet the Mysterious Maya**" are scheduled for September:

Wednesday, September 15, 8:00 PM, "Play Ball!" ~ The ritual game of the Maya ~ Death and Divinity take the Court, with Beverley West.

Wednesday, September 22, 8:00 PM Who's Who in Maya Society ~ MBA: the Maya business of administration at Chichén Itzá, with Marta Barber.

Miami Museum of Science and Space Planetarium, 3280 S. Miami Ave. Public welcome, \$6 donation requested. See the Institute's website at [www.mayastudies.org](http://www.mayastudies.org) or call 305-235-1192.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Pioneer in Space and Time, John Mann Goggin and the Development of Florida Archaeology, by Brent Richards Weisman. (Gainesville: University Press of Florida 2002. xxi, 206 pp. Contents, list of illustrations, forward, acknowledgements, a note on sources, references cited, index. \$49.95, cloth).

In this small volume Brent Richards Weisman gives a biographical account of the first archaeologist to occupy a university chair of archaeology in Florida, John Mann Goggin, and a history of the development of archaeology in Florida. Weisman devotes more of his narrative to an excellent review of the latter while representing a word picture of the troubled life of Goggin. He also devotes a chapter to Goggin's scholastic legacy and how it set Florida archaeology on a firm basis much of which is still in use today. He presents twenty-three photographs appropriate to the text, but they lack the best definition as they are not reproduced on glossy paper. Anyone with a serious interest in Florida archaeology will find enjoyment and profit by reading this volume.

- William M. Straight, MD

Braindance: New Discoveries about Human Origins and Brain Evolution, Dean Falk, June 04. ISBN 0-8130-738-1

"You've probably never thought of paleoanthropology as a spectator sport, but the fights these bone-hunters get into rival anything you'll see inside a hockey ring. Falk's lucid and witty book provides an elegant theory, based on sound scientific thinking, and to her credit she prints her critics' views of her theory as well as her refutations." –

Bookpage

When first published in 1992, Braindance presented a revolutionary look at the origins of the human brain. Dean Falk, one of the most prominent American women paleoanthropologists, now brings the discussion into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In this revised edition with a new preface and updated information through 2003, she reexamines her groundbreaking research of how the human brain evolved and reveals how this process continues to impact our species.

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## **JIM CLUPPER, THE MAN BEHIND THE REPLICATIONS**

Jim Clupper, the Monroe County Public Library Islamorada Branch Manager, has always been an archaeology enthusiast and a collector. When he took the job at the library 17 years ago he was cognizant of the area's rich archaeological environment. Close to the library was John Goggin's early dig site. After the site on private property had been vandalized, Jim asked permission from the owner to screen an area with some volunteers. A find of a tiny shell bead, with a drilled center hole, awakened his curiosity for replication. Jim has been replicating prehistoric tools and artifacts. His presentations have been given at area schools and civic groups. Professionally, Jim participates in the Archaeology and Historical Conservancy. He is a board member of the Monroe County Historical Commission and is also on the Village of Islamorada History.

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## **EXPLORING MEXICO?**

Seth Lefkow is thinking of another trip to the ruins at Palenque, south of the Yucatan in Mexico. The trip will be six days with the tentative dates, October 8-15<sup>th</sup>. Fly into Merida, drive to Palenque, then to the ruins, and leave from Merida. Some of the members have gone on previous trips with Seth and actually survived. Expenses are kept to a minimum. For information, no obligation, call Seth at 305.868.2828, or speak with him directly at the upcoming ASSF meeting Sept.9th.

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## **Florida Frontier Gazette**

ASSF members are encouraged to subscribe to the Florida Frontier Gazette. This publication is asking for stories about Florida's cultural and environmental history, historical reenactments, historical characters and events, museum exhibits and special events. Digital photos and art are preferred saved in jpeg format. There is a section for Grandma's recipes and another for crafts – how the early settlers and Indians survived. Shelters, clothing, tools and transportation are just a few of the areas that will be explored. Individual memberships are \$12 a year. Email:

[tocobaga@verizon.net](mailto:tocobaga@verizon.net)

**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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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHECK ONE:**    New Member    Renewal

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Mail to: Barbara Tansey  
 2495 N.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Miami, FL 33142

**ASSF CODE OF ETHICS:**

- 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.
- 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, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,  
 at 12450 SW 152 Street

**SPEAKER: Jim Clupper**

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AHC NEWS

"Miami One Site Yields New Discoveries"

Excavations at the One Miami site, DA11, on the north bank of the Miami River have yielded major archaeological discoveries. Since the inception of excavations there by the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy in April, 2003, features and artifacts associated with the prehistoric village of Tequesta, Ft. Dallas, and the Royal Palm Hotel have been uncovered.

Most recently two prehistoric dog burials have uncovered. Dog burials are rarely reported in South Florida, and these will be analyzed by zooarchaeologist Irv Quitmyer of the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

Numerous cut holes, both round and square, have been documented in the bedrock on the eastern part of the site; many of the holes being similar to those found at Brickell Point and the Miami Circle.

On August 21 and 28, members of the Archaeological Society of South Florida provided volunteer help at the site and their efforts resulted in the discovery of a glass bead, a Deptford pottery sherd, and hundreds of other artifacts. Also discovered during their work days were remnants of charred wooden posts on the ancient shoreline of Biscayne Bay.

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