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Northwest Region
Quarterly Report – April/May/June 2010
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Executive Summary

This quarter the Northwest Region has begun to deal with an unexpected and horrifying tragedy – the BP oil spill. Oil is washing up on the beaches of the northwest Florida panhandle and, in addition to the unprecedented environmental and ecological impact, is impacting cultural resources as well. FPAN has offered assistance to state and federal officials charged with dealing with cultural resources, but so far our offer has not been accepted. Della has responded to several media requests for information and has provided photos and other data regarding submerged cultural resources in the region to other archaeologists. We already are seeing the effects of the oil spill in tourism in the area, including heritage tourism. Case in point: in late June Della and Irina visited Gulf Islands National Seashore where we are scheduled to give two lectures in July as part of their summer interpretive program for visitors. GUI has a new interpretive center, still partially under construction, but the auditorium is finished; our lectures (on area shipwrecks) will be the inaugural events. Our ranger contact drove us through the campground, which usually this time of year is full of the visitors to whom the programs are targeted. The campground, which has a couple hundred spaces, had perhaps 15-20 campers. The ranger related that visitation is down drastically from last year and expressed concerns our lectures might not be well-attended. We'll continue to hold our programs, including at GUI, of course, and just wait and see how attendance is affected.

Otherwise, FPAN NW continues to organize our usual summer offerings – summer youth camps in history and archaeology in partnership with West Florida Historic Preservation, teacher in-service workshops, lectures and presentations to local groups, and HART with BAR. We're also looking forward to cooler fall temperatures which bring outdoor festivals and heritage celebrations.

Among our biggest news for this quarter, Outreach Coordinator Irina Franklin was married May 22 to Scott Sorset! Scott also is an archaeologist, finishing his MA at UWF while working for Panamerican Consultants CRM firm. Scott often accompanies Irina to FPAN events and is one of our most dedicated and helpful volunteers. Irina's last name is now Sorset and her email has changed to isorset@uwf.edu

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	6	80
Public Events	4	1422
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	2	
Adult Training/Workshops	2	27
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	18	1251
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews		
Volunteer Programs	FPAN lab: 45:10 hours	47
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	24	
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	1 in <i>Santa Rosa Press Gazette</i> 1 in <i>Pensacola News Journal</i> 1 article in <i>Scuba News</i> magazine	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	2 mass e-mailings NW Facebook:48 posts NW Twitter:74 feeds	1308 each 177 Fans 48 Followers
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
TOTAL	183	4313

Public Outreach

Info Booths

- Society for American Archaeology, St Louis – 700 attendees
- Legends & Lore, Chipley – 546 attendees
- Musical Echoes, Ft Walton Beach - 87 attendees
- NAS Pensacola Lighthouse Festival, Pensacola - 89 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Friends of the NERR, Apalachicola - Apalachicola River Resources: Connecting People to the Past Using Maritime Heritage Trails, 11 attendees
- MHS Scott Site Media Day, Milton – Tour of Scott Site, 11 attendees
- Pensacola Garden Club, Pensacola – Emanuel Point Shipwrecks, 17 attendees
- Pensacola Sail & Power Squadron, Pensacola – Emanuel Point Shipwrecks, 26 attendees
- Celebrate Escambia Waterways, Pensacola – Shipwrecks of Pensacola, 9 attendees
- Historic Pensacola Village Open House, Pensacola – FPAN Open House and Lab, 6 attendees

Workshops/Training

- 2nd Annual Regional Educator Conference, Pensacola – Archaeology in the Classroom, 17 attendees
- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar, Marathon – 10 attendees

Youth Event/Presentation

- Boy Scout Jamboree, Ft Walton Beach – Intro to Archaeology, 45 attendees
- Legends & Lore, Chipley – Intro to Archaeology, 958 attendees
- Ransom Middle School, Pensacola – Intro to Underwater Archaeology/build a boat, 18 attendees
- Girl Scouts, Pensacola – Intro to Archaeology/ lab/ build a boat, 12 attendees
- Chumukla Elementary, Chumukla – Career Day, 85 attendees
- History & Archaeology Summer Camp, Historic Pensacola Village - 25 attendees
- Girl Scouts, Pensacola – Intro to Underwater Archaeology, 12 attendees
- Youth Conservation Corps, Gulf Breeze – Emanuel Point Shipwrecks, 46 attendees

Volunteer Opportunities

- FPAN lab, Pensacola - 47 volunteers for 45:10 hours

Publications

- *Scuba News* – monthly article for magazine on maritime history and underwater archaeology
 - Topics: HMS *Serapis* Found? (Michael Tuttle)
 - *Scuba News*, since moving to a new on-line format, has begun featuring treasure hunting articles right alongside archaeology articles (and other science-based pieces, such as biology and ecology). I have suspended providing articles until this can be rectified.

- *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
 - Articles are beginning to come in and will be forwarded to the FAS webmaster for posting on the FAS website once that person is identified by the FAS Board
 - Additional promised articles will be solicited over the next few months
 - The booklet text has been revised and updated and will be sent to other FPAN staff for additional work
- Northwest Region Newsletter – quarterly, over 1,300 recipients

Grants

- Florida Humanities Council Grant for development of interpretive panels for *Governor Stone*
 - Della Scott-Ireton serving as Scholar and assisting in developing informational and design material for the panels
 - Meeting with exhibit design firm and project personnel Apr 6
- Partnering with Pensacola Archaeological Society and UWF for an Impact 100 grant to sponsor a Chatauqua-style live performance of Bernardo de Galvez, including actor research and filming of the performances
- Partnering with UWF for a BP oil spill-related grant to perform oil impact surveys and to develop a method for training sport divers and other volunteers to conduct monitoring of cultural resources affected by oil.

