

FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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FAS President's Board Update:

Hi Folks! We had a very productive board meeting in October. Here's a few highlights:

The Board sincerely thanks the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society and the Florida Public Archaeology Network's Central and West Central Regional Centers for a wonderful 2019 annual meeting in Crystal River.

The FAS 2020 Annual Meeting will take place May 8-10 in Naples/Key Marco, hosted by the Southwestern Florida Archaeological Society (see pg. 5 for info); and!, we're happy to announce the Central Florida Anthropological Society has offered to host the 2021 meeting in the Sanford/ Lake Mary area.

We are in the preliminary stages of exploring options for a digital version of the *Florida Anthropologist*.

We will still offer a print version of the journal. Members will have the choice of which format you will like to receive.

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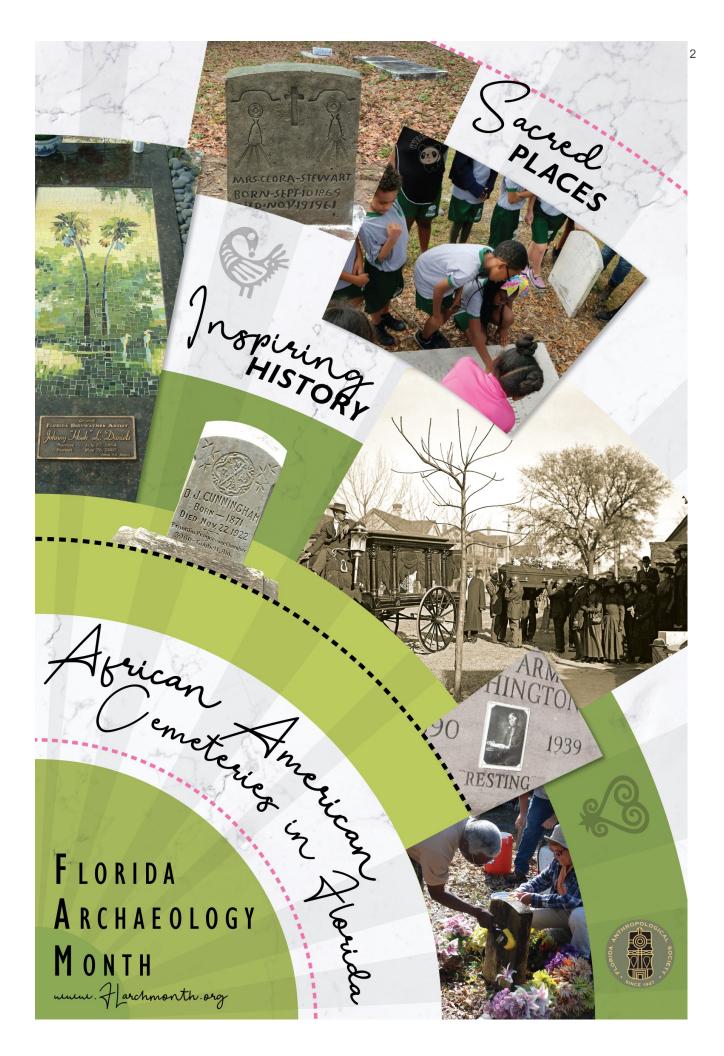
The Journal Committee has done a lot of work finding homes for back issues, but we still have plenty more. If you are interested in any back issues, please contact Dorothy at membershipfas@gmail.com to check availability and place your order. You can also check out the special issues for sale on the website.

The Board tasked the Budget committee with creating a plan to raise membership fees in 2021. We've been operating on a lean budget the past few years and need to increase the rates to keep up with increases in costs.

Our next Board meeting will be next Sat, February 22nd where we'll be distributing 2020 Florida Archaeology Month posters. Hope to see you there!

