

Northwest Region Quarterly Report

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The first quarter of 2015 was full of activity as FPAN Northwest and North Central staff returned from the holidays and geared up for Florida Archaeology Month! During this quarter, staff conducted programming in seven of the Northwest region's ten counties, partnering with a number of local, state, and national-level organizations. The North Central region conducted programs in seven of the fifteen counties in the region and several programs were held outside the region as well. In January, the Northwest and North Central Regions participated in the Society for Historical Archaeology conference by serving on the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology Board, participating in the PEIC and APTC committee meetings, presenting papers, and organizing an FPAN infobooth in the conference book room. The North Central Region also hosted their first CRPT Workshop in Tallahassee, which was an overwhelming success thanks to the assistance of Sarah Miller and staff at the Northeast region. During the month of February, staff hosted a number of field trip groups at the FPAN Coordinating Center in downtown Pensacola. These student groups included local home school and private school students, as well as a private high school group from Wisconsin that was interested in learning more about the Gulf of Mexico's marine environment. Staff from the North Central region participated in a number of historical and archaeological themed festivals in February and also attended the second annual Director's Meeting held in Orlando. For Florida Archaeology Month, FPAN Northwest kicked off March in a big way by partnering with the Destination Archaeology Resource Center to host the annual "Dash through the Past" scavenger hunt race! Over 50 individuals from the community participated and the top three winning teams were awarded prizes donated by local businesses and community organizations. FPAN Northwest also continued the tradition of hosting the "Beyond Our Backyard: Archaeology around the World" lecture series each Thursday evening during Florida Archaeology Month. Speakers included professors and graduate students from the University of West Florida who have participated in international archaeological fieldwork. Other notable events during March included well-attended "Introduction to Archaeology" public library presentations geared toward adults and "Archaeology Weekends" in both Bay and Gulf Counties. During Florida Archaeology Month the North Central region held its first sea level rise workshop for the Apalachicola Planning Commission. North Central staff also hosted a variety of lectures geared towards adults and participated in several youth programs at libraries within the region and at the St. Joe Buffer Preserve. In partnership with BAR the North Central region also hosted a Maritime Boat Recording Workshop, which provided attendees the opportunity to learn how underwater archaeologists record submerged cultural resources.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Nicole and Barbara continue to coordinate with Hurlburt Field to produce a presentation on the Air Force Base's cultural resources for residents and to plan an Archaeology Day in the fall of 2015
- Nicole continues to serve as Board Member for the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc.
- Nicole awarded University of West Florida's "Outstanding Master's Thesis Award" for the 2014-2015 academic year
- Nicole completed two interpretive panels on the HMS *Fowey* for the Biscayne National Park Visitor's Center (with assistance from FPAN Southeast's Sarah Nohe to provide a Spanish translation of the panel's content)
- Nicole assisted the Destination Archaeology Resource Center's Mike Thomin in producing an exhibit dedicated to FPAN and Florida archaeology on the third floor of the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. State Museum
- Gregg Harding, with assistance from FPAN Northwest, is continuing his thesis research on the archaeology of cave sites in Marianna, Florida.
- Staff continue to use social media to promote FPAN events and make the public aware of relevant issues and information in the news
- Staff continue to present programs at various locations throughout the region and provide hands-on educational opportunities to the public at events throughout the region
- The North Central blog issues have been resolved and staff is working on consistently updating it now that we have regained access.
- Barbara is assisting the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation in planning their 2016 Conference which will be held in Tallahassee. This conference will include at least two sessions on archaeology and a CRPT workshop.
- Barbara continues to serve as president of the local FAS chapter, the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee (PAST) and continues to act as their Chapter Representative and attends quarterly board meetings
- Barbara is currently serving on the Nomination Committee for FAS



FPAN Public Archaeology Intern Gregg Harding shows high school students from the Wildlands School in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, how to sort archaeological artifacts in the FPAN Public Archaeology Lab.



The Destination Archaeology Resource Center's Mike Thomin and Public Archaeology Intern Katherine Sims talk to participants about how to complete "Dash through the Past" scavenger hunt race, FPAN Northwest's Florida Archaeology Month kick-off event.



Participants of the North Central Regional Center's first CRPT Workshop working to clean the stone markers at the Call/Collins Cemetery at The Grove in Tallahassee.

