

Northwest Region Quarterly Report – July/August/September 2010 Dr Della Scott-Ireton, Director Irina Sorset, Outreach Coordinator Melissa Timo, Public Archaeology Intern Tara Giuliano, Public Archaeology Intern Nicole Bucchino, Public Archaeology Intern

Executive Summary

The Northwest Region spent the summer with camps and training workshops, and getting ready for the fall conference and meeting season. In partnership with West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., FPAN NW conducted two weeks of archaeology and history summer camps. Based on our success of last year, we combined archaeology and history topics, but we divided the camps by age (upcoming 4th-6th, and upcoming 7th-9th grades). This seemed to work very well and we likely will keep this organization for future years, although we are looking into expanding the camps from half-day to fullday, due to popularity! We also assisted other organizations' camps by guest-presenting on underwater archaeology topics. Two teacher in-service workshops were held for Escambia and Santa Rosa County teachers, and we've worked out a schedule with these counties to offer the in-services every summer. FPAN NW also offered, in partnership with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, a HART training in Okaloosa County and a HADS training in Tampa (with the Florida Aquarium). A new workshop called "Stones the Workmen Found" was developed after a request from a local engineering and construction firm to inform their project managers of archaeological resources protection laws and regulations. This training can be delivered anywhere around the state. Working with Margo Stringfield with the UWF Archaeology Institute, Irina developed a workshop focusing on St Michael's Cemetery in downtown Pensacola. This historic cemetery is the perfect venue to learn about the early surveying of Pensacola by Spanish surveyor Vincente Pintado. Workshop participants, consisting of both youth and adults, learned about the history of St Michael's and surveying methods past and present.

The NW Region is happy to introduce its newest intern, Nicole Bucchino. Nicole received the Florida Public Archaeology Network's 2010 assistantship and is an incoming Maritime Historical Archaeology graduate student at UWF. She will be joining Melissa Timo and Tara Giuliano this year as a Public Archaeology Intern. Nicole graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology and a B.A. in History from the University of Central Florida in 2010. As an undergraduate, she held two research assistant positions to broaden her experience in both disciplines. In the summer of 2008, she interned in Washington, DC for the NASA Headquarters History Division. During the spring

semester of 2010, she worked at the Maya archaeological site of Caracol, Belize, as a field member for the University of Central Florida. Nicole believes that FPAN and UWF will help her actively engage the public in the conservation of Florida's precious terrestrial and underwater archaeological resources. She is very excited to move to Pensacola and work with FPAN in the coming years. Nicole's first project is updating the historic walking tour map of downtown Pensacola. Please help us welcome Nicole to the FPAN family!

| Type of Activity/Event | # of Events/Presentations/Activities | Attendees # |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Public Presentations | 5 | 115 |
| Public Events | 1 | 100 |
| Professional Presentations (conferences, etc) | | |
| Professional Events attended (conferences, etc) | | |
| Adult Training/Workshops | 6 | 50 |
| School/Youth Programs/Workshops | 3 | 224 |
| Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews | | |
| Volunteer Programs | FPAN lab: 46.25 hours | 8 |
| Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration | 27 | |
| Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper | | |
| Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps | | |
| Electronic Media produced– | 1 mass e-mailing | 1393 |
| Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails | NW Facebook: 125 posts NW Twitter: 164 feeds | 218 Like Us 106 Followers |
| Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article | | |
| TOTAL | 332 | 2214 |

Public Outreach

Info Booths

 Escambia County Social Studies Educators conference, Pensacola – 100 attendees

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola Emanuel Point Shipwrecks1, 5 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola Emanuel Point Shipwrecks2, 23 attendees
- MBT Dive Shop, Pensacola USS Massachusetts, 39 attendees
- Maritime Heritage Education conference, Baltimore, MD Maritime Heritage Trails, 23 attendees
- Maritime Heritage Education conference, Baltimore, MD Apalachicola Maritime Heritage Trails, 25 attendees

Workshops/Training

- St Michael's Cemetery workshop, Pensacola 6 attendees
- Greenhut Construction Co, Pensacola Stones the Workmen Found, 17 attendees
- Historical & Archaeological Resources Training, Ft Walton Beach with BAR, 17 attendees
- Teacher In-Service workshop, Pensacola Archaeology in the Classroom1, 5 attendees
- Teacher In-Service workshop, Pensacola Archaeology in the Classroom2, 5 attendees
- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar, Tampa 12 attendees

Youth Event/Presentation

- History & Archaeology Summer Camp, Pensacola– in partnership with West Florida Historic Preservation Inc, 18 attendees for 5 days
- Ft Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center Summer Camp, Ft Walton Beach underwater archaeology, 6 attendees
- Brown Barge Middle School, Pensacola Intro to Archaeology, 220 attendees