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Escambia County

- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop a plan for regularly scheduled teacher in-service workshops focused on archaeology
 - Two in-service workshops are scheduled for the coming quarter, setting the stage for annual summer workshops
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop ideas for “traveling trunks” for archaeology for use in the classroom
- 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

- Met with County Tourist Development Council representative regarding participation in the annual Beaches to Woodlands event
 - Working with Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site to develop a lecture series for the event in October
- The archaeology in-service workshops organized with Escambia County have been opened to Santa Rosa County teachers as well, and likely will be held for both counties in future.

- Working with Social Studies and Science Coordinators, faculty, and administrators of Milton High School to teach *Milton Memories: Saving the History of NW Florida Industry* project
 - Second year just ended – we had great feedback from the students and at least 5 stated they intend to study archaeology in college!
 - Annual “VIP Day” held April 20
 - Local elected officials, supporters, and dignitaries were invited, along with the media, to learn about the project
 - Jay Bixler, grad student in archaeology at UWF, is leading the project and will focus on the site for his Master’s thesis project
 - 50 students met with FPAN staff 10 times this quarter
 - This project is being offered as an Anthropology/ Archaeology elective class to Milton High School junior and senior students. The class is one semester long and students meet once per week.
 - Students are performing limited excavations at an historic site, called the Scott Site, located on private property in Milton. The students will analyze their findings to produce a report and small exhibit of materials, as well as an on-line “virtual museum” of their project in concert with an existing Santa Rosa County website.
 - Milton High administrators hope the class will continue in successive school years and will lead to MHS being designated a magnet school for Anthropology/Archaeology.
 - There is a chance the teacher who has been coordinating this class for MHS is leaving the school, which will necessitate identifying another teacher who would be willing to take it on.
 - Santa Rosa County Virtual Museum will feature information and images from the Scott Site project: <http://santarosavirtualmuseum.org/>
 - All content written and developed by the 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.

Jay

- Met with Jay Historical Museum Director and identified Native American artifacts given to the museum by a collector
 - Jan Lloyd of UWF contributed her expertise in identifications!

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

- Working with Ft Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center to host a HART training with BAR
- 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 (see Grant section above)
- Working with committee to nominate The Boat to the NRHP

Crestview

- UWF grad student and FPAN Intern Tara Giuliano plans to take on the Old Bethel Cemetery project as thesis topic
 - Meeting held Apr 8 at cemetery to introduce Tara to the cemetery Association and other locals

Niceville

- Facilitated joint project with UWF and Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) to survey a local property parcel slated for development
 - NWFSC students performed the work under supervision of UWF faculty

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 Counties

- 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

- Working with Falling Waters State Park to develop and participate in public programs as part of their heritage education initiative
 - Participated in the park's annual Legends & Lore program with an FPAN info booth and activities for youth

Bay County

- FPAN Intern Melissa Timo is focusing on the Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery as her thesis topic

Jackson County

Marianna

- Working with the city to establish a management plan for the Chipola Greenway, property which the state owns but the city manages. FPAN is serving on the committee to develop the plan and will advise on archaeological/cultural issues.

Calhoun County

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

Gulf County

- Advising county on archaeological assessment needs for recently acquired property

Assisting DHR

Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar

- 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 was held May 18-19 in Marathon, in partnership with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
 - Next seminar is scheduled for September 14-15 in Tampa in partnership with the Florida Aquarium.
 - Another seminar has been scheduled for November 9 in Stuart, although will not have the diving component due to foul weather that time of year off the east coast.

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

Assisting with distribution of DHR interpretive materials

Coordinating with DHR to establish an annual meeting between DHR and FPAN staff

- First meeting scheduled for September 28-29, 2010

Working with DHR on heritage tourism initiatives

- Working with BAR underwater staff to facilitate new Preserves
 - USS *Narcissus* and Fort Dade near Tampa

Other

- Della officially appointed to serve on the Federal Advisory Council for Marine Protected Areas
- Met with PADI Regional Manager, who will attend the HADS in September, regarding recruiting more PADI educators for HADS and developing additional programs
- Della served on committee to hire a Coordinator for the North Central Region
- 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 serving as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Irina served on committee to hire a new Diving Safety Officer for UWF
- Irina served on search committee for new faculty position for UWF Anthropology Department
- Attended FAS conference and presented annual report to FPAN Board
- Della and Irina completed recertification for 1st Aid/CPR/Oxygen Administration
- Della serving on 5 thesis committees for UWF graduate students:
 - Melissa Timo
 - Irina Sorset
 - Scott Sorset

- Brian Adams
- Nicole Tumbleson
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region:
 - Philip Stangeland, Milton – photos of anchor recovered in 1965 off Navarre Beach
- 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
- 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 as Chair of Public Education & Information Committee of Society for Historical Archaeology
- Della serving on Training and Education Advisory Board of Nautical Archaeology Society



Irina and UWF grad volunteer Dean Nones inundated by kids doing the archaeology activity at the Legends & Lore Festival at Falling Waters State Park, Chipley.



Santa Rosa County and City of Milton dignitaries at the annual Scott Site Media Day with Milton High School students manning the info table.



Della presenting the Introduction to Underwater Archaeology lecture to teachers at the 2nd Annual Regional Educator Conference held at FPAN Coordinating Center and Historic Pensacola Village.