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2018 Annual Meeting

The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Anthropology Program are honored to host the 70th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). The meeting will take place on the beautiful harborside campus of USFSP in the **University Student Center**, May 11-13, 2017.

The USFSP campus is located in the bustling downtown of St. Petersburg, which offers countless restaurants and top tier museums, including the Dali, the Chihuly, and the Florida Holocaust Museum. A room block at the Bayfront Hilton has been secured for the event with a nightly rate of \$135. The newly

renovated hotel is conveniently located 1000 feet north of the USFSP campus and within walking distance to many Downtown amenities.

Additionally, the Hilton has offered to make our conference rate available to attendees three days before and after the FAS meeting for those interested in spending more time in this vibrant city. To take advantage of this opportunity and/or book your room for the conference, the Hilton is ready to accept your reservation by calling (727) 894-5000.

On the evening of Friday, May 11, conference attendees will be treated to a Welcome Reception at 3 Daughters Brewery between 6-8pm. The reception will feature food from a local favorite, The Tavern, a variety of games,



University Student Center and main entrance to USFSP campus

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and the Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Awards ceremony. Transportation to and from the venue will be provided.

On Saturday night, May 12th, attendees can enjoy a refreshing cocktail overlooking gorgeous views of Bayboro Harbor before the FAS Awards and Banquet commences at the USFSP **University Student Center**, the same location as the Conference. Dr. Michael Francis, Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies and Professor of History at USFSP, has graciously accepted our invitation and will provide the Conference's Keynote Address.



FAS 2018 Keynote Speaker, Dr. Michael Francis, Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies and USFSP Professor of History

On Sunday, May 13th, tours will take place in the greater St. Petersburg area. Folks may decide between guided tours to archaeological sites located in four City of St. Petersburg Parklands or to the AWIARE Research Station and famous Weeden Island Archaeological Site located at the Weedon Island Preserve. We look forward celebrating the Florida Anthropological Society with a wonderful 70th Annual Meeting event and hope to see all of you in St. Petersburg, May 11-13, 2018.

Call for Papers

The Florida Anthropological Society invites the submission of abstracts for paper and poster presentations at the 70th annual meeting in St. Petersburg. We encourage submissions on a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Paper and poster presentations will occur on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

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.

Conference registration and abstract submission access will be available through the FAS website in early January 2018. The abstract submission deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018. The deadline for proposing symposia, panel discussions, or other special programs associated with the conference is Friday, February 16, 2018.

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 register for the conference and submit a copy of their paper by Friday, March 30, 2018. 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 12, 2018. 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, <u>rosulliv@usf.edu</u>.

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 12, 2018.

Report from the Past President

by Theresa Schober

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is a financially healthy organization with membership across Florida and beyond. In fiscal 2016 (ending January 31, 2017), operating expenses were \$14,364. Current year expenses are \$39 less than in the previous fiscal year. Our annual budget is developed so that operating income equals expenses. Our finances are skillfully managed by Treasurer Joanne Talley.

With operating funds, FAS printed *The Florida Anthropologist* journal and the quarterly newsletter; contracted Laura Dean of Runjik Productions to expand our web presence (including an archive of past meeting locations,

editors, presidents, and award winners); coordinated an annual conference in Jupiter hosted by Palm Beach County Archaeological Society; worked with the University of North Florida to plan the 2017 annual meeting; and worked collaboratively with our partners on Florida Archaeology Month materials and Advocacy Day at the Florida Capitol.

FAS expanded partnerships this past year, particularly for the annual conference. Our 2017 conference experience combined the efforts of the Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) Jacksonville Society and the University of North Archaeology Lab, especially Florida professionalism and enthusiasm of the lab's director, Keith Ashley. We cannot thank our local hosts enough! The FAS board has entered into a similar partnership with AWIARE (Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education) and the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg for the 2018 conference. Through these partnerships, the annual conference can enlighten the archaeological community to the good work done by many university programs and archaeologically oriented non-profits across the state.

One goal I set for my term was to create a multiyear conference schedule. I am pleased to report that in addition to the 2018 agreement with AWIARE, the FAS board has a contract with the Southwest Florida Archaeological (SWFAS) for 2020 and approached the Florida Historical Society (FHS) to collaborate on a conference cruise to Cuba for FAS's 75th anniversary. FHS has completed two similar conferences onboard cruise ships - in 2013 retracing Ponce de León's voyage along Florida's coast and, this May, to Key West and Tulum. The FHS board discussed the idea and notified FAS that they would like to move forward with planning a combined annual meeting. We look forward to St. Pete in 2018, Collier County in 2020, and a joint opportunity with FHS for our 75th!

