



# FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

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We walk side by side in America with our past.

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## MISSION:

To promote and facilitate the stewardship, public appreciation, and value of Florida's archaeological heritage through regional centers, partnerships, and community engagement.

## *A Message from the* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year saw the return of hurricanes to Florida, with Hermine making landfall near St. Marks in early September and Matthew running up the east coast in October. Both posed challenges for FPAN offices. Hermine caused substantial storm surge in the Big Bend, which flooded our offices at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park. Matthew had significant impact on St. Augustine as it moved north, slightly off-shore. Although the FPAN office was not flooded, we lost two vehicles to fallen trees and flooding. Fortunately, staff fared well across the state.

Matthew caused significant shoreline erosion along the east coast, and our newly minted shoreline monitoring program, HMS Florida, sprang into action to assess some newly recorded sites that had been severely eroded. Of importance, staff and volunteers were able to revisit sites already recorded in the system. These revisits provide striking before and after documentation of the effect of a particular storm on a particular resource, strongly validating the importance of this program.

Following reactions against Confederate symbols, initially the Battle Flag, following the Charleston church shootings of June 2015, this year has seen the discussion move to address parts of our historic landscape: Confederate monuments. Some have been moved, some taken down and stored, and some destroyed, but the nation and Florida is nonetheless in the midst of grappling with the place of uncomfortable history as part of our heritage landscape. There is no simple answer to this question, but it is clear that there cannot be an understanding of the past. I do not remember a time when people at all levels, from the White House to the grocery store, are more vested in discussing our heritage. This in itself is good; time will tell what impact all of this will have on our heritage landscape and how we approach our uncomfortable past.



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Dr. William B. Lees, RPA





FPAN's Tristan Harrenstein and UWF's Dr. Elizabeth Benchley at the Florida State Capitol for Archaeology Advocacy Day.

# FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

*Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) provides FPAN the opportunity to reach out to visitors and residents, promoting Florida's unique cultural resources.*

## ARCHAEOLOGY ADVOCACY at the CAPITOL

As part of the statewide Florida Archaeology Month celebration, the North Central Region hosted the second annual Archaeology Advocacy Day at the Florida Capitol during the 2017 legislative session. Archaeological and historic preservation organizations from around the state attended. Each organization had a table display and met with legislators and visitors to the Capitol to discuss the importance of protecting our state's cultural resources.

## ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE LOG CABIN WINERY

The Northeast Regional Center explored archaeology along the St. Johns River at an afternoon of presentations hosted by the Log Cabin Winery. Participants heard about local archaeology and history from speakers including FPAN's Em-

ily Jane Murray, archaeologist and paleontologist Mike Stallings, Sam Carr with the Putnam County Bartram Trail, and Kellie Thropp, owner of the winery. Participants also took a tour of the winery to look at native plants, including many that William Bartram described in his books.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH FAU

This year, Florida Atlantic University's Anthropology Department began an undergraduate internship program with the Southeast Region office. Through interning with FPAN, students were able to visit many of South Florida's archaeological sites, conduct fieldwork with local partners, and learn to communicate effectively with the general public both in person and through writing. Matt Abate, Laura Hellmuth, David Leong, and Branden Young had an active role in planning and execut-

ing Florida Archaeology Month, participating in more than 10 events in the Southeast and Southwest Regions. FPAN staff also distributed posters and gave lectures, ensuring 31 days of Florida Archaeology.

## BUILDING A BETTER FAM WEBSITE

Over the last year, Northwest Region's Nicole Grinnan has been working with an independent website design company to produce a new Florida Archaeology Month website. While the previous website was a great resource for finding more information about each year's theme and FAM events, FPAN staff thought it would be beneficial to preserve the information on each poster from year to year via the website. These suggestions prompted an entire redesign of the Florida Archaeology Month website with a new interactive map that would store both thematic and site-based information for each year's theme. The new FAM website is scheduled to

be launched prior to the beginning of Florida Archaeology Month 2018.

## ARCHAEOLOGY ACADEMY at WEEDON ISLAND

This year, the Annual Archaeology Academy at Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center took participants to prehistoric settlement sites. After sitting in for brief presentations on the area's environmental and archaeological context, Academy attendees canoed through the mangroves and bayous to see remains of two archaeological sites on the south end of the Preserve.



Some of the Port St. Joe "Dash through the Past" participants pose after finishing the scavenger hunt race.



# HERITAGE TOURISM

*Heritage tourism is an increasingly important aspect of the tourism industry in Florida; FPAN encourages visitors to explore heritage sites yearlong!*

## EXPLORING THE MAPLE LEAF SHIPWRECK

The Northeast Region participated in the Mandarin Museum's Winter Festival. Megan Liebold spoke with 170 visitors about the *Maple Leaf* shipwreck, which sank in the St. Johns River during the Civil War. Dr. Keith Holland and others from the dive team who excavated the shipwreck also stopped by to help kids learn about underwater archaeology. Visitors explored the *Maple Leaf* site through a shipwreck on a tarp activity.

## KAYAK ADVENTURE at MOUND KEY

In February 2017, Southwest Region staff partnered with Koreshan State Park for a kayak adventure tour of Mound Key led by Dr. Victor Thompson of the University of Georgia (UGA) and Dr. Bill Marquardt from the University of Florida (UF).

Mound Key is known as the Calusa capital, and is one of the premier sites of southwest Florida. UGA and UF are conducting excavations at the site. A group of avid kayakers, including Dr. Mike Harris, PI for the Southeast and Southwest Regions, braved the two-hour trip out to the park from Lovers Key State Park, then were brought up to speed on the archaeological excavations at the site by Drs. Thompson and Marquardt. Southwest staff also had the opportunity to volunteer on excavations at the site in January 2017.

