The Evolution of Underwater Archaeology in Madagascar and the Serapis Project

The Serapis Project began as an ongoing effort and collaboration between American underwater archaeologists and Malagasy archaeologists from the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar. Their job was to locate, identify, and record the remains of the HMS Serapis, which sank in the harbor of Ambodifototra, Isle Ste Marie, Madagascar in 1781. One of the project goals is to focus on the investigation of a vessel that was involved in the fiercest ship to ship naval confrontation during the American Revolution. The battle between the Bonhomme Richard, commanded by John Paul Jones, and the British HMS Serapis was a high point in American naval conflict during the American Revolution.

Besides the historic and archaeological work, another important focus of the Serapis project has been to assist archaeologists at the University of Antananarivo in the fight to protect Madagascar’s valuable and diverse underwater cultural resources. This has included training future Malagasy archaeologists to scuba dive and introducing them to techniques used in underwater archaeology. Norine Carroll has been involved with the project as an underwater archaeologist and conservator since 2004 and traveled to Madagascar with the project in 2004 and 2008.

Join us at 7 PM on Oct. 14 at the West Florida Regional Library downtown for this interesting presentation. Bring a friend.
**NEWS FROM FPAN NORTHWEST REGION**

Nicole Grinnan, Outreach Coordinator Northwest Region based at the Florida Public Archaeology Network Center; Dr. William Lees, Executive Director FPAN; and Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, Associate Director FPAN, contribute periodically to this newsletter.

FPAN offers far too many local and regional activities to list them here. Find something to do near you by subscribing to their newsletter or by using the following:

- **FPAN Website:** http://flpublicarchaeology.org
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/FPANnorthwest
- **Twitter:** www.twitter.com/FPANNorthwest

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **University of West Florida Archaeology Lab** - The lab will open Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-noon & 1-3 pm for students & volunteers. Parking tag required on campus. For more info call 474-2087.

2. **Florida Public Archaeology Network Lab** – Work days at the lab downtown are Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm for the fall.

   No experience is necessary and a brief orientation will get you started.

**FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

PAS is a member of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Twenty five members of PAS are also FAS members. You must join FAS individually to receive the journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, and the *FAS Newsletter*. See the FAS website for more information: http://www.fasweb.org

Dues are: Regular and Institutional - $30, Family - $35, Student - $15 (with copy of current student id). **Applications available at PAS membership meetings each month.**
OCTOBER SERIES—SECRETS OF SANTA ROSA AT ARCADIA MILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Every Saturday during October, Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site will present a program in the Archaeology and History in Your Backyard series. Each presentation will begin at 11 am. The first presentation on October 4 was A Historical Overview of Longleaf Pine by Vernon Compton, Project Director of the Longleaf Alliance. There were 60 folks who attended so come early for a seat. There are three more presentations available this month. Hope to see you there.

OCT. 11  DEMOGRAPHIC PATTERNS AT PRESIDIOS SANTA MARIA DE GALVE AND ISLA DE SANTA ROSA (1698-1752) by April Holmes, UWF archaeologist

OCT. 18  BLACKWATER MARITIME HERITAGE TRAIL: A VIRTUAL WALK THROUGH THE PAST by Ben Wells, UWF Archaeology grad student

OCT. 25  INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY AT ARCADIA MILL by Rylan Thomas, UWF Archaeology grad student

For more info: Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, FL 850-626-3084

INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY, OCT. 18

The Archaeological Institute of America is sponsoring International Archaeology Day worldwide on Oct 18. International Archaeology Day is a celebration of archaeology and the thrill of discovery. Every October the AIA and archaeological organizations across the United States, Canada, and abroad present archaeological programs and activities for people of all ages and interests. Here in Pensacola, join us from 10 am to 4 pm at FPAN for a celebration of International Archaeology Day. The museum and lab will be open all day and there will be a special atlatl workshop at 11 am outside the building. PAS will have a table set up to answer questions, gather new members and sell t-shirts. For information call 595-0051.

STUDENT AWARD PRESENTATION AT OCT. 14 MEETING

PAS received one application for a Student Award grant this fall. The application was accepted and at the membership meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, Matthew Newton will receive his award check to be used for early Native American research at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Congratulations, Matthew.

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Norine Carroll, UWF Archaeology Institute
7 PM, West Florida Regional Library, downtown

NOV. 4, TUES  PAS Board meeting, 5:30 PM, West Florida Regional Library, downtown
Members are welcome to attend.

**NOV. 4 – FIRST TUESDAY****
PRELUDE TO A PORTRAIT: THE SEARCH FOR MARIA BELLE
MARGO STRINGFIELD, UWF Archaeology Institute

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