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The T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum is housed in Pensacola's old City Hall, built in 1907.

T.T. Wentworth Museum to Re-open with New Focus on Local History

On November 26th, the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum in downtown Pensacola will be re-opening to feature a newly redesigned 4,000 square-foot exhibit space. Much like the former "Pensacola: City of Five Flags" exhibit, the new exhibit will focus on Pensacola's long history, incorporating new technology and research to give the museum a modern update.

Plans to redesign the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum's Pensacola history exhibits came after the museum received a significant \$500,000 BP Gulf Seafood Tourism Industry Grant earlier in 2013. Since receiving the grant, museum staff have worked hard to redevelop and renovate the building before the scheduled November grand opening.

Theodore Thomas Wentworth started the original T.T. Wentworth Museum in 1957 as a roadside attraction in Ensley, Florida.

Wentworth was a prolific collector of all things and was dedicated to preserving his collection for future audiences to enjoy. In 1983, Wentworth donated his collection to the State of Florida.

When the City of Pensacola constructed a new building to house City Hall in 1985, the old City Hall building was selected to house Wentworth's donated collections. The museum officially opened in November 1988, displaying Wentworth's huge variety of items, which included a shrunken head, mummified cat, and Native American dugout canoe. When the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum re-opens in November, visitors can still visit Wentworth's eclectic collection in addition to newer exhibits.

If you are interested in visiting the museum's exhibits, both old and new, you can stop by the museum for its grand re-opening on

November 26th from 10:00am-4:00pm. If you can't make it then, explore the museum any time during normal operating hours, Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm beginning November 27th.

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Northwest Florida Fall Festivals in Review!

For many, fall is a time to enjoy cooler weather, time spent with family and friends, and the quiet hours before winter holidays arrive. The Florida Public Archaeology Network's Northwest Regional Center has been enjoying the season by making the rounds at many of the wonderful fall festivals and heritage events throughout our region!

Since September 28, staff, interns, and volunteers have attended 15 festival and heritage events at state parks, archaeological sites, community centers, and nature preserves. Noteworthy events included the St. Joseph State Park Appreciation Day, the Munson Community Heritage Festival, the Washington County Heritage Festival, the Annual Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow, the Baker Heritage Festival, and Pioneer Day at Rocky Bayou State Park.

Our participation in these wonderful events helped us discuss the importance of Northwest Florida's historical and archaeological resources with over 2,200 people!



Outreach Assistant Janene Johnston discusses local archaeology with a family at Rocky Bayou State Park.

If you think you may be interested in attending events like these in the next year, please be sure to check our [online events calendar](#) regularly for updates! You can also find many of the events we attend in our quarterly newsletters.



Staff at FPAN's DEMA Show 2013 booth included (left to right) FPAN NW Outreach Coordinator Nicole Bucchino, FPAN Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, Florida DHR Director of Marketing Katie Kole, and Florida DHR Senior Underwater Archaeologist Franklin Price.

DEMA Show 2013: Bringing Archaeology to the International Diving Community

Each year in November, representatives from the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) travel to the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) Show to share information on the wonderful diving opportunities Florida's historical shipwrecks offer. We also promote a better understanding among leaders in the scuba diving industry about how historical shipwrecks can be important archaeological and tourism sites and why they deserve to be protected.

This year, FPAN staff were joined by Katie Kole and Franklin Price from Florida's Division of Historical Resources to help promote the new Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail. Our booth drew a great deal of attention among attendees and we were able to discuss Florida shipwrecks with nearly 800 individuals!

Even if you aren't a scuba diver, you can learn more about the unique shipwrecks on the Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail by clicking [here!](#)

Events Calendar

All of FPAN Northwest's events are also listed online! Visit our [Events Calendar](#) to get the most up-to-date information!

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Last Day for 2013 Public Archaeology Lab Volunteering, 10:00am-4:00pm, FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 E. Main Street, Pensacola.

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Explore Pensacola History: Belmont Devilliers, 6:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

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Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, "Talking Smack: The Sailing Vessels of Pensacola's Fishing Industry" 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

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FPAN Closed for Winter Holidays

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FPAN Closed for New Year's Day

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First Day for 2014 Public Archaeology Lab Volunteering, 10:00am-4:00pm, FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 E. Main Street, Pensacola.

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Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, "Molino Mills: The Maritime Cultural Landscape of a Reconstruction-Era Sawmill in Molino, Florida" 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

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FPAN Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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UWF Archaeologist Margo Stringfield opens up discussion with PACT members and City of Pensacola cemetery stewards.