## UTILIZING NEW TRENDS for TOURISM

The North Central Region took advantage of the popularity of the "Pokemon Go" mobile app to promote heritage tourism sites around Tallahassee. Staff set up booths around the city at popular "Pokemon Go" locations to hand out a map

with sixteen historic sites located in town that were host to various "Pokemon Go" stops. Staff also partnered with Mission San Luis, a living history museum, to host a "Pokemon Go" event. As a result, many participants mentioned that the app brought them to historic sites in Tallahassee that they had not visited or known about previously.

## CLAASP OPEN LAB DAYS

The Communities of Lake Apopka Artifact Survey Project (CLAASP) held a series of open lab days at the Oakland Nature Preserve in Orange County. This project works to utilize unprovenient artifact collections at local museums and nature centers around Lake Apopka to teach the public about the process of archaeological lab work. Participants help to sort, count, and analyze the collections of mostly prehistoric artifacts. Results from the labwork will be incorporated into displays at each museum, which will be produced with assistance from the public.



Young participants explore a mock shipwreck at the Mandarin Museum's Winter Festival.

## HISTORY BIKE GAINESVILLE

Who likes to learn while you exercise? History Bike Gainesville enjoyed another successful year of guided tours through the Gainesville of today. Central Region's Nigel Rudolph organized several new rides highlighting important aspects of Gainesville and Gainesville-area history and archaeology.

## DASH THROUGH the PAST in PORT ST. JOE

This year, FPAN's Northwest Region expanded its "Dash through the Past" program to historic downtown Port St. Joe. This scavenger hunt race encourages teams of two (or families) to explore local sites of historical and archaeological interest and collect information about each site in order to finish the race. A number of partner organizations in Port St. Joe, including the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve, the Constitution Convention Museum State Park, and St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, provided support to host the program in their town.



Southeast Region staff assist the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary by documenting abandoned migrant craft.



# TRAINING PROGRAMS

*Training programs allow FPAN to provide others with relevant and practical information toward helping preserve Florida's heritage sites.*

## SSEAS IN THE KEYS

FPAN staff from the Coordinating Center, Northwest, and Southeast Regions converged in South Florida in August and September 2016 to host two Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) training programs for recreational divers. The August SSEAS took place in Biscayne National Park with support from the Resource Managers in Biscayne National Park and funding from the National Parks Conservation Association. In September, staff traveled south to Tavernier to conduct a training workshop for the Active Divers Association of South Florida. Each group learned the rigors of non-intrusive archaeological site documentation and recording, with opportunities to practice their newly acquired skills in the pool and in the open water.

## TEACHER TRAINING AT LITTLE SALT SPRING

Together with the Friends of Little Salt Spring and Sarasota County History Center, FPAN West Central conducted two teacher trainings focused on Little Salt Spring and the unique perspective it provides of Florida's past through archaeological and environmental discovery.

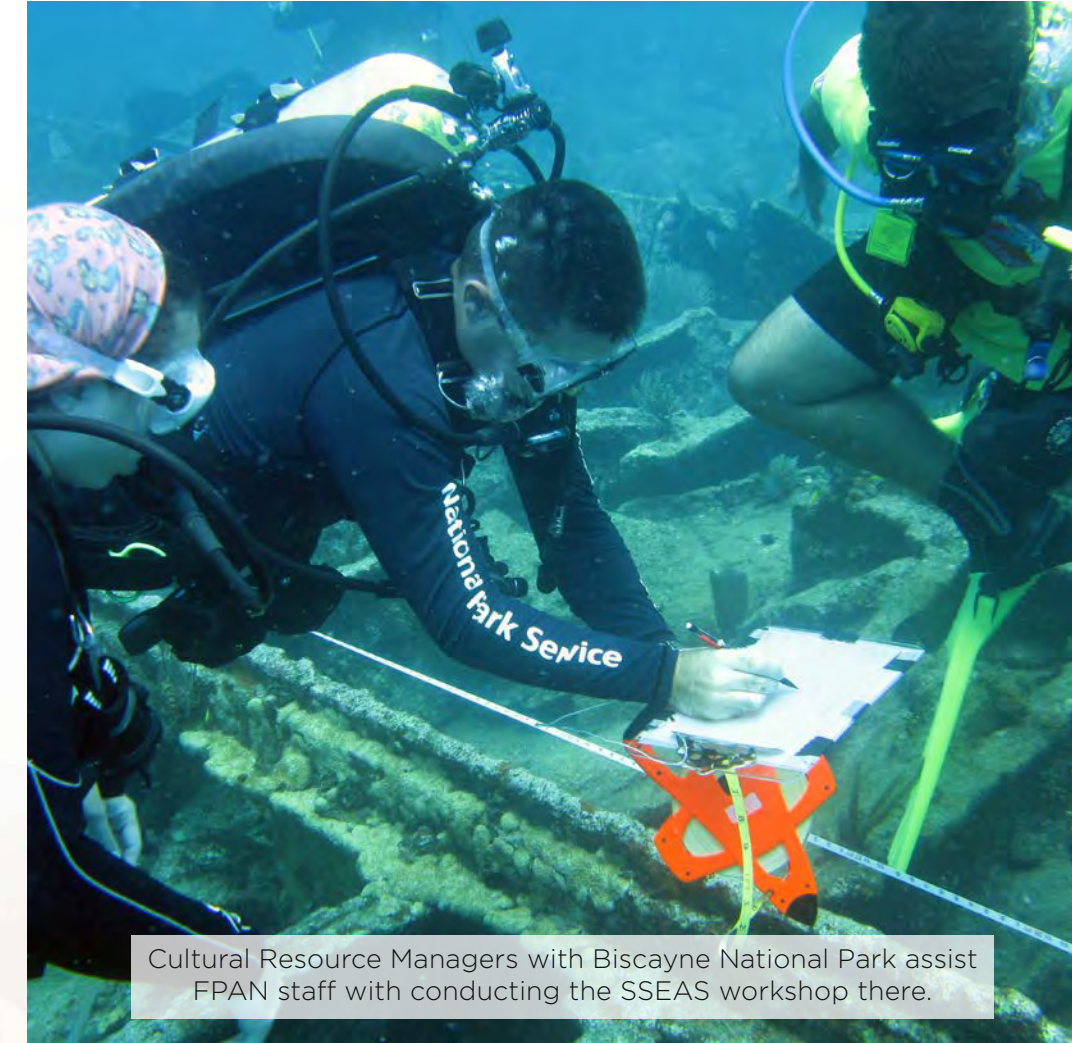
## CRPT III CONFERENCE AT FLAGLER COLLEGE