African American Cemeteries in Florida FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH www.FLarchmonth.org

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Look to the past to inform the future—The bird and heart symbols at right represent the concept of "Sankofa" from the Akan people of West Africa. The bird moves forward while looking back to grab an egg that represents the wisdom of the past. In the same way, learning from history can help inform a positive present and bright future. Florida's African American Cemeteries are sacred spaces where families can memorialize their loved ones, but also places full of history to inspire and engage younger generations. For more info, follow the link above.

Sacred Places Inspiring History

A groundbreaking Anthropologist, Author, and Folklorist, Zora Neale Hurston grew up in Eatonville, Florida. Her works *Their Eyes Were Watching God, Mules and Men*, and the recently published *Barracoon* shed light on the African American experience and racial divisions in the South. Zora died in 1960 and was buried in an unmarked grave in Fort Pierce. In 1973 a young Alice Walker, the famous author of *The Color Purple*, travelled to the area to relocate Hurston's grave and place a marker there. You can visit the spot today in Garden of Heavenly Rest Cemetery in Fort Pierce. The inscription Walker chose reads: "Zora Neale Hurston, A Genius of the South, 1901–1960. Nevelist Folklorist

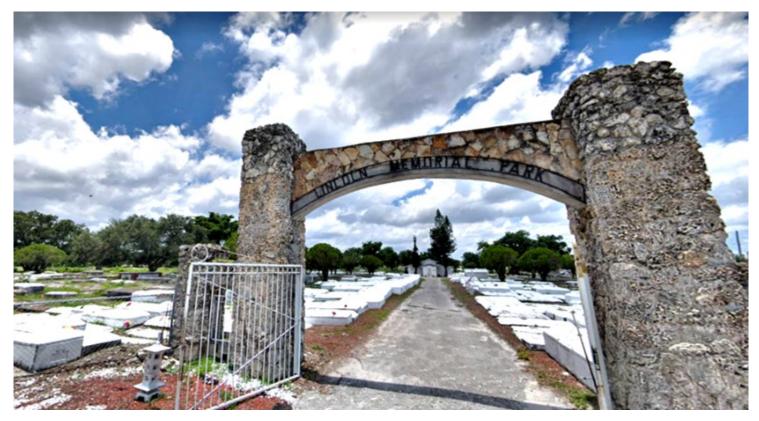
1901-1960, Novelist, Folklorist, Anthropologist."

Zora Neal Hurston's gravesite is the fourth stop along the City of Fort Pierce's Dust Tracks heritage Trail commemorating her life and work. A trail marker nearby serves as a place for visitors and admirers of Zora's work to honor her. Image credit: Derrick Barrow, Find A Grave.

Garden of Heavenly Rest Cemetery, Corner of 17th Street and Avenue S, Fort Pierce, FL







Entrance to historic Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery in Miami, founded in 1923, the final resting place for as many as thirty thousand people.

Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery, 3001 NW 46th St, Miami, FL



Florida Archaeology Month future themes and website:

THANK YOU to those who took some time to answer the FAM survey posted in the previous newsletter. The list of prospective themes were an outcome of a FAM Committee meeting held at FAS 2019.

The top three themes selected for this year and the next run of Florida Archaeology Months are (in no particular order) African American Cemeteries (2020), Indigenous Knowledge, and Tribal Archaeology.

We'll be meeting again at FAS 2020 and can always use more input on themes, feedback on FAM products, and help from the FAS community. Please keep an eye out for the time and place so you can attend.

FAM Website: While FPAN staff is busy developing content for the accompanying map and places to visit page, please feel free to logon the FAM website to plug-in your FAM-related events. The 2020 FAM page will go live the last week of February. Thanks again, folks!

Call for Papers & Posters[®]

Click the link above to submit your abstract. Deadline for **Organized Session proposals is** Friday, February 21.

Conference registration coming soon— But be sure to book your room at the conference hotel.

