



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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APRIL 13 MEETING AT FPAN CENTER DOWNTOWN

A CONQUERING SPIRIT: Fort Mims and the Redstick War 1813-1814

Dr. Greg Waselkov, from the University of South Alabama's Center for Archaeological Studies, will present the April 13 program. Fort Mims in Baldwin County is the focus of Dr. Waselkov's recent book about a massacre that changed the course of American history in many ways. He uses historic documents when possible and results from archaeological excavations when the written record was incomplete. The program will include the historical and cultural context of Fort Mims, information about the federal "plan of civilization" and the Creeks' responses to that effort to impose cultural change. He will focus on the archaeology done at the site between 1953 and 1981 that generated an enormous collection of artifacts that provides a good cross section of frontier material culture tightly dated to 1813 as well as the follow-up remote sensing and test excavations from 2004-2007. The more recent work has delineated the shape and size of the fort and the nature of its construction. Most recently, an interesting sample of artifacts has been recovered from the Randon cabin, occupied by a Creek-French metis family that took refuge in the fort.

Join us for this interesting program at the FPAN Center at 7 PM on April 13 and bring a friend or two.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

This is your first reminder to pay your dues this month. The PAS year runs May 1 through April 30. The dues scale remains as follows: Individual - \$15, Family- \$20, Student-\$6, Life-\$200.

**FAS REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 10 FOR ANNUAL MEETING TO
BE HELD IN AVON PARK, MAY 11 AND 12.**

2007-2008 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee of Robert Koonce, chair, Elizabeth Benchley and Ken Alderman prepared the following slate for the 2007-2008 officers and board members. Elections are set for the April membership meeting. Other nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting.

President – John Crane

Vice President – Robert Koonce

Recording Secretary – Jan Lloyd

Corresponding Secretary – Gene Feicht and Elizabeth Benchley

Treasurer – Kay Gautier

Board Members – Ken Alderman and Della Scott-Ireton

Martha Ridlehoover and Greg Cook have 1 year remaining on the board

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Public Archaeologist based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, and Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, will contribute FPAN information monthly to the PAS newsletter.

FPAN sponsored an Archaeology Day in Valparaiso on March 10 which was well-attended with nearly 200 people bringing artifacts to be identified. A couple of members of the Emerald Coast Archaeological Society stopped by to assist along with archaeologists from Prentice Thomas and Associates, UWF grad students and the Eglin AFB Cultural Resources Office. Public Archaeology Days have been scheduled for Saturday, July 14 at the Bay County Library in Panama City and Saturday, July 21 at the Baker Block Museum in Baker. Assistance from PAS members would be most welcome and appreciated!!

FPAN also hosted an historic cemetery workshop presented by Margo Stringfield of UWF's Archaeology Institute. Additional workshops will be scheduled because of the positive feedback from attendees.

Della Scott-Ireton represented FPAN at the first annual Northeast Florida Maritime Archaeology Symposium held in St. Augustine March 20-22 where she gave a presentation of FPAN's underwater archaeology programs. In addition, three students and three PAS members /UWF faculty presented papers.

If you need to contact Della or Bill or Cheryl Phelps (Office/Grants Manager), the FPAN office is located in the old L & N Marine Terminal, 595-0054.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION UPDATE

***UWF excavations at the Lee House lot begin this week. Volunteers are needed to help rough sort artifacts from the excavations beginning April 11 from 9 to 3 on WEDNESDAYS only at the FPAN Center. For more info or to volunteer, call Mary at 595-5524 (Mon., Wed. and Fri.) or 474-9070 (Tues. and Thurs.)

*** UWF Archaeology Lab - VOLUNTEERS are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound. The lab is open Monday through Thursday 9 AM until Noon and 1-4 PM for volunteers (No Friday work next semester) through the end of April. Most lab workers are going into the field this week and we need help in the lab. Call Jan (lab 474-2087) for more info.

***The Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama has volunteer opportunities available in the field and in the lab. Bonnie Gums, CAS archaeologist at USA, can be contacted for more information at 251-460-6562.

TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

The underwater team is continuing to investigate two promising targets that have been located near the Emanuel Point shipwreck. The good weather has permitted dives several times a week on the targets. Stay tuned for more info.

All artifacts from the features that are covered in the report on the Commanding Officers Compound have been processed! Lab workers and volunteers helped complete the lab work in record time and draft report preparation is underway. We are now processing some of the features that will be studied at a later time so we still need your help at the lab to get this work done.

This week UWF students under the direction of Norma Harris begin pre-construction work on the Lee House lot at the corner of Main and Alcaniz Streets and simultaneously near the Tivoli House where several houses will be moved into the Historic Village. UWF crews will be monitoring as well as digging trenches for the house footers and foundations. The FPAN Center lab will be open for volunteers to rough sort artifacts from these excavations ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS beginning April 11, 9 am til 3 pm. Contact Mary Furlong at 595-5524 (Mon., Wed., and Fri.) or 474-9070 (Tues. & Thurs.).

PAS ANNUAL BANQUET JUNE 12

Again this year the PAS Annual Banquet will be held at Azalea Trace. The June 12 date has been confirmed and a menu will be presented to the board in May. Mark your calendar now to reserve this date for the banquet night.

COMING EVENTS

- April 3 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, Main Street
- April 10 *A CONQUERING SPIRIT: Fort Mims and the Redstick War 1813-1814*
Dr. Greg Waselkov
Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for Archaeological Studies
University of South Alabama
7 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**
- May 1 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network Center**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, Main Street
- May 8 **The 1733 Galleon Trail Project: Its Research and Development**
Dr. Della Scott-Ireton
Regional FPAN Archaeologist
7 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center

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