The Northeast Region, in partnership with the Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Association, hosted the [Cemetery Resource Protection Training \(CRPT\) Conference III](#) at Flagler College in St. Augustine on June 1-2, 2017. Over 70 people came from across the state to hear [presentations](#) on projects in historic cemeteries, preservation and research techniques, and interpretation and ed-

ucation. Participants got hands-on experience in conservation and recording in the Tolomato and Huguenot Cemeteries, and toured the City's cemeteries on a trolley ride downtown. FPAN honored Dr. Kyle Freud, Chris Mazzucco, Paul Dunn, and Walter Welch for their outstanding efforts in preserving and protecting Florida's historic cemeteries.

## OLD CITY CEMETERY CRPT

The North Central Region hosted a CRPT workshop in partnership with the City of Tallahassee at the historic Old City Cemetery. Several city maintenance staff attended, along with a variety of local residents and students from Florida State University. This workshop has also resulted in a new partnership with the St. John's Episcopal Church members who are charged with maintaining their historic cemetery, which is located adjacent to the Tallahassee Old City Cemetery.



Cultural Resource Managers with Biscayne National Park assist FPAN staff with conducting the SSEAS workshop there.

## DOCUMENTING MIGRANT CRAFT

Southeast Region staff collaborated with Biscayne National Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in developing a program to document abandoned migrant vessels and used the program to train staff to document migrant crafts slated for removal by the Sanctuary.

## TRAINING HERITAGE MONITORING SCOUTS

Staff in the Southwest Region led multiple Heritage Monitoring Scouts trainings throughout the region, including at the Randell Research Center (Pineland) in Lee County and the Koreshan State Park in Collier County. Rachael Kangas presented the results of FPAN's sea level rise monitoring at Pineland at the first annual Tidally United Summit in St. Augustine in August 2016.





Southwest Region's Rachael Kangas leads a group of HMS Florida Scouts as they explore the Pineland site.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Providing FPAN volunteer programs for the public creates a base of dedicated heritage stewards in Florida.*

## HERITAGE MONITORING SCOUTS (HMS) FLORIDA

Over the last two years, FPAN has made a large push get local communities involved with documenting and monitoring cultural resources in the face of threats like sea-level rise. The Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Florida program teaches volunteers the basics of the program, as well as how to complete the monitoring form, identify artifacts, and properly photograph archaeological sites. The Northeast Region partnered with the Gauna Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) National Estuarine Research Reserve for a [pilot program HMS Florida](#). The program consisted of four volunteer training workshops hosted at the GTM, as well as monitoring efforts focused on sites within the Reserve. The event was also covered in a [First Coast Connect radio interview](#).

Since the initial pilot program of HMS, additional programs have taken place in the East Central, West Central, Central, Southwest, and Southeast regions to build a group of engaged heritage stewards around the state. HMS programs are planned in the remaining regions, Northwest and North Central, for the next year.

