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PAS MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING

TUES, DEC. 13, 7:00 PM

A HISTORY OF PENSACOLA SEWERS

Presented by Dr Elizabeth Benchley and Warren Carruth.

See page 2 for all the info.

Register for the December Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/
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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 December program speaker:

Dr. Elizabeth D. Benchley is Director of the UWF Archaeology Institute. She has worked at UWF for over 25 years focusing on the archaeology of Pensacola's downtown, and assisting her colleagues in the Department of Anthropology and the UWF Historic Trust with archaeological research across northwest Florida. She has served on the Pensacola Archaeological Society Board of Directors during this time. She received her undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Beloit College (Wisconsin) and her graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Warren Carruth is currently a staff archaeologist at the UWF Archaeology Institute where he conducts research in historic archives as well as performing archaeological fieldwork and analysis. His current stint at UWF began in 2016 at the Luna Settlement Site, and he has assisted with other survey and monitoring projects since then. He also worked at UWF in the late 1980s assisting with surveys of the UWF campus, as well as a series of projects in downtown Pensacola. In the intervening years he worked for numerous CRM firms across the southeast as staff historian and archaeologist. Warren has served on the PAS Board of Directors since his return to Pensacola in 2016. He earned his BS degree in Anthropology from the University of Southern Mississippi and his MA in History from the University of South Alabama.

A History of Pensacola Sewers

Water and sewage management have a long history in Pensacola dating back to at least colonial times. Obtaining fresh water from the ground, collecting and channeling rainfall, and moving fouled water from the area are essential for maintaining a healthful environment. Both stormwater and sewage systems rely in large part on gravity to move the material from the source to the user, and on to the disposal area. In Pensacola, the local soils and topography have a controlling influence on what will work and what won't. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

A History of Pensacola Sewers (continued)

Recently, bacterial contamination by human waste of the waters near the new Bruce Beach development has raised the issue of the safety of local drainages and nearby waters once again. Our research into the history of Pensacola sewage management suggests that the problems can be attributed not only to the local environment, but also to human behavior which often involves poor design and illicit, or at least unregulated, tapping into storm sewers with sanitary sewer connections. We will review examples of how things go wrong, even in 21st century Pensacola.



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

DEC. 13 A History of Pensacola Sewers

Dr. Elizabeth Benchley and Warren Carruth

THE REST OF THE YEAR'S 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 Dec. 7. There will be a holiday break and work will resume Jan. 18 for spring.

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 NOV 8 :

The Pensacola Archaeological Society Lecture Series is a free online series that features a short presentation by an archaeologist via Zoom and an opportunity for participants to ask questions at the end of the presentation (duration is about one hour and a half total). Space is limited, however, and a password will be required for access. Please register for this presentation at the link provided!

Please register for the presentation in advance at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsdemhrDwiEtzq4WtwjMFd-FChybB-rVYI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.