The Columbia: A New Discovery in the Blackwater River

On Nov. 8 at 7 pm we will meet at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street in the UWF Historic Trust classroom for the PAS monthly membership meeting.

Our speaker this month will be Chris Dvorscak, UWF Archaeology grad student. Chris was born and raised in Crystal River, Florida, and has always had a passion for being on the water. After high school, he earned his bachelor’s degree in anthropology with a minor in business management from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was during his time at Eckerd that he developed an interest in maritime archaeology and attended a summer field school at the University of West Florida in 2009. He returned to UWF for his Master’s and plans to defend his thesis next spring.

As the University of West Florida continues to survey Pensacola waterways, many new anomalies have been discovered. One of the most significant is a 105’ long sidewheel steamer, which was located in the Blackwater River using side-scan sonar. The wreck’s three distinct sections – the bow, boiler, and propulsion-related machinery in the stern – remain mostly intact. The most indicative of the artifacts examined are bricks.

wreck was determined to be the Columbia. Built in Pensacola in 1900, she was used by the W.B. Wright Lumber Company and also operated as an excursion vessel. A fire of unknown origin caused her to sink in 1911. This project focuses on the life history of the Columbia, why she was built, how she sank, and the role she played in the economy of the region.

Join us for the program and refreshments. Bring a friend or two.
UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

AME ZION CEMETERY CLEANING AND RECORDING WORK CONTINUES
Work at the cemetery continues this semester on Fridays from 1-5 PM. Contact Catherine Eddins at the Archaeology Institute at UWF. If you are interested, please email Catherine at least 24 hours before as the work area may change later in the semester. (meddins@uwf.edu)

COLONIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
In addition to the new Commanding Officer’s Compound exhibit, the Colonial Archaeological Trail is being updated including three new stops: the Tivoli High House, Old Christ Church, and the Barkley House as well as new signage for all existing stops. This project will also include three new sound posts to be distributed along the trail. Staff from the UWF Historic Trust, UWF Archaeology Institute, and Florida Public Archaeology Network are working together to accomplish this grant-funded project! We will highlight a stop along the trail in each newsletter so stayed tuned!

The Colonial Archaeological Improvements Project is financed in part by the Historic Preservation Grants Program administered by the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, assisted by the Florida His-

REMODELING AT ARCADIA MILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE
Arcadia Mill is excited to begin remodeling the Visitor's Center during Fall 2016! Additional meeting space and expanded exhibits area are included in the facelift. The trails, outdoor exhibits and boardwalks are still open and signage along these areas gives information and historical background of the area. It is still worth a visit to the site to enjoy the boardwalks and the nice weather.

Schedule group and school tours will be temporarily suspended between September 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017.

Programming including the Arcadia Arts and Crafts and the annual Secrets of Santa Rosa lecture series will resume in 2017.
FPAN—FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

As always FPAN has many activities coming up and these can be found by visiting one of their many social media sites. If you are visiting other areas in the state, check the regional FPAN sites for other activities. You won’t be disappointed! There WILL be something going on wherever you travel in Florida.

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

PAS STUDENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016

Two UWF archaeology grad students received the 2016 Fall PAS Student Awards of $400 each at the October meeting. Janene Johnston will be traveling to Colorado to work with Dr. Doug Scott on ballistics, analyzing key diagnostic features of bullets and cartridges. These skills will be utilized throughout her career, including her thesis research at Natural Bridge Battlefield, a Civil War site near Tallahassee. Michael Dillon Roy will travel to Tallahassee to do research at the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research on his thesis topic. He is studying Florida’s treasure hunting industry, culture and legislation. He is gathering information about the impact of treasure hunting on Florida over the years as well as the-devel-

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

FPAN LAB— Volunteer at the FPAN lab downtown from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays and Wednesdays this semester. No experience is necessary. 595-1500

UWF LAB— The UWF lab will be open for volunteers Fridays beginning October 14 from 10 to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 through November 18. Call 474-2087 to reserve a spot.

AME ZION CEMETERY CLEAN UP— UWF sponsored event on Fridays 1-5 pm this semester. See article page 2 for more details and contact information.

FAS

PAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Twenty two 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 or more information:  http://www.fasweb.org

Dues are:  Regular and Institutional - $30, Family - $35, Student - $15 (with copy of current student id).

**Applications are available at PAS membership meetings each month. Join us!**
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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

NOV. 8  The Columbia: A New Discovery in the Blackwater River
Chris Dvorscak, UWF Archaeology Grad Student
7 pm, Bowden Building, 120 Church St.
(Board meeting will be held at 5:30 before the meeting)

DEC. 13  The Message in Bottles: Analysis of a Fish Camp’s Bottle Dump
Jodi Preston, UWF Archaeology Grad Student

MEETING SPACE SEPTEMBER - MARCH COURTESY OF

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