## WEEDON ISLAND VOLUNTEER LAB

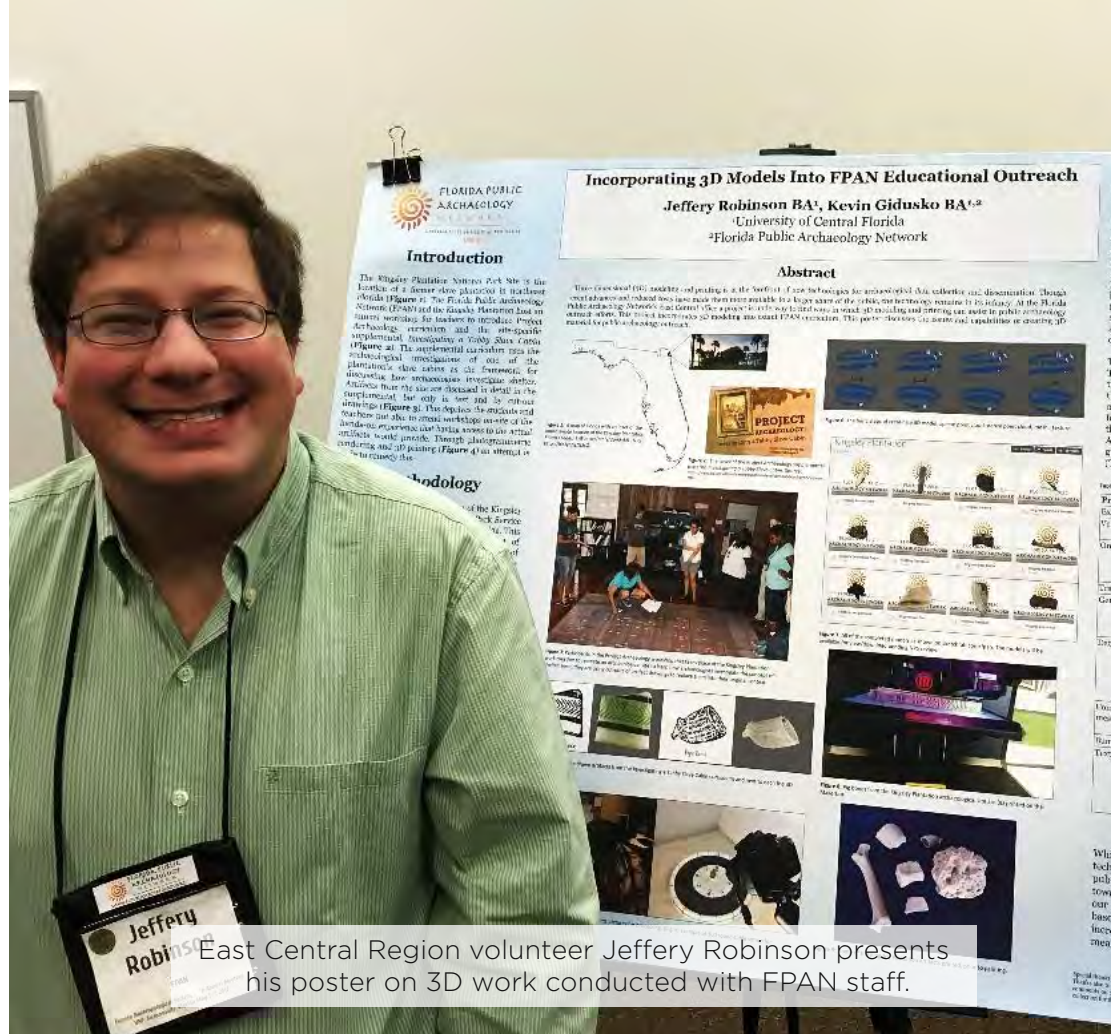
Do you know what an otolith is? Once every month, West Central Region's Kassie Kemp coordinates and oversees a Volunteer Archaeology Lab at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. The volunteer lab provides opportunities for citizen scientists to wear their archaeology lab coats for a day and sort through, wash, and catalogue artifacts from the Weedon Island archaeological site.

## VOLUNTEER WORK PRESENTED AT FAS

At the annual Florida Anthropological Society meeting in May 2017, longtime East Central Region volunteer Jeffery Robinson presented a poster on his work assisting in the creation of 3D models and 3D prints of artifacts for FPAN outreach and education. To date, Jeffery has volunteered over 100 hours of his time in producing these outreach materials. His poster focused on the process and purpose of utilizing 3D media for public education. Many of the 3D models that Jeffery was instrumental in creating can be found online at [Sketchfab.com/fpan](http://Sketchfab.com/fpan). These models include prehistoric and historic artifacts, as well as some whole archaeological sites.

## VOLUNTEER PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY LAB

During most weeks each year, the Northwest Region oversees operation of the [Public Archaeology Lab](#) at the FPAN Coordinating Center. Volun-



East Central Region volunteer Jeffery Robinson presents his poster on 3D work conducted with FPAN staff.

teers work for two days each week rough sorting archaeological materials collected by UWF during terrestrial excavations. The Public Archaeology Lab not only helps members of the public better understand the archaeological process and the material culture of Pensacola, it also provides a unique opportunity for public service.

## SITE SURVEY with THE FLORIDA BAR

The North Central Region was able to coordinate two FPAN volunteers to work with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research staff on a site survey. These two individuals assisted FPAN with a metal detection survey in the past and proved to be very valuable and proficient in their survey skills. The Bureau of Archaeological Research was looking for assistance from individuals with experience metal detecting on archaeological sites. North Central staff was able to recommend these two individuals based on their past volunteer experience.



Southeast Region's Mallory Fenn talks archaeology during filming for a KidVision PreK episode for a local PBS station.



## FPAN IN THE MEDIA

*Media exposure, whether digital or print, helps promote FPAN programs, workshops, and events throughout the year.*

### YOUNG CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WITH PBS

In February 2017, Southeast Region staff and Miami-Dade County Parks partnered for a KidVision PreK shoot at Arch Creek Park, a county park that features a Tequesta site. KidVision PreK is a south Florida PBS program which features “field trips” to different attractions throughout the area along with associated vocabulary words. The KidVision kids learned vocabulary words like “archaeology” and “midden” while also gaining knowledge of Miami’s first people. The episode featuring FPAN staff is currently [available online](#).

### BUILDING LONG-TERM MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

The North Central Regional staff have worked to develop a relationship with the local NPR station, WFSU, after a reporter inquired about local ar-

chaeology-related events. Since then, WFSU has reported on multiple FPAN activities and events in which FPAN was involved. One example was an event in Apalachicola, “Remembering the Apalachicola River Maroons of 1816,” a free public presentation focusing on the 1816 history of the Negro Fort at Fort Gadsden. In addition to being covered by WFSU, the event was also well publicized in *The Times* of Apalachicola and Carrabelle.

