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Still Standing Strong #FAS2021

CFAS, the Central Florida Anthropological Society has been busy making preparations and taking all the necessary precautions to create a safe and productive FAS Conference in 2021. The annual meeting is on target for May 21-23 in Sanford, FL.

For tentative conference venues and locations have a look at CFAS Prez, Deborah Bauer's, description and update on the next page. Be sure to keep on the lookout for an official Call for Papers in January 2021. Looking forward to seeing you all IRL (in real life) and virtually in Central Florida next May.

News on #FAS2021
by Deborah L. Bauer, CFAS President...



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The focal point of the artwork created to serve as the conference logo is the famous Senator tree. The Senator was a 3500-year old bald cypress tree that was the largest and oldest of its kind in the world before it was burned down by an arsonist in 2012. It was located in Big Tree Park in Longwood. The tree stood at over 125 feet tall, and it grew not far from what scholars believe was one of several high elevation points possibly utilized by indigenous peoples in the pre-colonial period (and subsequently a mound).

Unfortunately, the tree burned to the ground, devastating Seminole County. But Senator rose from the metaphorical and literal ashes as a clone of the original was created and planted in its spot in the park. The new Senator still grows proudly each day, representing the adversity that has been overcome by its predecessor's destruction.

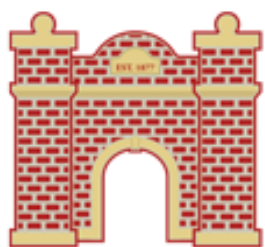
CFAS is looking forward to highlighting the other geographic areas we serve in northeastern Central Florida. The FAS Annual Meeting has been held in Orlando six times since 1952. 2021 will mark Orlando's seventh. The event was hosted three times before CFAS's creation in 1963. It was hosted twice at Rollins College in Winter Park in 1952 and 1957, and it was hosted once in 1962 at the Central Florida Museum (now the Orlando Science Center) in Orlando. After CFAS's creation in 1964, the annual meeting was held twice in Winter Park in 1972 and 1990, and once in downtown Orlando in 2011.

2021 will mark the first time any venue in Seminole County, one of the four counties that CFAS represents, has hosted the conference. Tentative venues for the event include: an opening reception at the Museum of Seminole County History, conference presentations at Seminole State College's Heathrow Campus, and field trips to see the Thornhill Lake Site with Dr. Jon Endonino and an airboat tour of burial mounds on Lake Harney.

The host hotel for the conference is the Lake Mary Westin Hotel. They have guaranteed a hotel rate of \$124 per night plus taxes. We have reserved a hotel block that includes rooms with one king bed or two queen beds. Parking is free and there are no resort or internet fees. The hotel will also honor the nightly rate for three nights before and after the conference. You may book your hotel reservation directly at the URL below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1607367081713&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

As the host chapter for FAS2021, CFAS will be circulating the official Call for Papers and opening conference registration in January 2021. Please stay tuned for more information.



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Addresses and hyperlinks are provided below to view the conference spots (hotel, conference venue, and opening reception) These are mentioned by Deborah in previous article. Be sure to reserve your room if you plan on attending in-person.

[The Westin Lake Mary, Orlando North](#)—2974 International Pkwy,
Lake Mary, FL 32746

[Seminole State College-Heathrow Campus](#)—1055 AAA Dr,
Heathrow, FL 32746

[Museum of Seminole County History](#)—300 Eslinger Way,
Sanford, FL 32773



Many Thanks, to Deborah and the CFAS Conference Committee for taking on the enormous task of planning the #FAS2021 Annual Conference and Meetings amidst a worldwide pandemic. There's nothing easy about this, folks. The CFAS crew is preparing a hybrid version of the conference to include an option for virtual attendance. Please be patient and be on the lookout for the official **Call for Papers in January 2021.**

If you forgot to renew your membership this year because the 2020 conference didn't happen—please do so now...think of it as your Holiday gift to FAS (and be sure to re-renew next May!) — its our membership \$\$s that keeps the FA journal at your doorstep and ensures FAS the financial wherewithal to host the best darn conference in the Southeast, year-in-year-out!

Happy Holidays!

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