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Finding Bimini: The Florida Caribbean Connection

Juan Ponce de Leon, Spanish explorer and soldier was the first European to set foot in Florida. He also established the oldest European settlement in Puerto Rico and discovered the Gulf Stream. Ponce de Leon was searching for the legendary fountain of youth and other riches. He was given the right by King Ferdinand to find and take the island of Bimini in the Bahamas.

When Ponce de Leon discovered Florida he may have been on a secret mission to discover a healing spring that guaranteed immortality. This presentation will delve into Ponce de Leon's discovery voyage and its relation to prehistoric Caribbean-Florida migrations. The possible routes of ancient travel between Florida, Cuba, and the Bahamas will be discussed.

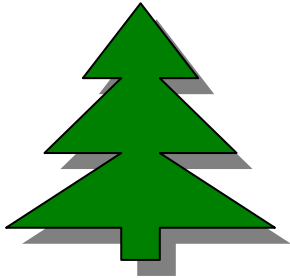
Currently the Executive Director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, Inc., Bob Carr's career spans over thirty years. As Dade County's first archaeologist, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Historical Sites Preservation Ordinance. A prolific writer, from trade periodicals to technical reports, Bob will update us on his recent work.

Join us for what is sure to be an intriguing and informative presentation on Thursday, November 12th, 7:00p.m. at the Deering Estate, 16701 S.W. 72nd Ave., Miami. The ASSF Board will meet at 6:30p.m. For directions contact Dr. Curtis McKinney at 305.237.1689. Hope to see you there.

MEMORY ASSISTANCE NEEDED: We are trying to make a list of the past Golden Trowel Award recipients. Please let us know at the Nov. 12th meeting what years and recipients you remember, or email meg007@bellsouth.net with this information.

Planning Ahead The FAS annual meeting hosted by SWFAS, Southwest Florida Archaeological Society will take place May 7-9, 2010 in Ft. Myers. Further info will be presented in future newsletters as well as on the FAS website www.fasweb.org.

Happy Holidays!
Mark Your Calendar
For The Annual
ASSF Holiday Party



BY RESERVATION ONLY, PLEASE

WHERE: The Read Home, 784 Glenridge Road, Key Biscayne.

WHEN: Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

WANTED: Suggestions to make this gathering easier and less work for the Reads.

DIRECTIONS: From the north, take I-95 south to Exit 1. Follow the signs to Key Biscayne. From the south, take US-1 north. Stay in the right lane on US-1. Follow the signs to Key Biscayne. Take Crandon Boulevard past the Shopping Center to Mashta Drive. At the blinking traffic light turn right (west) on Mashta Drive. Go around the small traffic circle to Glenridge. Turn right (north) on Glenridge to #784, the second house on the left. Park in the yard or in the street.

COST: \$10/person provides beer, wine, soft drinks and a turkey, with fixings.

DRESS: Casual (The house is small; you might have to sit on the floor!)

RSVP: Call Pat Cervi at 305.667.4449 or email her at cervip@bellsouth.net.

Bring a salad, a casserole, veggies or a dessert.

PAYMENT: Pay Brian at the Nov. meeting or send your check, payable to the Arch. Society of Southern Florida, to Treasurer Brian Conesa, 22425 S.W. 162 Ave., Miami, FL 33170. When Brian receives your check, your name will be put on the reservation list. Only ASSF members and significant others please.

ASSF Speaker Schedule

- December- Holiday Party
- January 14- Michele Williams FPAN
- February 11- Manuel Torres
- March 8- Claude Alix

Ochlockonee River State Park Third Annual Stone Age and Primitive Arts Festival

When: Friday, February 12th to Sunday, February 14th 2010 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

**Where: Ochlockonee River State Park 4 miles southwest of Sopchoppy
off US Highway 319**

429 State Park Road, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358

Admission: \$4.00 per vehicle

See how early man lived and worked. Participate in demonstrations of flint knapping, the art of projectile point fashioning, along with deer hide tanning, bone, wood and antler carving. Observe Old and New world bow and arrow construction, basket weaving, and early pottery. Atlatl throwing and primitive bow and arrow competitions are scheduled. An auction will be held on Saturday to auction off donated art work.

For more information contact: Linda Trice, Park Service Specialist at 850.962.2772 or Linda.trice@dep.state.fl.us

The Institute of Maya Studies has members and interested visitors in both Miami-Dade and Broward counties. All presentations take place at 8:00 P.M. n Wednesday evenings at the Miami Science Museum, 3280 S. Miami Avenue, across from Viscaya. The meetings are open to the public. A donation of \$6 is asked of nonmembers. Learn more at www.instituteofmayastudies.org.

November 11 ~ Rick Slazyk discusses Architecture of the Rio Bec

November 18 ~ Marta Barber with Calakmul: The Power of the Serpent Head

The Institute of Maya Studies holds no public meetings in December.

HELP NEEDED

Who: You, especially if you have not recently participated

What: Wash/screen/sort artifacts from the dirt piles or sort and organize books for the book sale

When: Saturday mornings- early afternoon

Where: Next to Everglades Outpost, 35601 S.W. 192 Ave., Homestead, FL

Why: To show your support for our organization

How: Drive over, use your hands, talent and time for the benefit of A.S.S.F.

Florida Anthropological Society
FAS membership application/renewal form

YES, I want to join **FAS**. I enclose \$ _____
 STUDENT, \$15 REGULAR, \$30 FAMILY, \$35
 INSTITUTIONAL, \$30 SUSTAINING, \$40
 PATRON, \$100 LIFE, \$500 BENEFACTOR, \$2,500

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (w) _____ (h) _____

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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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

CHECK ONE: New Member Renewal

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

Mail to: Barbara Tansey
35601 SW 192 Ave.
Homestead, FL 33034

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.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 12, 2009

LOCATION: The Deering Estate, Auditorium

SPEAKER: Bob Carr

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