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Executive Summary

As always, FPAN NW kicks off the new year by presenting and representing at the annual Society for Historical Archaeology meeting. All NW Region staff attended, presenting on various projects through papers, posters, and panels. Della and Irina hosted a Roundtable Luncheon on the effects of the Gulf Oil Disaster, and helped organize and staff the FPAN table in the bookroom. FPAN NW staff also are preparing to attend and participate in the Society for American Archaeology meeting in California in late March/early April.

The first quarter of the year brings our attention to Florida Archaeology Month! This year's events were as ambitious, and as well-attended if not better, as in previous years. Events were held in Panama City, Port St Joe, Pensacola, and various state and national parks. The Annual Archaeology Month Celebration Event, in its 4th year, was held at the FPAN Coordinating Center on the last Saturday of the month. Heritage organizations from around Northwest Florida were invited to attend and show off their projects and products. The Bearheart Native Paths Mobile Museum was a special treat, and their staff provided a good dose of prehistoric and historic Native American heritage. Activities included atlatl spear throwing, coil pot making, build-a-boat models, drawing artifacts underwater on mylar, and the mock dig boxes. Flint knapping demonstrations by local knappers and by the UWF Experimental Archaeology Club were extremely popular. Visitors also toured the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center and the FPAN Archaeology Lab, where several new volunteers were recruited.

FPAN interns continue to work on their public-oriented thesis projects. Melissa Timo received permission from descendants and from the State of Florida to perform limited test excavations at the Mt Pleasant/Gainer Historical Cemetery. She will attempt to define some curious anomalies produced during the GPR survey, and hopefully locate lost graves so they can be properly marked. Tara Giuliano made contact with a local Civil War historian who helped her find documents proving several actions and skirmishes did, in fact, take place near Crestview, a further piece of the puzzle toward solving the mystery of the field stones in the Old Bethel Cemetery.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	14	794
Public Events	6	1293
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	2	66
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	2	
Adult Training/Workshops		
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	6	175
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	1 UWF Nautilus News (FAM & FPAN Lab) 1 UWF Voyager (FAM & FPAN Lab)	
Volunteer Programs	FPAN lab: 377.5 hours	257
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	16	
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	1 PNJ on timber on beach	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	1 poster (reprint of ‘Spanish Claim FL’)	
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	3 mass e-mailing NW Facebook: 132 posts NW Twitter: 162 feeds	1,757 297 Like Us 209 Followers
Mass Snail-mail	1 FAM info/bookmarks to NW Region libraries	37
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
TOTAL	348	4885

Public Outreach

Info Booths

- Heritage Day, Eden Gardens State Park – 361 attendees
- Battle of Olustee Reenactment, Olustee State Park – 400 attendees
- Bay County Library Archaeology Day, Panama City -179 attendees
- St Patrick's Day Art & Antiques Fair, Bagdad – 50 attendees
- Constitution Convention Museum Archaeology Day, Port St Joe – 42 attendees
- Archaeology Month Celebration, Pensacola, FPAN Coordinating Center - 261 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Leisure Learning, Pensacola – Lecture, Lab, and Museum, 8 attendees
- Pensacola Fishermen's Association, Pensacola – USS *Massachusetts* lecture, 47 attendees
- Washington County Library, Chipley – Luna and EP Wrecks, 12 attendees
- Blackwater Pyrates event, Bagdad – Shipwrecks of the Blackwater River, 220 attendees
- Archaeology Month Lecture Series "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology Around the World," Pensacola – Greg Cook, "West Africa and the Atlantic World: Maritime Archaeological Investigations at Elmina, Ghana," 44 attendees
- Archaeology Month Lecture Series "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology Around the World," Pensacola – Della, "The Task of Reinterpreting: Using Maritime Heritage Trails to Interpret Submerged WWII Heritage from the Battle of Saipan," 74 attendees
- Archaeology Month Lecture Series "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology Around the World," Pensacola – John Worth, "Prelude to Florida: The Archaeology and History of First Contact in Cuba," 37 attendees
- Archaeology Month Lecture Series "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology Around the World," Pensacola – Norine Carroll, "The Search for John Paul Jones' *Serapis* off the Coast of île Ste. Marie, Madagascar," 64 attendees
- Archaeology Month Lecture Series "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology Around the World," Pensacola – Mary Glowacki, "Behind the Walls of Wari Imperialism: A Peruvian Pre-Inca Settlement," 78 attendees
- Bay County Library, Panama City – Shipwrecks of Northwest Florida, 70 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Shipwrecks of Pensacola, 55 attendees
- St Joe Peninsula State Park, Port St Joe – Tour of Northwest FL Heritage, 21 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – USS *Massachusetts*, 38 attendees
- UWF Graduate Anthropology Association, Pensacola - upcoming FPAN volunteer opportunities, 26 attendees

Youth Event/Presentation

- Washington County Library, Chipley – Intro to Underwater Archaeology and build-a-boat, 4 attendees
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic, Gulf Breeze – Archaeology Merit Badge, 31 attendees
- Pace High School, Pace – Tour of TT Wentworth archaeology exhibits, 50 attendees
- Milton High School, Milton – Scott Site project, 39 attendees
- Homeschool group, Pensacola – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 24 attendees
- Homeschool group, Escambia/Santa Rosa – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 27 attendees