In addition to new partnerships, the FAS board approved the standing society president to serve as liaison to Florida's newest archaeological advocacy group, the Florida Archaeological Preservation Association (FAPA). We support FAPA's efforts to protect Florida's cultural heritage through legislation and will work with them to disseminate advocacy information. FAS members also maintain liaison positions with the Florida Archaeological Council (Donna Ruhl), Florida Public Archaeology Network (Patty Flynn), and the Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage (Sherry Svekis). A special shout out to FAC and FPAN for their contributions to the annual conference and all you do to assist FAS on a regular basis.

As of January 31, 2017, FAS had a total of 528 members including 50 student institutional members, and 271 members in 16 statewide chapters. For many years, membership has been expertly tracked by Pat Balanzategui. At the May 2017 board meeting, the number of FAS chapters was reduced by one to 15. The Ancient Ones Archaeological Society of North Central Florida. similar to the Volusia Anthropological Society removed from our roster in 2016, has not been active in FAS for a number of years. In the history of FAS, this ebb and flow of chapters has been a constant. It reminds us to invest our energies not just in the statewide organization, but also in our local communities. This realization has led to renewed efforts by FAS to maintain positive relationships with chapters. In turn, many chapters are stepping up - participating in (and helping to representative's craft) the chapter luncheon/workshop; offering continued and new research awards, travel stipends, and other student opportunities; planning future annual meetings; and serving on FAS committees.

The FAS board also renewed its focus on member retention and engaging new audiences. In order to retain members and expand, we realized that we need to become more informed about who members are and what more FAS can provide. Thank you to Emily Jane Murray for implementing this project and to those who completed surveys at the annual conference in Jacksonville. The data generated was useful and the survey will become part of our membership renewal process.

A project for engaging new audiences is also in the works - the FAS board is bringing forth a Florida Archaeology themed license plate in the 2018 legislative session. This project is the brainchild of CGCAS member Lou Claudio. The goal is to raise awareness of the deep cultural heritage of Florida while providing a recurring fund to support collaborative educational projects. As discussed with members of FAC, FPAN, and the Division of Historical Resources at the recent conference, the FAS board is committed to this project as a furtherance of our goals. Should the legislation successful, and given our independence from state funding, FAS is the ideal organization to maintain the education fund.

The FAS board meets four times each year (twice in Gainesville, twice at the annual conference) and we welcome participation by members. The FAS board is assisted by seven committees who work outside board meetings to organize the annual meeting and oversee the FAS archive, annual budget/audit, awards, chapter affiliations, educational initiatives, and board nominations. An eighth committee overseeing the website upgrade was suspended last year while a Government Affairs committee was instituted. If you have a particular interest, please reach out.

It has been enlightening and an honour to serve as FAS president these last two years. I have been humbled by the dedication of so many people who selflessly contribute to the success of this organization. We share a passion for Florida archaeology that brings us together. That community spirit and FAS are in capable

hands with incoming president Jason Wenzel.

Once again, congratulations to the UNF Archaeology Lab and the Jacksonville Society of the AIA for producing an outstanding annual conference and to all FAS award recipients!

We look forward to seeing you in St. Petersburg for the 70th annual meeting, if not before.

A condensed version of this report was read on May 6, 2017 at the annual Business Meeting during the FAS Conference.

2017 FAS Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award Jerald T. Milanich

Ripley Bullen Award Ann S. Cordell

Arthur R. Lee Chapter Award Indian River Anthropological Society

(IRAS)

FAS Certificates of Achievement Jack Harvey and Elizabeth Clement,

SWFAS; University of North Florida Archaeology Lab, Keith Ashley, and

AIA, Jacksonville Society

FAS Student Paper Prize Jessica Jenkins, University of Florida for

"Exploring Oyster Mariculture at

Woodland Civic-Ceremonial Centers on

Florida's Gulf Coast"

Dorothy Moore Research Grant Christina Bolte, University of West

Florida

Chuck and Jane Wilde Research Award Henna Bhramdat, Florida Atlantic

University

Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring

Jennifer Dewey, Florida Atlantic

Archaeological Society Travel Grants University; Kendal Jackson, University

of South Florida; Jenni Baggett,

University of West Florida

The Florida Museum is 100!

