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Silent Sentinels

Do you realize how many shipwrecks could have been avoided using adequate lighthouses? Florida's lighthouses are a treasure trove of fascinating history. Lighthouse preservation is an important endeavor in Florida, not only for the sake of history or heritage education, but also because Florida has more small boats registered than any other state.

Join us for an informative presentation by Ray Stewart as he delivers a short history of lighthouses, inside and out. He will also share knowledge of Florida's emerging railroad competition and maritime trade.

Ray Stewart, formerly with the U.S. Coast Guard, is a member of both the Florida Lighthouse Association and the Florida Reef Foundation. He has lectured for several years to school audiences and many maritime organizations.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this presentation to hear Ray Stewart speak on Thursday, March 10th, 7:30p.m., at the Atlantic Radio & Telephone office building.

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Contact Barbara Tansey at 305.633.9636
for more information and directions

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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

HISTORYFEST

Exhibitors wanted for March 19, 2005, Greater North Miami Historical Society's 1st Annual History Fest.

On Saturday, March 19th, the Greater North Miami Historical Society will sponsor their first HISTORYFEST, to be held at the Adult Center just west of the Jaycees Hall on West Dixie Highway at Griffing Blvd. (at 122nd St.) in North Miami. This

Wonderful event will feature two bus tours of historic sites in North Miami and will showcase individual Exhibitors and historical organizations from throughout Dade and Broward Counties.

The event opens at 10:00 AM and continues until 4:00 PM. For more information call (305) 891-7811.

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. 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.

The Institute of Maya Studies - March 2005

General meeting: Wednesday, 3/16, 8:00 PM

Mound Builders of the Eastern United States, emphasizing the Mississippian culture, with Joaquin Rodriguez

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

Public welcome, six dollar donation requested, For more info call 305-235-1192.

Art, Archaeology & Travel: Wednesday, 3/23, 8:00 PM

The Maya Textile Tradition: Past and Present, with Margot Schevill, author and textile curatorial consultant, Berkeley, California. Join the Tribal Arts Society for this program at the Lowe Art Museum, 1301 Stanford Drive, University of Miami campus. For more info, call 305-284-3603.

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 _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____

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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)

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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, March 10th, 7:30 pm, at Atlantic Radio and Telephone, 2495 N.W. 35th Avenue

SPEAKER: Ray Stewart

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From the desk of Robert S. Carr, Executive Director

The AHC archaeological team has uncovered postholes of a concentric circular structure on the MDM parcel in downtown Miami. The circular footprints of what may be a Tequesta house was found on the ancient shore of Biscayne Bay in the shadow of some of Miami's tallest high rise buildings.

The outer circular feature measures 36 feet and the inner circle is about 30 feet. Over 100 cut holes characterize the feature. An opening at the circle's north end suggests a doorway.

The feature will be preserved by having a stone mason cut the feature into blocks to be placed within the proposed plaza for the new MDM buildings.

It is hypothesizing that the circle feature may be 2000 years old.

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