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Northwest Region
Quarterly Report – July/August/September 2011
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Executive Summary

The NW Region is happy to introduce our newest intern, Tristan Harrenstein. Tristan received the Florida Public Archaeology Network's 2011 assistantship and is an incoming Historical Archaeology graduate student at UWF. He joins Tara Giuliano and Nicole Bucchino this year as a Public Archaeology Intern. Tristan received his B.A. in anthropology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 2006 and has worked on Cultural Resource Management projects in the Midwest and Western regions of the United States involving both prehistoric and historic sites. He has experience excavating a number of homesteads, as well as recording sections of the Transcontinental Railroad and mapping the route of the Old Spanish Trail through Colorado and Utah. Tristan is currently involved in a FPAN project identifying and reassessing Civil War sites in the Pensacola area. He is looking forward to learning about the rich history of West Florida and to engaging the public in the archaeology of the region.

Della and West Central Region Director Jeff Moates were pleased to be asked to assist Biscayne National Park's Cultural Resources Manager Charles Lawson. Chuck is planning to develop a Shipwreck Trail on some of the many submerged heritage sites within the park. Featuring shallow, warm, clear water, BNP's shipwrecks are easy to visit, making them perfect for public education initiatives. Della and Jeff visited the Park and dove with Chuck to inspect some of the possible Trail sites, seeing 12 shipwrecks in three days. Diving reciprocity between BNP, USF, and UWF means that students can now also work with Chuck to help develop the Trail. FPAN is committed to assisting with further interpretive efforts, marketing, and promoting this wonderful venture in submerged heritage preservation and interpretation.

In July Irina worked with staff of West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. to present the annual History & Archaeology Summer Camp. With 8 young people, upcoming 7th through 10th grades, the camp was lively and busy! Campers participated in educational events, hands-on activities, museum visits, tours, and presentations. The two camps of the summer proved to be popular and plans already are in place for summer 2012.

Former Intern Melissa Timo completed her investigations at the Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery and is in process of writing her thesis. We were extremely pleased to hear Melissa was hired by FPAN Southwest Region as Outreach Coordinator! Intern Tara Giuliano is beginning field work on her cemetery project at Old Bethel Cemetery. Intern Nicole Bucchino is nearing a final decision on her thesis topic, likely focusing on the conservation, interpretation, and preservation of historic cannons in coastal communities, using Pensacola as a case study.

The Archaeology Class at Milton High School kicked off in the new school year with 27 students! UWF graduate student Jay Bixler is leading the class, directing field work at the Scott Site in Milton and assisting MHS teacher Jeff Klug in preparing classroom lectures and materials. The class met 13 times in the field and excavations are proceeding apace. Jay is collecting data for his master's thesis on the Scott Site and brick manufacturing along the Blackwater River. The information also will be used to create both a "virtual" exhibit website and a physical exhibit at the school.

Finally, the Archaeological Laboratory at the FPAN NW Region is filled to capacity with volunteers! Open every Tuesday and Thursday, the Lab offers hands-on experience with artifacts recovered by UWF in local excavations. All volunteers are welcome and receive training by an FPAN archaeologist or Intern, who also oversee lab operations and check rough-sorted material. Kids are especially welcome (accompanied by a parent or guardian, of course!) because their sharp eyes and little fingers are perfect for picking out tiny beads, pins, and minute bone fragments. In just the last quarter, 135 volunteers have put in 385 hours in the FPAN lab! School children who visit the lab as part of a field trip often come back with their parents for more artifact sorting, and we have regular volunteers who never miss a day.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	6	178
Public Events	1	197
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	2	125
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	
Adult Training/Workshops	5	34
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	18	298
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews		
Volunteer Programs	FPAN lab: 385 hours	135
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	35	
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	3 newspaper articles	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	1 poster reprint (Spanish Claim Florida)	
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	3 mass e-mailings NW Facebook: 71 posts NW Twitter: 115 tweets	2035 recipients 377 Like Us 288 Followers
Mass Snail-mail		
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article	1 (<i>Sources</i> article)	
TOTAL	647	3667

Public Outreach

Info Booths

- Archaeology Day, Blountstown – Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, 197 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Shipwrecks of Pensacola, 15 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Native American Cultures of the Southeast, 35 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Santa Rosa Pensacola, 25 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Civil War in Florida, 15 attendees
- Indian Temple Mound Lecture Series, Ft Walton Beach - No-Man's Land: Civil War Across the Panhandle, 42 attendees
- 1st Methodist Church, Milton – Shipwrecks of the Blackwater River, 46 attendees

Workshops/Training

- Teacher In-Service, Bellview Middle School – 6 attendees
- Teacher In-Service, Bellview Middle School – 5 attendees
- Teacher In-Service – Pensacola, 7 attendees
- SSEAS, St Petersburg – 11 attendees
- HADS, Tampa – 5 attendees

