Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report April/May/June 2015

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North Central and Northwest Regional Center Updates:

This quarter, the North Central and Northwest Regional Centers have participated in a variety of events around the region and state. North Central's Barbara Clark was invited to speak to the Wakulla County Historical Society about historic cemeteries as a follow up to the January CRPT in Tallahassee. Many members of the Wakulla County Historical Society attended that CRPT and have since then been busily recording previously unrecorded historic cemeteries with the Florida Master Site File. Northwest staff attended festivals across the region, including those hosted by the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, the Laurel Hill Arts and Heritage Group, and the Alger-Sullivan Historical Society. Barbara Clark was also invited to speak at the Second Annual CRPT Conference in Deland. She spoke about the Munree Cemetery Project that FPAN and SEAC/NPS conducted a few years ago in cooperation with the Munree Cemetery Foundation, Inc. The North Central and Northwest Regional Centers are also working to plan our second CRPT in the region with the Apalachicola Historical Society. It has been scheduled for October 29th. Sarah Miller, from the Northeast Region, will be assisting us as well. Several volunteers have recently expressed interest in helping the North Central Region with special projects. One of our volunteers has agreed to assist FPAN with recording and updating FMSF Forms for historic cemeteries in Leon County.

Staff and student interns from both the North Central and Northwest Regional Centers had the opportunity to attend a two-day metal detector training this quarter as well. This was a hands-on training that provided participants an opportunity to work with a variety of metal detectors in the field. During the training, Nicole Grinnan and Mike Thomin were able to shoot an "Archaeology in 3" episode on the use of metal detectors in archaeology. This was particularly useful for those that have been assisting Janene Johnston with her thesis work at Natural Bridge Battlefield located south of Tallahassee. She is conducting a metal detection survey of the battlefield using both students from the UWF field school and volunteers from the Citizen Support Organization of the Battle of Natural Bridge Historic State Park.

Both Regional Centers are always busy during the summer months with summer camps and library programs, and this year is no exception. In addition to our regular summer programs, we also conducted programs at schools and youth centers during the latter part of the school year. The North Central Regional Center participated in Project Learning Tree in Wakulla County, conducted youth programming in partnership with Mission San Luis, and again participated in the Florida History Fair. This was our fourth consecutive year as a Florida History Fair participant. The Northwest Regional Center partnered with the UWF Historic Trust for two, week-long sessions of their "Explore Pensacola History and Archaeology" summer camps. This

year, we divided up summer library programs between the regions based on geographical location so that we minimized traveling time to and from the various programs. It seemed to work out well and was more cost and time effective.

The North Central Region attended a variety of conferences and annual meetings this quarter, in addition to the CRPT Conference. Barbara Clark presented a paper at the Society for American Anthropology in April in San Francisco, CA. Her paper discussed the benefits of Public Archaeology Days, which are a staple of FPAN outreach programs in both the North Central and Northwest Regions. Since presenting the paper, she has received several requests for information and advice from other organizations considering similar events. FPAN also had an informational booth at the African American Preservation Network Conference, which was held in Tallahassee this year. Although the conference was small compared to many that we regularly attend, there were a lot of questions and inquiries that will hopefully lead to some great partnerships in the future around the state. FPAN staff from all regions, including the North Central and Northwest, attended the Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society this past May in Sarasota. We held our annual board meeting and staff meeting as we always do.

Staff from both the North Central and Northwest regions (along with staff from other regions and the Coordinating Center) also attended the annual Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar in Marathon in May. Again, it was well attended and participants provided positive feedback about the program. Additionally, staff from both regions and the Coordinating Center attended the first Sea Level Rise Workshop in St. Augustine, which was hosted and coordinated by the Northeast Regional Center. This was a wonderful opportunity to be on the ground floor of a program that will hopefully become a statewide training program similar to HADS and CRPT. While in St. Augustine, staff from both regions was able to spend a day with LAMP at their underwater field school. The Northwest Regional Center also initiated its new Public Archaeological Shipwreck Tours (PAST) program by hosting its first underwater public archaeology day this past June on the Emanuel Point II shipwreck in Pensacola. Local recreational divers were provided presentations on Emanuel Point II shipwreck history and archaeology, as well as the opportunity to take a guided SCUBA tour of the shipwreck. The Northwest Regional Center plans to offer these tours multiple times during the year to increase the visibility of the region's archaeologically significant shipwrecks and to promote stewardship of the sites. Again, Mike Thomin and Nicole Grinnan were able to produce another wonderful "Archaeology in 3 video" episode for this event!

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Nicole Grinnan coordinated and co-directed two, week-long "Explore Pensacola History and Archaeology Summer Camps" with the UWF Historic Trust.
- Barbara Clark assisted with the Jefferson County 4-H Summer Camp Program and the Liberty County 21st Century Learning Community Summer Camp.
- Both Barbara and Nicole conducted a variety of summer library programs across the two regions.
- Barbara Clark has worked with outreach staff in all regions to coordinate FPAN programming at statewide educator conferences.

- Barbara Clark is working with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to plan their 2016 Conference in Tallahassee.
- HADS has been held in Marathon and another one is planned for St. Augustine in August, which will meet the goal of offering two HADS this year, with one being in a new venue.
- Nicole is working with Coordinating Center staff and UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology Collections Manager Norine Carroll to design and implement an updated exhibit on the Deadman's Island Shipwreck for the Gulf Breeze Community Center.
- Nicole is coordinating with staff from the Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design interpretive panels for a Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail funded by a grant from the National Park Service.
- Nicole and Barbara continue to coordinate with Hurlburt Field to produce a presentation on the Air Force Base's cultural resources for residents and to plan an Archaeology Day in the fall of 2015.
- Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation Board.
- Barbara Clark has joined the Florida Archaeological Council Board and is still the President of the local FAS Chapter, PAST.
- FPAN staff has participated in SHA, SAA, ACUA, RPA, FAS, FAC and AAUS.



FPAN and UWF staff and students pose for a photo after completion of a two-day metal detector training near Pensacola.



North Central Volunteer, Yasha Rodriguez, visits a Leon County historic cemetery in order to document it and record it with the Florida Master Site File.



Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, Barbara Clark, Nicole Grinnan, Gregg Harding, and Jess Hendrix pose by a submerged ship's mast during this year's Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) in Marathon, FL.



Nicole Grinnan gives a presentation on the history of the Emanuel Point II shipwreck to a group of divers during the very first Public Archaeological Shipwreck Tour (PAST).