



## **Northwest Region**

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### **Highlight of the Quarter**

Archaeology Month was a vast celebration of enormous proportions in the Northwest Region, as usual! Starting with a Dash Through the Past even in downtown Pensacola, NW Region staff and students continued the frenzy with a weekly lecture series hosted in partnership with the West Florida Regional Library; presentations to area organizations; school tours of FPAN facilities; and weekend events in Panama City, Pensacola Beach, Ft Walton Beach, and Port St Joe.

FPAN staff and students from the Northwest Region braved record cold temperatures to attend the Society for Historical Archaeology annual conference in Quebec City, Canada. Staff served on the ACUA and SHA Boards, attended committee meetings, presented papers and posters, and staffed the FPAN table in the bookroom.

### **Progress on Work Plan Objectives**

- Partnerships in outreach: West Florida Regional Library lectures – both PAS and Archaeology Month, Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings, Blackwater River Heritage Trail committee, Pensacola Area Cemetery Team (PACT), Blackwater Pyrates, E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Bay County Library, St Joe Peninsula State Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Episcopal Day School Technology Instructor, SEARCH, Inc, University of South Alabama
- Public events: E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center Public Day, Blackwater Pyrates Blackwater River Heritage Lectures, presentations to Scenic Hwy Foundation, Daughters of the American Revolution and area Snowbirds, Archaeology Month Kick-off event, Archaeology Month “Beyond Our Backyard” lecture series, Archaeology Weekends at Panama City and Port St Joe, Gulf Islands National Seashore Archaeology Month lecture and Tour de Fort, Eglin AFB Public Archaeology Day, UWF Leisure Learning class
- Milton High School Anthropology/Archaeology Class: continuing 2013-2014 school year with UWF grad student Jess Hendrix leading the project as part of his thesis research, assisted by FPAN Public Archaeology Intern Gregg Harding; students continued excavations

- FPAN Archaeology Lab: open for fall semester, Tues and Wed 10-4, Tristan Harrenstien is lab supervisor
- Assistance to Local Governments: working with Escambia County Marine Resources Division on plans for public interpretive kiosks at local parks, working with City of Pensacola Maritime Park staff to develop an anchor exhibit, working with Bay County and Gulf County to develop summer library programs, presentation to Gulf Breeze (Santa Rosa County) Chamber of Commerce on FPAN programs
- DHR Support: assisting with local contacts, working with underwater program to reprint Underwater Archaeological Preserve brochures, planning spring HADS workshop
- Professional Development: Nicole defended her master's thesis, CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid recertification
- Conference participation: Society for Historical Archaeology Board, committees and sessions, MPA Cultural Heritage Resources Working Group meeting
- Service to Host Institution: attending faculty meetings, attending CAS meetings, participating on Dive Control Board and Marine Services Committee, serving as chair of search committee for the Archaeology Institute Associate Director position, serving on thesis committees and as thesis committee chair, working with Dive Safety Officer to produce and submit application to AAUS for UWF
- Assistance to other organizations: PAS lecture series organization and Board, serving on strategic planning committee for St Augustine Lighthouse Museum, serving on Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, Society for Historical Archaeology Board, Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology
- Quarterly Newsletter: produced on time



FPAN Associate Director Dr Della Scott-Iretton and Public Archaeology Intern and Lab Director Tristan Harrenstein present the FPAN NW Region Volunteer of the Year Award to Ms Alice Burns.



Special guest Jeff Moates, FPAN West Central and Central Director, discusses Archaeology Month and local shipwrecks at the St Joe Buffer Preserve State Park.



FPAN staff help identify artifacts for visitors at St Joe Peninsula State Park during the Archaeology Month event.