Youth Event/Presentation

- Archaeology & History Summer Camp, Pensacola – grade 7-10, in partnership with WFHPI, 8 attendees
- Youth Conservation Corps, Pensacola – Intro to Archaeology lecture, 25 attendees
- Brown Barge Middle School, Pensacola – Archaeology & History of NW Florida, 215 attendees
- Girl Scout Troup, Pensacola – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 12 attendees
- Homeschool group, Pensacola – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 11 attendees

Professional Presentation

- IKUWA4, Zadar, Croatia – Sailing the SSEAS: A New Program for Engaging Sport Divers in Florida, 67 attendees
- IKUWA4, Zadar, Croatia - World War II Maritime Heritage Trail in Saipan, 58 attendees

Volunteer Opportunities

- FPAN lab, Pensacola - 135 volunteers for 385 hours

Publications

- *Pensacola and Northwest Florida History Illustrated* is a reincarnation of a previous publication by West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. and the Pensacola Historical Society. Recently, WFHPI and PHS have re-started the journal, featuring historical and archaeological articles on Northwest FL topics

- Della serving on the advisory and editorial committee to develop, edit, and produce the journal
- Northwest Region Newsletter – quarterly, 2,035 recipients

Grants

- Assisting Bureau of Archaeological Research with DEP grant to develop the Panhandle Shipwreck Trail
 - Providing support with diving operations, recording, public contact and outreach, interpretive material design and distribution

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Escambia County

- Serving as liaison to the County Marine Advisory Council for the development of the Panhandle Shipwreck Trail
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop a plan for regularly scheduled teacher in-service workshops focused on archaeology
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop ideas for “traveling trunks” for archaeology for use in the classroom
 - Assigned development to intern over summer/fall 2011
- Assisting with development of archaeological resources protection ordinance
 - The County Planner who is in charge of this project is still working on it, but his workload has increased due to recent county budget cuts and staff reductions so the project is progressing slowly

Pensacola

- Working with teachers at Bellview Middle School to present a semester-long archaeology curriculum, including classroom components and field trips
- Attended meeting with representatives from the city and other heritage organizations regarding plans for FL’s Quincentennial celebration and Viva Florida 500 program.

Santa Rosa County

- Working with County Tourist Development Council representative to continue participation in the annual county Beaches to Woodlands event, and to develop ideas for heritage day trips in the county.

Gulf Islands National Seashore

- Working with Interpretive Ranger to schedule fall/winter lecture series, as well as a special presentation series for 2013 Viva Florida.

Milton

- Milton High School project at the Scott Site
 - Coordinating with MHS administration to offer the class again next year.
 - Jay Bixler, grad student in archaeology at UWF, is leading the class’s field work and assisting the teacher, Jeff Klug, in preparing classroom materials and curriculum
 - Working with school to schedule field trips to UWF, FPAN, and Historic Pensacola Village
 - 27 students met with Jay 13 times during this quarter

- FPAN is serving on the advisory board of the Blackwater River Foundation and will assist in developing a plan for identifying and managing archaeological/historical resources along and in the river as part of a larger management plan
- Working with the local Blackwater Pyrates organization to prepare a Florida Historical Marker application and language
- Working with Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site to develop summer camp programs and lecture series
- FPAN and Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site are working with Santa Rosa County School Board to host Teacher In-Service Workshops

Gulf Breeze

- Working with contact for Deadman's Island restoration project to assist with interpretive signage for a proposed snorkeling trail at the island

Okaloosa County

Ft Walton Beach

- Provide advice to Historic Sites & Structures Board
- Working with Friends of *Governor Stone* to promote the schooner as a heritage education tool and to investigate grant opportunities

Crestview

- UWF grad student and FPAN Intern Tara Giuliano is working on the Old Bethel Cemetery project as thesis topic
 - Tara conducted a total station survey of the cemetery's field stones and historic grave markers and completed 3 oral history interviews.

Walton County

- Working with Tourist Development Council to advise on archaeological/historical concerns with Kellogg Property development
- Working with TDC to develop and promote heritage tourism opportunities

Holmes County

- Working with joint Holmes/Washington counties Library Services to develop joint programs for youth and adults in 2011/2012.
- Working to establish regular teacher in-service workshops with county education staff, in partnership with neighboring counties to facilitate attendance and funding for teachers to participate.

Washington County

Falling Waters State Park

- Working with Park to develop programs for 2012, which is the Park's 50th anniversary

Bay County

- Working with Science & Discovery Center to host an Archaeology Educator Workshop

Jackson County

Marianna

- FPAN coordinating archaeological assistance and outreach for the new Chipola Greenway, including staff from the FL DHR.

Calhoun County

- Continuing to work with county educational staff to develop consistent teacher in-service trainings in Blountstown each year

Gulf County

Port St. Joe

- Working with St. Joe Peninsula State Park Interpretive Ranger to develop fall/winter and Archaeology Month programs.

