



Florida Anthropological Society

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIBES YOU TO OUR JOURNAL

Membership in our FAS community supports the mission of the Florida Anthropological Society, and gives you access to our quarterly professional journal, this newsletter, and more.

The Florida Anthropological Society is a private 501c3 non-profit organization. We do not receive any government funding. For 76 years, FAS has amassed a bounty of baseline information about Florida's people and past. We disseminate information to scholars and to the public with our quarterly journal, *The Florida Anthropologist* (est. 1948).

Since 2019, the Journal Committee has worked to modernize the journal. **As of today, readers in 39 countries around the world, and at least 29 states in the United States, have accessed our publication.** Hard copy subscriptions are reliably renewed by dozens of very well respected institutions, museums, and libraries. Individual journal articles are available through a JSTOR-like search engine that serves 100,000 libraries around the globe. Individual authors commonly upload their articles to sites such as *Academia*, where they are shared with academics around the world. The University of Florida electronic collection is now searchable by keyword and downloadable. This is thanks to anthropologist Dr. Ginessa Mahar who presented a poster about her work with the journal at the 2025 FAS meeting.

Since implementing our own online view of FULL COLOR issues accessed through our website with an exclusive Members Only password, many of you are able to read articles before the printed version arrives to your mailbox. Each issue of the digital journal has been accessed and read by at least 400 members. (We appreciate you not sharing those links and passwords as this is a special feature of YOUR Membership, so please keep it exclusive.)

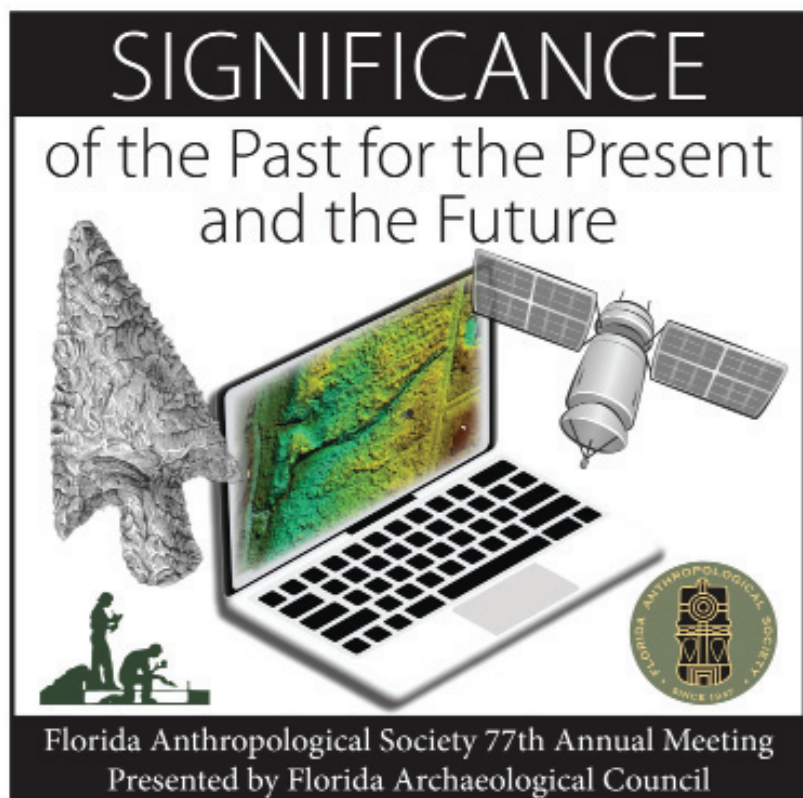
AS COSTS FOR PAPER, PRINTING, AND MAILING HAVE RISEN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO ENJOYS OUR JOURNAL TO DONATE TO THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGIST FUND.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

THE FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL (FAC) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HOSTED THE 77TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN GAINESVILLE, MAY 9-11, 2025, AT THE HILTON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER .



A good number of conference attendees enjoyed a welcome reception at the Swamp Head Brewery, a full day of fascinating presentations of papers and posters, and an awards banquet with keynote speaker, Dr. Charles Cobb, Professor of Historical Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. On Sunday, exciting field trips and workshops included Dudley Farm Historic State Park, Newnans Lake Archaeological Site, Florida Museum of Natural History Behind the Scenes, and FPAN Historic Cemetery Tour and Preservation Short Course.

Business meetings included the FAS Board, with the annual election, and a workshop about the FAC publication, *Thinking About Significance*.

