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Faunal Remains from La Nuestra Senora de Atocha and Santa Margarita

Two 17th century Spanish galleons met their fates with a hurricane September 5th, 1622, after leaving Havana, Cuba the previous day. The ships, all of their cargo, and members were lost at sea, except for three crewmen and two black slaves. These ships were stocked with enough food and goods to insure a safe and successful arrival of their valuable cargo to Spain. The valuable cargo consisted of gold, silver, and precious gems from the New World. It took 363 yrs. and a treasure hunter, Mel Fisher, to discover the cargo worth millions of dollars. Together with this precious cargo, other remains were also recovered. There were no human remains as they were washed overboard, but the remains of live, butchered, and preserved animals. The analysis of the faunal remains documenting diet, and perhaps lifestyles, aboard these vessels as they returned to Spain from the Americas is what Monica Faraldo MA will present on Thursday, February 10th at 7:30p.m. This is one of the most extraordinary collections from sunken ships of this time period as faunal remains very rarely preserve so well.

About the Presenter: Monica Faraldo M.A. is a lecturer for the University of Miami Anthropology Department. She teaches Principles of Physical Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology I, Human Osteology, Forensic Anthropology II: Field Work, Past Lives: Past to Present, Summer Scholar Program: Forensic Investigation field school, and Audubon House Archaeological Field School. In addition to her course lectures, she continues her research in Paleoanthropology and Paleoarchaeology by analyzing fossil skeletal remains of humankind's earlier ancestors.

Current research projects are analysis of the faunal remains from two 17th century Spanish Galleons, Historical Archaeology of material remains excavated from the Audubon House, and analysis of skeletal remains in the University of Miami and Museum of Science collections. She enjoys the challenge of solving human mysteries and enlists the talents of Bioarchaeological and zooarchaeological specialists. Ms. Faraldo is known by many to be happiest (most calcified) when analyzing a cache of bones donated by bone collectors.

Please mark you calendars to hear Bob speak on Thursday, February 10th, 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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Mark Your Calendars for the

57th Annual FAS Meeting in Gainesville

The October newsletter included the registration forms for the FAS 2005 Annual Meeting in Gainesville, hosted by the Florida Museum of Natural History. The meeting will be concurrent with the Florida Archaeological Council's Silver Anniversary and is scheduled for **May 13-15, 2005** with some events at the Florida Museum and others at the Hilton University of Florida & Conference Center, 1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607. The Hilton is holding a block of rooms for participants until April 13, 2005.

Reservations may be made toll free at (800) 445-8667, by calling the hotel directly at (352) 371-3600, or online at www.hilton.com. Mention that you are with the Florida Anthropological Society and request the block rate of \$99.00 per night. For any other inquiries concerning the hotel, call (352) 371-3600. The Call for Papers and Registration forms can be found on the FAS web site at <http://www.fasweb.org>.

Please note that all FAS 2005 abstracts are due February 10, 2005 and the conference registration fee (\$40) must be received on or before February 10th to be accepted. For those who have submitted electronic abstracts, please note that your registration fee is due ASAP.

New Butterfly Rainforest Exhibit

The Museum's Butterfly Rainforest is a 6400-square-foot enclosure with hundreds of live native and exotic butterflies representing more than 55 species. A winding path takes you through the lush garden, which includes waterfalls and subtropical and tropical plants and trees. You enter the Rainforest through the Museum's butterfly exhibit gallery, which showcases a "Wall of Wings" over 200 feet long and three stories high displaying thousands of butterfly and moth specimens. This phenomenal presentation exemplifies the research and collections mission of the Museum's new McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, the world's largest research facility devoted to Lepidoptera (for more information see <http://flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflies/>). We hope to have the Butterfly Rainforest exhibit open during the Friday evening FAC 25th Silver Anniversary reception and celebration and are trying to arrange a special viewing for those who would be interested in attending the exhibit with a special group rate.

For further information about the **FAS 2005 meetings** contact: ruhl@flmnh.ufl.edu or mitchell@marion.k12.fl.us.

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 2005 Lecture Series

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. 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.

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.

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

Members Brian Conesa, Bill Lyons, and Jim South wet screened piles near the Rinker Cement plant near the open lake area. Rinker had salvaged the matrix earlier from the Panther sites. Sunday screening begins at 10:00 a.m. and will continue on 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

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INDIVIDUAL, \$25 FAMILY, \$30 INSTITUTIONAL, \$25
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I have read and will abide by the Objectives and Code of Ethics of ASSF listed below, and I wish to apply for membership.

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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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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 10th, 7:30 pm, at Atlantic Radio and Telephone, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue

SPEAKER: Monica Faraldo

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AHC NEWS LETTER

Post- Hurricane Assessment

The wrath of four hurricanes striking Florida in 2004 left major impacts on Florida's coastal sites, particularly on the Indian River and Hutchinson Island on the Treasure Coast. The AHC and SEFAS partnered to inventory and assess sites uncovered along the beaches, some that had been hidden beneath 20 foot dunes. At Chastain Beach prehistoric human graves were found with fiber tempered pottery. In cooperation with the Martin County Parks Department and Florida's Bureau of Archaeological Research, the exposed site was covered over by fill.

Other hurricane damaged sites included old Fort Park in Fort Pierce, where heavy equipment clearing the park was monitored by archaeologists from AHC to prevent damage to sites located in the park.

Jordans Landing

A prehistoric site being developed for homes on Douglas Road north of Miami Gardens Drive needs your help! The site's midden soil has been pushed into large piles, and we are asking for volunteers to assist in screening. Weekdays are fine and we plan to set up a weekend soon for a massive sifting party. Please call Joe Mankowski (954-792-9776) for details.

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