



PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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MOBILE, PENSACOLA'S FRENCH CONNECTION AT THE BOWDEN BUILDING MARCH 10, 7 PM

The speakers at the past several PAS membership meetings have attracted standing room only crowds. This is a GOOD thing, but in order to accommodate more people, the rest of the 450th celebration *meetings through August 2009 will be held at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street*. The kickoff lecture of the series was held at this same location in September.

Dr. Greg Waselkov will give us some important information about the links between Pensacola and Mobile during colonial times. Situated less than 60 miles apart, Mobile and Pensacola originated as the capitals of competing European colonies – one French, one Spanish – for the first half of the eighteenth century. While often at odds diplomatically and politically, these neighboring colonial towns frequently cooperated and depended upon trade with one another for their very survival. Archaeology offers evidence of this mutual dependence and provides insights into the intertwined lives of “enemies” at the edge of empire.

Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov is Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama. He has been at USA since 1988 and has directed continuing excavations at the Old Mobile site for 20 years, twice as long as the French were there! He has also directed and reported on many other excavations in the area. Come enjoy the information about Old Mobile and colonial Pensacola. Bring a friend or two.

A ROYAL VISIT FOR PENSACOLA

On February 19 King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sophia of Spain visited Pensacola to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the establishment of Pensacola by Luna. A full day of activities began with a breakfast and audience with Spanish citizens who live in Pensacola. Next the King placed a wreath at Fort George, site of the 1781 siege by Spanish soldiers lead by Galvez that put Pensacola back into the hands of the Spanish after an eighteen year occupation by the British. The King then traveled to the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum where he made a speech from the balcony to the public assembled in Plaza Ferdinand. The Plaza was full of school children to senior citizens who came to see the King and hear his speech. After the speech, several UWF faculty and students gave the King and Queen a personal tour of the Emanuel Point I exhibit and showed them some of the most important artifacts from the shipwreck. The final activity was a luncheon at the Naval Air Station before the couple departed for South Florida. Both Governor Crist, who introduced the King to the crowd at Plaza Ferdinand, and the King mentioned the importance of the relationship between Pensacola and the Spanish people through time and continuing today. Taking part in the festivities was time well spent that day.

STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The board made a decision about the Student Awards recipients at the March 3 meeting. Usually the award is \$400, but again this month, an additional \$50 apiece will be supplied by an anonymous donor to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the settlement of Pensacola. The awards this time go to Irina Franklin and Jennifer Melcher. Irina will use her award when she presents her research about development of the Apalachicola River Maritime Heritage Trail at the Northeast Florida Symposium on Maritime Archaeology March 25-27 in St. Augustine. Jennifer Melcher continue her thesis research by traveling to San Luis Mission site in Tallahassee and the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville to compare their samples of historic Native American ceramics made for the colonists to the artifacts found here at the presidios in Pensacola. Funding is being sought for the other applicants through other individuals, groups and agencies.

JAN NEEDS EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM FPAN PANHANDLE PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Public Archaeologist based at the FPAN Center here in Pensacola, Dr. Bill Lees, FPAN Director, and Mary Furlong, Outreach Coordinator, (mfurlong@uwf.edu), contribute monthly to the newsletter (595-0059 for info).

Florida Archaeology Month is finally here! After a very successful kick-off on Feb. 28 with over 300 people attending, everyone at FPAN is ready to dive into the other activities scheduled for the month. With special events are scheduled every weekend and on many weekdays, the staff is hoping to reach more people in Northwest Florida than ever before. By focusing much of our effort on the eastern areas of our region, FPAN wants to bring archaeology to people who do not have access to the lectures, museums and public excavations in Pensacola. There is great archaeology throughout all of Northwest Florida and we want everyone to know about it.

In addition to the special events scheduled for Florida Archaeology Month, the FPAN staff continues to work on several long term projects. The excavation of the Scott Site with the students from Milton High School continues. Since the new semester began in January, the students have opened two new units and continue to document and excavate the units opened last semester. With the help of Dr. Brian Buckner and descendants of the Bahan family (the 19th century land and kiln owners), we continue to learn more about the site and its owners through the historical record. The FPAN staff continues to work with FAS to update the Florida Archaeology booklet and the Bureau of Archaeological Resources (BAR) to deliver training workshops throughout the state for land managers, dive instructors and other professionals.

VOLUNTEERS – WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

UWF, BLDG. 13 LAB – Help is needed to rough sort new materials from the Barkley House excavations. Call Jan for info at 474-2087. The lab is open Monday through Thursday 9-4 through mid-May

FPAN, LAB –Lab hours are **Wednesday** and **Friday** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Artifacts to be rough sorted included material from excavations in Milton at the Scott site, the Barkley House and several other projects. . Call Mary -595-0050
WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH ROUGH SORTING. No experience necessary!

