

**Southeast Region – Quarterly Report
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Highlight of Quarter

This quarter, Ms. Nohe began recording a group of abandoned Cuban vessels stored at Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden. The collection includes a fishing yacht, skiffs, and a few vernacular vessels that almost defy categorization. The range of ship-building techniques and materials, from welded rebar to plastic-covered foam, bring to life the many stories of the people who came to the United States on these 'chugs.' The creativity is, perhaps, most apparent in the engines, retrofitted from a Hyundai, a Kia, and even from a lawn mower. These chugs are historical markers in their own right, symbolizing a struggle for freedom that overrides the complexities of migration. These vessels were recorded using Historic American Engineering Record Guidelines for recording Historic Ships as a step towards preserving them as significant Florida cultural resources.

Public Outreach

- Offered three public lectures at venues across our region, including Ms. Nohe's lecture for the Archaeology Society of Southern Florida.
- Participated in five youth activities in Broward and Monroe counties.
- Actively maintained Twitter feeds, Facebook page, and FPAN websites/databases.
- Dr. Williams served on board for Florida Archaeological Council.
- Staffed FPAN booths at five public events including our 5th Annual Passport to the Past Day at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.
- Completed educator trainings in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Assistance to Local Governments

- Followed up with questions regarding the National Register nomination for Indian Mound Park.
- Participated in field work with Palm Beach County Archaeologist.
- Dr. Williams and Ms. Nohe served on the boards for local Broward County preservation organizations. In addition, Dr. Williams assisted the Broward County Historical Commission by speaking in support of the proposed Certified Local Government for Broward County during a Broward County Commission meeting and setting up the Broward County Preservation Celebration.

Assistance to DHR

- As noted above, Ms. Nohe is recording abandoned Cuban vessels according to DHR guidelines.
- Dr. Williams attended initial lectures for Heritage Awareness Dive Seminar in Marathon, and our office had a volunteer who attended the program.

Administrative Duties

- Continued to work on the SE-FPAN and SW-FPAN reorganization process and helped support activities at SW-FPAN.
- Held bi-weekly staff meetings



Recording collection of chugs at Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden.