



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CRETE: ANCIENT AND MODERN SIDE BY SIDE

Bill and Lorelee Holiman, PAS members, have traveled all over the world with the Navy and are now stationed here in Pensacola. They spent 2004 living and working in the midst of abundant historical sites in western Crete. They will share their observations of the ancient Minoan and the Phaestos Palace (source of the famed Phaestos disk), sites from the Mycenaean invasion, Dorian period and Greek, Roman, Arab, Byzantine, Venetian, Turkish, German and modern Greek occupations of the island. Bill holds a BA in history and a Doctorate of Divinity. Lorelee's award-winning pictures capture well the intermingling of ancient habitations and the daily lives of modern Cretans. As usual, the program will be at 7 PM in Room 10, Trinity Presbyterian Church on Bayou Blvd. See you there.

MUMMY: the inside story

This year on **March 25** during Florida Archaeology Month, PAS offers a group visit to the Exploreum in Mobile, host to a traveling exhibit from the British Museum – **Mummy: the inside story**. This fantastic exhibit features a 3-D movie that gives you a virtual “look” into the unopened mummy case and under the wrappings of Nesperennub, a 3000 year old Egyptian priest. At 10 the group will see the IMAX film, **Mystery of the Nile**, followed by the exhibit at 11. From 12-2 we can have lunch and visit the Museum of Mobile that is right next door. At 2 pm, we will have the virtual 3-D experience and return home late afternoon. Sign up for carpools at the membership meeting (see Gene Feicht) and hear more about the details. Group ticket price is \$17.50 per person. **DEADLINE IS PAST, BUT ASK ABOUT ANY CANCELLATIONS (see Kay Gautier at the meeting).**

STUDENT AWARD FUND RECIPIENTS

To date, PAS has presented \$1800 in grants to students at UWF allowing them to attend conferences and participate in research all over the US and England. These awards are made possible by YOUR large and small donations! Thank YOU! The first two Student Awards recipients for 2006, designated as the Tom McCaskey Memorial Student Awards, were chosen from the 4 applications during the March 7 Board Meeting. \$400 each will be presented to Mary Furlong and Nickie Hamann at the membership meeting on March 14. Mary will use her award to do research on her thesis topic (figurines from several sites including Santa Maria de Galve, Santa Rosa Pensacola and several in Puerto Rico) at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April 2006. Nickie will use her award to receive advanced dive safety instruction that will enable her to oversee divers during the 2006 field season. Congratulations to both! The next awards will be made in Oct. 2006.

T SHIRTS AVAILABLE

It's **SALE** time again! The few remaining 2006 T shirts will be available at the membership meetings in March and April for the low, low price of **ONLY \$5**. Some shirts have the PAS logo and the UWF logo on the front and others have only the PAS logo. Both have the Pensacola colonial waterfront on the back. We would like to clear the inventory by the end April at the end of the fiscal year. **All sales will benefit the Student Awards Fund.**

PAS MEMBERSHIP/DONATION INFORMATION

PAS membership dues are: Individual \$15, Family \$20, Student \$6 and Life \$200. Dues, contributions to Student Awards Fund or in memory/honor of individuals should be sent to the post office box listed on this newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*****LAB WORK** – Building 13 Lab – Help is still needed to process artifacts from the Commanding Officers' Compound excavations last summer. Jobs rough sorting (for novices) and sorting/coding (for experienced workers) are available. No experience necessary!!! **WE NEED YOU**. Monday through Friday 9 to 4. For more information call Jan at 474-2087 or just show up.

FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH ACTIVITIES

Posters and bookmarks commemorating Florida Archaeology Month are being distributed in March to libraries, schools and other places where the public will learn of the importance of our cultural resources. These will be available at the March membership meeting.

Mummy Trip to Mobile is scheduled for March 25. See article page 1.

Festival on the Green will be held March 31 and April 1 at UWF. PAS and UWF archaeology will share a table again this year. Volunteers are needed. Contact Elizabeth Benchley, 474-3015.

Florida Heritage Month has been March 15 through April 15, but has not been formally declared yet by the new Secretary of State. In the past this has been celebrated on the first Saturday in April in the historic district downtown on the same day as Jazz Fest. Watch the next newsletter to see if this event will be held this year. PAS members will be needed if this event occurs.

Nominating Committee Report

Elizabeth Benchley presented the following slate of officers for 2006-2007 prepared by the committee of Benchley, Jan Lloyd and April Holmes (PAS member) to the Board on March 7:

President – John Crane

Vice President – Ken Alderman

Recording Secretary – Jan Lloyd

Corresponding Secretary – Gail Leroy and Elizabeth Benchley

Treasurer – Kay Gautier

Board – Martha Ridlehoover

Greg Cook

(Gene Feicht and Robert Koonce have 1 more year on the Board.)

