

Southwest Region – Annual Report
July 2019 to June 2020

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**Highlight-Assistance to Local Governments:
Archaeology Day with Charlotte County History
Services**

In October, the Florida Public Archaeology Network partnered with [Charlotte County History Services](#) for the third year in a row for [International Archaeology Day](#)! In spite of inclement weather, nearly 200 people came to the event, which featured local partners like [Florida Gulf Coast University](#). Attendees were able to hide from the rain indoors with engaging talks from local speakers, children's activities, and educational tables. The event was featured in the [Charlotte Sun](#) as well as the [International Archaeology Day Blog](#).



First Quarter July-September 2019:

**Encouraging Stewardship: Assisting NPS SRC with
Fieldwork**

In July, Rachael Kangas had the opportunity to assist Biscayne National Park and the Submerged Resource Center visit submerged sites within the park and observe 3-D documentation at the site. Partnerships like this allow FPAN staff to observe cutting edge research taking place within the region, and highlight it for the general public.



Partners at International Archaeology Day Included FGCU

Second Quarter October-December 2019:

Assistance to the DHR: Registering New Sites within the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves

FPAN SW had the opportunity during this quarter to work with the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves and register new sites within their preserves. These sites were then documented within the Florida Master Site File and additional work was recommended.



Kangas documents erosion at the site using Walker's protocol

Third Quarter January 2020-March 2020:

Thinking Like a Network: Assistance to Randell Research Center and University of Florida During Fieldwork at Calusa Island

FPAN SW had been documenting erosion at Calusa Island for the past four years in conjunction with the HMS Florida program as well as a monitoring protocol established by Karen Walker of the University of Florida. The goal of these assessments is to document the rapid deterioration of the island caused by climate change.

In February, FPAN SW partnered with the University of Florida and the Randell Research Center for a preliminary archaeological project on the island led by Michelle LeFebvre of the University of Florida

Fourth Quarter April 2020-June 2020

Virtual Stewardship: Online Engagement

With the outbreak of Covid-19 limiting in person public activities, Rachael Kangas has developed a weekly informal lecture series relating to common topics in archaeology. The presentations have tackled subjects like underwater archaeology, stratigraphy, and even experimental archaeology with clay pots. The lectures, [which air weekly at 3 pm](#), have garnered an audience size ranging from 800-1200 views.



Photo for Kangas FB live programs (Photo Credit: Susanna Pershern NPS SRC)