

Northeast Region Quarterly Report – April/May/June 2016 Sarah Miller, Director; Emily Jane Murray, Public Archaeology Coordinator; Megan Liebold, Outreach Assistant; Robbie Boggs, Administrative Assistant

Highlight of the Quarter: Launch of "Investigating a Light Station" Curriculum

During the final quarter of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Northeast Regional Center hosted the inaugural Project Archaeology: Investigating a Light Station curriculum. The project was funded by a small-matching Community Education grant by the Florida Department of State. Fifteen educators registered for the workshop that took place June 18-19th at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum in St. Augustine, including staff from other FPAN regions. The national launch of the curriculum will continue over the summer of 2016 with support from the national Project Archaeology office in partnership of the federal Bureau of Land Management and Montana State University. Public Archaeology Coordinators Emily Jane Murray and Kevin Gidusko, with Light Station workshop portions presented by lead consultants and Project Archaeology Leadership Team graduates Sarah Bennett and Lianne Bennett, facilitated the workshop.



Progress on Work Plan Objectives

Education and Outreach

- Provided Summer Reading Program presentations for public libraries and local summer camps.
- Promote Project Archaeology by providing workshops and distributing lesson plants to teachers and heritage educators.
- Completed "Investigating a Lighthouse Keeper's House" using the Project Archaeology Investigating Shelter template with funding awarded by the Department of State's Community Education small-matching grant.
- Presented annual update at St. Augustine Archaeology Association monthly meeting at Flagler College
- Conducted CRPT workshop for Eagle Scout project at Gethsemane cemetery in Volusia County. Offer Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT).
- Presented Heritage Monitoring Scout (HMS Florida) program to Division of Historical Resources staff and faculty from Florida State University and University of Florida. Planning moved forward on launching HMS Florida program and organizing Tidally United summit in St. Augustine for August of 2016.
- Sarah Miller elected to Society for Historical Archaeology Board of Directors and attended midyear meeting in Washington, D.C. with advocacy appointments scheduled with Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, as well as Representative DeSantis.
- Staff attended and presented at the Florida Anthropological Society annual meeting in Jupiter.
- Sarah Miller submitted "Advocacy: Developing Your Toolkit During the Crisis and the Calm" in *Museums as Critical Community Assets—A How to Guide* edited by Robert Connolly and Elizabeth Bollwerk to Rowman & Littlefield, at press.
- Sarah Miller co-authored "Lessons Learned Along the Way: The Florida Public Archaeology Network after 10 Years" with William Lees and Della Scott-Ireton that was published in *Public Archaeology* 14(2): 1-23.
- Former Outreach Coordinator Amber Grafft-Weiss completed a project-based internship with training in photogrammetry by Kevin Gidusko and delivered 3D digital files of artifacts used in the "Investigating a Tabby Slave Cabin" curriculum in partnership with the Timucuan Preserve (NPS) and University of Florida. The 3d models will be used to print 3D replicas to be used in future outreach programs as our agreement with NPS allows and presented at the Project Archaeology annual meeting in Williamsburg during the next fiscal year.
- Matt Armstrong completed a project-based internship with training in photogrammetry by Kevin Gidusko and delivered 3D digital files of artifacts used in the "Investigating a Light Station" curriculum in partnership with the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum. The models will be used to print 3D replicas to be used in future outreach programs as our agreement with the St. Augustine Lighthouse allows and also presented at the Project Archaeology annual meeting in Williamsburg during the next fiscal year.
- Sarah Bennett completed a project-based internship to augment public archaeology opportunities at the New Smyrna History Museum in Volusia County by performing multiple outreach programs in the community including information tables at Farmers Markets, summer camp presentations, and offering "Investigating a Light Station"

workshops over the summer. This project was developed in response to requests by the museum and the county to sustain archaeology advocacy accomplishments achieved by Dot Moore and Roger Grange.

Assisting Local Governments and Florida's Division of Historical Resources

- Volunteered with St. Augustine's city archaeology program and direct the public to open archaeological sites.
- Carl Halbirt and Sarah Miller submitted "Municipal Archaeology Policies as a Vector in Public Outreach Programs: Digging Up Dirt for the Masses in St. Augustine, Florida" in *Urban Archaeology, Municipal Government and Local Planning: Preserving Heritage within the Commonwealth of Nations and the United States* edited by Sherene Baugher, Douglas Appler, and William Moss published by Springer, at press.
- Sarah Miller served out her term on St. Johns County Cultural Resource Board and while not eligible for reappointment at this time, will remain an advisor to the board and will maintain close contact with the new Historical Resource Specialist to be hired over the summer.
- Updated "Archaeology Off the Beaten Path" maps to promote state-owned sites and encouraging heritage tourism.

Service to Host Institution (Flagler College)

- Provided summer staff development "Archaeology Works" series at the college that began in June and will carry over into July.
- Robbie Boggs continue to serve on the college's Wellness committee

Professional Development

- Sarah Miller served as local chair for the Society for American Archaeology's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida in April. She organized and co-chaired with William Lees a 14 paper session of current and former FPAN staff, with K.C. Smith and Jeffrey Mitchem serving as discussants, in celebration of FPAN's 10 year anniversary.
- All staff participated in the SAA conference by presenting papers, staffing the FPAN table in the bookroom, and attending the Project Archaeology annual meeting at the conference.
- All staff recertified in CPR during Flagler College staff development training.