Northeast Regional Center Quarterly Report October 1—December 31, 2011



Clay County High School Students unearth a brick feature at Ft. Heilman.

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Executive Summary

FPAN-NE staff helped to welcome archaeologists from all over the southeast in Jacksonville for the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. We partnered with other FPAN and heritage education centers to organize an archaeology day for the public at the Museum of Science and History. Table displays, hands-on activities, workshops, lectures, and the Georgia archaeobus were all available to suit the individual needs and interests of the visitors.

Another culminating activity for the quarter included an archaeology day with Clay County students at the Ft. Heilman site. The Center has worked with this group for two years to raise awareness of archaeology within northeast Florida, place fieldwork in the context of scientific method with pre and post visits, and utilize local partnerships for an outdoor heritage day.

Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) continues throughout the region. After the inaugural Palatka offering in September, we partnered with FPAN-WC to conduct a workshop in Manatee County in October. At the end of November we repeated the offering in Ponce Inlet, Volusia County. Through CRPT workshops we attend to outreach goals while forming new partnerships with local governments. Ultimately DHR benefits with increased reporting of historic and abandoned cemeteries for the Florida Master Site File.

| Type of Activity/Event | Events | Attendees |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Public Presentations | 7 | 206 |
| Public Events | 6 | 1139 |
| Professional Presentations | 0 | 0 |
| Professional Events | 4 | 950 |
| Adult Training/Workshops/Symposiums | 4 | 75 |
| School/Youth Programs/Workshops | 7 | 455 |
| Radio Interviews/TV Presentations | 1 | 8500 |
| Volunteer Programs | 3 | 11 |
| Meetings attended | 25 | 163 |
| Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper | 0 | 0 |
| Electronic Media produced- Blog, Podcasts, Social Media | 483 | 37,549 |
| Major Publications | 0 | 0 |
| Other- Displays (Lincolnville Museum, VIC) | 2 | 150,150 |
| TOTAL | 541 | 199,146 |

Public Outreach

Public Presentations

- Dr. Susan Parker lecture, St. Augustine Archaeological Association Meeting, St. Johns County—79 contacts
- Dr. James Davidson lecture, St. Augustine Archaeological Association Meeting, St. Johns County—50 contacts
- Offered two presentations for SEAC Public Day, Duval County—25 contacts
- Lithics workshop for SEAC Public Day, Duval County—13 contacts
- Guest lecturer for Flagler Archaeology students—19 contacts
- Lecture for Sons of the American Revolution—20 contacts

Public Events

- Flagler College History Fair, St. Johns County—30 students
- Walk-in visitors to the center, St. Johns County—5 contacts
- SEAC Public Day, Duval County-277 contacts
- Tolomato Cemetery Preservation Association Annual Meeting & Speaker, St. Johns County—27 contacts
- Discover First America Series, exhibitor table—800 contacts

Professional Events

- Presented at National Council of Social Studies in Washington, D.C.—30 contacts in Archaeology Education Clearinghouse session, estimated 300 contacts at exhibitor table
- Attended Florida Council for Teachers of Mathematics (FCTM) Conference, Duval County—600 contacts
- MOSH Presentation for Teachers, Duval County-35 contacts
- Guana Bike Tour for NERR Directors, St. Johns County—15 contacts

Workshops/Training

- CRPT Workshop in Bradenton—15 attendees
- Planners Workshop, Volusia County—6 attendees
- Workshop for FCTM Teachers, Duval County—30 attendees
- CRPT Workshop, Volusia County-22 attendees

School Programs

- JEB Stuart Middle School, Duval County—284 students (and teachers)
- Presentation for homeschool group at Camp Chowenwaw, Duval & St. Johns Counties—16 students
- Presentation for students at Camp Chowenwaw, Duval County—30 students
- Durbin Creek Elementary, St. Johns County-40
- Presentation for students at Camp Chowenwaw, Duval County—30 students

- History Day at Ft. Heileman with high school students, Clay County—48 attendees
- ECHO Rangers Program, Volusia County—7 attendees

TV Presentations

• "Real School" Episode, Duval County—8500 viewers

Media

- Center Website—936 views
- Coquina Queries Website—86 views
- Blog-29 entries, 5,966 views
- Videos—1,567 views
- Twitter—346 posts, 453 followers
- Facebook—82 posts, 24,477 views, 270 fans

Displays

- Visitors Information Center, St. Augustine—stocked maps, brochures, and events calendar; 150,000 visitors quarterly
- Archaeology in Lincolnville, Excelsior Museum, St. Augustine, St. Johns County– estimated 150 visitors

Grants

- First quarter Progress and Expenditures report submitted to DHR for Timucuan Technology grant program. Executed consultant contract.
- Wrote letter of support for UNF's Mocama Archaeology Project

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Clay County

 Met with staff at County Archives and Historical Review Board to plan CRPT workshop at Mt. Olivette Cemetery in February. Also assisted in development of their county-wide artifact inventory system.

Duval County

 In response to a call to collaborate from Brent Handley, went and met local residents at potential site of Camp Finnegan. Concern from group was purchase of the site by the city and develop into a park like Camp Milton. May list on FMSF, waiting for more information on possible contamination of site.

Flagler County

• Worked with staff from the Flagler Historical Society in Bunnell to host a CRPT at Flagler County Courthouse complex in January.

Nassau County

• Attending planning meetings for public offering in May. City of Fernandina staff applied for DHR planning grant and were awarded funds to offer public workshops to enhance local preservation. Center will provide mini-CRPT workshop and activities for elementary age students.

Putnam County

• Followed up with Putnam County employees and residents after September CRPT training including Keep Putnam Beautiful who maintain St. Joseph's Cemetery (abandoned).

St. Johns County

- Attend Cultural Review Board meetings and review materials for code changes in Vilano Beach.
- Met regularly with Carl Halbirt to discuss city archaeology issues and events related to the 450th celebration.

Volusia County

 Ponce Inlet CRPT workshop was sponsored in part by Volusia County and City of Ponce Inlet. Discussed other preservation issues in Volusia with Julie Scofield and Dot Moore. Met with 6 local planners for "Archaeology 101" session: how to read an archaeological report, anatomy of a survey, and issues of writing RFP from a planner's point of view.

Assisting DHR

• Toni Wallace responded to a call from a citizen about recording an exposed prehistoric canoe in Putnam County. She visited the site with Donna Ruhl from the Florida Museum of Natural History to record the site and list on FMSF (Turner-Lake Enslow Canoe Site, 8PU1652).

<u>Other</u>

- Sarah Miller elected to Project Archaeology Leadership Committee and attended her first meeting in Bozeman.
- Time spent planning workshops, roundtables, and committee work for the Society of Historical Archaeology.
- Amber Weiss completed her appointment to the St. Augustine Archaeology Association Board and cycled off. Toni Wallace serves as president for this organization.
- Attended FPAN Board Meeting and presented on progress of the Development Committee and work areas for strategic plan.
- Attended conference calls by the Archaeology Education Clearinghouse to discuss National Archaeology Day, collaborative efforts for National Council of Social Studies conference, developed an "I Teach Archaeology" sticker for teachers, and began planning for National Boy Scout event in June 2012.

- Development Committee drafted work plan template and submitted cost analysis assignments for committee and later board review.
- Redesign of VIC kiosk in collaboration with Mike Thomin at Destination Archaeology Resource Center, FPAN Coordinating Center. Panels designed and fabricated, touch screen installed to enrich visitor experience and expose them to a greater number of Florida's archaeology sites.



Canoe Site (8PU1652) Recorded by Site ID Team with FMNH staff.