

East Central Region
Florida Public Archaeology
Network

Quarterly Report
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Executive Summary

The activities for the last quarter are as follows:

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	27	816
Public Events	16	548
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)		
Adult Training/Workshops	4	73
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	28	
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	1	
Volunteer Programs	1	1
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	4	92
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper		
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	7	1,767
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
TOTAL	89	3,297

Public Outreach

Public Lectures

- “In the Dirt” Lecture featuring Della Scott-Ireton – 94
- Brevard Astrological Society – 19
- Lakewood Presbyterian Church – 50
- Orlando Public Library – 50
- Ft Pierce Library – 25
- Prologue Society – 50
- “In the Dirt” Lecture featuring Jeff Moates – 55
- Valencia Community College Humanities Series - 40
- **Total Attendees = 383**

Youth Event/Presentation

- Osceola Historical Museum - 45
- Erna Nixon Camp - 43
- Oxbow Camp – 25
- Oakland Nature Pres. Summer Camp – 20
- ONP Summer Camp – 20
- ONP Lab, 3 – 40
- Gardendale Elementary – 25
- Lake Mary Montessori School, 6 – 60
- St Mark’s Academy – 25
- Croton Elementary, 4 – 80
- Hickory Tree Elementary, 4 – 88
- Morningside Elementary, 3 - 120
- **Total Participants = 351**

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Orange County

- Gregg serves on the Education Board for Oakland Nature Preserve
- Gregg serves as Director at Large for Central Florida Archaeological Society meetings
- Provided teacher training partnering with Oakland Nature Preserve

Brevard County

- Brevard County Historical Commission – Dr. Wentz serves on board
- Dr. Wentz serves on the Relocation Committee for BCHC as we relocate our collections to the Brevard County Library in Cocoa
- Assisting Space Coast Tourism Council by developing “archaeology loops” for visitors to the area
- Pursuing Geocaching for Brevard County through DHR

Martin County

- Provided an archaeology camp for children at Martin Co Library
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Seminole County

- Regular visits with local schools to introduce archaeology to classrooms

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Osceola County

- Regular visits with local schools to bring archaeology to classrooms
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools
- Provided an archaeology kids' day for Osceola County Library

Indian River County

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Okeechobee County

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

St Lucie County

- Provided teacher training with Oxbow Educational Center
- Presented lecture series for St Lucie County Library
- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

Teacher Training

Since FPAN's mission is shifting from classroom visits to providing training to area teachers, the East Central Region has partnered with several local agencies to provide teacher training in archaeology. Our partners this summer included Erna Nixon Park, Oakland Nature Preserve, Oxbow Educational Center and Winter Garden, providing four separate courses. These will remain ongoing partnerships that will enable us to increase the number of teacher training courses offered each year. We hope to expand our partnerships to include some of our more challenging counties, such as Okeechobee, which continues to be difficult to provide programming in in spite of repeated attempts.

Assisting DHR

Dr. Wentz assisted the North East Region with the new CRYPT course by travelling to Palatka and teaching the portion of the course that she recently developed, "Historic Cemeteries and Florida Law."

We are compiling a database of all historic cemeteries in Brevard County that have not been listed in the Florida Master Site File, so that we may complete the documentation and assessment necessary to have them listed.

Past and Upcoming Events

We have just completed our summer "In the Dirt" series which featured Underwater Archaeology lectures by Della Scott-Ireton and Jeff Moates. We appreciate working with other FPAN Regional Centers to provide new and diverse programming for our region and plan to include some of the new members of FPAN in our spring series.

We have begun our fall “In the Dirt” series, which began in September. This season, we have two special events: the FHS Archivist and Educator, Ben Dibiase, will be presenting a joint lecture with Dr. Wentz on the history and effects of Catholicism in Florida and Dr. Wentz’ new book, *Chasing Bones: An Archaeologist’s Pursuit of Skeletons* will be released in October, which recounts her experiences becoming a bioarchaeologist and teaches the public about the wealth of information that can be gleaned from the examination of human remains. Gregg Harding will present the research he and Sarah Nohe conducted this summer at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas.

At this year’s annual Florida Historical Society meeting, the FHS Board of Directors announced that in appreciation for the success of FPAN and the number of new members our programs have brought in, they were personally covering the cost of printing Dr. Wentz’ new book.

Dr. Wentz is finishing a new book on the Windover archaeological site. The book is geared to a general audience and will educate the public about this most important Florida site. It will highlight the spectacular finds within the site, such as human brain tissue, hand-woven textiles, and over one hundred and sixty well-preserved skeletons. The major emphasis of the book will be guiding the reader through the process of skeletal analysis and what we have learned about the Archaic period in Florida through the examination of these remains. The book’s release is scheduled for March, 2012 to coincide with Archaeology Month.

Dr. Wentz was recently contacted by the University Press of Florida and has been asked to write a new public archaeology book focusing on prehistoric Florida with an underlying theme examining changes in mortuary practices through time. Her manuscript outline has been accepted and the contract will be finalized this month. UPF has also expressed interest in continuing Dr. Bense’s *Unearthing Pensacola*, which they wish to turn into a series. Dr. Wentz has been asked to write the book that will focus on Florida’s east coast.

Now that Dr. Wentz has completed the development of the Human Remains and Historic Cemeteries courses, we hope to schedule upcoming courses with park’s personnel and local governments so that we can expand our services in these areas. We will also be partnering with the North East Region to co-teach the new CRYPT course in our region.

We are excited to have our first intern, Patty Goodson, working two days per week at our office. Patty is a student at UCF studying anthropology. We have her working on developing a database on the historic cemeteries within Brevard County so that we can identify the cemeteries that are not listed within the Florida Master Site File and complete their listing.

Florida Frontiers, the weekly radio program hosted by FHS has been a great way to highlight FPAN personnel. During our summer lecture series, Dr. Brotemarkle interviewed Della Scot-Ireton and Jeff Moates following their “In the Dirt” lectures. The show is broadcast on the majority of public broadcast stations throughout the state.

We are planning our spring “In the Dirt” series and have some exciting lecturers lined up. They will include Keith Ashley, from University of North Florida; Ken Sassaman, from UF; and John Schultz, from UCF. We are also planning a 30-Year Anniversary event celebrating the discovery of the Windover site, which will coincide with Archaeology Month and the release of my next book, *Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of a 7,000-year-old Pond Cemetery*.