### FPAN in POPULAR MEDIA

Staff from the Northeast Region were featured in the January 2017 edition of the *Amelia Islander* magazine. [The article](#) discusses a recent Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) offered on Amelia Island and reiterates some of the most important messages from the workshop.

[Sara Ayers-Rigsby spoke to Fort Myers' local NPR affiliate](#), WGCU, about archaeology in Southwest Florida during a discussion with FAU’s Dr. Andy Hemmings, who has been excavating the Vero Beach Site.

FPAN’s Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar, including interviews with Dr. Della Scott-Ireton and Sara Ayers-Rigsby, was featured in the July 7, 2016, issue of the *Florida Keys Free Press*.

Destination Archaeology Resource Center Manager Mike Thomin [spoke about the “Heritage at Risk” exhibit and the new Heritage Monitoring Scouts \(HMS\) Florida volunteer program](#) with Pensacola’s local NPR station, WUWF.

The *Pensacola News Journal* [highlighted the efforts of Northwest Region staff and graduate student assistant Emily Dietrich](#) as they continue



DARC’s Mike Thomin discusses the Heritage Monitoring Scouts Florida program for a radio interview with WUWF.

their investigations of the Scott Site with Milton High School’s Anthropology class.

### 3D MODELING and SOCIAL MEDIA

Tristan Harrenstein, along with other FPAN staff, has worked to create an [3-D Public Archaeology Working Group](#) on Facebook. The purpose of this online community is to share ways in which 3-D technology can be used in public outreach.

### ARCHAEOLOGYin3 MINUTES

Destination Archaeology Resource Center Manager Mike Thomin continues to produce episodes of the popular Archaeologyin3 YouTube series. This year’s episodes featuring [the Northwest Region’s work with Milton High School at the Scott Site](#), as well as [the University of West Florida’s efforts to monitor new construction](#) in historic downtown Pensacola.





Dr. Sorna Khakzad (left) with staff from the Coordinating Center and North Central Region exploring the Governor Stone.

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA HERITAGE TOURISM



Exploring the Washington County Historical Society Museum in Chipley, FL.

*Dr. Sorna Khakzad is currently working with FPAN to fulfill a post-doctoral research project on assessing heritage tourism in Northwest Florida.*

The Heritage Tourism Research Project began with the goal to improve Northwest Florida's heritage tourism infrastructure in hopes of better delivering a cultural heritage preservation message while promoting economic development. Northwest Florida encompasses a variety of natural and cultural resources, which attract visitors from across the country. Many museums, trails, parks, and other tourist destinations provide access to the region's cultural and natural heritage, history, and archaeology.

This project attempts to improve our understanding of tourist perceptions and expectations of these resources. The research has two main phases: data collection and data analysis. Data for this research has been collected through visits to more than 60 sites, including museums, parks and

cultural centers. Additional data were collected through site manager interviews, interviews with more than 300 tourists, online sources such as Trip Advisor, as well as from Visit Florida and various visitor centers in different counties. In the data analysis phase of this research, qualitative and quantitative analyses explore factors that influence tourists' willingness to visit different attractions. The ultimate goal of this project is to identify knowledge gaps and to help develop data-driven strategies for strengthening the regional tourism industry by benefiting the values of different cultural and natural resources.

In addition to Northwest Florida, this research takes a closer look at Escambia County in order to explore the current tourist trends in the

cities of Pensacola and Gulf Breeze. Analysis of the current tourism industry and historical trends that have shaped it provides the foundation to understand local conditions contributing to successful tourism. This study thus applies an analytical comparative analysis of previous tourism plans since the 1970s and the present state of tourism. For Escambia County, such analysis can provide a better understanding of the potential resources that can enhance tourism in general and heritage tourism in particular.

This broader research also attempts to highlight overlooked sociocultural values related to local cultural resources. The data collected from local museums in Northwest Florida is used to examine the multifaceted significance of these museums within their communities, including preserving

marginalized culture and history, place attachment, and public health. Through site visits and interviews with museum directors, volunteers and community members, several factors beyond general perceptions of a place's value for tourism and/or heritage preservation will be evaluated.

In the first year of this project, data collection was finalized, some results were presented in several scientific conferences, and a co-authored article entitled "The role of fishing material culture in communities' sense of place as an added-value in management of coastal areas" was published in the *Journal of Marine and Island Cultures*.



Needs-based assessment initiated the new Archaeology Story Time program for children through the Destination Archaeology Resource Center.



# FPAN PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

*Dr. Laura Clark is currently working with FPAN as a post-doctoral researcher to better assess the success of FPAN's outreach, training, and volunteer programs.*

FPAN outreach programs throughout the state affect how people see Florida's cultural resources. These programs are loved by those individuals already vested in cultural heritage and are changing perceptions of those who have never heard messages of heritage preservation.

Data collection for assessments started during Archaeology Month 2017 and has continued throughout the summer. The most recent training program evaluated was the Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) training in Tallahassee. Survey response rates from FPAN programs are usually well over 65%. This percentage shows how vested our program participants are, and how interested and committed they are to FPAN's success.

Currently, data has been collected from four teacher training programs, one Cemetery Resource and Protection Training (CPRT) program, one SSEAS training program, one bicycle tour program, two Archaeology Works programs, two Archaeology Story Time programs, and five Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) training programs. Each of these programs will have a quantitative and qualitative data collection phase. The goal is to have at least three interviews from participants from each program case study. These interviews help staff understand participants' perceptions and motivations. Some interesting highlights from these interviews are that participants love the hands-on components and archaeological site visits that FPAN provides. They also place a great deal of value in the

interpretive information we provide.