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CONSERVATION NEWS

BYRD HAMMOCK SITE IN FLORIDA TO BE GIVEN TO WILDLIFE REFUGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY - JUNE, 12, 2025



Image from <https://byrdhammock.floridatrail.org/about.html>

The Archaeological Conservancy recently transferred ownership of its two tracts of the Byrd Hammock site in Wakulla County, Florida, to the Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. The tracts were acquired by the Conservancy in 2014 and 2015 and are a total of three acres. They are two of three tracts that encompass the Byrd Hammock site—a multi-component site with two burial mounds and two circular villages often referred to as shell rings or ring middens. Shell rings are circular and semicircular deposits of shell, bone, soil, and other artifacts. They contain the remains of the plants and animals the site's occupants used for food and tools. The main occupations were the Woodland period cultures known as Swift Creek and Weeden Island. These post-Archaic groups are found in parts of Florida, Alabama, and Georgia and are characterized by the appearance of elaborate ceremonial complexes, mound burials, permanent settlements, population growth, increasing reliance on cultigens, and increasing sociopolitical complexity.

The Byrd Hammock Site has been the location for numerous field schools, research projects, and hurricane damage mitigations. The largest tract of the site was donated to St. Marks Wildlife Refuge several years ago. St. Marks Wildlife Refuge is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge plans to transfer the two Conservancy parcels over to the wildlife refuge, and the recent transfer of the Conservancy's property to the Friends group is an important step in ensuring the entire site is permanently preserved within the refuge.



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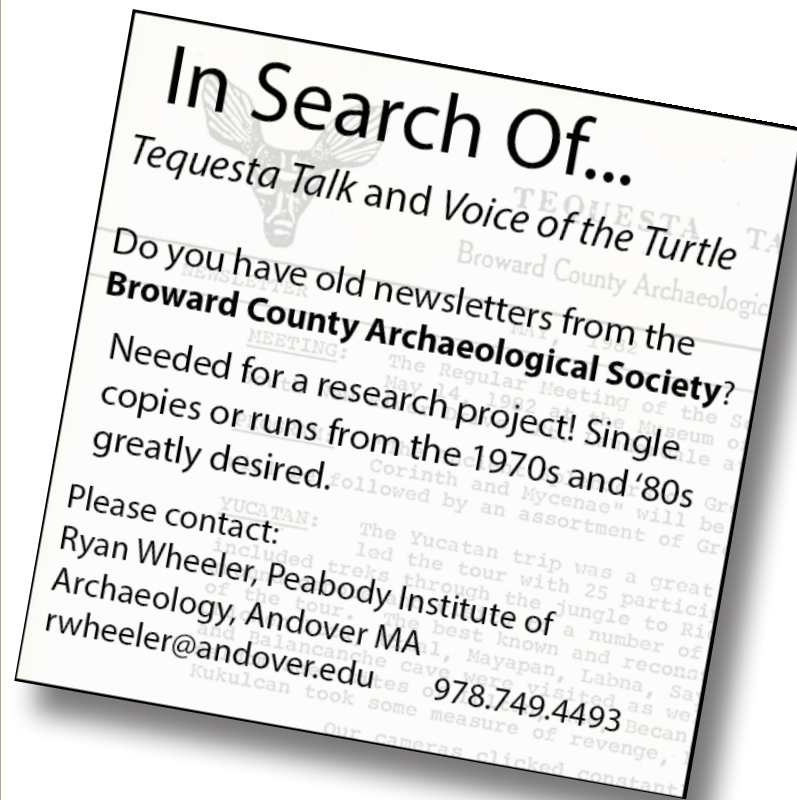
WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAPTER BAY ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY (BAS)



The Bay Anthropological Society (BAS) represents Bay County and surrounding areas in northwestern Florida. BAS is a registered not-for-profit organization that endeavors to promote

research, study and analysis of anthropological and archaeological resources to further understand the rich cultural history of the Bay County area and to interpret relevant information about such resources and history for the general public.

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2025 Adult Archaeology Camp DISCOVER WEEDON ISLAND'S ANCIENT PAST November 11 - 14, 2025



Experience hands-on archaeology at Weedon Island Preserve, one of Florida's preeminent archaeological sites. Work with professional archaeologists and researchers to uncover clues about the culture and lifeways of the early people who inhabited the Tampa Bay region. Introductory lectures will be given by archaeologists, Dr. Robert Austin and Dr. John Arthur.

You will contribute by assisting AWIARE researchers in excavation, recording data, screening sediment, taking samples, and collecting artifacts. Participants will also help to analyze artifacts and process findings in the lab.

Limited to eight participants each week. Participants will rotate daily between field work and lab analysis.

Cost of \$550 includes daily lunch at the AWIARE Research Station and field trip to a local archaeological site.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER
(Hurry, these camps sell out fast.)

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