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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES OF THE GREEK MAINLAND AND THE PELOPONNESE

For many years, Professor Mario Ferrante has been studying, writing and lecturing on the cultural, anthropological and archeological life styles, as well as the art and architecture of ancient, modern and primitive societies. Mario Ferrante has over 18 years experience as a Science Museums Curator of Natural History and Archaeological artifacts. His lecturing experience includes teaching at Nova University, Florida International University and Miami Dade College. Born in Vienna, Austria, he speaks fluent English, Spanish, German and Italian languages. He is a cultural historian, an explorer, world traveler and an expert photographer.

The ancient Greeks gave us democracy, politics, science, philosophy, literature, art and architecture and taught us how to reason and think; and 2500 years after they continue to shape our world.

Join Professor Ferrante in this interesting journey to the Greek Mainland and the Peloponnesian Peninsula, which are a treasure trove of Megalithic, Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian archaeological excavation sites. This informative slide presentation will highlight the ancient cities of Athens, Mycenae, Tirinc, Delphi, Corinth, Olympia, Epidaurus and Sparta it also will include the medieval cities of Mythra, and Nauplion and Monanpassia as well as the spectacular landscapes of Meteora and its fascinating Byzantine Monasteries.

Please mark you calendars to hear Mario speak on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Location address: Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue. Contact Barbara Tansey at (305) 633-9636 for directions.



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The photos on this page were taken at the site of the Royal Palm Hotel, off of Brickell Avenue in Downtown Miami.

Headed by Bob Carr, this excavation will be proceeding for a limited time.

Pictured above are various ASSF members and friends who spent the morning sifting and screening for artifacts.

Below George and Barbara water screen. Barbara found the only bead to date; a small white bead that appears to be quite old, perhaps from the 1500's.



**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@bellsouth.net or Pat Cervi at pcervi@msn.com

### **Miami International Book Fair**

Come and experience some of the wonderful, exciting, literary events at the annual Miami International Book Fair, Nov. 12-14 and volunteer a couple of hours at the ASSF display sharing your knowledge. We really do need your participation, so mark your calendars, or Palm Pilots and plan on being there. Address: Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, 300 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

### **MARK YOUR 2005 CALENDARS FOR THE DEERING ESTATE**

On Thursday, **January 13, 2005**, our meeting will be at the Deering Estate in Cutler. Manny Torres, from FIU, will present his program on the art of prehistoric Chilean native people. Our Board Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. and the General Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend. Directions will be given in the Nov. newsletter.

### **ASSF HOLIDAY PARTY 2004**

**Ho, ho, ho!** It's off with the old and on with the new. What's old? - Steak and Ale. What's new? - A Holiday Party. Where? Beth and Gordon Read have graciously offered their home on Key Biscayne for the Society's annual Holiday Party.

Mark your holiday calendar for Friday, December 10. Ten dollars per person will provide a turkey, plus beer, wine, and soft drinks. Fill in the cracks: bring your favorite salad, casserole, vegetable dish or yummy dessert.

In upcoming Newsletter look for more details: time, location, and how to reserve your spot. **Ho, ho, ho!**

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#### **Confirmed Speakers Calendar 2004**

Oct. 14	<b>Mario Ferranti – Greece</b>
Nov. 11	Bob Carr - Update
Dec. 10 Fri.	Holiday Dinner – at the home of longtime ASSF members Beth and Gordon Read on Key Biscayne

#### **Confirmed Speakers for 2005**

Jan. 13	Manuel Torres - FIU Art History Prehistoric Chileans at the Deering Estate
Feb. 9	Monica Faraldo - Faunal Material from Atocha and Santa Margarita OR Early Hominids S. Africa
March 10	Ray Stewart - Florida Lighthouses
April 14	Joan Gill Blank/Elections (subj. to be decided later)
May 12	OPEN
June 9	Rick Ferrer - South Dade
Sept. 8	Joanna Lombard, - Prof. U/M School of Architecture Historic Landscapes of Florida
Oct. 13	Jim Clupper - Smithsonian Experience
Nov. 10	Bob Carr /Gary Beiter - Update for 2005
Dec. 9 Fri.	<b>Holiday Dinner</b>

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#### **Last 2 presentations in the series "Meet the Mysterious Maya:**

**Wednesday, October 20, 8:00 PM**

"Ek Balam: a New Maya Treasure " ~ The City of the Jaguar boasts unrivaled friezes and a gate that is the mouth of the Underworld. With Scott Allen and Larry Marks

**Wednesday, October 27, 8:00 PM**

"Days and Dynasties: the Maya Calendar and Writing Systems"~ 2012: is the end near? Keeping track of time and history, with Joaquin Rodriguez

Miami Museum of Science and Space Planetarium, 3280 S. Miami Ave.

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

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHECK ONE:**    Individual (\$20)    Family (\$25)

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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.

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

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**FIRST CLASS**



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**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at  
12450 SW 152 Street

**SPEAKER:** Mario Ferrante, Greece

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## Hurricane Historic Resource Assessment Reveals Major Damage

A post-hurricane assessment of historic resources and two museums on the Treasure Coast was conducted by the AHC throughout coastal Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties. Damage was found to be moderate to extensive, with parts of some archaeological sites washed away by pounding surf and storm surge. Other sites have been damaged by tree falls that have uprooted large areas of soil uncovering and damaging parts of the site.

Six sites were visited, two in each county. An assessment was done of two Palm Beach County sites: Dubois Mound and the Jupiter Lighthouse. The Dubois Park site revealed damage from tree falls, but a potential threat from any use of heavy equipment to conduct clean-up on the mound there. The site at the Jupiter lighthouse revealed no significant damage.

Two sites in St. Lucie County at Fort Pierce revealed moderate damage from tree falls, but the real threat of damage is from unsupervised mechanical clean-up of debris. Two historical museums were contacted or visited: The Loxahatchee Museum in Jupiter, which sustained significant damage to the building, and the St. Lucie County Historical Museum in Ft. Pierce, which sustained no damage.

Two sites visited on Hutchinson Island near Stuart revealed significant damage, where parts of a 1000 year old shell midden have been washed away by storm surge. Erosion and vandalism is a potential threat to both these sites. Although Hurricane Frances uncovered these sites, Hurricane Jeanne's second punch destroyed at least 1000 square feet of one site washing it out to sea.

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