

East Central Region

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Assistance to DHR: Investigating a Possible Shipwreck

Earlier this year a possible shipwreck was reported to the Florida Department of Historical Resources by a local boat tour-guide in Vero Beach. The DHR contacted the FPAN East Central office and asked for assistance in investigating the report further. FPAN EC staff, including colleagues from FPAN Southeast and Southwest Regions (Rachael Kangas and Sara Ayers-Rigsby), contacted the tour-guide who offered to take the FPAN team out to dive on the site. Rachael Kangas, a certified AAUS Diver, led the underwater investigations. A preliminary report was provided to the state and further investigations will most likely occur.



Image 1. Sara Ayers-Rigsby, Director FPAN SE/SW points to the location where FPAN divers are investigating a possible shipwreck that was reported by a local tour-guide in Vero Beach.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer Presents on Work with FPAN at FAS Conference

At the annual Florida Anthropological Society meeting in May, longtime East Central Region volunteer Jeffery Robinson presented a poster on his work assisting in the creation of 3D models and 3D prints of artifacts for FPAN outreach and education. To date, Jeffery has volunteered over 100 hours of his time in producing these outreach materials. His poster focused on the process and purpose of utilizing 3D media for public education. Many of the 3D models which Jeffery was instrumental in creating can be found online at Sketchfab.com/fpan. These models include prehistoric and historic artifacts as well as some archaeological sites.



Image 2. Jeffery Robinson, longtime East Central Region volunteer, presented a poster at the annual FAS conference focusing on the work he contributed towards creating 3D models and 3D printed artifacts for outreach and education.

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network by Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - Utilization of Timucuan Technology lessons for most summer camp programming during this quarter.
 - o Timucuan Technology and Beyond Artifacts lesson plans were used for all library programming this summer.
 - Participated in two HMS Florida trainings.

- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources by Working at the Local Level
 - o Investigated a possible shipwreck for Florida DHR with assistance of local informant.
 - Conducted HMS Florida training in partnership with St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Attended and co-authored a poster at annual FAS conference on 3D artifact modeling efforts.
 - o Held Open House event at new Sanford office. The event was well-attended by members of the community from across the East Central Region.
 - Attended NCPTT 3D Digital Documentation Summit to network with other organizations producing 3D content for cultural/heritage outreach, education, and preservation.