Volunteer Opportunities

• FPAN lab, Pensacola - 8 volunteers for 46.25 hours

Publications

- Scuba News, since moving to a new on-line format, has begun featuring treasure hunting articles right alongside archaeology articles (and other science-based pieces, such as biology and ecology). I have suspended providing articles until this can be rectified.
- Florida Archaeology: An Overview working with FAS to update and reprint existing booklet
 - Professional and avocational archaeologists around the state have been solicited to contribute articles on significant sites
 - Articles are slowly coming in for the website, but FAS has not identified a webmaster to update their website. Solicitations and reminders are

suspended until an FAS webmaster has been identified, as I feel it is unfair to ask for articles that will sit in limbo for an unknown length of time.

- The booklet text has been revised and updated as much as possible without input from the FAS Board. This draft will be provided to the FAS Board for their review and input.
- Northwest Region Newsletter quarterly, 1393 recipients

Grants

- Florida Humanities Council Grant for development of interpretive panels for *Governor Stone* - COMPLETED
 - Della Scott-Ireton served as Scholar to assist in developing informational and design material for the panels
 - Final exhibit panels received and turned over to Friends of Gov Stone

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Escambia County

- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop a plan for regularly scheduled teacher in-service workshops focused on archaeology
 - Two in-service workshops were held this quarter, setting the stage for annual summer workshops
 - FPAN hosted an info booth at the annual Social Studies Educators conference in the county, providing info on archaeology-based lessons and classroom activities
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop ideas for "traveling trunks" for archaeology for use in the classroom
- Assisting with development of archaeological resources protection ordinance
 - The County Planner who is in charge of this project is still working on it, but his workload has increased due to recent county budget cuts and staff reductions so the project is progressing slowly

Santa Rosa County

- Met with County Tourist Development Council representative regarding participation in the annual Beaches to Woodlands event
 - Working with Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site to develop a lecture series for the event to be held Saturdays in October, called Secrets of Santa Rosa: Archaeology & History in Your Backyard
 - This series is anticipated to become an annual event in conjunction with Beaches to Woodlands
- The archaeology in-service workshops organized with Escambia County were opened to Santa Rosa County teachers as well, and will be held for both counties in future.

Milton

- Milton High School project at the Scott Site
 - The Anthropology/Archaeology class did not happen this year at MHS, reportedly due to not enough students signing up. This seems strange, as the last two years the class has been offered there were too many

students and not all could take the elective class. Della has a meeting scheduled with the MHS principal to discuss the situation with an idea of forming an Archaeology Club for this year and offering the class again next year.

- Jay Bixler, grad student in archaeology at UWF, is leading the project and focusing on the site for his Master's thesis project
- FPAN is serving on the advisory board of the Blackwater River Foundation and will assist in developing a plan for identifying and managing archaeological/historical resources along and in the river as part of a larger management plan.

Gulf Breeze

- Working with contact for Deadman's Island restoration project to assist with interpretive signage for a proposed snorkeling trail at the island
 - This project is on hold due to financial considerations working with Gulf Breeze contact to identify possible grant sources for funding

Navarre

 Met with Visitor Information Center staff and provided with information to hand out

Okaloosa County

Ft Walton Beach

- Worked with Ft Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center to host a HART training with BAR (July 15) and to help teach underwater archaeology at their youth summer camp (July 20)
- Provide advice to Historic Sites & Structures Board
- Working with Friends of *Governor Stone* to promote the schooner as a heritage education tool and to investigate grant opportunities (see Grant section above)
- Working with committee to nominate The Boat to the NRHP

Crestview

 UWF grad student and FPAN Intern Tara Giuliano is working on the Old Bethel Cemetery project as thesis topic

Baker

 Visited Baker Block Museum and met with new Director, discussed programs and annual events, provided information

Walton County

- Working with Tourist Development Council to advise on archaeological/historical concerns with Kellogg Property development
- Working with TDC to develop and promote heritage tourism opportunities Grayton Beach State Park
- Met with Park Manager regarding holding a ranger training and provided with information

Santa Rosa Beach

Provided information for Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance booth at tourism festival

Holmes Counties

- Working with joint Holmes/Washington counties Library Services to develop joint programs for youth and adults in the new year.
- Working to establish regular teacher in-service workshops with county education staff, in partnership with neighboring counties to facilitate attendance and funding for teachers to participate

Washington County

Chipley

- Met with Library Services staff regarding programs and provided information **Falling Waters State Park**
- Working with Park staff to develop and participate in public programs as part of their heritage education initiative
- Visited and met with Park staff to discuss joint projects and events

Bay County

- FPAN Intern Melissa Timo is focusing on the Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery as her thesis topic
 - Melissa, with help from other UWF grad students, conducted a GPR survey of the cemetery Aug 28 and Sep 18

Camp Helen State Park

• Met with Park Manager regarding holding a ranger training and provided with information

Panama City

 Met with Library Services staff regarding Archaeology Month event and other presentations

Jackson County

Marianna

- Met with Library Services staff regarding programs and provided information
- Working with the city to establish a management plan for the Chipola Greenway, property which the state owns but the city manages. FPAN is serving on the committee to develop the plan and will advise on archaeological/cultural issues.

