UWF RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) will be held in New Orleans January 3-6 for the annual meeting. Tristan de Luna y Arellano Project team is being honored by the SHA at the annual awards banquet for the 2018 Daniel G. Roberts Excellence in Public Historical Archaeology.

Dr. John Worth responded that we are “thrilled and awed” by the award when he was notified. Dr. Elizabeth Benchley noted in her letter of response to SHA that the Luna team was much larger than the several individuals originally mentioned for the award. The team also includes members of the Florida Public Archaeology Network and the Marine Services Center at UWF, as well as many undergraduate and graduate students in the Department of Anthropology and volunteers. Our Luna Project team consists of:

Overall Project Management (& Funds) Director: Elizabeth Benchley (Division of Anthropology and Archaeology and Anthropology Institute) AdminSpecialist: Karen Mims (AI) Terrestrial Archaeology Co-Directors: John Worth (Anthro) and Elizabeth Benchley (AI) Director of Native American Investigations at Luna Settlement: Ramie Gougeon (Anthro) Document Lab Director: John Worth(Anthro) Artifact Laboratory Director: Jan Lloyd (AI) Faunal Analyst: Cathy Parker (AI) Collections Manager: Norine Carroll (AI) Neighborhood Liaisons: Tom Garner, Warren Carruth (AI) Special investigation directors: Jennifer Melcher, April Holmes, Warren Carruth (AI) Maritime Archaeology Co-Directors: John Bratten (Anthro) and Gregory Cook (Anthro) Artifact Conservation Lab Director: John Bratten (AI) Boating and Dive Safety: Steve McLin, Fritz Sharar (Marine Services Center) Outreach from FPAN: William Lees, Della Scott-Ireton, Nicole Grinnan, Mike Thomin and students Anthropology Institute: Margo Stringfield, Benchley, Lloyd, Parker, Garner students and volunteers.
NEWS FROM FPAN NORTHWEST REGION

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

****IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION****

Previously it was announced that during the fall, the Bowden Building would undergo renovations and the staff will be using the classrooms as their offices. This change did NOT affect the PAS meetings as expected. The meetings will continue at the Bowden Building through spring 2018. Parking information is available in the Fall 2017 PAS newsletter if you have questions. **Remember, DO NOT park in the lot directly east (toward Tarragona St) of the Bowden Building. It is private lot and your vehicle will be towed.

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

The FAS Annual Meeting is a special event with paper presentations, field trips and a fantastic banquet. The event is sponsored by different chapters each year so venues are spread throughout the state. DATES for 2018 are MAY 11-13 in St. Petersburg. More info on the FAS web site.

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!
PAS TAKES ANOTHER 21st CENTURY STEP!

During the summer 2017, your PAS Board decided to focus on communicating by social media outlets such as Facebook and our web site. This means all YOU have to do is look at those media sites and the information you are looking for will be there for you. This must be working because our meetings were as packed as ever despite having to spend a little extra time looking for a parking place.

The newsletter continues by email for most and snail mail for a few. This Spring edition includes information for January through May, the end of our active year. Special summer events will be announced separately. There will continue to be special email notification for special events or events that were not set until after the newsletter was printed for the season. Those people who get the news by snail mail will continue to receive these notifications by postcards. This also seems to have worked well.

The board only got one “bah, humbug” comment and otherwise everyone seems to have rolled with the new plan.

There will be one new addition to our plan. Prep time for the Spring newsletter happens to fall during the winter break. This has made gathering dates for the spring activities sketchy. We discussed this and consulted with our webmaster. We are adding a NEW CALENDAR of events to our web site. If you open the dropdown, the calendar will appear. The PAS membership meetings and other activities will be listed on the date they will occur. If you click on the event, a window will open to tell you more such as location, time, etc.

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed and addressed by your PAS board. Get in touch! We meet at 5:30 before the membership meetings September through April.

RENEW, RENEW, RENEW

The membership period for PAS is January through December each year. If you did not pay during the last months of 2017, your membership is due NOW. Ask Jan, the membership chair, at the next meeting or inquire by email. Send your check to the post office box on this newsletter. Dues continue to be: $6 student, $15 individual, $20 family, $200 life. Renewals after Sept. 1 count for the next year. That way you actually get up to 16 months for the price of 1 year. This is especially a good deal for students who are joining for the first time at the September meeting.

