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ASSF 2005 Kick-Off Meeting at the Deering Estate with Professor Manuel Torres

After the holidays are a pleasant memory, please join us on Thursday, January 13, 2005, 7:30 pm for our next society meeting, which will be held at the Deering Estate, 16701 S.W. 72 Avenue This month's topic will be **"Archaeology and Shamanism in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile."**

Professor Constantino Manuel Torres hails from the Art and Art History Department at Florida International University and has been working in the archaeological region of San Pedro de Atacama, located in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile. San Pedro de Atacama is composed of settlements within oases clustered together at the end of the San Pedro River. One unique aspect of this presentation is the frequent presence of implements related to shamanism and the use of visionary plants.

Dr. Torres earned his Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico, and his primary interests lie in the art and archaeology of pschoactive plant use in the Central Andes. He is an internationally published author and has recently written, Anadenanthera: Visionary Plant of South America, to be published this summer.

The Board meets at 6:30 p.m. and the General Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, which is adjacent to the parking lot. Please plan to attend.

Directions: From the north, take I-95 south to US-1. Continue on US-1 south to S.W. 168 St.; turn left (east) to the Deering Estate, which is approximately one block east of Old Cutler Rd. From the south, take US-1 north to S.W. 168 St. turn right (east) to the Deering Estate. OR from the north and south, use Old Cutler Rd. to S.W. 168 St. and head east. The spacious parking lot is next to the visitor's center and auditorium.

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Thank You for Success with a Capital "S"

What a wonderful holiday party graciously hosted by Beth and Gordon Read at their Key Biscayne home. With the organizational planning of Pat Cervi and the Reads, and the delicious buffet contributions of the members, the relaxed atmosphere was so conducive to socializing that the stated "end" time for the event slipped by unnoticed. A most sincere "Thank You" to Beth, Gordon and Pat for their time and effort.



Above, ASSF Member **Mary Ellen Gray** reveals her surprise at receiving the highly coveted Trowel Award, presented by President Barbara Tansey to one lucky member every year.

ASSF monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Usual location (unless otherwise noted in monthly newsletter): Atlantic Radio & Telephone, 2495 NW 35th 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

Pioneer Museum is Open for Spring

The Florida Pioneer Museum is located on Krome Avenue in Florida City, and is currently open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pioneer Museum 2005 Lecture Series

The lectures will be presented at the Old Town Hall Museum, 41 N. Krome Avenue, in Homestead. The lectures are free, open to the public and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

January 12 "Shipwrecks in Biscayne National Park" Brenda Lanzendorf, archaeologist at Biscayne National Park, will talk about existing maritime artifacts in the park.

February 9 "The Deering Estate at Cutler" Annette Fromm Ph.D., folklorist and manager of the Deering Estate, will speak this year of the history with the arrival of Charles Deering.

A Melancholy Farewell

Gary Beiter has tendered his resignation as Dade County Archaeologist effective this January. Gary has been a supporter of ASSF, keeping the best interests of the organization in mind, and a good friend. He will be missed. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors and hope to continue working with him in the future.

Mark Your Calendars on March 6th for the ASSF Archaeology Fair

This year's archaeology fair at the Deering Estate will be held March 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. We will need to be setup by 9:00 a.m., and will need your help during the day. This year's theme will be "Archaeology and Preservation".

Help!!! Volunteers Needed

In December, while some searched for holiday gifts, the members of ASSF searched for artifacts.

Members Brian Conesa, Bill Lyons, and Jim South wet screened piles at the Rinker Cement plant near the open lake area. Rinker had salvaged the matrix earlier from the Panther sites. Screening resumes at 10:00 a.m. on January 9th, and will continue on for subsequent Sundays for a few months. Following protocol, members are screening piles of dirt and recording their finds. Please make plans to become involved in this project.

Directions: Going north on Krome Ave. proceed 1 mile north of Kendall drive to the west road marked with the Conrad Yelvington sign. Go to the guard gate, state your name which should be on the list. Continue past the guard gate and turn left, driving about 1 mi. to the piles located by the lake.

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

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PHONE (W) _____ (H) _____

Mail to: Stacy Hopper
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Titusville, Florida 32780

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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 _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

- CHECK ONE:** New Member Renewal
CHECK ONE: Individual (\$20) Family (\$25)

Mail to: Barbara Tansey
2495 N.W. 35th Ave.
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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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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 13th, 7:30 pm, at the John Deering Estate, off of Old Cutler Road

SPEAKER: Manuel Torres

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