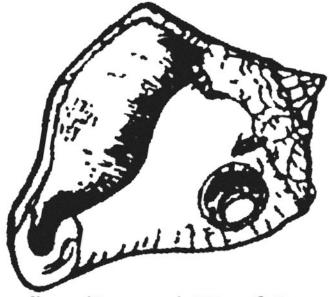
Conference Keynote:

Dr. Ryan J. Wheeler has graciously accepted an invitation from the conference committee to provide the Keynote presentation at the FAS Awards Banquet. Focusing on the intersection of Florida archaeology, northern museums, and a cast of characters including antiquarian Clarence B. Moore, notable archaeologists Ripley and Adelaide Bullen,



Irving Rouse, and John M. Goggin, among others. Dr. Wheeler will present, "What the Heck is the Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology and What Does it Have to do with Florida?"

72nd Annual Meeting & Conference



Southwest Florida Archaeological Society



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Information for Contributors

The FAS Newsletter is published quarterly: January, April, July, and October, or thereabouts. Brief articles, chapter news, and other items of interest are welcome for submissions. Contact the editor, Jeff Moates, for more information or to submit an article.

Address changes should be sent to FAS Membership Secretary, Dorothy Block, P.O. Box 1135, St Augustine, FL 32085

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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 <u>www.fasweb.org</u> to learn more. Dues are:

- Student (with valid ID) \$15
- Regular and Institutional \$30
- Family \$35
- Sustaining \$100
- Patron \$1,000
- Benefactor \$2,500 or more

FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2020-2021 *PROPOSED* SLATE OF OFFICERS

Emily Jane Murray, *President* - Emily Jane earned an M.A. degree in Anthropology from Brandeis University with an emphasis on Public Archaeology and a B.A. degree in Communications from Flagler College. She currently works as a Public Archaeology Coordinator for the Florida Public Archaeology Network's (FPAN) Northeast Region. She serves FAS as its current President and is a founding member of the Florida Chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies.

<u>Becky O'Sullivan, First Vice President</u> - Becky earned an M.A. degree in Applied Anthropology with a concentration in Cultural Resource Management and a B.A. degree in Anthropology from the University of South Florida. She currently works as a Public Archaeology Coordinator for the FPAN's West Central Region. She currently serves as a Vice President to FAS and on the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) board.

____George Luer, Second Vice President - George has been an FAS member since 1973. He has worked as an archaeologist in various capacities, including for the Florida Park Service. He earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Anthropology from the University of Florida. George currently serves as Editor of *The Florida Anthropologist*. He is a former FAS President and recipient of the Lazarus and Bullen Awards.

Jon-Simon Suarez, *Recording Secretary* - John-Simon earned M.A. and B.A. degrees in Anthropology from the University of Florida. He specializes in Zooarchaeology and the history of the pre-Columbian Southeast. He works in Cultural Resource Management with SEARCH, engaging in all aspects of archaeological research. He has worked in the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, and West Indies. He serves as Recording Secretary for FAS. He has presented papers and posters at state and regional conferences.

Joanne Talley, *Treasurer* - Joanne worked for 28 years at the Jupiter Island Club as a secretary to the members and Board of Directors. She was born and raised in Stuart and has lived in Hobe Sound since 1963. Since retiring, Joanne has worked as a volunteer with the Palm Beach County Archaeologist. She is a recipient of the Lazarus Award and has served as Treasurer of FAS since 2004.

Austin Bell, *Director* - Austin earned an M.A. degree in Museum Studies and B.A. degrees in Anthropology and Classical Studies from the University of Florida. He is the Curator of Collections at the Marco Island Historical Society and Museum.

The Nominating Committee reached out to all FAS Chapter Reps for suggestions for nominees. Nominations of persons for Officers and Directors-at-Large, other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee, may be made by petition in writing by at least ten (10) members of the Society who are currently eligible to vote. These petitions shall be in the possession of the President of the Society within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Newsletter containing the proposed slate. The date of mailing should be indicated on this Newsletter.