

HIGHLIGHTS

FPAN in the Media: Archaeology Day with Charlotte County

In October, the Florida Public Archaeology Network partnered with Charlotte County History Services for the third year in a row for International Archaeology Day! In spite of inclement weather, nearly 200 people came to the event, which featured local partners like Florida Gulf Coast University and the Military History Museum. Attendees were able to hide from the rain indoors with engaging talks from local speakers, children's activities, and educational tables. The event was featured in the [Charlotte Sun](#) as well as the [International Archaeology Day Blog](#).



Sara Ayers-Rigsby chats about replica Calusa artifacts with visitors

Heritage Tourism: FPAN at DEMA

Rachael Kangas joined staff from the coordinating center and FPAN East Central to talk to divers at the annual Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) annual convention in Orlando, Florida. Over three days, they spoke to 1263 people, chatting with divers about FPAN's programs, responsible stewardship, and local dive sites.



Kangas, Emma Dietrich, and Della Scott-Ireton

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - The region collaborated with docents at Mound House to lead a training about archaeology in the area, enabling docents to better serve visitors
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
 - Rachael Kangas continued work on ACUNE with FGCU, leading an end test user team for the GIS based resource
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Ayers-Rigsby assisted Aquatic Preserves staff with documenting a new site within Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves