



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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FEBRUARY 13 MEETING AT FPAN HEADQUARTERS DOWNTOWN INTEGRATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE PENSACOLA PRESIDIOS

In order to maintain a presidio on the western border of Spanish Florida between 1698 and 1763, four separate settlements were constructed, moved and rebuilt in the our area. Each move was forced by adverse circumstances and whole communities were relocated together. Parts of all of these presidios have been investigated by UWF archaeologists. At the February membership meeting, Dr. Judy Bense will present information about the adaptations the colonists made to cultural and natural forces during this 65 year period.

Join us at 7 PM on Feb. 13 at the **Florida Public Archaeology Network Headquarters** in the old L & N Marine Terminal downtown for the February membership meeting. Parking is available behind the building. This will be our first meeting in the new FPAN headquarters building. (see News From FPAN for more info) Bring a friend or two.

REMINDER TO PARTICIPANTS: POMPEII TRIP MARCH 10

As part of our Archaeology Month activities, on a March 10 twenty PAS members will travel to Mobile for the Pompeii exhibit. The exhibit runs through June 3, 2007, so if you miss this trip, you can still see the exhibit on your own. You don't want to miss this exhibit! Payment of the \$20 per person fee was made by February 1 by those who signed up and reservations have been made.

NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

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

The Staff of the Florida Public Archaeology Network Coordinating Center and Northwest Region moved into their new offices in the historic L & N Marine Terminal in January. Everyone is invited to stop by and check out the new “digs.” In addition, office space has been made ready for the Pensacola Archaeological Society. We look forward to working more closely with PAS and to hosting PAS monthly board and membership meetings beginning in **February**.

FPAN is pleased to announce that we will host the field lab for the part of UWF’s summer archaeological field school that will be held during June in downtown Pensacola.

FPAN recently received a grant from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to develop a database of existing county and local historic preservation and archaeological protection programs in the state. We need **VOLUNTEERS** to perform phone interviews if any PAS members would like to help. Give Della a call for more information or to sign up.

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 Archaeology Lab - **VOLUNTEERS** are needed in the building 13 lab to work on artifacts from the Commanding Officers’ Compound. Volunteer times for this semester are: Monday through Thursday 9 AM until Noon and 1-4 PM (No Friday work next semester). Call Jan (lab 474-2087) for more specifics about volunteering.

***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.

***FPAN needs volunteers to perform telephone interviews (see FPAN News).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It’s that time of year again. The nominating committee of Robert Koonce, chair, Elizabeth Benchley and Ken Alderman will prepare a slate for the March meeting. Elections are set for April. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer for any officer or board positions, please contact one of them.

TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER UPDATES

The underwater team is continuing to investigate two promising targets that have been located near the Emanuel Point shipwreck as weather permit. These explorations will continue through the fall and spring funded by a Special Category grant from the state. 2007 Field School activities will include work in the bays as well as return visits to the Seminole side wheel steamer shipwreck. Dr. John Bratten and Greg Cook are directing these activities.

Artifacts from excavations at the Commanding Officers Compound last summer are still being processed in the lab at Building 13. With lab workers and volunteers, we hope to complete lab work by late March and have the draft report on the excavations completed in April. We need your help to get this work done.

One of the 2007 UWF summer Field School locations has been changed. During the month of June, excavations will take place in downtown Pensacola instead of in Niceville. There will be opportunities for PAS and the public to VOLUNTEER with field and lab work as in previous years. During July the field school will move to Sapelo Island on the Georgia Coast. More specifics will be available soon. UWF archaeologists Dr. Victor Thompson and Norma Harris will direct the field school activities this year in these two locations.

Monitoring of utilities replacement work by UWF grad students continues downtown on Romana and Florida Blanca Streets.

STUDENT AWARDS FUND UPDATE

It's that time of year again! At the March membership meeting, we will present \$400 each to two archaeology students who will be able to continue their research or present papers at state, regional or national meetings. Because of your generous donations, these students are able to represent UWF and PAS in these activities. We are able to reach our short term goal of supporting these students with the \$400 gift, but we need your continued support to reach our long term needs. The PAS board is doing everything possible to stretch the money in the fund by investing in a CD that will provide some interest. T shirt sales will provide another couple of hundred dollars. Sales will continue at \$5 until all are sold. The \$1600 per year support for the students will require additional support from you. If you have a few extra dollars, any amount is welcome. You don't have to wait until the end of the year to make this tax deductible donation. Thanks from the PAS Board and past and future student recipients!

