

Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report

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Over the last few years, the fall and early winter seasons have become increasingly busy for FPAN Northwest! Numerous partner organizations host seasonal and heritage festivals as the weather cools down, and FPAN staff are ready to support them. Info booths, programs, and/or presentations staff conducted included those with Walton Outdoors, Gulf Islands National Seashore, the Bay County Public Library, the Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow, Rocky Bayou State Park, and the Baker Block Museum. On each Saturday in October, the Northwest Region assisted Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site in coordinating and hosting the annual Secrets of Santa Rosa "Archaeology and History in Your Backyard" lecture series. FPAN Northwest also coordinated and conducted a Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) in St. Augustine in October, partnering with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR) and the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. In November, Public Archaeology Coordinator Nicole Grinnan coordinated and hosted an info-booth at the annual, international Diving Equipment and Manufacturing Association (DEMA) Show. This year at the DEMA Show, the Florida BAR and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Foundation joined FPAN in neighboring booths to provide divers with valuable information about submerged cultural resource preservation in Florida and around the world.

FPAN North Central was also busy in the fall and early winter. Barbara has worked to schedule regular brown bag lunchtime meetings at the FSU Anthropology Department and has invited all the archaeological organizations around the area to participate. This has helped to facilitate more open communication and collaboration between the various entities and has helped to establish more volunteer opportunities for the public and students in the area. It has also started dialog between FSU and FPAN about potential internship opportunities to enhance their upcoming masters degree program slated to start in the fall of 2016. FPAN North Central also presented various lectures and participated in various festivals throughout the region. Tristan had the opportunity to visit the Ghazvini Learning Center for at-risk youth for their career day and student career luncheon. Regional staff has continued to support Janene Johnson, UWF graduate student and FPAN intern, with her thesis project at Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park. FPAN North Central hosted an overwhelmingly successful tour of the Tallahassee Old City Cemetery. The second North Central CRPT was held in Apalachicola at the Chestnut Street Cemetery and was also very successful. Both Tristan and Barbara presented a workshop at the Florida Association of Science Teachers. FPAN North Central hosted a booth at the Second Annual Science Saturday at

Lake Ella, as well as a booth at the First Floridians Conference in Monticello. The local government preservation training project continues to advance due in large part to Tristan's efforts. This quarter he was able to sit down with a number of employees at DHR to discuss the program and gather input. The project has advanced to the point where he has begun searching for a community willing to give some of the modules a trial run. He is hoping to have some preliminary results by next quarter. Kevin Gidusko of FPAN East Central, and Tristan have been investigating the potential for using photogrammetry in public outreach with some promising results. December also found all FPAN regions working hard to educate the public and state lawmakers regarding HB 803 and SB 1054. This inspired Tristan to create a [slideshow](#) explaining why such programs are harmful.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Nicole continuing to coordinate with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design interpretive panels for a Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail funded by a grant from the National Park Service.
- Nicole attended the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) conference to represent the University of West Florida as it continues the process of becoming an Organizational Member.
- Nicole attended the National Association for Interpretation's Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to maintain her status as a Certified Interpretive Guide.
- Nicole attended and assisted North Central staff during a Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) in Port St. Joe.
- Nicole continuing to serve as Board Member for the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc. and as a Graduate Student Representative for the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA).
- All staff continue to present opposition to and contact legislators about the 2016 House Bill 803 and Senate Bill 1054, both of which hope to reinstate a program similar to the failed Isolated Finds Program in Florida.
- Tristan continues to work on the local government preservation training project with assistance from FPAN staff and DHR.
- Barbara and Tristan continue to work with the Panhandle Archaeological Society of Tallahassee to provide public opportunities to get involved in the archaeological process.
- Barbara continues to be active on the FAC board of directors.
- All staff continues to provide informational booths and workshops for various educator conferences around the state.



FPAN and Florida BAR staff pose with the latest group of Heritage Awareness Divers at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum in October 2016.



FPAN Northwest's Nicole Grinnan and FPAN Southwest's Rachael Kangas staff the FPAN both at the annual DEMA Show, this year in Orlando, Florida.



Participants of the Apalachicola CRPT at Chestnut Street Cemetery.



Tristan Harrenstein assists a student with the “Build a Boat” activity at Science Night at Hartsfield Elementary in Tallahassee.