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While in-person programming was a bit slow during the first quarter of the previous fiscal year, FPAN's Northwest Region has had more requests and opportunities for in-person programming this year than ever before. As a result, staff are delivering a large variety of quality events, tours, programs, and volunteer opportunities for communities across the region! The summer months were also busy in the North Central Region, which also saw an increase in in-person programming, especially educational programs directed at children.

Over the course of June and July, Nicole, in the Northwest Region, had the amazing opportunity to visit all public libraries in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties in support of their summer reading programs. Tristan and Barbara, in the North Central Region, visited all Leon County Public Library branches in a two-week span, as well as libraries in Liberty, Wakulla, Bradford, and Suwannee Counties. With this year's theme ("Oceans of Possibilities"), FPAN's "Introduction to Underwater Archaeology" presentation and corresponding hands-on activity were a perfect fit for the wide range of ages attending the summer reading programs. Through these programs, over 600 children in FPAN's Northwest Region and over 400 children in the North Central Region were exposed to archaeology, career opportunities, the University of West Florida, and anthropological concepts and themes. Bradford and Suwannee Counties also invited Barbara to speak to adult patrons about underwater archaeology as part of their summer reading events and combined there were over 50 adults and teens in attendance.

In addition to youth talks at local libraries, Nicole also visited the Baker Block Museum, Pensacola's First Presbyterian Church, the UWF Undergraduate Anthropology Association, and the Gulf Breeze Senior Center to deliver lecture-style programs for adults. Her visit to the UWF

Undergraduate Anthropology Association was particularly special because many undergraduate students expressed the desire to become active volunteers with FPAN following the talk. We look forward to working with them at future events and outreach programs!

During the summer months, Maclay Gardens State Park, host to our North Central Region, is a summer lunch break spot. This program is sponsored in part by Second Harvest of the Big Bend in order to provide summer lunches to children under 18 years of age. As part of this program the host agrees to offer educational programming to coincide with the lunch offerings. We were delighted to be able to offer educational programming during one of the lunch breaks. It was a good chance to serve our host and promote our other summer programs as well.

During this quarter, FPAN Northwest also engaged in a series of training workshops for students, professionals, and citizen scientists. Nicole conducted scientific diver training checkouts for this year's UWF underwater archaeology field school in July, working with the undergraduate and graduate students over two days to make sure they met UWF Diving Safety Standards to participate in field school. In early August, Nicole had the opportunity to travel to southeast Florida to participate in a workshop to learn more about how to operate the GSSI Ground Penetrating Radar unit that FPAN and the University of West Florida currently own. The workshop also provided basic for analyzing ground penetrating radar survey results. After the workshop, Nicole traveled across the Florida peninsula to participate in this year's Tidally United Summit, co-hosted by FPAN, Florida Gulf Coast University's The Water School, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. In September, Nicole traveled to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary to facilitate an advanced underwater archaeological methods training course with East Carolina University. The goal of the workshop was to teach techniques in target diving, photogrammetry, and marine remote sensing equipment operation to citizen scientist veterans from the Task Force Dagger Special Operations Foundation. For one week, Nicole and Dr. Jennifer McKinnon from East Carolina University worked with 15 individuals from the Foundation to help the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary survey and record features along Alligator Reef. Additionally, throughout September and into October, Nicole and Mike will be continuing their Florida Master Naturalist Program education by participating in the Freshwater Systems module with the Escambia and Santa Rosa County UF/IFAS Extension Offices.

In the North Central Region, Barbara and Tristan released "Episode 0" of their new podcast, "Archaeology Books for Fun". This episode was the introductory episode for listeners, and subsequent episodes will be released monthly. This podcast was inspired by the FPAN staff pandemic virtual movie meetups, in which one of the times we watched "The Dig". Barbara and Tristan then read the book which inspired the movie and decided to do a podcast discussing archaeology books that were accessible to the general public. In addition to uploading the podcast on various listening platforms, it will be available on our [YouTube Channel](#) as well. The FPAN YouTube Channel and other social media accounts for both regions continue to grow and be a popular way to promote events and provide digital content for outreach. Archaeology Arcade has continued to be a feature of our digital content. This quarter Tristan and Mike have hosted AJ Van Slyke to talk about his work in the Caribbean through "Naval Action", Matt Reeves to discuss metal detecting with "The Magnificent Trufflepigs", and the return of long-time guest Rachel Hines as we continued our way through "Nancy Drew: Legend of the Crystal Skull". Highlights of each episode can also be found on YouTube.

Barbara was invited by DHR staff to participate in a Certified Local Government virtual roundtable for CLG community members. Barbara gave a presentation on the variety of programs that FPAN offers that would be helpful to CLG communities, including CRPT. This program was attended by communities across the state and resulted in several communities from other regions reaching out for contact information for their regional FPAN staff. Another program that received rave reviews was the “Beers of Yeasteryear: The Archaeology of Beer” program that Barbara did in partnership with the Tallahassee Senior Center and Oyster City Brewing Company. This program was part of the Senior Center’s Lifelong Learning Series and consisted of a presentation on the archaeology of beer, followed by a tasting and tour at the brewery.

