



Central & West Central Region

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West Central Region

FPAN staff participated in both in-person and virtual events and meetings during Q1. We strengthened many crucial partnerships through joint events and trainings such as GPR training through the company GSSI, which had FPAN staff from the entire state and used the GPR which is housed at FPAN WC. Subsequently West Central staff partnered with SE and SW to conduct a GPR survey at Boca Grande State Park. We worked with local FAS chapters as well as the larger organization for presentations and on committee work. Rachael Kangas assisted Bureau of Archaeological Research underwater team on field work, continuing the strong partnership and scientific diving at FPAN and USF. We had an equal number of meeting and site visits/fieldwork, followed by presentations and traditional media including interviews and assistance.

Highlight

In July we partnered with Weedon Island Preserve, ECOMersion Kayak Tours, and USF Anthropology PhD students to host a kayak tour at Weedon Island. Guests got an inside look into how archaeology works when Kendal Jackson and Jaime Rogers demonstrated taking core samples at a nearby site where they hold an active research permit. Guests were thrilled at the opportunity to experience research close up and the ECOMersion tourguides learned valuable information about how people have lived in the Tampa Bay area for thousands of years, and how we can help steward sites. These partnerships and events are fun and informative and help spread knowledge and messages of preservation!

1 USF PhD students describe coring techniques to kayak tour attendees at Weedon Island.



Central Region

The Central office continued both in-person and virtual public archaeology events and worked to maintain community projects by continuing work in local community cemeteries. Over half of our events were site visits or field work, most taking place in cemeteries we have partnered with for years and have been assisting with management and maintenance. This work is critical to our community partnerships and serving our constituent communities. We hosted an archaeo-Eco kayak tour at Crystal River State Park, continuing our important partnership with the park and the aquatic preserve and helping to interpret this fascinating place to the public.

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In September we hosted a CRPT course at the Archer community center and visited the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Cemetery (BMEC). We had local residents and Floridians who drove in from over an hour away to join us in this class. BMEC is one of the cemeteries we have been partnering with for years

and we were honored to show our CRPT attendees (some of who are part of the community and have relatives buried at the cemetery) the cemetery and have guests learn about the cemetery's significance from local residents themselves.



1 Nigel giving a presentation during our CRPT course on September 10, 2022