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FAS 71st Annual Meeting

Crystal River 2019

Florida Public Archaeology Network's Central Region and the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society are honored to host the events this year. The conference meetings, presentations, and banquet will be held at the charming *Plantation on Crystal River*.

Location: Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida

Date: May 10-12, 2019

Conference Hotel

Located in the heart of the Manatee Capital of the World, *Plantation on Crystal River* will serve as the Conference hotel and location for all organizational meetings, conference proceedings, awards ceremony and banquet.

Plantation on Crystal River overlooks the beautiful spring waters of Kings Bay and is

located at 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River, Florida. A room block has been secured for the event with a nightly rate of \$129 for a standard room (the room rate includes resort fee). The rate is available to April 9, 2019.

The conference rate will be available to attendees three days before and after the FAS meetings. To make a reservation please call *Plantation on Crystal River* at (800) 632-6262. Refer to the booking name Florida Anthropological Society.

Registration

Registration for the Annual Meeting is now open. Please visit the FAS website to register. For general registration, cost is \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. The student rate is \$20 (students are required to upload a picture of current student ID).

These prices are effective until March 15, 2019, the deadline to pre-register. Registration after this date will be accepted at an increased rate (\$60/\$75 and \$30 respectively).

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FAS Chapter Representative Workshop

Join other FAS Chapter Representatives from across the state on Saturday, May 11th at Noon for lunch and discussion about ways to engage and build your membership. Lunch will be provided for those who register. Location: poolside gazebo and tables.

FAS Annual Business and New Board Meetings

Saturday, May 11th, usually between 4:00 and 5:00pm, the FAS Business and New Board Meetings will take place at the Conference Center. Per FAS By-Laws, a FAS Member Quorum is necessary to conduct these meetings. Be there! Win some raffle prizes—but only if you attend the meeting!

FAS Awards Banquet

On Saturday evening attendees can enjoy a refreshing cocktail with hors d'oeuvres overlooking gorgeous views of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge before the FAS Awards and Banquet commences back at the Conference Center in the Magnolia Room.

A delicious buffet will start at 6:45pm with healthy servings of batter fried local fish and roasted rosemary chicken. Three types of salads, lots of veggies, and desserts of baked apple cobbler and coconut layer cake will also be served.

The FAS Awards Ceremony and Keynote Presentation will take place following dinner. The banquet cost is \$40 per person. Join us! Dinner and Awards are always great, and often lively.

Conference Tours Sunday Morning, May 12

The 2019 Conference tours will take place on scenic Crystal River. Attendees may decide between two guided tours of the river's archaeological and ecological heritage.

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Registration continued: For all your walkup needs, on-site registration will be available in the main lobby at *Plantation on Crystal River* Thursday, May 9th from 4:30-6:00pm. Beginning Friday, May 10th, on-site registration will be located in front of the Magnolia room of the *Plantation* Conference Center. You can register there on Friday between 1:00-5:00pm, and on Saturday, May 11th between 7:30am-12:00pm – if you haven't registered by then, you're just crashin' the party.

Parking: *Plantation on Crystal River* has sufficient on-site parking but stay tuned to the FAS Facebook page for more information if a need for overflow parking is expected.

Welcome Reception Friday, May 10th

Between 6:00-8:00pm conference attendees will be treated to a Welcome Reception at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park hosted by Park Staff and the Friends of Crystal River Preserve. The reception will feature food and refreshments, and beautiful sunset views of the Crystal River. Transportation to and from the venue will be provided.

Presentations & Posters Saturday, May 11th

Morning and afternoon paper and poster presentations will take place in the Conference Center at *Plantation on Crystal River* from 8:00am to 4:00pm. For lunch, a list of local restaurants will be provided in your program. *Plantation on Crystal River* operates two dining establishments at the resort. Both dining options, the 19th Hole and West 82° Bar and Grille, will both be open.

FAS 2019 Friday, May 10 Meetings

Friday meetings will be located in the Conference Center at *Plantation on Crystal River*. The meeting schedule and room assignments are as follows (but be sure to ask a buddy or consult your program as these times and assignments may be subject to change):

FPAN Board Meeting

8:00am-12:00pm Sable AB

FAS Board Meeting

1:00pm-3:30pm Sable AB

FAC Board Meeting

1:00pm-2:00pm Sable CD

FAC General Meeting

2:00pm-3:00pm Sable CD

Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage Board Meeting

1:00pm-2:00pm Pine

FAPA Forum

TBD

FAM Committee

TBD



Ms. Mahar (kneeling) with excavation crew.