UNDERWATER AND TERRESTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY REPORTS

Excavations at the Barkley House are over and after the groundbreaking on February 26, construction is underway to rebuild the cook's house and kitchen. These will be used for catering activities and handicapped access at the Barkley House. Monitoring will be necessary during construction. We look forward to hearing about the colonial features such as the wells, wall trenches, trash pits and storage pit that were located during the excavations when Dr. Benchley presents the May PAS program. We need your help rough sorting and processing the artifacts at the UWF Bldg. 13 lab and the FPAN lab (see volunteer opportunities for times). The UWF lab alone had over 160 volunteer hours during February.

The plans for ten weeks of Field School 2009 are underway. Right now plans involve two terrestrial field schools. Dr. John Worth will lead one group to look for missions in our area during the 1st Spanish period and John Phillips will be in charge of excavations at Arcadia searching for habitation areas of the workers. The underwater group plans a week of diver training and ten weeks of excavations on the Emanuel Point II shipwreck as well as more remote sensing with the magnetometer and side scan sonar in Pensacola Bay. They also hope to do some test excavations on the B Street schooner located on Pensacola's historic waterfront.

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2009-2010

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for 2009-2010. These candidates will be presented to the membership at the March 10 meeting and the election will take place at the April 14 meeting. Nominations may be added from the floor at either meeting before the vote.

President – John Leroy (2nd year)

Vice President – Martha Ridlehoover

Recording Secretary – Norine Carroll

Corresponding Secretary – Gene Feicht

Treasurer – Kay Gautier

Board Members – 2009-2011

Della Scott-Ireton and Elizabeth Benchley

Continuing Board Members - 2008-2010

Barbara Wright and Greg Cook

COMING EVENTS

MARCH IS FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH! CELEBRATE WITH US.

March 3, Tues. Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. MEMBERS WELCOME

MAR. 10 **MOBILE, PENSACOLA'S FRENCH CONNECTION**
DR. GREG WASELKOVA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR MEETINGS

*****7 PM, BOWDEN BUILDING, 120 CHURCH STREET*****

April 7, Tues. Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, Florida Public Archaeology Network Center,
Old L & N Marine Terminal, 207 E. Main Street. MEMBERS WELCOME

APRIL 14 **THE RISE AND FALL OF PENSACOLA'S SPANISH MISSIONS**
AND THE ROAD TO VERACRUZ

DR. JOHN WORTH, UWF
7 PM, BOWDEN BUILDING, 120 CHURCH STREET

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SEVERAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST:

FIRE AND EARTH: 2009 COASTAL POTTERY EXPO

The city of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Center will host the 1st annual Fire and Earth: 2009 Coastal Pottery Expo on Saturday, March 28 from 9 am to 5 pm. This will be a celebration of the ancient art form of ceramics and pottery by featuring all forms, genres, mediums and styles created by potters and ceramic artisans throughout the Gulf Coast region. Award winning potters and ceramic artists will display, sell and share their work with the public on the museum grounds throughout the day.

Guided tours through the Indian Temple Mound Museum gallery will explore the unique ceramic objects the prehistoric people of Fort Walton left behind. A children's area featuring clay crafts will be available on site to the public as well. Several demonstrations (ground-firing, wheel-throwing and kiln-firing) will occur for the public to enjoy.

The event is open to the public with \$1 donation per person encouraged to support the Indian Temple Mound Museum and the Fort Walton Temple Mound.

Special Trip to the Old Mobile Excavations

The Friends of Old Mobile are offering a trip to the Old Mobile site on Saturday, March 21st. A bus will leave from the parking lot behind the J.C. Penny's store at Colonial Bel Air Mall at 9:00 a.m. There will be a tour of the Old Mobile archaeological site and ongoing excavations by the Center for Archaeological Studies, field school students, and volunteers led by Dr. Greg Waselkov. After the tour, the group will have lunch at the historic Kirk House & Gardens and visit the studio and shop of ceramic artist Mary Kirk Kelly. The bus will be back in Mobile by mid-afternoon. Cost is \$20.00 per person for the bus and lunch. They need to know as soon as possible, but no later than March 12, if you would like to join the tour. Please call Mary Jane Cobb at 342-7210 to get your name on the list. Your check made out to Friends of Old Mobile will be your reservation, and should be mailed to The Friends of Old Mobile, P. O. Box 161314, Mobile, AL 36616-2314.