

Northeast Regional Center
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Poster for SHA Public Day 2010.

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Executive Summary

This quarter we experienced a high volume of outreach events due to the annual meeting for the Society of Historical Archaeology (SHA) in our region, as well as Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) in March. Staff served as SHA Conference Popular Chair, presenter at the Awards Ceremony, facilitated workshops, organized and chaired sessions, provided staff support for tours, and coordinated the Public Day at Kingsley Plantation. Given the below season temperatures, the turnout was deemed a success as 29 professional archaeologists donated their time and 10 percent of the conference participants drove the distance to experience the day for themselves.

Archaeology Month came in earnest at the end of the quarter with the theme of Mounds statewide. The Center participated in 15 outreach events and logged 170 hours in March alone as donation to the Florida Anthropological Society for their small-matching grant. Festival tables were staffed by mostly student interns and volunteers allowing the Director and Outreach Coordinator to focus on packaged presentations for wider audiences.

Administrative activities focused on preparing next year's annual work plan, submitting two nominations for Statewide Preservation Awards (Coquina Queries and Mala Compra), and assisting in the agreement between the National Park Service and Project Archaeology to develop a Kingsley Slave Quarter Shelter curriculum. We collaborated with our host institution by meeting with the President and the Dean of the college, reporting to the internship committee, attending legal seminars for supervising internships, and requested more volunteer/lab space in the community.

Type of Activity/Event	Events	Attendees
Public Presentations	10	567
Public Events	8	3,345
Professional Conferences	2	57
Adult Training/Workshops/Symposiums	3	107
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	7	340
Volunteers	8	49 (258 hrs)
Meetings attended	21	129
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	7	
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	5	2,063
Other- Displays (Lincolnville Museum, VIC)	2	250,098
TOTAL	73	256,775

Public Outreach

Information Tables

- Water Education Festival, Underwater Archaeology Presentation, Museum of Science and History, Jacksonville, Duval County—5,975 overall attendees, estimated 2,500 contacts
- Splash into Science Night, Children's Reading Center, Palatka, Putnam County—76 contacts
- Splash into Science Night, Moseley Elementary, Putnam County—60 contacts
- Yesterdays Festival, Gold Head Branch State Park, Clay County—67 contacts
- Flight to Freedom, Ft. Mose State Park, St. Johns County—42 contacts
- Azalea Festival, Ravine Gardens State Park, Putnam County—209 contacts
- Lighthouse Festival, St. Augustine Lighthouse, St. Johns County—300 contacts
- Walk Back in Time, Florida Agricultural Museum, Flagler County—91 contacts

Professional Conferences

- Organized and presented a paper for SHA session on Community Service Learning, Amelia Island—34 attendees
- Paper presented in Kingsley Plantation Symposium Session—23 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Destination Archaeology, Kingsley Plantation, Duval County—276 attendees
 - 6 lectures
 - 4 tours
 - 12 activity tables
 - Virtual Florida Fieldtrips computer bay
- Discover First America
 - British Are Coming, St. Augustine—800 attendees
 - Crackers, St. Augustine—800 attendees
- SAAA Lecture Series, Flagler College, St. Augustine
 - Dr. Douglas Dew, 22 attendees
 - Thandra Stanton, National Forest Service, 57 attendees
 - Carl Halbirt, City of St. Augustine, 64 attendees
- Mounds Presentation, Gamble Rogers State Park, Flagler County—15 attendees
- Poinsettia Club Coquina Lecture, St. Augustine—12 attendees
- GPR: Good for Research, Great for Outreach Presentation, Southeast Volusia Historical Society, Volusia County—48 attendees

- Archaeology Month Trolley Tours with Carl Halbirt and Kathy Deagan, St. Augustine Archaeology Association partnered event, St. Johns County—50 attendees first weekend, 23 attendees second weekend

Workshops/Training

- Project Wet/Project Archaeology Teacher Training Workshop, Camp Chowenwaw, Clay County—14 attendees
- After the Paper, Now What? SHA Workshop, Amelia Island, Nassau County—6 attendees