The Florida Museum is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year with many different events. The Museum opened a new exhibit Rare, Beautiful and Fascinating: 100 years @ FLMNH, which will be open until January 2018.

-- the exhibit building (3215 Hull Road) for folks to see behind-the-scenes view of the various collections daily work/research. You may wish to check out the <u>dates for these lab events</u> throughout the fall.

Throughout the fall various Florida Museum Hope you can make it to Gainesville and collections will host a "lab week" at Powell Hall the Florida Museum!

In Memoriam

Roger T. Grange, Jr. 1927-2017

Roger T. Grange, Jr., founder of the University of South Florida's Department of Anthropology and its first archaeologist, died Saturday, August 26, 2017, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Roger was born in 1927 in Chicago. He earned his BA and MA from the University of Chicago and his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Arizona. Before moving to Florida with his wife Jane in 1964, Roger was a museum curator at Fort Robinson, Nebraska and curator of anthropology at the Nebraska State Historical Society. He conducted excavations at prehistoric sites in South Dakota, Nebraska and South Carolina. and historic sites Fort at Michilimackinac Mackinaw and Fort in Michigan, Castle Hill in Newfoundland, and Fort Lennox in Quebec.

He was hired by USF to establish its Anthropology program in 1964 and was instrumental in developing the department's acclaimed program in Public Archaeology. He taught at USF until his retirement in 1994, serving twice as Department Chair and training many future archaeologists.

After retirement, Roger began archaeological and historical research at the 18th-century Smyrnea Settlement in New Smyrna Beach which he continued for the next 20 years. His warmth, intellect, and quirky sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Submitted by Bob Austin. A full obituary will appear in the forthcoming issue of *The Florida Anthropologist*.

The FAS Education Committee

seeks

Field School Information & Blog Posts!

Please send summer field school information and/or flyers! We would like to share them all in one place for students.

The FAS Education Committee is always accepting blog posts and content. Looking for internship or scholarship candidates? Has your chapter volunteered on a project or visited a local site? Have a project you want to share in an informal way to students, educators, FAS members, and the general public? Compile your content in a MS Word document. Add a title and one or more pictures including their descriptions and photo credits. Please email your flyers, notices, and other content to: info@fasweb.org

Check out FAS Education Committee blog at:

www.flanthro.tumblr.com

Searching for Occurrences of Oemler Pottery in Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida

Chester B. DePratter S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology

My colleague, Heathley Johnson, and I have identified a sizeable assemblage of Oemler pottery from the Santa Elena site, Parris Island, South Carolina. We now seek information on similar material from additional sites. The most common Oemler stamped motifs appear below. To date, we have documented Oemler pottery from panhandle Florida to north of Charleston, South Carolina. It seems to be distributed on the coasts and coastal plains of Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.



Varieties of Oemler Motifs

I have long had an interest in Oemler pottery (DePratter 1976) which was originally called Deptford Geometric Stamped (Waring and Holder 1968). Through the years I have published descriptions of Oemler pottery from St. Catherines Island, Georgia, and WPA-excavated sites in Chatham County, Georgia (DePratter 1979, 1991). Oemler sherds are sparse in number and are widely dispersed over parts of three states. This makes tracking down mentions or photos of Oemler sherds in the thousands of reports that span this large area a major challenge. That is why I am now asking for your assistance.

Have you found and reported on finds of Deptford Geometric Stamped or Oemler Check Stamped or Complicated Stamped pottery? If so, will you please send me links to relevant reports, photos, or leads to sherds that you have seen in collections made by others? Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated. My email address is: cbdeprat@mailbox.sc.edu.

DePratter, C.B.

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Bill Marquardt

2016 Southeastern Archaeological Conference Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

William Harrison Marquardt: Bill received his PhD in 1974 from Washington University in St. Louis. He has spent much of his career in Southeastern archaeology with forays into the US Southwest and in France. He is currently the John S. and James L. Knight Curator of South Florida Archaeology and Ethnography at the Florida Museum of Natural History, as well as Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Paleoenvironmental Studies at the University of Florida, and founder and Director of the Randell Research Center.

Bill has worked in Southeastern archaeology since his undergraduate years and has made lengthy and continuous contributions to Southeastern archaeology and SEAC since the late 1960s. His lengthy list of

publications includes book chapters, peerreviewed articles, CRM reports, major monographs, and co-authored volumes, many of which illuminate the archaeology of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and South Carolina.