FAS Awards Banquet Keynote

Ms. GiNESSA Mahar, PhD Candidate of the University of Florida, has graciously accepted our invitation to provide the Keynote presentation.

With a Little Help from Our Friends: Investigating Florida's Ancient Fisheries

“Archaeology is a team sport. While the 21st century has brought many new and exciting techniques to the field of archaeology, perhaps the most significant development may have to do with personnel.”

In her Keynote Address, Ms. Mahar will discuss, “the role of students, community members, fisherfolk, and biologists in the investigation of Florida's ancient fisheries, with a focus on the Woodland archaeology of the Gulf Coast. The benefits of Community Archaeology and interdisciplinary research will be discussed as well as the critical role that “Our Team” plays in the detection, investigation, and preservation of Florida's coastal heritage.”

Conference tours continued:

Across the Divide: Crystal River to Roberts Island: 9:00am Crystal River Preserve State Park Visitor Center, \$20

Join USF archaeologist, Dr. Thomas J. Pluckhahn, for an interpretive boat and hiking tour of two of Crystal River's pre-contact mound sites. The goal of this tour is to frame the differences between the Crystal River and Roberts Island sites, in terms of size, architecture, orientation, etc. and what these might say about societies of the Middle and Late Woodland.

Folks who choose this tour will hop aboard *Monroe* to view the Crystal River site from the river, then land for a guided hike of the unique mounds at Roberts Island. With apologies, we regret to inform you that the Roberts Island hike portion of this tour is not handicap accessible. Roberts Island, within the Crystal River State Preserve, is not open to regular visitation. The rough-cut trails are most easily and only traversed on foot.

Monroe is the State Park's tour boat. She calls at the Park's Visitor Center, located at 3266 N Sailboat Ave in Crystal River. Meet at 9:00am. Duration of the tour is approximately 2 hours. Cost is \$20 per person. Limit 22 seats.

River Tour - Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge to Shell Island : 9:30am Plantation on Crystal River, \$25

Join archaeologist, Gary Ellis of the Gulf Archaeological Research Institute, aboard the



Plantation Adventure Center's large capacity pontoon boat. Learn alongside fellow FAS members everything you might want to know about the archaeology and ecology of the Crystal River.

This scenic boat tour will depart from *Plantation on Crystal River* at 9:30am en route for Shell Island at the river's mouth. The tour will motor past the famous Crystal River Archaeological State Park, Roberts Island, and Wash Island, a few of the more interesting archaeological sites along the way. Duration of tour will be approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Cost is \$25 per person. Limit 38 seats.

Call for Papers and Organized Sessions

The Florida Anthropological Society invites the submission of abstracts for paper and poster presentations at the 71st annual meeting in Crystal River. We encourage submissions on a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Presentations will occur on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

You must be a FAS member to present at the Conference. An abstract of no more than 100 words is required from each presenter. Individuals may submit only one paper or poster as first author for consideration. All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fee at the time they submit their abstract. A 20-minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced.

FAS Membership, as well as FAS 2019 Conference registration and abstract submission access is available through the FAS website. **Abstract submission deadline is Friday, March 15, 2019.**

The deadline for proposing an Organized Session, panel discussions, or other special programs associated with the conference is Friday, February 15, 2019.

Email questions and organized session submissions to Jeff Moates, jmoates@usf.edu.

Student Prize Competition

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree granting collegiate programs are encouraged to compete for a prize. The student must submit a paper of original research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's cultural history.

Contestants must be registered for the conference and **submit a copy of their paper by Friday, April 12, 2019.** The written paper cannot exceed 2,500 words and must be typed and double-spaced. Students are required to make an oral presentation, drawn directly from their written paper at the FAS annual meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Past first place winners of the student paper prize are not eligible.

Judging criteria for student papers and oral presentations include quality of writing, overall presentation, quality of arguments and supporting data, and overall contribution to our understanding of Florida's cultural past and/or present. Prizes will be awarded during the Saturday evening banquet.

Email questions and student paper submissions to Rebecca O'Sullivan, rosulliv@usf.edu.

Dorothy Moore Student Grant

The Florida Anthropological Society is making available \$500 to be awarded annually to archaeology students (B.A., M.A., or Ph.D.) who are currently enrolled in a Florida university. The grant money will assist students conducting archaeological research in Florida. Grant funds can be used to cover the costs associated with fieldwork, special analysis (e.g., radiocarbon dates, faunal or botanical analyses, soils analysis, etc.), and in some cases, travel expenses associated with presenting a paper based on the student's research at a professional meeting.

