



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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TALES OF THE SEA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE

During early July the Honors Program at UWF offered a History and Maritime Studies trip to the United Kingdom. At the September 13 membership meeting, Dr. John Bratten will take us along on the trip and introduce us to numerous famous ships and museums on the coast of England and France. These ships include the *Mary Rose*, Henry the VIII's vessel that is undergoing conservation; the HMS *Victory*, the ship on which Horatio Nelson died during the Battle of Trafalgar; HMS *Warrior*, the largest iron and most heavily armored ship of its day (1860s) and John Cabot's replica ship, the *Matthew*, in Bristol. Other activities in England included Greenwich Maritime Museum, the largest in the world; Warsash Maritime Center for lectures and visits; Dockyard Museum; Royal Observatory; Iron Age Village based on experimental archaeology; Uppark House, owned by a wealthy admiral in the 17th century; Portsmouth fortifications; D-Day Museum; Stonehenge and Old Sarum. In France the stops included Cherbourg Maritime Museum and Coastal Forts and the Isle of Tatihou for the Nautical Archaeology Museum. Our "old" meeting room has been remodeled and is ready for us to use in September. Don't miss this exciting trip!

ANNUAL BANQUET REPORT

About 50 PAS members and guests attended the annual banquet this year. The excellent buffet style meal catered by Rich's Bar-B-Q was enjoyed by all. A big THANK YOU goes to those making the plans and decorating the parlor. Dr. Judy Bense and Dr. John Bratten presented a summary of the past year's activities

and plans for the future. How lucky we are to be in an area with so much archaeological activity!

UWF 2005 FIELD SCHOOLS SUMMARY

It seems like only yesterday (to us) that the field schools began excavations downtown and in Ebro and the underwater crew started checking out the promising “hits” from the magnetometer survey. If you put off coming out to help rough sort artifacts under the tent behind the Wentworth Museum, you missed it because the 2005 field schools ended Friday, Aug. 5. This group of field school students received rave reviews from all of the supervisors and archaeologists in charge. What a hard-working group they were!

The terrestrial crew was looking for a well beneath an area that was previously excavated in 1993 to reveal British colonial ovens (part of the Colonial Archaeological Trail exhibit). Because the water table is so high downtown, a well point system connected to a pump was used to draw the water level down so excavations could continue. The excavation produced some amazing discoveries. Not far below the British ovens was the first of the iron bands of the barrel – the largest type of barrel from colonial times. As excavations continued, more barrel bands were located although there was no wood present. Nearing the bottom of the excavation, into the soil normally below the water level, remains of wooden staves and the bottom of the barrel were located. These parts are undergoing conservation at UWF. Another interesting find was a storage pit of sorts. This rectangular, wooden structure was located partially beneath the water table and was probably used for storage of food and drink that needed to be kept cool.

PAS volunteers operated the information booth, giving site tours, selling T shirts and working in the rough sorting lab under the big tent. Volunteers are weren't as frequent as usual, but those who came were dedicated.

The underwater crew spent the first week getting UWF scientific diving credentials before they began work. They divided their time between the excavations downtown, rotating to the magnetometer survey boat (learned to use the equipment and analyze data), diving on “hits” from the mag survey and field checking information from the 1991 shipwreck survey done by the State. A number of new wrecks were located this season during these activities. A 7th ship was located near the other Shields Point wrecks on the Blackwater River. Another was located near the swing bridge at Milton. One wreck was relocated at Navy Cove, the Deadman's Island wreck and two other new wrecks were found nearby. The B Street Schooner (circa 1900) was located in Pensacola Bay along the

waterfront. The Emanuel Point and Santa Rosa Island wrecks were checked for damage from Hurricane Ivan and a report was made to the State. Both are in good shape, but the Santa Rosa Island wreck required some reburying using landscape cloth and ballast.

This year the field school students working on the Forests and Lakes project near Ebro focused on excavations of a Weeden Island period occupation site. Organic materials in the sandy, acid soils of the site have decomposed and leached out making the midden and features difficult to identify and excavate. Artifacts recovered include sherds of fancy Weeden Island Punctate bowl and other ceramics as well as stone tools. Discontinuous areas of faint and a little darker midden may indicate the inside and outside of structures on the site.

DUES ARE LATE

The new PAS year began May 1, 2005, and dues are PAST DUE. Dues are as follows: Individual - \$15, Family - \$20, Student - \$6, Life - \$200. Don't forget - your **donations for the Student Awards fund** are always welcome and important. See form available on the insert.

T SHIRT NEWS

T shirt sold like hotcakes this summer. A special order has the PAS logo and the UWF logo on the front and the 1765 painting of the downtown Pensacola waterfront on the back. These were worn by UWF field school students as well as PAS members. The price is only \$10 each. The shirts will be available at the Sept. meeting and in the building 13 lab. All profits benefit the Student Awards Fund.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*****LAB CLASS** – Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 PM, Building 13 Lab, beginning Aug. 23. Learn the basics of artifact classification through lectures and hands on work. Help process the artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound (field school 2005) excavations. Reservations are a MUST because of space available. Call Jan at 474-2087 to reserve your space. Those needing a refresher are welcome.

*****LAB WORK** – Building 13 Lab –work on artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound excavations. Rough sorting only until lab class starts. No experience necessary. Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 to 4, Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 12. For more information call Jan at 474-2087 or just show up!

*****LAB WORK** – County Courthouse sorting continues at the Archaeology Institute Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 3. Call April Whitaker at 474-3015 for info.

COMING EVENTS

Sept 6 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida

Sept. 13

**TALES OF THE SEA
FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE
DR. JOHN BRATTEN**

Archaeologist UWF
ROOM 10, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 3400 BAYOU BLVD.

Oct. 4 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida

Oct. 11

**ARCHAEOLOGY IN MEXICO
KRISTA ESCHBACH**

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STUDENT AWARDS FUND

With numerous donations from \$25 to \$1000, the Student Awards Fund is doing well. At this time we have awarded \$1000 (4 awards) and have \$3713 in the fund. At the last Board meeting, the directors voted to increase the award from \$250 to \$400 this year. The deadline for application for the fall award is Sept. 30. The award will be decided at the Oct. 4 Board meeting and checks will be presented at the Oct. 11 membership meeting. We want to continue at this level or even increase the amount, but it all depends on the generous contributions of the PAS members and friends. Help maintain this fund with a tax deductible donation. These funds are used by students to attend national and regional meetings to present papers reporting on activities in our area, travel to other parts of the country to do research in museums and libraries and other activities necessary to pursue research for their degrees. They represent us well and are always among the best at the conferences they attend. T shirt sales profits and donations are the source for this fund. Thanks for your support of these future archaeologists.

FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK CENTER

Dr. Judy Bense had an idea and it became a reality during the legislative session last year. The Florida Public Archaeology Network was included in a bill that passed last year and the funding for the Network was approved this year as part of the budget of the University of West Florida.