Bill's interdisciplinary research was especially praised by colleagues who wrote in support of his award nomination. He is truly an interdisciplinary scholar who regularly works with botanists, faunal analysts, geologists, and geophysicists to expand our understanding of prehistory, coastal environments, climate change, and interactions of humans with their environments.

He also excels at public education and outreach. As a museum anthropologist, Bill's efforts to properly curate collections of major research value have made them accessible to a wide range of professionals, while his efforts to preserve and interpret sites have made them accessible to the general public. This aspect of Bill's career has been recognized throughout Florida with the bestowal of numerous awards.

Bill has devoted countless hours to research and public outreach efforts at the Pineland site on Pine Island, Florida, where he helped secure the property for protection by the State of Florida. Today the interpretive Calusa Trail and the Randell Research Center educational complex introduce over 7,000 visitors annually to the site, with its remarkable Calusa mounds and canals, and provide a focus for scholarly research and archaeological preservation in southwestern Florida.

Bill has been devoted to SEAC throughout his lifelong career in archaeology. He was the first editor of our organization's professional journal, *Southeastern Archaeology*. He has encouraged young scholars to present their work at SEAC and has organized numerous symposia over the years. And he has served on the Native American Liaison Committee and was Chair of the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee.

In summary, Bill's interdisciplinary and collaborative research, thoughtful theoretical interpretations of past human societies of the Southeast, his leadership roles in public education and outreach, and his work as an institution-builder make William H. Marquardt a very deserving recipient for SEAC's Lifetime Achievement Award.



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RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO EXPLORE OLDEST SMYRNA COLONY

October 1, 2017, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.—During the 20 years that the British owned Florida, they tried to turn the territory into a productive colony. Now the focus of the newly-formed Smyrnéa Archeological Research Institute (SARI) is to more fully discover the past in order to enrich the future.

"New Smyrna Beach has often been referred to as a local's beach," said Rebecca Harris, Executive Director and Founder of the Institute. "But this beach town has been keeping a secret of historic significance for almost 250 years and it's time we found out more about it."

New Smyrna was founded as a British colony by Andrew Turnbull and partners in 1768 and holds the distinction of being the largest British colony from its inception in the Americas. More than 1,400 people sought a new life in the Smyrnéa Colony, with most of the colonists coming from the British-controlled island of Minorca with smaller numbers coming from Greece and Italy. Together they created a new way of living in a vastly different environment than the Mediterranean while maintaining important cultural traditions and familial bonds.

"One of the goals of the Institute is to bring the very personal story of these colonists to life through archaeological research," Harris explained. "Most importantly, we want our citizens and visitors to participate in the discovery through our citizen science or Public Archaeology programs."

It's hard to imagine today, but the Smyrnéa Colony as an archaeological "site" is a collection of more than 100 buildings and untold landscape features (like the canals) that are currently buried under a more recent New Smyrna. Archaeology has shown that colonial era materials can be found and are largely undisturbed by nineteenth and early twentieth century structures that have had the good fortune to "entomb" the first settlement.

Community members can become involved by becoming a member of the Institute, providing access for archaeological survey/excavation on private property and becoming a certified volunteer. If a citizen is a direct descendent of a Smyrnéa Colonist, then you are invited to become an "Oral Tradition" associate. "The personal stories are really what can bring archaeology to life," Harris said. "We would like to more fully piece together the story of life in this eighteenth century colony."

Most recently, Volusia County listed the New Smyrna Beach/Turnbull Colony site as one of the most endangered historic properties. "The most significant threat to these nationally significant resources is development without archaeological examination or consideration," Harris said. "It's up to all of us to save what we can at this moment in our history so our future descendants can learn from the past."

For more information about the Institute and how to become involved, visit www.nsbarchaeology.org.

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The FAS Newsletter is published quarterly: January, one month before the Annual Meeting, July, and October. Brief articles, chapter news, and other items of interest are welcome for submission. The submission deadline for the

next issue is **December 15, 2017**. Contact the editor, **Sarah Bennett, 2615 Crestwood Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168**; email sarah.bennett.archaeo@gmail.com. Address changes should be sent to FAS Membership Secretary, **Pat Balanzategui, P.O. Box 1135, St. Augustine, FL 32085-1135**.

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 a valid ID) – \$15; Sustaining – \$100; Patron – \$1,000; Benefactor – \$2,500 or more. Please add \$25 for foreign addresses.

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