



## Central & West Central Region

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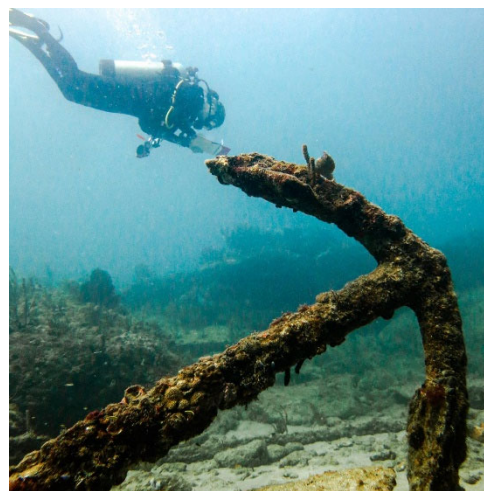
### Super Region:

A significant change in Q3 was the departure of Jeffrey Moates, who was the Director since 2008. Jeff left a strong legacy in these regions and led innumerable successful and impactful changes and events in these 18 counties. FPAN staff thank him sincerely for his commitment to public archaeology and serving communities in Florida.

### West Central Region

FPAN staff participated in both in-person and virtual events and meetings with community, host institution, local, county, and state partners, continuing to interpret archaeology to the public, follow through on projects, and grow partnerships. The West Central office participated in 27 meetings/events/activities, serving 820 people in education and outreach in the region. We continue work to maintain relationships and projects begun before the coordinator (Rachael Kangas) began in the region, and to create new partnerships and projects; this is reflected by the number of meetings conducted with partners including those at the host institution, local governments, and sites.

### Highlight



1- Rachael Kangas gives pre-dive briefing to FAU Scientific Diving students about the SS Copenhagen. 2-Rachael diving and referencing site plan of Copenhagen near ship's anchor.

During Q3 we partnered with FPAN Southeast and Florida Atlantic University to lead FAU scientific diving students on a dive of the SS Copenhagen, one of Florida's 12 underwater archaeological preserves. Before the dive, staff also conducted an online class with students about underwater archaeology as a science.

## Central Region

During Quarter 3 of 2021-2022, the FPAN Central office participated in 13 meetings/events/activities, serving 623 people in education and outreach in Northcentral Florida. We did continue Covid-19 online virtual presentations and meetings over the Zoom Meetings application. However, site tours of the Crystal River Archaeological State Park and cemetery visits were done in person. The development of an FPAN West Central and Central regions, "vision statement" was a noteworthy accomplishment during this quarter.

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*3- Poster made in partnership with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Graphic design by Nigel Rudolph of the Central Region*

Significant Central Region events include a continued and expanded work at the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Cemetery in Archer, assistance to the City of Groveland regarding a historic African American Cemetery, a season-closing Moon Over the Mounds tour at Crystal River Archaeological State Park, and scheduling History Bike Gainesville bicycle tours for the summer and beyond. The Central Regional office facilitated the pick-up and return to Crystal River, of a dugout canoe that had been re-conserved at the Bureau of Archaeological Research Conservation Lab in Tallahassee.

In addition to these notable events, FPAN Central and West Central, continue to nourish our professional relationship with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We partnered with the Tribe on an archaeology poster design, which was printed and distributed during quarter 3.