Join us on FACEBOOK
For up to date info
And visit the
WEBSITE FOR PAS
http://pasfl.org
PAS SPRING PROGRAMS AND SPEAKER INFORMATION

PAS MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7 PM THE 2nd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL AT THE BOWDEN BUILDING, 120 CHURCH STREET IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, PENSACOLA. THE MAY MEETING IS A BAR-B-Q AND IS HELD AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION – RESERVATION AND TICKET REQUIRED.

JANUARY 9, TUESDAY - DR. KRISTINA KILLGROVE, UWF Department of Anthropology, presents Death Comes to Oplontis: Victims of Mt. Vesuvius Reveal life in 79 AD.

Numerous urban centers in the Bay of Naples were completely destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Pompeii and Herculaneum are the most famous of these, but other areas were also affected and are less understood, even today, because of their location underneath modern development. The villa complex of Oplontis is one of these. Partial excavations in the 1980s found more than 50 skeletons together in one room, killed by the catastrophic volcanic eruption. None of the skeletons had been studied, however, until 2017, when a team of UWF and University of Michigan archaeologists finished the old excavation and began to analyze the human remains. Although only one field season has been completed, this project has already revealed information about Roman life and death in 79 AD. One of the project's long-term goals is to digitally preserve this cultural heritage through 3D scanning and photomodeling, and the launch of a website with publicly accessible models from Oplontis is scheduled to coincide with this talk; audience members will get an exclusive preview.

Dr. Kristina Killgrove is a bioarchaeologist at the University of West Florida focusing on the analysis of human remains from Roman Imperial-era sites. Her previous work has involved digs in Tuscany and Rome, while her ongoing project at Oplontis near Naples involves the excavation, osteological analysis, and biochemical analysis of skeletons of people killed in the catastrophic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. She also writes a regular column about archaeology at Forbes and contributes essays to the online science site Mental Floss.

FEBRUARY 13, TUESDAY - JENNIFER KNUTON, UWF Grad Student and HARV DICKEY, PAS volunteer extrodinaire present THE PENSACOLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

The recent formation of the Archive Committee of Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) calls for FAS chapters like PAS to document their chapter’s history and deposit records for curation at the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Jennifer Knutson, our FAS representative from PAS, is organizing our efforts to document the history of PAS. PAS has been contributing to Florida Archaeology for 34 years while working with the Pensacola Historical Society, the University of West Florida and other groups in the Pensacola area. The PAS Archive
Project seeks to organize our files, digitize scrapbooks and update our history. Join us to celebrate our accomplishments, past and present, as we look forward to the future of PAS.

A long-time volunteer, Harv Dickey, will join Jennifer for this presentation. Harv retired in Pensacola after 22 years as a Naval aviator. He has degrees in electrical engineering (Univ of South Carolina) and systems science (UWF). He joined PAS in 1989, was the newsletter editor 1992-2000 and was President of PAS 1993-1995. He has volunteered his time in every aspect of archaeology possible through PAS in terrestrial & maritime activities and in the lab. Personal experiences with PAS and UWF archaeology are too numerous to list here. Harv has contributed help with data bases, excavations, remote sensing and lab work and has participated in many PAS field trips and education activities at area schools. He is our volunteer extrodinaire!

If you have PAS photos or other information from the distant or recent past, please share them with us.

MARCH 14, TUESDAY – Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Dr John Bratten, Dr. Greg Cook, Dr. Ramie Gougeon, Dr John Worth present UWF FIELD SCHOOLS: 2017 RE-CAP AND SUMMER 2018 PREVIEW.

Each year we look forward to a report from the field schools from the previous summer and a look forward about what to expect in the coming months. The Emanuel Point shipwrecks, now three in number, and the Luna settlement site were the primary targets for the summer 2017 excavations. The underwater activities included continued documentation of the EPII excavation before it was back-filled. One of the terrestrial crews excavated an area that produced much settlement debris during 2016 in hopes of identifying structure/structures from the Luna expedition. Another terrestrial crew excavated a Native American shell midden to tied down the dates and recover faunal material preserved in the midden. You’ll have to come to find out the answers to the research questions or read about it. As always, this is a program you don’t want to miss.

