



## **Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report** April/May/June 2016

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The fourth quarter was a busy one for the Northwest and North Central Regional Centers! This quarter started off with the annual meeting of the Society of American Anthropology in Orlando. FPAN organized a session celebrating ten years of our organization. Almost all of the staff presented on various topics. Tristan presented on his new local government training initiative. Nicole presented two papers during FPAN's symposium celebrating the organization's ten years of education and outreach. Barbara presented on FPAN partnerships throughout the years. As a result of this session we received some ideas on how we could better engage with state lawmakers and start to develop more of a relationship with them. Since then we have begun to invite state representatives from both regions to FPAN events within their districts. We also have plans to visit their offices to discuss some of our programs with them. Barbara has started to develop an advocacy workshop for the public, although it is currently on hold due to other advocacy initiatives that are currently underway. Barbara and Tristan attended a meeting in Tallahassee with members of FAS, FAC and other concerned citizens from around the state to discuss and plan for the upcoming legislative session. Barbara was asked to participate on a committee that was formed out of this meeting that will serve as a legislative liaison between all of the involved organizations in an effort to improve communication.

Janene presented a poster at SAA and, working with the Destination Archaeology Resource Center's Mike Thomin, Janene also held the opening of her new temporary exhibit in the Destination Archaeology Resource Center based on her thesis research on the Civil War Battle of Natural Bridge.

In May, both Tristan and Barbara attended and judged the Florida History Fair competition. FPAN did have a booth at the event as well. We also partnered with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation for their annual conference, which was held in Tallahassee this year to celebrate Preservation 50. We organized a panel discussion on Archaeology and Historic Preservation and also held a Mini CRPT at a local cemetery as part of the conference offerings. The North Central Regional Office has a new volunteer this quarter as well, and he has been very diligent in helping record previously unrecorded cemeteries in Leon and Gadsden County. He will also be updating the FMSF forms of area cemeteries that have not been visited in a while.

In May, staff traveled again to attend the FPAN Boarding meeting at the Florida Anthropological Society conference in Jupiter, Florida. These meetings are particularly enjoyable to Northwest and North Central staff, as they get to spend time with other FPAN staff around the state to meeting, brainstorm,

and plan new programs! Barbara presented an annual update on both regions to the board, as did all Regional Directors. All regional staff was present for the board meeting. Barbara and Nicole also attended the FAC board meeting as FAC board members.

Toward the end of May, Nicole partnered with Executive Director Dr. William Lees to undertake archaeological investigations of a Civil War-era riverine obstructions site along the Apalachicola River. Aided by metal detectors and a gradiometer, these investigations successfully located these obstructions and results of the project will be presented at the 2016 Fields of Conflict conference in Dublin, Ireland, in September.

Tristan held the first Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR) Workshop in Century in June. The Alger Sullivan Historical Society hosted the training, and it was well attended. The majority were members of the Alger Sullivan Historical Society, but one attendee represented the nearby community of Jay. Tristan has since scheduled a second GOPHR Workshop in Jay as well. Based on the enthusiastic response, and the nearby town of Jay's request for the program, GOPHR was successful in its goals.

While in Century for the GOPHR Workshop, Tristan took the initiative to do some 3D modeling of some turpentine related artifacts in the Alger Sullivan Historical Society collection. Our exploration of the potential for 3D modeling and printing technology in outreach and education has also progressed. This has taken the form of two guest blog posts for partner institutions, modeling turpentine artifacts for Florida history education, and preliminary experiments in modeling excavated units/features with Florida State University. We have also added a 3D printer which has already enhanced one of our children's activities and will prove invaluable for making artifacts accessible for other interpretive purposes.

June was extraordinarily busy for staff as the month opened with the weeklong immersion "Explore Pensacola History and Archaeology" summer camp in partnership with the UWF Historic Trust. Nicole and Janene worked with this year's campers to teach them what it means to be a historian and archaeologist, and to help them create a living wax museum exhibit for their parents to view at the end of the week. Barbara and Tristan have developed a relationship with Leon County's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community summer camps, and throughout the course of the summer will be making eight visits to their camps.

Following summer camp, Nicole joined Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton and staff from the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR) to host a Heritage Awareness Diving Program (HADS) in Key Largo. The group of instructors in this HADS was extraordinary and had a lot of fun learning from FPAN, BAR, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary staff. Representatives from NOAA and the University of Miami also joined the group to learn more about HADS and how FPAN is bringing a much-needed message of cultural resource preservation to the Florida Keys.

#### **Progress on Work Plan Objectives:**

- All staff continue to work towards preparing for the 2017 legislative session in regards to any proposed bill that may arise effecting Florida's cultural resources.
- Nicole continuing to coordinate with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design interpretive panels for a Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail funded by a grant from the National Park Service.
- Barbara and Tristan continue to work with the Panhandle Archaeological Society of Tallahassee to provide public opportunities to get involved in the archaeological process.
- Barbara and Nicole continues to be active on the FAC board of directors.

- All staff continues to provide informational booths and workshops for various educator conferences around the state.
- Nicole is continuing to coordinate with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center, the UWF Archaeology Institute, and the UWF Historic Trust to assist in new interpretation planning for the Commanding Officer's Compound in downtown Pensacola.
- Nicole coordinating with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research to update the 1733 Spanish Galleon Trail brochure booklet.
- Nicole working with Biscayne National Park and a Tavernier divers association to set up two SSEAS programs during Fall 2016.
- Coordinating Center staff hosted over 150 underserved children from homes in need during the 2016 Escambia County Sherriff's Summer Camp.
- Nicole continuing to serve as Board Member for the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc.
- Nicole continuing to serve as Graduate Student Representative for the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA).
- Barbara is serving on the Cultural Preservation Coalition (name subject to change), which will serve as a liaison group between FPAN, FAC, FAS and other organizations concerning legislative issues.
- Barbara and Nicole completed their annual dive safety training at UWF to comply with AAUS standards.
- Staff continues to offer their assistance throughout the summer to summer camp groups and library programs.
- Barbara and Tristan participated in both the climate change meeting and the legislative affairs meeting which were both held in Tallahassee.
- Tristan received notification that his application to the Register of Professional Archaeologists has been accepted.



Tristan Harrenstein assists a summer camper with the smash pot activity.



HADS divers pose with FPAN, BAR, and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary staff before heading out to dive two shipwrecks in the Florida Keys.

