

71st FAS Annual Meeting

1969 Crystal River 2019

Crystal River, Florida

May 10-12, 2019

Hosted by FPAN Central Region and CGCAS

2019 Annual FAS Meeting

Where were you in 1969? If we're not mistaken, the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) held its annual meetings and conference in Crystal River! For 2019, Florida Public Archaeology Network's Central Region and the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society are honored to co-host the 71st Annual Meeting of FAS. The meeting will take place in the Manatee Capital of the World, Crystal River. The **Plantation on Crystal River** will serve as the Conference hotel and the location for organizational meetings and conference proceedings from May 10th to 12th, 2019.

The Plantation on Crystal River is surrounded by the natural springs of Kings Bay and is located at 9301 West Fort Island Trail in Crystal River. A room block has been secured for the event with a nightly rate of \$129. The resort hotel hosts a number of fun and family-oriented amenities and is just a short drive to downtown Crystal River on Citrus Avenue.

For anyone interested in spending more time along Florida's Nature Coast, the Plantation on Crystal River has offered to make our conference rate available to attendees three days before and after the FAS meeting. To take advantage of this opportunity and/or book



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your room for the conference, the Plantation on Crystal River is ready to accept your reservation by calling (800) 632-6262. Please refer to the booking name Florida Anthropological Society. The call-in block will be held until the cutoff date of Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

On the evening of Friday, May 10, conference attendees will be treated to a Welcome Reception at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park. Transportation to and from the location will be provided.

On Saturday night, May 11, attendees can enjoy a refreshing cocktail before the FAS Awards and Banquet commences at the Plantation on Crystal River, the same location as the Conference. The Conference's Keynote Address will be announced soon.

The Sunday (May 12) tours will take place in the Crystal River/Homosassa area. Folks may decide between guided tours to archaeological sites located along Crystal River, to the famous Crystal River Archaeological State Park for an in-depth tour, or to other Nature Coast sites. We'll have tour details announced soon as well. We look forward to celebrating the Florida Anthropological Society with a wonderful 71st Annual Meeting event and hope to see all of you in Crystal River, May 10-12, 2019.

Call for Papers

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. Paper and poster presentations will occur on Saturday, May 11, 2019

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 2019. The abstract submission deadline is Friday, March 15, 2019. The deadline for proposing symposia, panel discussions, or other special programs associated with the conference is Friday, February 15, 2019.

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 29, 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](#).



Other Student Opportunities

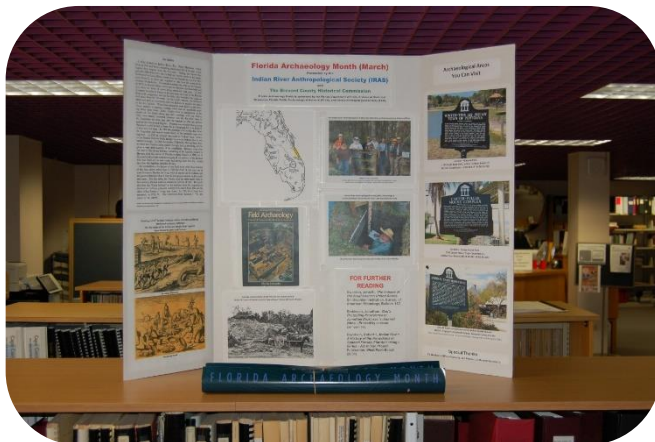
FAS strongly encourages student research and participation in the Annual Conference. A number of additional funding opportunities are available through generous sponsors and local chapters. Application details for the awards vary. Please see the FAS website for additional details. Student award recipients will be announced at the FAS Annual Membership and Business Meeting and the Banquet on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

It May Not Be Too Early to Start Planning for Archaeology Month

By Bob Gross, Indian River Anthropological Society

For Florida Archaeology Month 2018, IRAS had intended to set up custom displays, specifically tailoring a 3-fold poster board for each Brevard County public library depicting the archaeology and history for each library's region. After experiencing time constraints and realizing that some libraries were located in what some might call "archaeological dead" zones, IRAS decided to develop a generic poster suitable for the whole county.

Seventeen of these generic boards were created, were paired with "rolled" FPAN posters and bookmarks, and were installed in all county libraries save one, which was closed for renovation. The final board was delivered to the main public library in Indian River County.



Though short notice was given to library directors, all accommodated the displays. The displays were a huge success with the public. We could have easily disposed of three flats of posters in one month had we been able to resupply on a timely basis.

This coming year we hope to generate a new generic poster depicting some facet of archaeology, perhaps lithics or ceramics, for the libraries. Last years' posters will be installed in local schools for the month.

Meehan's Office and Supply Co. supplied most of the materials for the displays at cost and the Brevard County Historical Commission provided the printing.

Artifact Sales by Antiquity Markets is the Major Threat to Cultural Resources

By Jim Dunbar,

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If anyone tells you that collectors should be allowed to keep artifacts from public submerged bottomlands, do not let them fool you. A major problem for these lands is the antiquity markets and the people who are their suppliers. Antiquity markets selling artifacts are a worldwide threat to archaeological resources.

At the height of their power in Iraq(1) and Syria(2), ISIS not only destroyed world heritage sites. They also looted them of small portable artifacts. Artifact sales helped fund the wartime efforts of ISIS. Furthermore, wealthy collectors were all too willing to purchase ISIS looted artifacts.

Recently, Russian archaeologist, Vladimir Pitulko, lamented ivory poachers' destruction of woolly mammoth sites in the Siberian Arctic. Many woolly mammoth sites have evidence of

early human involvement and, as such, are archaeological sites(3).

The Russian looting problem provides a segue to a similar problem in Florida. Late Pleistocene megafauna remains and tools made from their bone/ivory are preserved in underwater settings. Today we now know that inundated, late Pleistocene archaeological sites are important, very important. The application of modern scientific (forensic-like) methodologies at these sites is producing significant results.

In the upcoming 2019 legislative session, it is very likely a bill will be introduced to allow collecting activity on state submerged bottomlands. Please consider opposing such a bill. If passed, the bill will lead directly to the loss of archaeological resources by feeding an out-of-control antiquities market that encourages site looting.

References

- (1) [How ISIS Pillages, Traffics, Sells Ancient Artifacts](#)
- (2) [ISIS Looted Syrian Ancient Artifacts](#)
- (3) Mammoth Trumpet Vol 33, N4, 2018: 6-12.

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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 submissions. The submission deadline for the next issue is **December 15, 2018**. Contact the editor, [Sarah Bennett](#). Address changes should be sent to FAS Membership Secretary, **Pat Balanzategui, P.O. Box 1135, St. Augustine, FL 32085-1135**.