APRIL 11, TUESDAY – MARGO STRINGFIELD, UWF Archaeology Institute, presents IN THE PARADISE OF MEMORY: FLORIDA’S HISTORIC CEMETERIES.

Cemeteries have long been an interest for Margo Stringfield. She has been active for some time in many capacities with historic St. Michael’s Cemetery in downtown Pensacola. From preservation to research and everything in between, Margo has done it and done it well. She and a colleague are presently working on a book about the historic cemeteries of Florida.

Margo graduated with an MA from UWF in Historical Archaeology and works for the UWF Archaeology Institute, focusing on the public interpretation of archaeology through exhibits and education.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FPAN LAB - The lab will be open Mondays and Wednesdays starting January 10 through the end of the semester. Lab hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Contact Nicole at 595-0050


CEMETERY CLEAN UPS-
Contact Catherine Eddins (meddins@uwf.edu), Community Outreach Coordinator, UWF Archaeology Institute, for more information about dates for continuing clean up activities at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The clean ups will take place monthly from 8 am until noon. Contact Catherine for dates and volunteer forms (due ahead of time). Please wear appropriate clothing for outside work including closed toe shoes and long pants.

PAS GETS COVERAGE IN THE UWF VOYAGER NEWSPAPER

Adrianne Sams Walker, PAS board member and site manager of Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site near Milton, answered questions for a staff reporter, Anna Smith, for the UWF Voyager about PAS and the role PAS plays in student support. Here are few of the highlights of that article:

“We are an organization made up of people of all different ages. We have students, older adult, and millennials who all have a common interest in archaeology.”

“The organization has more than 100 members which make up a diverse group of Pensacola locals. PAS meets once monthly where business is conducted, followed by a guest speaker and social hour.”

“While the group is non-profit, they do collect donations and generate funds from the membership. The money that is collected goes straight to student scholarships where students who apply can receive a grant to fund research, presentations or even to send soil samples off to a lab.”

“We have T-shirts made every year and they are worn by our field school students in the summer, but we also sell them to the public to put more money into the student grants fund.”

“Membership forms are available at the monthly meetings, but you don’t have to be a member to participate in the meetings. Aside from our monthly meetings, we also do a lot of community outreach so, for instance, if there is a cultural function going on we will have a table set up for PAS. We want the community to know who we are and what we do.”

“We try to educate people about the archaeological resources that are here in town.”

Thanks, Adrianne and the Voyager for the good press.

WEBSITE FOR PAS
http://pasfl.org
COMING EVENTS

SEE THE PAS FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND NEWS.

SEE THE WEB SITE FOR MONTHLY CALENDARS!

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The University of South Alabama has a wonderful archaeology museum. They offer many talks and other programs too numerous to list here. Use the following to explore these options:

MUSEUM EVENTS - links to talks and family things http://www.usouthal.edu/org/archaeology/museum/events.html

Or contact Candice Cravins, Education Curator, : 251-460-6106 or ccravins@southalabama.edu

Other activities:
http://www.blakeleypark.com/Events.asp - Civil War boat tour

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Did YOU know:

Pensacola – Jacksonian Guard Colors Ceremony in Plaza Ferdinand on Palafox Street the third Saturday of each month, 12:00-12:30 p.m. https://downtownpensacola.com/businesses/jacksonian-guard

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JANUARY

3-6
Society for Historical Archaeology meeting, New Orleans

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Pensacola Archaeological Society board meeting (5:30 pm) & membership meeting (7 pm)

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FPAN Volunteer Day
10 am—4 pm
See page 6 for info

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FPAN Volunteer Day
10 am—4 pm

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10 am—4 pm

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FPAN Volunteer Day
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FPAN Volunteer Day
10 am—4 pm

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UWF LAB Volunteer Day
10-12, 1-3
See page 6 for info

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SAVE THE DATE:
The 2018 Florida Anthropological Society Annual Meeting will be held MAY 11-13 in St. Petersburg, FL. These dates are a week later than originally scheduled to get the venue the sponsors wanted. Hope to see you there!

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TRY THIS FOR AN OVERNIGHT TRIP:

Tallahassee – An archaeologist at Mission San Luis leads an Archaeological Site Tour the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Eastern. http://www.missionsanluis.org/visitorInfo/specialEvents.cfm#archaeological

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Things you need to know:

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

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