Back at the FPAN Coordinating Center, Abby worked hard to reopen the Public Archaeology Lab in early September. As always, volunteers were eager to return, and the lab also welcomed a number of new volunteers. In September alone, the lab totaled 13 individual volunteers contributing 150 hours of their time! Like last year, Nicole and Abby decided to retain the RSVP system for welcoming volunteers so that Abby can better stay ahead of and track the number of volunteers on any given day.

In addition to working in the Destination Archaeology Resource Center, Caroline Peacock is also continuing her work with Milton High School’s Anthropology class. This fall, she is focusing on providing the class with field trips, experiences, and talks with archaeological professionals. In the spring, she will once again resume excavation on Milton High School grounds.

FPAN staff also hosted or co-hosted a variety of other programs during this quarter. Nicole and Mike resumed the popular “Archaeology After School!” program in mid-September, introducing archaeology to children in grades 1-5 during a once-monthly class throughout the school year. At the end of September, Mike provided a presentation of his talk, “Maroon Marines: Archaeology at Prospect Bluff,” for FPAN Northwest’s Zoom into Archaeology virtual lecture series. As with all Zoom into Archaeology talks, the presentation will be posted on [FPAN’s YouTube channel](#) so that others can watch outside of the live event. Nicole and Mike also helped friends and colleagues at the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) to celebrate National Estuaries Week in September, sharing information about archaeological resources during a paddle along Escribano Point and during a “Brews for the Bay” riverfront tour in downtown Milton, Florida.

Finally, the Northwest Region was very pleased to welcome Ellie Minette as a new FPAN Graduate Assistant in August! Ellie will be working with FPAN’s Northwest Region over the next three years as she pursues her Master’s with UWF’s Department of Anthropology.

Current projects in-progress:

- Jeffery Robinson continues analyze 3D scan data for both his Master’s thesis and for the Heritage Monitoring Scouts Grant.
- Caroline Peacock continues to work with students in Milton High School’s anthropology class.

- Nicole and FPAN Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton are overseeing the organization of the 2023 American Academy for Underwater Sciences Annual Symposium at UWF.
- Nicole, Mike, Barbara, and Tristan are working together to organize the first Conference on Public Archaeology in September 2023.
- Nicole is working with private land managers and Northwest Florida Water Management to record and secure stewardship for the African American section of Old Muscogee Cemetery in Muscogee, Florida (Escambia County).
- Nicole is overseeing the development of a new FPAN-managed “Museums in the Sea” website for Florida’s Underwater Archaeological Preserves.
- Nicole was accepted into the History Ph.D. Program at St Andrews University to continue her Ph.D. work after her supervisors at the University of Birmingham retired.
- Nicole is continuing to oversee updates to the FPAN and Destination Archaeology Resource Center websites as resources and time allow.
- Tristan continues to serve as an active member on the Florida’s Trail of Indian Heritage board and has been working to improve their marketing and program offerings.
- Barbara continues to serve as the Chair of the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation and led the search for and hiring of a new Executive Director.
- Mike and Barbara continue to serve on the board of the Northwest Florida Maritime Landscape Alliance for Preservation, which has submitted the feasibility study for the Panhandle NHA for preliminary review and are awaiting comments prior to submitting to the National Park Service.
- Barbara was nominated to serve as Ambassador for the Lake Hall Schoolhouse, which was nominated as one of the Florida Trust’s “11 to Save” historic structures.
- Tristan coordinated North Central’s attendance the Public Archaeology Day at Letchworth-Love Mounds State Park.



GSSI’s Lauren Couey (left) provides training on FPAN’s Ground Penetrating Radar unit to FPAN’s Natalie De La Torre Salas (middle) and Rachael Kangas (right). Nicole Grinnan from FPAN Northwest also attending this training.



Task Force Dagger Special Operations Forces Foundation veteran volunteer Ed Rasmussen helps record the ballast pile of *San Felipe* off Lower Matecumbe Key.



Mike Thomin and Nicole Grinnan give a presentation about history and archaeology along the Milton, Florida, waterfront during a “Brews for the Bay” riverfront walking tour hosted by the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program (PPBEP) in celebration of National Estuaries Week.



Barbara presenting “Beer of Yeasteryear: The Archaeology of Beer” as part of the Tallahassee Senior Center’s Lifelong Learning Series.



Rainey McKnight, Head Brewer at Oyster City Brewing Company, giving a tour as part of the Tallahassee Senior Center’s Lifelong Learning Series program. Rainey and Barbara coordinated their talk and tour to ensure it provided a comprehensive understanding of the history of brewing compared to modern brewing.



Tristan reads to a group of children at the Wakulla Community Center for the Wakulla County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Archaeology Storytime continues to be a popular and effective way of reaching younger children in a meaningful way.