COMING EVENTS

February 6 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, **Florida Public Archaeology Network headquarters**,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, Main Street

February 13 **PENSACOLA'S SPANISH COLONIAL PRESIDIOS**
Dr. Judy Bense
UWF, Director of the Division of Anthropology and Archaeology
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MARCH 13 LA SALLE'S IMPACT IN TEXAS: An Overview of the Texas Historical
Commission's Archaeological Investigations of the La Belle Shipwreck,
Fort St. Louis and Presidio la Bahia
MAUREEN BROWN and JEFF DURST
Archaeology Division, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, Texas

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FAS NEWS

Kay Gautier, PAS Treasurer and FAS Membership Secretary, will attend the **FAS Board Meeting** in Tallahassee Feb. 10. Besides presenting the PAS quarterly report, Kay will pick up the 2007 Florida Archaeology Month posters and post cards. This year's theme focuses on native and historic watercraft in Florida. These posters will be distributed to members at the February membership meeting. These posters should be taken to libraries, schools and other locations to help promote knowledge of archaeology in Florida.

The 2007 FAS **Annual Meeting** will be hosted by the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy (KVAHC) in Highlands County, Florida May 11-13. Anne Reynolds, chair, has announced the following activities. Meetings will be held in the University Center at South Florida Community College in Avon Park. The FPAN Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday morning. FAS and FAC Board Meetings are scheduled for Friday afternoon. The Friday evening reception will be held at the Jacaranda Hotel in historic downtown Avon Park. The Museum of Florida's Art and Culture will be open at scheduled times for exploration. Saturday papers will also be presented at the University Center at SFCC. In addition, there will be a poster context, a student paper award, exhibition hall and book room. A Chuck Wilde Scholarship Award is planned.

Dr. Barbara Purdy, University of Florida professor emerita, will be the keynote speaker at the FAS banquet Saturday night at the Sebring Civic Center. The California Toe Jam Band will keep you entertained and get your feet moving on the dance floor.

On Sunday you will want to take advantage of one of the two official tours. One tour will take you to the Blueberry site in Lake Placid, a significant Bell Glade village site on a ridge. The other will be a tour of the 40 murals of Lake Placid that deal with history, industry and ecology.

**Undergrad and grad students are encouraged to compete for the student paper prize. The prize will consist of an assortment of books on history and prehistory in Florida and the Southeast. The abstract is due April 15, 2007 with papers for judges to follow postmarked no later than April 30. Send to Dr. Robert Austin, PO Box 2818, Riverview, FL 33568.

More information about where to stay, links to registration forms and other important items can be found on the FAS website: www.fasweb.org

LECTURE SERIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE POMPEII EXHIBIT 2007

Learn more about Pompeii and Imperial Rome from guest experts who will be speaking at the Exploreum during the *A Day at Pompeii* exhibition. All Tuesday lectures are scheduled for 7 – 8:30 PM at the Gulf Coast Exploreum IMAX Theater, 65 Government Street. Seating is limited to 177 and advance ticket purchases are recommended. Tickets are \$10 per person over 18 years old and \$5 for those under 18. Exploreum members cost is \$8 and \$4 respectively.

Tues., Feb. 27 – **A Tale of Two Plinies: Visuvius and Its Aftermath** by Dr. Connie Rodriguez, Associate Professor and Dept Chair, Classic Studies, Loyola University of New Orleans. The lecture presents the final hours of Pompeii as told in letters of Pliny the Younger who watched events unfold from a safe distance. Also introduced is Pliny the Elder who was in charge of the Roman fleet stationed on the Bay of Naples and met his death in the disaster.

Tues., March 6 – **Archaeology in Pompeii: A “Behind-the-Scenes” Account of the Major Discoveries and New Directions in the Rediscovery of a Roman City** by Dr. Steven Ellis, Lecturer in Classical Archaeology, University of Michigan. This lecture charts the most important and latest discoveries made at Pompeii and the logistics of digging up an entire city and the plaster casting of the victims. It describes how the work at Pompeii helped forge archaeology as a new science

Tues., March 13 – **Analyzing the Design and Decoration of Pompeian Houses** by Jason Urbanus, Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University. The lecture examines in detail the plan and decoration of the Pompeian house and its greater role within the fabric of an ancient city.

Tues., March 20 – **The Roman Dinner** by Lisa Holcomb-Blair, a Mobile resident and culinary historian and practitioner of the art of ancient cooking. This program presents an informative and mouth-watering glimpse into the culinary history, dining habits and cooking techniques of classical Rome.

Tues., March 27 – **The Gardens of Italy** by Dr. William E. Barrick, Executive Director, Bellingrath Gardens and Home. Gardens were very important elements of Pompeian homes. This lecture uses photos and illustrations to take audiences on a stroll through the gardens of ancient Rome and other parts of Italy to explore their biota and form.