Data from the HMS program has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants feel that they are making a difference in a way that they believe is important to cultural heritage. The program has effectively linked monitoring heritage sites with the impact of climate change, as well as animal and human disturbances of archaeologically significant sites. The easy-to-use, grounded approach provides volunteers with fun and clear instructions on how to document sites.

As a result of this assessment project, an "Archaeology Story Time" program has been introduced to FPAN's Coordinating Center. In past programming, children under the age of 10 were not being reached. This new program helps FPAN address a

gap in its program reach. The three programs held most recently were extremely popular, and filled up weeks in advance. The participant demographics for these programs also seems to be more diverse than some of FPAN's other programs.

Each type of program FPAN offers reaches a different population and these yield different results about our program effectiveness. The technical nature of HADS programs is more advanced than the biking tours or Archaeology Works programs due to the nature of diving underwater. These case studies will provide an excellent picture of how FPAN programming affects local communities at all levels of skill and education.



Participants in the 2017 Tour de Fort at Fort Pickens in Gulf Islands National Seashore.



# DESTINATION ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

*The Destination Archaeology Resource Center (DARC) engages the public through museum exhibits and programs focused on local history and archaeology.*

## ARCHAEOLOGY STORY TIME

Archaeology Story Time is a new regularly scheduled program offered by DARC geared toward FPAN's youngest members of the public. The program uses children's books as a basis to teach kids ages 5-8 about different aspects of archaeology education. The program includes hands-on activities and crafts with the goal of helping participants become future advocates for protecting Florida's cultural resources.

## FLORIDA HERITAGE AT RISK TRAVELING EXHIBIT

The "Florida Heritage at Risk" traveling exhibit debuted at DARC during Florida Archaeology Month 2017. The exhibit was created through a collaboration of DARC and several FPAN regional staff members across the state. Traveling across Florida, the exhibit will raise awareness about the impacts of climate change on archaeological

sites and highlight public engagement to monitor changes over time. It will add a previously unseen topic to the archaeology exhibit landscape at public days and professional conferences, as well as help recruit citizen scientists across Florida. In addition to defining the problem, the exhibit also highlights one solution: FPAN's new Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Florida program.

## MILTON HIGH SCHOOL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Since 2008, Milton High School (MHS) in Santa Rosa County has offered its students the opportunity to learn archaeology through experiential education. Under the guidance of University of West Florida Department of Anthropology and Archaeology graduate students and FPAN outreach assistants, high school participants are taught real archaeological field methods for both terrestrial

and underwater sites at a 1830s brick kiln located along Blackwater River. This year, DARC and FPAN staff worked closely with MHS students to create an exhibit about their project. The exhibit went on display at DARC in April 2017 and will travel to school districts across Northwest Florida to share how archaeology can be used in a classroom to teach STEM education and engage students with hands-on activities.

## THE RETURN OF TOUR DE FORT

After almost a year hiatus, DARC and FPAN staff collaborated to reconnect with Gulf Islands National Seashore Fort Pickens Area rangers to reinstitute the "Tour de Fort" bicycling tour program. A new site was added to the tour and, for the first time, this program was formally assessed. Results from the assessment demonstrate the program effectively achieved its goal of bringing awareness and appreciation for the cultural resources under protection in the park.



New traveling exhibits included "Heritage at Risk," an exhibit related to the new Heritage Monitoring Scouts program.

## HERITAGE TOURISM PROJECT ASSISTANCE

DARC Manager Mike Thomin spent most of the year assisting Dr. Sorna Khakzad with her Northwest Florida Heritage Tourism Project. Traveling hundreds of miles, Mike and Sorna visited and assessed over 60 sites in Northwest Florida. Sites ranged from federally-funded heritage locations like the Naval Aviation Museum to small non-profit organizations like the Holmes County Historical Society and Museum. A number of the heritage sites that are a part of this two-year study are featured as part of the permanent exhibit at the Destination Archaeology Resource Center. Mike served as the heritage site expert and site liaison for the project. This involved formally assessing each site they visited, such as evaluating exhibits based on principles of interpretation and recording the availability of restrooms. As liaison, Mike facilitated the site visits and informed site managers about the project.



Southeast Region staff assist with excavations at the Hutchinson Site in Palm Beach County.



# ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

*FPAN supports local governments in their efforts to preserve, protect, and promote regional archaeological and historical resources.*

## GOPHR WORKSHOPS

North Central's Tristan Harrenstein has finished the task of developing a training program for local governments designed to educate them on ways to maximize the benefit of historic preservation in their communities. The Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR) workshops are designed as a series of modules. Tristan has completed the development of all eight modules and it is now ready for use by FPAN regions statewide.

## FLORIDA PRESERVATION ATLAS

The [Florida Preservation Atlas](#) is an online collection of Florida's Certified Local Government (CLG) program. It includes links to local preservation boards, preservation ordinances, and land

use policies, as well as Florida Main Street programs, and a statewide map showing locations of locally-protected structures and sites. This year, West Central Region staff collected data available online, surveyed CLG coordinators, and contracted with the USF Water Institute to complete the build-out of the website. Funding for the statewide update of the Florida Preservation Atlas was provided by a grant from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources.

## FORT CHRISTMAS LIVING HISTORY DAYS

In January 2017, East Central Region staff once again presented at the annual Fort Christmas Living History Days in Orange County. Each year, thousands of elementary and middle-school students converge at the Fort Christmas Historical Park for a day of Florida history. Twenty living history dis-

plays, situated throughout the park, take students back in time from pre-contact Native Americans, to pirates, to cracker cowmen. FPAN staff are on hand to tie together the lessons learned, discussing the ways archaeology teaches us and how we know what we know about the past.

