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PAS MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING

TUES, OCT. 11, 7:00 PM

Cuban “Chug” Boat Project: Documenting Hope and Resolve

We are continuing to meet on Zoom until further notice.

The membership meeting program for this month takes us to South Florida to document some of the strangest boats you have ever seen. See you there on ZOOM. Invite a friend. (See more info and pictures on page 2-3.)

Register for the October Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcu6uqTkiEtzZTStHFDMo7wf4VD1Xt8x7>

Copy and paste into your browser if the link does not work.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://pasfl.org>
AND SEE US ON FACEBOOK.

About our September program speaker:

Dr. John Bratten– Anthropology Professor and Administrative Fellow
in the office of the Provost, University of West Florida

Maritime archaeologists at the University of West Florida embarked on a project to record a collection of small boats and rafts that provided a conduit to freedom for unknown Cuban citizens. Since the 1980s, the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden has acquired 10 refugee vessels and placed them in an outside exhibit. Many of the home-built vessels arrived in the Florida Keys or the Dry Tortugas in conjunction with the Mariel Boatlift in 1980. Others followed in the wake of the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1996—the “wet foot, dry foot policy.” After arriving in Florida, many of these vessels were sunk, burned, or dismantled. These vessels testify to the struggle of the refugees and social conditions in Cuba; the unique collection is worth saving, documenting, and exhibiting. When viewed as a group, the watercraft are a tribute to the ingenuity and resolve of the hopeful immigrants.

John R. Bratten is a nautical archaeologist and conservator for the University of West Florida. A graduate of the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University, he has experience in the analysis and conservation of artifacts from diverse sources including those from the sunken 17th-century town of Port Royal, Jamaica, to Revolutionary War munitions recovered from Lake Champlain. Following his employment with the University of West Florida in 1996, Bratten has served as the co-principal investigator for numerous underwater archaeology projects including the 2006 and 2016 discoveries of the second and third shipwrecks from the 1559 Spanish colonization fleet of Don Tristán de Luna y Arellano. He is a professor in UWF’s Anthropology Department.

SEE PAGE 3 FOR PHOTO.

UWF STUDENTS DOCUMENT ONE OF THE CUBAN “CHUGS”



**2022 PAS FALL LECTURE SERIES-7 PM
ON THE 2nd TUESDAY BY *Zoom***

OCT. 11 Cuban “Chug” Boat Project-Dr. John Bratten

**NOV. 8 I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeological Project -
Rachel Hines**

THE REST OF THE FALL SERIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY ON
OUR WEBSITE AS WELL AS FACEBOOK AND THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LAB– Open BY RESERVATION.

The FPAN Public Archaeology Lab is on for business on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am-4:00pm each week through the fall semester.

Volunteers must RSVP ahead of time. If you would like to RSVP or have more questions, please send an e-mail to northwest@fpan.us with your desired date(s) and time(s) for volunteering. While in the Lab, volunteers are strongly recommended to wash their hands frequently and follow all CDC recommendations.

UWF LAB will not be open on a regular basis this fall. There is no space available with 21 lab class students this fall and the usual lab workers. We will see you in the spring and summer!

RENEW OR JOIN PAS for 2023 NOW!

Our calendar year is January through December. Renew now and it *counts for the 2023* membership. Use PayPal or Mail a check to:

PAS, PO Box 13251, Pensacola, FL 32591 OR use PayPal

Regular-\$15, Family- \$20, Student-\$6 Life member-\$200

Members who have not renewed for 2022 were deleted from the roster at the end of September 2022.

ZOOM INTO ARCHAEOLOGY

The current FPAN Northwest newsletter has a whole section of very interesting archaeology lectures you can watch anytime. Go to the website, find the newsletter and click on ZOOM INTO ARCHAEOLOGY. Visit today.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

PAS MEETING LINK TO REGISTER FOR OCT 11 :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcu6uqTkiEtzZTStHFDMo7wf4VD1Xt8x7>

Meeting links are available on our website, Facebook and in this newsletter. Additionally, the link to register for each presentation will be emailed to PAS members. Advance registration is required to join each meeting. Need more ZOOM INFO - there are tutorials on Zoom

Note: If you are a multiple account Zoom user (ie you have a UWF account AND a personal account), be sure that you sign in with the SAME account you used to register for the PAS Zoom meeting. It does make a difference.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

Join the celebration of October as Alabama Archaeology Month. Saturday there is a lot going on at the museum as you saw in the flier I recently sent you. For more information:

Facebook: [@TheArchaeologyMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheArchaeologyMuseum)

CHECK IT OUT! Contact them ahead for a free parking pass & directions.