Addressing the lives of women in frontier settings is often difficult. The difficulty increases when the woman is also a slave. In the case of Maria Belle, a Negro woman living in Pensacola in the 18th century, much of what we know comes from a document associated with the man who owned her and from the archaeological record of a town lot in Pensacola that was conveyed to her in 1773/1774. There is also an enduring visual impression. Her physical features are likely reflected in a portrait of Dido Elizabeth Belle, her daughter with Admiral Sir John Lindsay. Research on lot six and on its occupants sketches a picture of the multiracial, multiethnic, Caribbean Basin during the 18th century and links the frontier town of Pensacola to a broader world stage.

Join us on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 4 for this presentation by Margo Stringfield, Archaeology Institute at UWF. Her research has come at an interesting time with the release of the movie, Belle, about the life of Maria Belle’s daughter. REMEMBER THE DIFFERENT MEETING DATE THIS MONTH
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 THROUGH NOV. 7 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 through DEC. 3.
   Both labs will reopen after Christmas holidays and the SHA meeting.
   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.**
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR
UWF ARGO PANTRY

About a year ago UWF has established the Argo Pantry to provide healthy food to currently enrolled UWF students who are in need of emergency assistance. They depend on donations to meet the basic requirements of students who are in need. The Anthropology and Environmental Sciences Departments at UWF in Building 13 are having a friendly competition to restock the Argo Pantry. **Donations will be accepted at the PAS meeting on Tuesday, November 4. No glass containers, please.**

PACT - PENSACOLA AREA CEMETERY TEAM IN ACTION

PACT was organized in late 2013 following Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward’s request to the UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology for assistance in identifying and addressing issues associated with historic cemetery resources located within the city limits of Pensacola. The UWF Archaeology Institute has been actively involved with local, state and regional historic cemetery preservation for over thirteen years. The UWF Florida Public Archaeology Network has also taken an active role statewide in promoting historic cemetery preservation.

The PACT team is composed of professionals in the fields of archaeology, history, historic preservation, municipal government, landscape maintenance and law. A successful stewardship plan for St. Michael’s Cemetery has been firmly established in the past and can be used as a model for successful cemetery preservation.

Throughout this year PACT has offered public talks, workshops and one-on-one sessions with local steward groups and is working on a comprehensive historic cemetery resource manual for use by municipal government and private stewardship groups in Pensacola as well as throughout Florida. Group activities have identified specific needs for each cemetery and PACT has helped the local stewardship groups to establish strategies to better oversee the historic cemetery resources in their care. Clean up days as well as work days to create maps of the cemeteries in our area have increased the knowledge of those buried in each of the cemeteries. For additional information, please contact Margo Stringfield at the Archaeology Institute at UWF, 474-3015.

**WEBSITE FOR PAS**

[http://pasfl.org](http://pasfl.org)
COMING EVENTS

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT US AT OUR WEBSITE http://pasfl.org

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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
7 PM, West Florida Regional Library, downtown

DEC. 2, TUES  PAS Board meeting, 4:30 PM, Archaeology Institute, UWF
Members are welcome to attend

DEC. 9  ILLEGAL CARGOES AND HOT PURSUITS:
RUM- RUNNING ALONG THE GULF COAST
Wayne Abrahamson, UWF History Department

MEETING SPACE SEPTEMBER - MARCH COURTESY OF

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