



Southwest Region- Quarterly Report January to March 2014

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Highlights:

The highlight of this quarter was the SW region's participation in the Old Florida Festival. This event took place via collaboration with the Collier County Museum and Friends of the Collier County Museum. Over 1000 residents and visitors stopped by the FPAN information booth staffed by Melissa Timo and Sarah Nohe. Everyone enjoyed learning about the archaeology of SW Florida and many colored Calusa-style masks.

Public Outreach

- Delivered eight lectures at regional educational and historical venues; over 250 people attended.
- Completed five afterschool programs for Bonita Springs YMCA. Approximately 100 children participated in these programs.
- Presented seven youth activities for 99 participants at regional libraries. Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties were all served during these programs.
- Worked with public schools in Lee and Collier Counties. These represent new contacts for this center.
- Staffed FPAN information booth at atlatl demonstration area for Calusa Heritage Days at Randell Research Center. Nearly 300 people visited the FPAN booth.

Assistance to Local Governments

- Provided a docent training and a public lecture for Mound House and the Town of Ft. Myers Beach.
- Presented a very well attended public lecture and even better attended Old Florida Festival for Collier County Museum, as noted above.
- Met with Mound House, Collier County Museum, Charlotte County History Division, LaBelle Heritage Museum, Clewiston Museum and Blanchard House Museum staff to discuss archaeology events, programming and the restructuring of the SW FPAN office.

Support of DHR

- Provided a total of 17 Florida Archaeology Month events and activities.
- Ensured that Florida Archaeology Month posters were distributed to appropriate venues and partners throughout south Florida.

Support of Host Institution

- Offered expertise and assistance to FGCU Anthropology and Museum Studies programs to establish appropriate lab procedures and processes
- Gave lecture for Introduction to Archaeology class at FGCU

Administrative Duties

- Closed office at FGCU and transferred office contents to storage unit
- Ms. Timo set up a temporary office in her residence until a more suitable office can be secured
- Ms. Timo completed the hiring process with FAU including HR and PCard information trainings
- Participated in staff meetings at SW and SE FPAN offices



Residents & visitors enjoying a Calusa mask coloring activity at the FPAN booth during the Old Florida Festival.