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The Cultural and Archaeological Treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily

For millennia, wave after wave of new cultures, ideas, and artistic achievements have swept over this beautiful Mediterranean mainland and island, leaving in their wake sublime temples, grand cities, captivating villages and extraordinary works of art and architecture. With this journey Professor Ferrante will offer you the opportunity to admire the colossal works of the ancient Greeks, Romans, Moors and Normans. The Doric temples of Agrigento, Segesta, Selinunte and Syracuse, are the best-preserved and most magnificent Greek temples in the world. In addition, let us not forget the exquisite mosaics of the Roman Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina, the grand Mosques of the Moors and the beautiful Byzantine churches of the Normans, which have inspired many to call southern Italy and Sicily an Open Air Museum.

For many years, Professor Mario Ferrante has been studying, writing and lecturing on the cultural, anthropological and archeological life styles, as well as the art and architecture of ancient, modern and primitive societies.

Mario Ferrante has over 20 years experience as a Museums Curator of Natural History and Archaeological artifacts. His lecturing experience includes teaching at Nova University, Florida International University and Miami Dade College. He is a cultural historian, an explorer, world traveler and an excellent photographer.

Join us for what is certain to be an informative and enjoyable lecture on Thursday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Deering Estate Auditorium, 16701 S.W. 72nd Ave., Miami. Please bring a friend along to the meeting. See you then. Remember that the board meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please note: 2011 **dues are due!** Plan to pay Brian at the meeting if you didn't already do this in January. Dues may also be mailed to Brian Conesa at 22425 S.W. 162 Ave., Miami.

We're Going Green

Are you still reading a paper copy of the A.S.S.F. newsletter? If the answer is, "Yes," then please email your address to Mary Ellen at meg007@bellsouth.net. Help save the trees and lower our expenses.

Archaeology Day March 19, 2011 at the Deering Estate at Cutler

This year's ARCHEOLOGY DAY AT DEERING is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 19, from 10 am to 4 pm. The format will be similar to last year's Archeology Day.

Join us at our A.S.S.F. display, participate in tours to the midden and sites on the Deering Estate property either at 10:30a.m. or 3:00p.m., listen to informative lectures scheduled for 12:00p.m., 1:00p.m., and 2:00p.m., and have your children enjoy events especially planned for them. Please mark your calendar now and plan on attending.

Planning Ahead

Feb. 12, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.- 2:00p.m. Field School from F.A.U. at Everglades Outpost property with Dr. Arlene Fradkin, Associate Professor in Archaeology. Students will be learning the basic surveying techniques for their archaeology Research Methods class through "hands on" work with the artifact rich dirt now located in the wolf cage (but without the wolves...) this material originally came from the Bamboo Site which was rescued and relocated to the Everglades Outpost property. Materials from last year's excavations which have been cleaned, categorized and cataloged will be returned and they'll gather another sampling of artifacts for the students to process. Please check your calendar and come to offer your experience for this unique learning opportunity. The address for Everglades Outpost is 35601 S.W. 192 Ave., Homestead.

Florida Lost Tribes Exhibit- Jan. 20, 2011- April 8, 2011

Oil paintings of Theodore Morris are on display at the Marco Island History Museum, 180 So. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island 239.642.1440.

F.A.S. MEETING MAY 6-8, 2011 IN ORLANDO

The Central Florida chapter of FAS (CFAS) will host the 63rd Annual Florida Anthropological Society Meeting in historical Orlando. The theme this year is "Past Is Prologue." Friday, May 6: FAS, FAC, FPAN, and trail of Florida's Indian Heritage board meetings will be held at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater complex in Loch Haven Park. That afternoon, Jason Wenzel will facilitate a workshop and forum, "Archaeology of the Recent Past." The Friday evening reception will also be held at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater.

Saturday, May 7: Posters and papers will be presented at the morning and afternoon sessions at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. The deadline for abstracts and poster proposals is Feb. 12, 2011. Send info to Jason Wenzel (jwenzel@ufl.edu)

Accommodations for FAS 2011 will be at the Comfort Suites Downtown Orlando, which is about ¾ mi. from the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. The special room rate is \$89. per night. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 1.877.228.4007. In order to receive the special conference rate, reservations must be made prior to April 6, 2011 and you must ask for the Florida Anthropological Society group rate. Shuttles will be provided to all events.

FPAN on Facebook

Keep current with the Florida Public Archaeology Network on Facebook. A condensed version of a posted Facebook article from the Sun Sentinel follows:

Prehistoric Remains Halt Construction at Delray Site

Dec. 23, 2010 by Maria Herrera, Sun Sentinel *Condensed by M.E. Gray*

Delray Beach - Workers digging at a beachfront construction site earlier this month unearthed prehistoric human remains. The remains were found when two construction workers at the site in the 900 block of S. Ocean Blvd. were using a Bobcat to move dirt from one area of the 1.7 acre lot when they unearthed what appeared to be a human skull and a femur bone from a depth of 4 or 5 feet. Is it a Native American burial site? Were the bones from the same person?

Construction on the house was immediately stopped, per state law, and crime scene investigators and Medical Office examiners investigated. They determined that the remains had been buried for at least 75 yrs. and were not part of a crime scene, at least not a modern-day one. Local anthropologist, Robert McCarthy, an assistant professor from Florida Atlantic University, determined that these were prehistoric human remains. Florida Dept. of State officials asked McCarthy to rebury the remains.

The property owner was advised to hire an archaeologist to investigate and make recommendations on how to move forward with the construction. Ryan Wheeler, state archaeologist, stated that his office the Bureau of Archaeological Research and the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida prefer that the site remains undisturbed.

ARCHAEOLOGY HELP NEEDED

Who: You, especially if you have not recently participated

What: Wash/screen/sort artifacts from the dirt piles, or sort and organize materials in the shed

When: Saturday mornings until early afternoon

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

Why: To support our organization and because it needs to get done

How: Drive over, or carpool, use your hands, talent and time to benefit 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

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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 _____

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Zip Code _____

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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, Feb. 10, 2011 7pm

LOCATION: The Deering Estate, Auditorium

SPEAKER: Mario Ferrante

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