



Southwest Region- Quarterly Report October to December 2014

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Highlight of Quarter

The highlight of this quarter was the Center's participation in several very well attended festivals and public programs. We estimate that 1,000 people visited the SW-FPAN staff during the Sunflower Festival, the Swamp Heritage Festival, and walking tours of the Indian Spring Cemetery. Interaction with the public is important at these events, but we also spend a good amount of time introducing FPAN to the other exhibitors. In this way, we have met new potential partners, and we have booked several festivals and lectures for the upcoming quarter.

Public Outreach

- Delivered 12 lectures at regional educational and historical venues; nearly 1,000 people attended.
- Presented youth programs at three venues for over 200 children.
- Staffed FPAN information booth at two large events and talked with 635 people.
- Completed three Second Saturday programs with Koreshan Historic State Park. Approximately 45 people attended these programs.
- Met with nine agencies to discuss programming and partnership opportunities.
- Assisted FGCU professors in initiating FPAN-sponsored public interpretation student projects for downtown Fort Myers

Assistance to Local Governments

- Provided outreach and education opportunities for county-run libraries and museums.
- Successfully met and made plans with many heritage and history organizations at the Lee County History Roundtable Luncheon.

Administrative Duties

- Moved into new downtown Ft. Myers office space and began search for Outreach Assistant.
- Participated in staff meetings at SW and SE FPAN offices.



Talking with National Park Service staff during Swamp Heritage Festival at Big Cypress NPS