Assisting DHR

Training Programs

- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS)
 - Training seminar for NAUI/PADI/SSI Course Directors to educate them about submerged cultural resources and encourage them to pass along to Instructors to teach new divers
 - Seminar held Sep 15-17 in Tampa
 - Other training agencies have been contacted and meetings set up at the DEMA show to encourage them to adopt the Heritage Awareness Specialty and to participate in HADS
- Working with BAR Training Coordinator Kevin Porter to develop on-line training, starting with the Historical and Archaeological Resources Training (HART) class

Local contact for DHR Review & Compliance

- Assistance to county and city for permitting requests
- Assist with inspection of newly uncovered archaeological remains, such as shipwreck material, and provide advice and liaison for Florida Master Site File submission and any further investigation

State Historical Marker Council

- Della Scott-Ireton appointed by Secretary of State to serve on the Florida Historical Marker Council
 - Conference call Aug 22

Assisting with distribution and reprint of DHR interpretive materials

- Working with BAR staff to reprint the Preserves poster
- Working with BAR staff to explore options for funding a reprint of the 1733 Spanish Galleon Trail booklet

Coordinating with DHR to schedule annual meeting between DHR and FPAN staff

- Meeting held September 20-21
- Meeting planned for September 25-26, 2012

Working with DHR on heritage tourism initiatives

- Working with BAR underwater staff to facilitate new Preserves
 - USS *Narcissus* and Fort Dade near Tampa
- Working with BAR Underwater Program on a newly received grant to develop a Panhandle Shipwreck Trail along the coast of NW FL.

Other

- FPAN recognized as a partner in receiving the Secretary of the Interior's Partners in Conservation Award for Archaeological Analysis of Submerged Sites on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf. With UWF, Tesla, BOEMRE
- Della assisted the Cultural Resources Manager of Biscayne National Park in selecting shipwrecks to be interpreted as part of a new Shipwreck Trail in the Park
- Della working with Fritz Sharar to develop an FPAN diving program and to get FPAN divers whose host institutions do not have a diving program under the UWF diving program umbrella
- Della working with UWF attorneys and Diving Program to develop liability and release waivers for participants in FPAN training courses
- Della attending and participating in UWF Department of Anthropology faculty meetings
- Della serving on committee to develop state-wide "Unearthing Florida" radio show
- Della and Irina serving on committee to develop traveling exhibits for the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center and display for the FPAN Coordinating Center stairway niche
- Della and Irina supervising three Interns and two Work-Study students
- Irina served as Co-Director for History & Archaeology Summer Camps with WFHPI
- Irina working with WFHPI staff to make History and Archaeology Summer Camps part of STEM youth programs through UWF
- Irina working with UWF Marketing Director and graphic designer to revamp FPAN business cards/letterhead/envelopes/etc and to develop a library of templates for flyers/advertisement materials
- Irina serving on Search Committee for History Department professor
- Irina asked to serve on Search Committee for West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. staff position
- Irina serving on Archaeology Tourism Task Force
- Irina attended a Project Archaeology refresher course offered by the FPAN NE Region
- Irina serving as Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor
- Della serving as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Irina serving as contact for Visit Pensacola to offer volunteer opportunities to visitors
- Della serving on 9 thesis committees for UWF graduate students:
 - o Irina Sorset
 - o Scott Sorset
 - o Melissa Timo
 - o Tara Giuliano
 - o Brian Adams
 - o Jay Bixler
 - o Morgan Wampler
 - o Stephanie Poole
- Nicole completed Scientific Diver Training through UWF, earned her Advanced Open Water Diver certification, and was certified as an Oxygen Administrator
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region
 - o Sloan Willis

- Attend Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings
- Attend Pensacola History & Archaeology Council meetings
- Della serving as Board Member of the Pensacola Archaeological Society – attend monthly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions
 - o Della also on Program Committee for 2011-2012 to secure speakers for the PAS monthly membership meetings
- Della serving on UWF Diving Control Board
- Della serving on UWF Marine Services Executive Committee
- Della serving as elected Board member and Treasurer for Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology
- Della serving on Editorial Advisory Committee, Conference Committee, UNESCO Committee, and Public Education & Information Committee of Society for Historical Archaeology
- Della serving on Training and Education Advisory Board of Nautical Archaeology Society
- Della appointed to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for Marine Protected Areas

Publications

Scott-Ireton, Della A.

2011 Heritage Awareness Diving Seminars: Teaching Divers About Protecting the Underwater Cultural Environment. *Sources* XXIII(3):11.



Irina helps History and Archaeology Summer Campers map the Shipwreck on a Tarp.



Intern Tristan Harrenstein and volunteer Scott Sorset speak with a visitor to the Archaeology Day at Blountstown Panhandle Pioneer Settlement.



Teachers at the Archaeology in the Classroom In-Service Workshop do the Cave Painting art activity.