

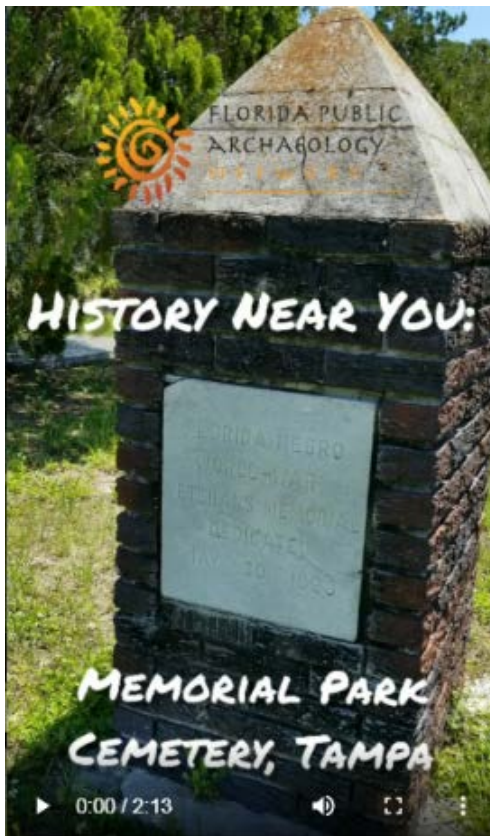
West Central & Central Regional Centers
April/May/June 2020
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FPAN Staff participated in 54 distinct meetings/events/activities during the April-June 2020 quarter. Staff divided nearly all those activities evenly between the meeting and fieldwork/site visit categories. We're happy to be able to continue to provide quality digital outreach, and archaeological services when asked, during the pandemic. We look forward to being able to meet up with the public again to discuss archaeology and relevant issues when its safe to do so. Until then, wear your masks!

Sincerely, West Central and Central Staff

Quarter Highlights:



- West Central staff completed a GPR survey of portions of Memorial Park Cemetery in Tampa. Memorial Park is a historic Black cemetery founded in 1919 for veterans of WWI. The cemetery's longtime owner and caretaker passed away recently. Unfortunately, Memorial Park Cemetery exists in a state of abandonment without a clear plan for ongoing management and maintenance. The City of Tampa is in litigation with the cemetery owner's estate and asked FPAN to conduct a GPR survey in areas devoid of headstones to determine the nature and possibility of unmarked graves. We are grateful to be able to assist the City in a discovery phase and look forward to work with City officials and the East Tampa community in the development of a long term management plan for Memorial Park.



April 22, 12 p.m. EST
THE MATERIALISTS

- Nigel and Becky wrapped Season 2 of the Materialists podcast this quarter. They connected with the Florida Museum of Natural History's very own podcast in a meetup of sorts to discuss the Materialists and a variety of topics they've covered this season. Thanks to FLMNH for the opportunity.



- This quarter, staff also conducted reconnaissance of recorded sites in Terra Ceia Preserve State Park to plan for upcoming Heritage Monitoring Scout monitoring excursions there this summer and fall.