Three Rivers State Park

• Met with Park Manager regarding ranger training and other programs, provided information

Blue Hole Spring County Park

- State-owned but county-operated
- Met with Park representative regarding archaeology event and/or lecture Florida Caverns State Park
- Took tour and explored museum, met with Park staff and provided information **Calhoun County**
 - Continuing to work with county educational staff to develop consistent teacher in-service trainings in Blountstown each year

Blountstown

- Met with Library Services staff to develop programs in the county for youth and adults
- Visited Pioneer Settlement to discuss programming and provided information

• Inspected site of surface chert scatter on Settlement property

Gulf County

Advising county on archaeological assessment needs for recently acquired property

Wewahitchka

 Met with Library Services staff regarding Archaeology Month event and other programs, provided information

Assisting DHR

Training Programs

- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS)
 - Training seminar for NAUI/PADI/SSI Course Directors to educate them about submerged cultural resources and encourage them to pass along to Instructors to teach new divers
 - Held in Tampa, Sep 14-15, in partnership with the Florida Aquarium
 - Next seminar is scheduled for November 9 in Stuart, although will not have the diving component due to foul weather that time of year off the east coast.
- Historical & Archaeological Resources Training (HART)
 - Training workshop for county planners, land managers, and municipal officials to educate them about state and federal laws pertaining to cultural resources, how to best protect resources in their jurisdiction, opportunities for funding, best practices for heritage tourism, and where to get assistance
 - Held in Ft Walton Beach, July 15

Local contact for DHR Review & Compliance

- Assistance to county and city for permitting requests
- Assist with inspection of newly uncovered archaeological remains, such as shipwreck material, and provide advice and liaison for Florida Master Site File submission and any further investigation

State Historical Marker Council

• Della Scott-Ireton appointed by Secretary of State to serve on the Florida Historical Marker Council

Assisting with distribution of DHR interpretive materials

Coordinating with DHR to schedule to annual meeting between DHR and FPAN staff

• First meeting was held September 28-29, 2010

Working with DHR on heritage tourism initiatives

- Working with BAR underwater staff to facilitate new Preserves
 - USS Narcissus and Fort Dade near Tampa

<u>Other</u>

- Della serving on committee to develop state-wide "Unearthing Florida" radio show
- Della and Irina serving on committee to develop traveling exhibits for the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center and display for the FPAN Coordinating Center stairway niche
- Della serving as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Irina served on search committee educator position for Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site
- Irina attended the FPAN Outreach Coordinators meeting in Ft Lauderdale
- Della serving on 9 thesis committees for UWF graduate students:
 - Irina Sorset
 - o Scott Sorset
 - o Melissa Timo
 - o Tara Giuliano
 - o Brian Adams
 - Nicole Tumbleson
 - o Jay Bixler
 - Morgan Wampler
 - Stephanie Poole
- Della and Irina serving as the "clients" for a UWF public history class working on developing a plan for a walking maritime heritage trail in downtown Pensacola
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region:
 - Sam Rogers cannon ball
 - Joy Thomas & son Jude prehistoric artifacts
- Attend Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings
- Attend Pensacola History & Archaeology Council meetings
- Della serving as Board Member of the Pensacola Archaeological Society attend monthly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions
 - Della also on Program Committee for 2010-2011 to secure speakers for the PAS monthly membership meetings
- Della serving as elected Board member and Treasurer for Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology
- Della serving on Editorial Advisory Committee, Conference Committee, UNESCO Committee, and as Chair of Public Education & Information Committee of Society for Historical Archaeology
 - Participated in joint SHA/AIA/SAA public education committee effort to improve presence at annual Social Studies Educator conference
- Della serving on Training and Education Advisory Board of Nautical Archaeology Society



St Michael's Cemetery summer family workshop.



Outreach Coordinator Irina Sorset shares the joys of underwater archaeology with campers at the Ft Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center Summer Camp.



Escambia and Santa Rosa County teachers practice a grid mapping exercise during the Archaeology in the Classroom in-service.