Students who are interested in applying for the grant should submit a letter not to exceed two pages that describes the project for which the funds are being requested; what research question(s) or problem(s) are being addressed; how the funds will be applied to these problems; what, if any, additional funds will be used to accomplish the research; and how the research will contribute to Florida archaeology.

The applicant should include a budget indicating the amount requested and describing how the money will be spent along with letter(s) of support from faculty.

Applications for the 2019 award are now being accepted and can be sent to: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, 7224 Alafia Ridge Loop, Riverview, FL 33569 or via email to roc_doc@verizon.net **Application deadline is March 29, 2019.**

Other Student Opportunities

FAS strongly encourages student research and participation in the annual conference. A number of additional funding opportunities are available through generous sponsors and local chapters. Application details for the awards vary.

Please see the FAS website for additional details. Student award recipients will be announced at the FAS Annual Membership and Business Meeting and the Banquet on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Florida Archaeology Month 2019

Shared Collections—Shared Stories

Every year in March, Florida celebrates Florida Archaeology Month (FAM). FAS chapters, archaeologists, heritage professionals, museums, historical societies, and interested members of the public come together to promote and celebrate Florida's archaeological sites and knowledge about the past through events, workshops, lectures, and public archaeology days.

A major highlight during the month-long celebration is always the new FAM poster, developed every year to illustrate a unique theme within Florida Archaeology. For the 2019 poster and theme, the FAM team drew from the vast network of archaeological collections on display throughout the state.

Perhaps one of the most celebrated examples of pre-contact Native American artistry in Florida, the small figure known as the Key Marco Cat has a story to tell. Archaeologist Frank Hamilton Cushing uncovered the cat and many other objects in 1896 from a peat-filled pond on Marco Island that had once been within a thriving coastal settlement. With both feline and human features, the Key Marco Cat embodies ancestral Calusa belief systems and transcends our everyday ideas of art.

On January 26, the Marco Island Historical Museum opened a new exhibit featuring the return of the Key Marco Cat. The exhibit explores the lifeways of the people who made the objects, the subject of Cushing's findings. To see the Cat in real life (*IRL) head down to Marco Island for a visit to the historical museum and learn all about the Calusa, their ancestors, and Cushing's excavations.

Special thanks to the Marco Island Historical Museum and Society for their collaboration.

Artifacts have a story to tell, and those stories are best when shared. With this in mind, archaeologists and curators must listen to descendant groups and the public about when it is appropriate to make collections open and accessible. We can all learn from the diverse stories these special objects represent.

This year, Florida Archaeology Month celebrates all the museums and institutions across the State making their collections accessible to the public. Check out the Florida Archaeology Month website to find archaeological collections and exhibits you can visit in your community.

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HISTORY & INFO
MATERIAL: CYPRESS WOOD
AGE: CARVED BY CALUSA ANCESTORS c. A.D. 500 - 1500
CURRENT LOCATION: MARCO ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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FAS Membership Information

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and community education. FAS members receive the Society's journal, *Florida Anthropologist*, and the FAS Newsletter. Visit www.fasweb.org to learn more. Dues are: Regular and Institutional — \$30; Family — \$35; Student (with valid ID) — \$15; Sustaining — \$100; Patron — \$1,000; Benefactor — \$2,500 or more; Please add \$25 for a foreign address.

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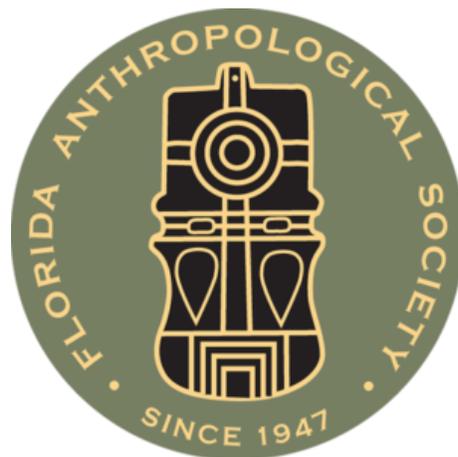


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We look forward to celebrating the Florida Anthropological Society with an enriching 71st Annual Meeting and Conference event.

Hope to see y'all in Crystal River this May!



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