This slate will be presented to the membership at the meeting on March 14. The slate will be voted on at the April membership meeting after nominations from the floor have been accepted.

FAS CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

John Crane and Ken Alderman were nominated for FAS Certificates of Appreciation at the FAS Board Meeting in February by Kay Gautier, PAS chapter representative. Contragulations and Thanks to both of you for your contributions and leadership!

COMING EVENTS

- March 7 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- March 14 **CRETE: ANCIENT AND MODERN SIDE BY SIDE**
BILL AND LORALEE HOLIMAN, PAS members
7 PM, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Room 10
- March 25 Florida Archaeology Month Field Trip to Mobile to see
MUMMY: the inside story
See article on page 1 for all the details!
- March 31-April 1 UWF **FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN**, UWF CAMPUS
- April 4 Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, University of West Florida
- April 11 **FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK**
Dr. Bill Lees
Director, FPAN

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FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Kay Gautier, PAS chapter representative, reported the following from the FAS Board meeting in February. FAS has a new membership secretary. Members are encouraged to check their records concerning their 2005 membership and renew when appropriate. There has been a problem with the records and renewal notices may not have been sent out on time. The rejection of all Bullen and Lazarus Awards nominees was addressed by the FAS president. It stems from a very strict interpretation of the FAS by-laws by the committee chaired by George Luer. This is an appointed committee, but no changes were made in the committee at this time. No chapter has volunteered to host the 2007 FAS annual meeting yet, but Gautier volunteered PAS as the 2009 host for the FAS annual meeting as decided at the February PAS board meeting. This will coincide with the local celebration of the 450th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola by Tristan de Luna in 1559.

The 58th Annual FAS Meeting will be held in Stuart, Florida on May 12-14, 2006. The meeting host will be the Southeast Florida Archaeological Society. The primary hotel will be Pirates Cove Resort and Marina in Stuart and reservations should be made as soon as possible. FAS and FAC events are scheduled for Friday, May 12, with board meetings in the afternoon and a reception that night at the Stuart Recreation Center honoring Dot Moore for work at the New Smyrna Beach site and Governor and Mrs. Bush for their present and future support of Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. Paper presentations are scheduled all day on Saturday. The bookroom and vendors as well as paper presentations will be held at the Wolf High Technology Center, Indian River Community College. The Saturday night banquet is scheduled for the Pavilion at Indian Riverside Park, home of the Mt. Elizabeth Indian mound on the Indian River Lagoon. More information and more details will be available later. Advanced registration (\$40) is due by April 10 and \$50 after that time. Form is in the January FAS newsletter or website.

FAS membership is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. FAS members receive the journal *The Florida Anthropologist* and the *FAS Newsletter*. Information on FAS can be found on the website: <http://www.fasweb.org> Dues are: Regular and Institutional - \$30, Family - \$35, Sustaining - \$40, Student - \$15 with copy of valid student ID, Patron - \$100, Life - \$500, Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

Write to the new membership secretary, Beth Sarney, 5331 Lansdowne Way, Palmetto, FL 34221 or email excav8@tampabay.rr.com

UWF ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOLS 2006

Dr. Elizabeth Benchley announced that the terrestrial part of the UWF field school 2006 will primarily be downtown again this summer beginning May 15. A combined underwater and terrestrial field school is also offered again this year as it was last year with students having the opportunity of working half time in each area. She also announced the Archaeology Institute will soon begin archaeological survey of the proposed property for the new sewage treatment plant. The purpose of the survey is to locate prehistoric and historic sites that would be impacted by development of the property.

Greg Cook announced that the underwater field school would be working in various locations again this summer as survey continues in the waters of Pensacola Bay as well as other waters in NW Florida and nearby in Alabama.

FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK NEWS

Dr. Bill Lees, director of FPAN, announced that sites for the first three public archaeology centers have been chosen. These will be located in St. Augustine, hosted by Flagler College; Tampa, hosted by the University of South Florida; and Pineland, hosted by the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida. Each host will provide space and utilities and UWF will provide an annual grant from the State of Florida for staff and operations. Contracts between UWF and the host institutions were concluded recently and announcements were posted requesting applications for the staff archaeologist positions.

The St. Augustine Regional Center will be in historic Palm Cottage on the Flagler campus, adjacent to the town's famous historic district. This center will serve seven counties in northeast Florida (Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia). The Tampa Regional Center will be housed at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), which has an annual visitation of 800,000. The Tampa Center will serve seven counties on Florida's west coast (Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota). The Regional Center at the Randell Research Center at Pineland will build on a successful public archaeology program to serve five counties in southwestern Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee). Four or five additional Regional Centers will be selected later in 2006 to provide public archaeology to those portions of Florida not covered by the Coordinating Center in Pensacola or the other three regional centers.