## SUPPORT for COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGISTS

The Southeast Region worked throughout the year with county archaeologists, including Chris Davenport (Palm Beach County), Matt DeFelice (Broward County), and Jeff Ransom (Miami-Dade County), to update the Regional County Climate Compact with language that addresses archaeological sites. The updated version will be presented in December of 2017. Additionally, the Southeast and Southwest Regions assisted Palm Beach County Archaeologist Chris Davenport in documenting an archaic tree island site in the west part of the county. Assistance to Palm Beach County also included Southeast Region staff documenting



East Central Region's Kevin Gidusko talks history and archaeology at the Fort Christmas Living History Days.

and curating collections in the county's archaeology lab.

## SAN SEBASTIAN CEMETERY RECORDING

The Northeast Region completed the San Sebastian Cemetery Recording Project, started back in October 2015. Over the 15-month project, 23 different volunteers, including local residents, students, archaeologists, National Guardsmen, and more, spent 31 days in the field. The team measured, transcribed, assessed, and photographed 431 individual markers.





Central Region staff assist with recording cultural heritage sites in Florida's aquatic preserves.

# ASSISTANCE TO FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

*FPAN and the Florida Division of Historical Resources (DHR) maintain a close partnership to promote heritage resources protection and preservation.*

## ASSISTANCE on RESEARCH PROJECTS

In 2016, staff from the Coordinating Center and Northwest Region traveled to Pennekamp State Park to assist Franklin Price of DHR's Underwater Archaeology Team with recording a site in the Park's near-shore waters. The Cannon Patch Site (8MO144) required a condition assessment and FPAN staff provided extra researchers to take photos, video, and measurements. The project was a unique opportunity to partner with both DHR and Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

DHR's Underwater Archaeology Team also asked staff at the North Central Regional Center for assistance with recording a boat reported by a private citizen. This historic boat was buried in the bank of the Apalachicola River but had recently become exposed due to erosion. FPAN staff took

measurements and a series of photographs of the boat. They then used a photogrammetry computer program to stitch the photographs together to create a digital 3-D model of the boat to keep on file with the Division of Historical Resources, along with Florida Master Site File Forms and other documentation.

## SHORELINE MONITORING

The Northeast Region hosted the first annual [Tidally United: Cultural Resources Shoreline Monitoring and Public Engagement Summit](#) to help kick off the Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Florida program. Archaeologists, preservationists, scientists, and members of the public from across the state met at Flagler College to discuss the impacts of climate change, most notably sea-level rise, on cultural resources including archaeological sites, historic structures, and shipwrecks.



Participants from the Tidally United summit included professionals and non-professionals from across the state.

## FLORIDA LAND MANAGER TRAINING

In December 2016, Southwest Region's Rachael Kangas and Sara Ayers-Rigsby assisted DHR and Florida State Parks in Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training for land managers. This course is designed to teach land managers from various agencies throughout the state to recognize and care for archaeological resources at their facility. During this two-day course, Rachael and Sara assisted DHR staff in presenting information about archaeological resources in southwest Florida.

The East Central Region also partnered with the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science to assist DHR with ARM training in early August. Sarah Miller and Kevin Gidusko both presented components of the training and were on hand for field visits to local sites where participants learned first-hand about identifying archaeological resources.

## SITE RECORDING in FLORIDA'S AQUATIC PRESERVES

FPAN staff worked across the state to assist Florida Coastal Office Aquatic Preserve managers to monitor archaeological sites in submerged, inter-tidal, and shoreline environments located in many of Florida's aquatic preserves and National Estuarine Research Reserves. Central Region's Nigel Rudolph works closely with Florida Coastal Office staff who manage the Big Bend Seagrasses and the St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserves. Over 500 archaeological sites are recorded within these two protected marine and coastal areas. The crew works together to incorporate monitoring stops into the regular on-the-water management tasks of the Florida Coastal Office.





# STAFF DEVELOPMENTS

## COORDINATING CENTER

Office Manager Cheryl Phelps retired in June 2016 after many years with FPAN. She will be sorely missed, but we welcome Julianne Byrd as new Office Manager.

Dr. Sorna Khakzad and Dr. Laura Clark each began two-year post-doctoral research projects based out of the Coordinating Center.

## DESTINATION ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER (DARC)

In September 2016, Mike Thomin received the 2016 Museum Excellence Award from the Florida Association of Museums during the annual FAM Conference awards ceremony.

Mike also won awards for First Place Winner & People's Choice Award for Video Category, Archaeological Photo and Video Festival Competition at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mike was elected president of the Trail of Florida Indian Heritage Board of Directors.

In May 2017, Mike completed his Master of Arts in Public History/History from the University of West Florida.

## NORTHWEST REGION

Public Archaeology Coordinator Nicole Grinnan received an "Outstanding Instructor Award" from the SCUBA Diving International (SDI) training agency.

Public Archaeology Assistant Katherine Sims ended her three-year tenure with the Northwest Region. New Public Archaeology Assistant Keilani Hernandez joined the Northwest Region for the next three years.

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Tristan Harrenstein became a member of the Florida Archaeological Council.

Barbara Clark was elected to the Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation and the Literacy Volunteers of Leon County.

## NORTHEAST REGION

After 10 years serving as Principal Investigator for the Northeast and East Central Regions, Flagler College President Dr. William T. Abare, Jr. retired at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We welcome Dr. Joseph Joyner as the new President of Flagler and PI for the combined region, and thank Dr. Abare for his many years of service in preserving Florida's past.



