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## Underwater “Heritage Trail” off Miami

Biscayne National Park contains spectacular underwater scenery, but not all of it is natural. At least fifty shipwrecks from fifty to three hundred years old rest in park waters. The park also has dozens of other underwater archaeological sites.

Brenda Lanzendorf, archaeologist and Cultural Resources Manager at Biscayne National Park, will talk about the shipwreck trail which includes, “some pretty awesome wrecks, Spanish gold fleets and British warships from the 18th century, and 20th century freighters.” \*

The park has produced pamphlets and booklets about the sites for visitors. To produce these, teams of volunteers dove the sites armed with sophisticated gear to precisely measure and record the position of ship fragments. According to Lanzendorf, “It’s literally like drawing an underwater blueprint. However, of the 180,000 acre park less than 20% is fully surveyed.”

Come learn about one of the richest collections of shipwrecks in the country. Join us at our next meeting on January 11th, 7:00p.m. at the Deering Estate Auditorium, located at 16701 S.W. 72nd Ave., Miami. The ASSF board will meet at 6:30p.m. For directions call Barbara Tansey at 786.457.0918.

\*source-Miami Herald “Underwater trail highlights shipwrecks off Miami” by Curtis Morgan, 7/10/05.

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## ASSF 2007 SCHEDULE of SPEAKERS

February 8	Bob Carr -2006-07 Update
March 8	Ray Stewart – The Birth of Archaeology
April 12	Claude Alix – The Lost Colonies of the Americas
May 10	Joan Gill Blank – James Deering and Cape Florida
June 14	Dr. Anne Stewart – Native Americans of Alaska
July/August	no meeting
September 13	OPEN
October 11	Mario Ferrante – The History of Mexico – From Cortez to Maximillian
November 8	Annette Fromm – Charles Deering Art Collector
December	no meeting

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### Check It Out [www.archaeology.org](http://www.archaeology.org)

An informative, up-to-date website with a variety of categories: Journals, Interviews, Reviews and Shows, Annual Fieldwork Opportunities, Travel and Tourism, Publishing and Multimedia, Latest News- Archaeology headlines updated every weekday, Interactive Digs-Follow online as ancient civilizations are unearthed. Get full access to frequently updated field notes and journals. Archaeology Bazaar-featuring exclusive merchandise.

The **Institute of Maya Studies** meetings take place on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM at the Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium, 3280 South Miami Avenue, across from Viscaya in Miami. Public welcome, six dollar donation requested of nonmembers.

General Meeting, January 17 ~ Dr. Lauren Raz presents Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu  
Art & Archaeology, January 24 ~ Comparative Ancient Architecture with Joaquin Rodriguez, Part I  
Materials & Methods

General Meeting, February 21 ~ Dr. Larry Peterson of the Rosenstiel School at the University of Miami will discuss the effects on Maya culture of climatic changes in the Classic Maya period.  
Art & Archaeology, February 28 ~ Comparative Ancient Architecture with Joaquin Rodriguez, Part II  
Show and Tell

### Holiday Party a Hit!

Scrumptious food, enjoyable company, and a cordial setting equal a successful event. A most

sincere “Thank You,” to the gracious hosts, Beth and Gordon Read, to Pat Cervi and all involved with the planning for their efforts, and to the members for their delicious buffet contributions.

This year’s distinguished recipient of the 2006 A.S.S.F. Golden Trowel award is Dr. William Straight. Dr. Straight has long been a supporter of our organization. Barbara Tansey, President, presented the award at the December 9th holiday party.

Photos here...

### **Annual Dues Reminder**

It’s the beginning of a new year – and time to renew your annual A.S.S.F. membership. For your convenience, bring your payment to our next meeting, or mail a check to Barbara Tansey, fee amounts and address on the pg. 4 of newsletter.

#### **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:**

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**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 11, 2007

**Location:** The Deering Estate, Auditorium

**SPEAKER:** Brenda Lanzendorf

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