West Central & Central Regional Centers April/May/June 2021 Jeffrey Moates, Director S. Nigel Rudolph, Public Archaeology Coordinator II



FPAN Staff participated in 59 distinct meetings/events/activities during the April-June 2021 quarter, serving 655 people in education and outreach in Florida archaeology. Staff divided these activities mostly between meetings, site visits, and presentations. Additionally, a couple festivals, youth programs, and other activities also made their way into the quarterly record.

Quarter Highlights:

Highlights this quarter were found mostly in the field. While a large number of our activities continued to be located in front of computers, meeting with staff and partners virtually, Nigel and I focused efforts to complete site visits for the HMS special category grant and the HMS-related Pinellas County project.

We completed site visits in Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park, culminating in an epic slog through black needle rush to be part of and see an impressive landscape where a slowly vanishing mid-nineteenth century salt works site (LV133) is located. The month of April was also dedicated to completing monitoring visits for the list of sites approved for monitoring in the Special Flood Hazard Areas within Pinellas County. The final report for that Phase 1 monitoring project was also completed this quarter.

Another highlight is Nigel's ongoing work to provide assistance and support to community groups and their cemetery preservation efforts in the town of Archer, in Alachua County. This quarter, in fact, we began creating a short documentary of their efforts at a cemetery cleanup alongside the St Peter St Paul Community Council. Another group based in Archer, the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Cemetery Restoration Committee, will be featured in the documentary as well.