## EAST CENTRAL REGION

In May 2017, the East Central Regional office hosted an official open house to welcome the public to its new location in the downtown Sanford Historic District. The office is housed in one of the town's historic school buildings, built in 1902, that is now renovated into office and meeting space.

## CENTRAL REGION

Central Region staff became certified trip leaders through the American Canoe Association after completing the Coastal Kayak Day Trip Leading and Skills Assessment training course.

## WEST CENTRAL REGION

Members of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) elected Becky O'Sullivan to the Society's Board of Directors as Second Vice President. Becky will serve a one year term in this position. Becky and Kassie Kemp serve on the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society Board of Directors; Becky is President and Kassie is Membership Secretary.

Kassie Kemp co-authored an article entitled "Constructing Community at Civic-Ceremonial Centers: Pottery-Making Practices at Crystal River and Roberts Island" with Thomas J. Pluckhahn

and Rachel E. Thompson in *Southeastern Archaeology*, Volume 36, 2017.

West Central Region staff became certified trip leaders through the American Canoe Association after completing the Coastal Kayak Day Trip Leading and Skills Assessment training course.

## SOUTHEAST REGION

The Southeast Region welcomed Mallory Fenn as the Public Archaeology Coordinator in July 2016.

Sara Ayers-Rigsby and Mallory Fenn both completed Certified Interpretive Guide training under the National Association for Interpretation.

Mallory Fenn participated in the SAA continuing education class "Addressing Orphaned Collections: A Practical Approach" to help inform the region's efforts to document and rehouse collections.

## SOUTHWEST REGION

Victoria Lincoln joined the Southwest Region as an Outreach Assistant.



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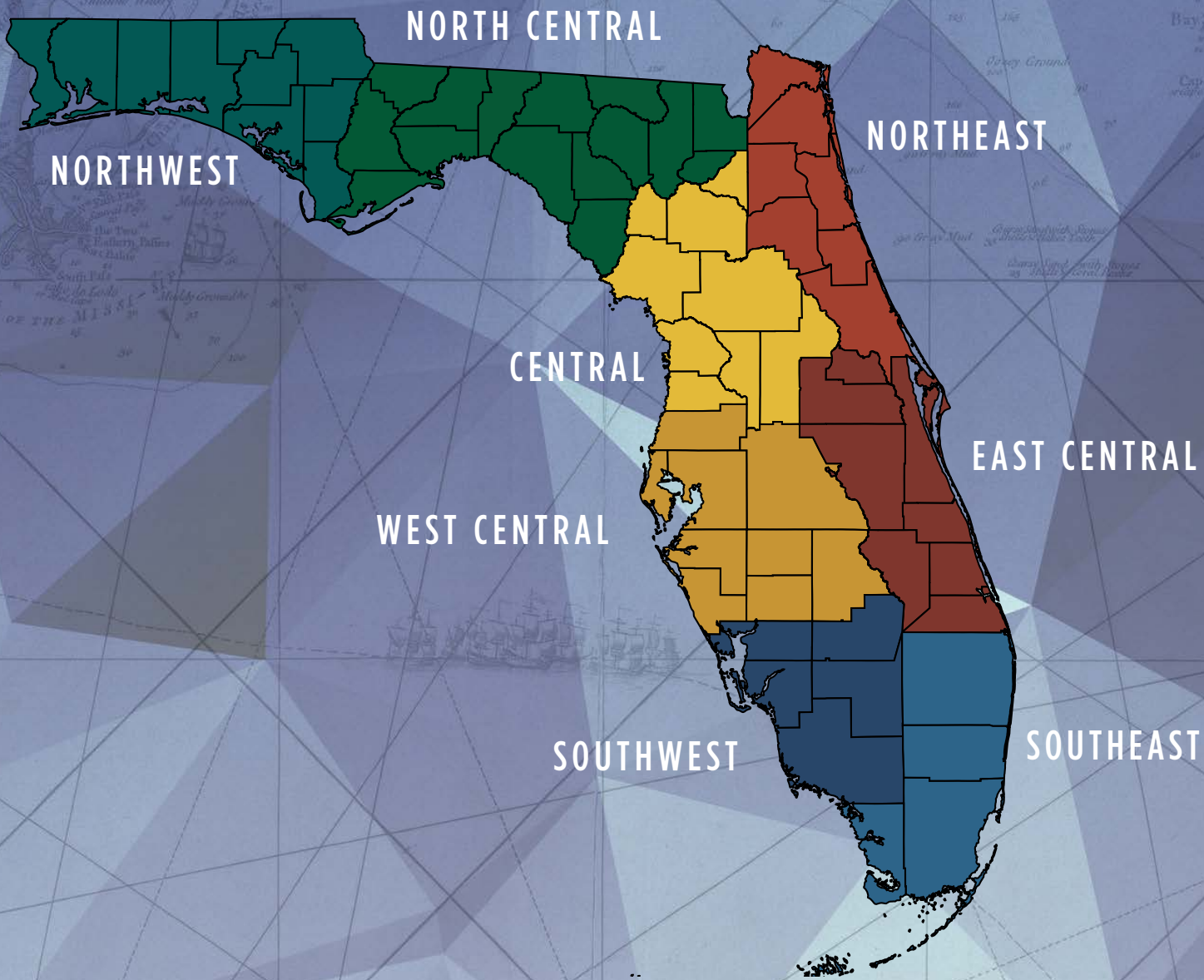
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