



Southeast Region – Quarterly Report October to December 2015

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Highlight of Quarter

The Southeast Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network organized a trip to the Ten Thousand Islands. Participants from the Southeast, Southwest, West Central, and Northeast regions all convened for two days and set out to explore the remote, natural setting. Our boat-assisted kayak tour brought us to a variety of prehistorically occupied islands as well as some historically significant sites. Participants pointed out ceramics and shared their knowledge about different shell types. The flora and fauna was recorded to show how similar the untouched environment would have looked, and how it would have been utilized by past people. The following day, we continued the adventure with a swamp walk, complete with alligator encounters. The entire experience was documented in order to share the setting and knowledge with the public. Short videos will be made to provide fun and interesting content for FPAN's online presence and to expand our heritage tourism reach in the Southwest Region. Organizing the trip that included staff from four different regions functioned to build ties among staff members and encourage further collaborations across the state.

Public Outreach

- Delivered lectures for clubs, associations and libraries with over 250 people in attendance.
- Completed archaeology education program for 50 student teachers at Miami Dade college
- Participated in four youth education programs in Broward and Palm Beach counties for 230 students.
- Staffed information booths including one at the Florida Keys National Keys Sanctuary in Monroe County that connected us with 300 people.
- Assisted with interpretation for a brochure at Long Key Nature Center.
- Actively maintained Twitter feeds, Facebook page, and FPAN websites/databases.
- Dr. Williams served on board for Florida Archaeological Council until December 1st.

Assistance to Local Governments

- Participated in feasibility study for DHR's proposed artifact amnesty program. Educated the public on the impact and legality of this proposed program.
- Provided outreach and education opportunities for county-run libraries, camps, and museums.
- Explored possibilities for heritage tourism within the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Recorded archaeological resources available in the refuge to share with the public and promote the stewardship and protection of the area.

Administrative Duties

- Continued to work on the SE-FPAN and SW-FPAN reorganization process and support activities at SW-FPAN.
- Held bi-weekly staff meetings
- Assisted with hiring SW Public Archaeology Coordinator. Traveled to SW office to set up the office.
- Assisted with finding hotel venue and funding for the FAS conference.

Professional Development

- Staff attended the disaster-preparedness and emergency response training, 'Connecting to Collections,' held by the Florida Association of Museums.
- Ms. Nohe met with the Office of Advancement at UWF to present a development initiative and establish new organization-wide funding goals and objectives.



FPAN staff exploring the Ten Thousand Islands