Pensacola Area Cemetery Team Ready to Support City Cemeteries

Earlier this year, the City of Pensacola Mayor's office requested the University of West Florida Division of Anthropology and Archaeology's assistance in working with the city's cemetery resources, partnering with cemetery stewardship groups, and creating a comprehensive preservation guide for the city's 14 identified cemeteries. In response, Division Archaeologist Margo Stringfield has spearheaded the formation of the Pensacola

Area Cemetery Team (PACT) to work with the variety of families, stewardship groups, religious organizations, and willing volunteers who are responsible for the care and upkeep of Pensacola's cemeteries.

PACT is comprised of professionals from the fields of archaeology, history, historic preservation, municipal government, and law. The team also includes a community volunteer instrumental in establishing a successful stewardship base for St. Michael's Cemetery, one of the two oldest extant cemeteries in Florida.

PACT Team members will meet regularly over the course of the upcoming year to identify and research topics associated with Pensacola's cemetery resources, help organize stewardship groups for cemeteries lacking such a structure, offer workshops on a variety of topics, and produce a comprehensive manual addressing issues involved with Pensacola's cemeteries. Although the manual will focus on efforts in Pensacola, PACT hopes that it can serve as a guideline for other similar efforts across the state of Florida.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network's Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton and Northwest Regional Center Outreach Coordinator Nicole Bucchino will be joining PACT to support their mission over the next year.



The UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology has worked closely with St. Michael's Cemetery on a number of historic preservation projects in the past.

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Archaeological Guided Hiking Tour of Naval Live Oaks, Time TBA, Naval Live Oaks Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, Highway 98, east of Gulf Breeze.

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Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, "Spanish Frontiers: A Study of Social and Economic Exchange Networks Present in 18th-Century Spanish Missions" 7:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.

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Explore Pensacola History: A Journey through West Florida, 6:00pm, West Florida Public Library Main Branch, 239 N Spring St., Pensacola.



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ARCHAEOLOGY
RESOURCE CENTER

website has a new home!

Click [here](#) to check it out!

Need someone to talk at your event?

FPAN can help facilitate speakers for meetings of your civic group, community organization, youth club, or heritage society, and for lecture series and special events. In addition to staff, we also can draw on the expertise of University of West Florida professors and graduate students as well as on local professional historians and archaeologists. [Click here](#) or call 850.595.0050 ext.103 for more information.

Need a field trip for your students?

FPAN offers wonderful field trips for students of all ages at its Coordinating Center in downtown Pensacola. Students will receive an introduction to archaeology, spend some time sorting real artifacts in our Public Archaeology Lab, and learn more about archaeological sites to visit around Florida in our Destination Archaeology Resource Center. [Click here](#) or call 850.595.0050 ext.103 for more information.

Library Hosts "Explore Pensacola History" Series

For 2013 and 2014, the West Florida Public Library has decided to host "Explore Pensacola History," a year-long series exploring the people, places, and events that make up Escambia County's unique historical heritage.

Explore Pensacola History will consist of numerous programs focusing on many facets of the area's 450-year history. Speakers include local experts in archaeology and history, as well as presenters and performers from outside the area who will discuss Pensacola's place in state and national history. The series also highlights culture, as representatives from the area's diverse communities are invited to share their historical perspectives and ways of life.

As part of its new five-year strategic plan, the West Florida Public Library is working to promote the community's knowledge of local history and genealogy. "Many residents are not aware of Escambia County's rich history," said Library Administrator Darlene Howell. "It is our goal to help the community draw

connections between the past and present to appreciate what is unique about Florida's First Place City."

Funding for Explore Pensacola History has been provided in part by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional support is provided by the ongoing generosity of the Friends of West Florida Public Library.

For a complete schedule visit the [Explore Pensacola History website!](#)



Shipwreck Diver? Tell Us What Motivates You!



Are you scuba diver with an interest in diving ship or aircraft wrecks?

Please consider taking the time to fill out a survey to help Joanne Edney, an Environmental Sciences Ph.D. candidate from Charles Sturt University in Australia, better understand what the attraction to wrecks is for recreational divers.

Wreck sites are fragile, non-renewable resources that have significant value as recreational, tourist, and cultural heritage sites. Your participation in this survey is important because it will help resource planners, regulators, and dive and tourist operators plan for and offer the types of dive experiences divers are seeking around the globe!

To take the survey, [click here](#). To learn more about the project, visit [wreckexperience.net](#).

Find us:

Coordinating Center

207 E. Main Street, Pensacola, FL
Open Monday - Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Destination Archaeology Resource Center

207 E. Main Street, Pensacola, FL
Open Monday-Saturday
10:00am-4:00pm

Public Archaeology Lab

207 E. Main Street, Pensacola, FL
Open most Tuesdays + Wednesdays,
until December 4, 2013 and
re-opening January 14, 2014.
10:00am-4:00pm

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