Symposiums

- Northeast Florida Maritime Archaeology Symposium, St. Augustine—64 registrants
 - Keynote Address, Chris Amer—26 attendees

Media

- Northeast Region Website—900 visitors
- Coquina Queries Website—117 visitors
- Northeast Region BLOG—6 new entries, 219 visitors
- Twitter Account—36 new postings, 20 new followers
- Posted Virtual Florida Fieldtrip podcasts to the website—807 new views

Youth Event/Presentation

- Panels and Design Workshop, Legacy Program at Princess Place, Flagler County—4 attendees
- Prehistoric Weaponry Presentation, Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, St. Johns County—88 attendees
- Legacy Program, Flagler County—8 attendees
- Tool Talk, James A. Long Elementary, Putnam County—75 attendees
- Presentation to UNF Archaeology Club, Duval County—84 attendees
- Tool Talk, Interlachen Elementary, Putnam County—76 attendees
- Layers of Life at Ft. Mose Presentation, St. Johns County—5 attendees

Displays

- *Archaeology in Lincolnton*—98 visitors
- Visitors Information Center, St. Augustine—stocked maps, brochures, and events calendar; 600,000 visitors annually

Grants

- Coordinated programmatic agreement between National Park Service and Project Archaeology for the Investigating Shelter: Kingsley Plantation Curriculum

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

St. Johns County

- Attended Cultural Information Center meeting for stakeholders to workshop and provide comment on St. Johns County's Cultural Development Implementation Plan, St. Augustine Beach—50 CEO and heritage directors

Flagler County

- Presented SHA Merit Award for Flagler County for work done on the *Mala Compra*
- Attended first Commission meeting of the year and have on the record a commitment from the Board to pass an archaeological ordinance in the next year
- Submitted Statewide Preservation Award Nomination for *Mala Compra* site

Volusia County

- Corresponded with City and County officials over preliminary results of GPR survey

Clay County

- Attended and presented at Clay County School District meeting of science teachers
- Continued to monitor and provide recommendations for exposed brick feature at Ft. Heiliman site, Middleburg
 - In search for school to participate in long-term service learning program to study the site and provide interpretation for public

Nassau County

- Visit with Fernandina Beach Planning Department
- Corresponded with Historic Resources Review Board for Fernandina Beach

Assisting DHR

Archaeological Resource Management Training

- Sent Toni Wallace to attend training in Tallahassee

Site Identification Team

- Turned in 3 site forms toward completion of ARM training
- Responded to calls to record three cemeteries in Volusia County

Other

- Advocated for the Center to open an archaeology laboratory to expand volunteer opportunities for students and community members
- Met with the Dean to discuss expansion of terrestrial and maritime field schools through Flagler College
- Presentation to Internship Committee, Flagler College
- Attended NOAA Project Design and Evaluation Workshop, Coastal Resource Management
- Attended and participated in SAAA (local FAS) board meetings
- Took on two new interns, Shanae Hill for Education and new Graphics Design student
- On-site visit to Cumberland Island to discuss and plan joint archaeology education teacher training workshops, Cumberland Island National Park

- Assisted Michele Williams in analysis of historic materials from her Dry Tortuga's project
- Attended Strategic Planning in Pensacola for the Network, in addition to preliminary conference calls and follow up review of materials
- Submitted nomination of Coquina Queries for State Wide Preservation Award in the category of Heritage Education




"Map an Anchor" Activity.



Public attends tours at SHA Public Day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

A Mound of Mystery



Sanchez Mound in St. Johns County is a little-known remnant of north Florida's Native American past. Located at Guana-Tolomato-Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM-NERR) near Ponte Vedra, the mound must be protected from a number of elements. It has been badly looted on one side and has suffered some from wild hogs that live in the Reserve. Today it stands inside a hog fence, which keeps out both humans and feral pigs that damaged it in the past.

The image is a screenshot of a blog post. It features a title "A Mound of Mystery" and a photograph of a large, conical earthen mound in a wooded area. The mound is surrounded by a simple wire fence. The text below the photo describes the mound's location and history.

Weekly "Mounds" Installment on the Blog during FAM.