Professional Presentation

- SHA, Austin, TX – Roundtable on the Gulf Oil Spill, 12 attendees (Della & Irina); panel on developing underwater heritage tourism initiatives (Della, co-hosted with Jennifer McKinnon), 54 attendees
- SAA, Sacramento, CA – FPAN info booth (Irina, Della) in bookroom, and Archaeology in Education Panel (Della)

Volunteer Opportunities

- FPAN lab, Pensacola - 257 volunteers for 377.5 hours

Publications

- Article provided to *Underwater Journal* (www.underwaterjournal.com/).
 - USS *Massachusetts* Underwater Archaeological Preserve and FPAN
- *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 is serving on the advisory and editorial committee to develop, edit, and produce the journal.
- *Florida Archaeology: An Overview* – working with FAS to update and reprint existing booklet
 - Professional and avocational archaeologists around the state have been solicited to contribute articles on significant sites
 - FAS has not identified a webmaster to update their website. Solicitations and reminders are suspended until an FAS webmaster has been identified, as I feel it is unfair to ask for articles that will sit in limbo for an unknown length of time.
 - The booklet text has been revised and updated as much as possible without input from the FAS Board. Still awaiting input from the FAS Board.
- Northwest Region Newsletter – quarterly, 1,757 recipients

Grants

- FPAN partnered with Flinders University and the Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to write a grant to present the Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar to the diving industry on Saipan. The grant was awarded by the NOAA Pacific Region Grants Cooperative. Two HADS courses will be offered for diving industry personnel,

in both English and Japanese, and will focus on submerged sites preservation and sustainable tourism on the new Invasion Beaches Maritime Heritage Trail.

- Scheduled for April 12-13 and 14-15

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
 - Will assign development to intern over summer 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

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

- Presented two lectures at GUIS new auditorium at Fort Pickens as part of Archaeology Month celebration.

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, presented two lectures to prospective students.
- 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 staff of Arcadia Mill to develop summer camp programming.

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 is planning a Preservation Day at the cemetery, to include a cemetery workshop and clean-up, and will identify a local group (probably a youth group) to take on cleaning headstones.

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.
- 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

Chipley

- Presented a lecture/activity program for youth and adults at the Washington County Library.

Falling Waters State Park

- Working with Park staff to coordinate participation in the annual Legends & Lore event in the spring

Bay County

- FPAN Intern Melissa Timo is focusing on the Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery as her thesis topic
 - Melissa has secured permission for limited test excavations to be performed in the spring

Panama City

- Presented an Archaeology Month lecture and event at the Bay County Library.

Jackson County

Marianna

- FPAN coordinating archaeological assistance 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

- Presented an Archaeology Month lecture and event at the Constitution Convention Museum and St. Joe Peninsula State Park

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
 - Next seminar scheduled for May 23-25 in Marathon
 - Jeff Moates and Della will contact the DEMA organizers about holding the classroom portion of HADS at the DEMA Show 2011, which will be held in Orlando in November

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 Jan 18

Assisting with distribution and reprint of DHR interpretive materials

- Working with BAR staff to reprint the Preserves poster, to include the new USS *Narcissus* Preserve

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

- Meeting planned for September 2011

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

- Della, Irina, Melissa, Tara, and Nicole attended the SHA conference in Austin, TX.
- Della and Irina attended the FPAN staff meeting in Tampa and reported on our Strategic Plan responsibilities.
- FL Archaeology Month 2009 poster featuring info on "Spanish Claim Florida" and in particular Luna shipwreck information was reprinted
- Tara and Nicole served as judges for the District History Fair
- 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
- Irina serving as Co-Director for History & Archaeology Summer Camps with WFHPI
- Irina serving as Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor
- Della met with academic visitors from the Republic of Georgia about shipwrecks as heritage tourism destinations
- Della serving as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Della and Irina served on search committee for museum director position for Destination Archaeology! Resource Center

- 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 Nicole Tumbleson
 - o Jay Bixler
 - o Morgan Wampler
 - o Stephanie Poole
- Della served on 1 thesis committee for Flinders University and is serving on 1 dissertation committee for East Carolina University
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region
 - o Agnes Hand – shipwreck timber washed up on beach – working with Dr Bratten to secure timber for conservation class
- Attend Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings
 - o Jan 31 in Century
- Attend Pensacola History & Archaeology Council meetings
 - o March 9
- 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 2010-2011 to secure speakers for the PAS monthly membership meetings
- Della serving on UWF Diving Control Board
 - o Meeting Jan 28
- 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



Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic at Naval Live Oaks, Gulf Breeze.



Della lecturing on "Shipwrecks of Northwest Florida" at a Florida Archaeology Month event, Bay County Library, Panama City.



Kids drawing artifacts underwater on mylar at the 4th Annual Archaeology Month Celebration Event, FPAN Coordinating Center.