



Central & West Central Regions

Quarter 2 Report:

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Super Region

Our super region in Quarter 2 participated in over 50 events reaching over 900 people! We are trying something new this quarter and posting the majority of our event details here in the report. If you're curious about events we hosted or participated in, check it out!

West Central Region Highlight

In October, our team embarked on an exhilarating collaboration with Dr. Ken Sassaman and the University of Florida, launching a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey project. Initially planned as a short-term initiative, it rapidly evolved into a comprehensive field school, expanding into new areas for geophysical surveys, excavation, and historical document recovery. This project has become an invaluable resource, particularly for students aspiring to careers in Cultural Resource Management (CRM) or those pursuing their Masters in archaeology, blending cutting-edge technology with historical exploration. We also did cross-region GPR training and an amazing cemetery survey with Emily Jane and the East Central Region.





November brought another highlight with our first collaboration with the Florida Pioneer Museum in Dade, focusing on engaging over 120 children in archaeology and Indigenous technology. The event features archaeology tabling and technology demonstrations.

The heritage walking tour of the Portavant Mound Site attracted the maximum number of allowed participants and a few walk-on guests. We also enhanced the knowledge base of park rangers and guides about the site. We developed a custom AI tool to assist guest interactions, making it a memorable event connecting the community with its rich cultural heritage.

Central Region Highlight

Throughout the second quarter the Central Region ran fieldwork at a local site, helping to investigate the history of the area to help preserve and understand the archaeological features of the Gainesville area. Working with a local land owner, we worked to survey and document a historic site possibly dating back the early to mid 1800s. Analysis of finds in ongoing but small field projects like this help us to connect with communities and better interpret the past.

In October we participated in a cleanup at BMEC including folks from Keep Alachua Beautiful and students from UF!



In November we hosted two History Bike Gainesville tours! One with First Magnitude Brewery and the second with the Florida Museum of Natural History. We had great groups of cyclists join us for a peddle around town, learning about some of the unique history of the Gainesville area!



| | Start Date | End Date (if different) | Region | Event name | Goals | City | County | Event Type | Partners | Number of People |
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| 1 | 10/1/2023 | | West Central | The Digital Archaeology of Weedon Island | Outreach, Preservation | St. Petersburg | Pinellas | Presentation/Lecture | Weedon Island Preserve | 12 |
| 2 | 10/2/2023 | | Central | Podcast interview | Outreach | zoom | Alachua | Other- explain in notes | | 2 |
| 3 | 10/4/2023 | | West Central | Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition's Resilient Shorelines and Spaces Workgroup Meeting | Outreach, Preservation | online | Online | Meeting | Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition | 50 |
| 4 | 10/5/2023 | | West Central | Sassaman Field School | Outreach | Newnansville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | University of Florida | 16 |
| 5 | 10/5/2023 | | Central | BMEC Tour for sponsor | Outreach, Preservation | Archer | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 6 |
| 6 | 10/6/2023 | | Central | Crystal River talk | Outreach | Crystal River | Citrus | Presentation/Lecture | | 6 |
| 7 | 10/6/2023 | | West Central | meet kassie about HMS | Preservation | Online | Online | Meeting | FPAN NE | 2 |
| 8 | 10/6/2023 | | West Central | Weedon Lab run through | Preservation | St Petersburg | Pinellas | Other- explain in notes | Weedon Island | 4 |
| 9 | 10/6/2023 | | Central | Library visit | Outreach | Crystal River | Citrus | Presentation/Lecture | | 18 |
| 10 | 10/7/2023 | | Central | CRPT Plus | Outreach, Preservation | Crawfordville | Other in Florida | Adult Training/Workshop | FPAN North Central | 12 |
| 11 | 10/7/2023 | | Other region | Cemetery Restoration work Wakulla | Outreach, Preservation | Wakulla | Other in Florida | Site Visit or Fieldwork | FPAN NC | 15 |
| 12 | 10/9/2023 | | Central | Podcast interview | Outreach | Clermont | Lake | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 2 |
| 13 | 10/10/2023 | | West Central | FPAN Director's Meeting | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Online | Online | Meeting | | 5 |
| 14 | 10/10/2023 | | Both | FPAN monthly meeting | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Online | Online | Meeting | | 20 |
| 15 | 10/11/2023 | | West Central | Student shadow at Weedon | Outreach | St Petersburg | Pinellas | Site Visit or Fieldwork | Weedon Island, Largo High School | 4 |
| 16 | 10/11/2023 | | Other region | meeting with FPAN NE/NW | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Orlando | Other in Florida | Meeting | | 5 |
| 17 | 10/12/2023 | | West Central | Climate change and Cultural Sites | Outreach, Preservation | St. Petersburg | Pinellas | Presentation/Lecture | CGCAS | 20 |
| 18 | 10/12/2023 | | Central | Fieldwork Popejoy | Outreach | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 1 |

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| 19 | 10/13/2023 | | Central | Popejoy site survey | Outreach, Preservation | gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 1 |
| 20 | 10/14/2023 | | West Central | CRPT Training | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Avon Park | Highlands | Adult Training/Wrokshop | Peter Powell Roberts Museum of Art, Lakeside Historical Cemetery board | 23 |
| 21 | 10/17/2023 | | Both | Staff meeting | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | online | Online | Meeting | | 4 |
| 22 | 10/18/2023 | | Central | fieldwork | Outreach, Preservation | Groveland | Lake | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 1 |
| 23 | 10/19/2023 | | West Central | Sassaman Field School | Outreach, Preservation | Newnansville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | University of Florida, UF | 10 |
| 24 | 10/20/2023 | | Both | staff meeting | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Tampa | Hillsborough | Meeting | | 5 |
| 25 | 10/20/2023 | | Both | USF Faculty Meeting | Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation | Tampa | Hillsborough | Meeting | USF anthropology Faculty | 20 |
| 26 | 10/21/2023 | | West Central | Map an Excavation | Outreach | St Petersburg | Pinellas | School/Youth Program/ Workshop | Weedon Island | 9 |
| 27 | 10/21/2023 | | Central | BMEC Board Meeting | Outreach, Preservation | Archer | Alachua | Meeting | | 8 |
| 28 | 10/27/2023 | | West Central | Pioneer Florida Museum & Village | Outreach | Dade City | Pasco | Festival/Infobooth | | 283 |
| 29 | 10/27/2023 | | Central | Moon Over the Mounds | Outreach | Crystal River | Citrus | Presentation/Lecture | Crystal River State Parks | 60 |
| 30 | 10/28/2023 | | Central | History Bike Gainesville | Outreach | Gainesville | Alachua | Presentation/Lecture | First Magnitude Brewing Co. | 25 |
| 31 | 10/28/2023 | | Other region | Descendant Ethnographic Interviews | Preservation | Eatonville | Other in Florida | Site Visit or Fieldwork | East Central, Caroline (Intern), Eatonville City Council, Eatonville Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Rollins | 25 |
| 32 | 11/1/2023 | | Central | Fieldwork Groveland Cemetery | Outreach, Local Government, Preservation | Groveland | Lake | Site Visit or Fieldwork | City of Groveland | 3 |
| 33 | 11/5/2023 | | Central | History Bike Gainesville | Outreach | Gainesville | Alachua | Presentation/Lecture | Florida Museum of Natural History | 45 |
| 34 | 11/6/2023 | | Central | Podcast interview | Outreach | Zoom | Online | Meeting | | 2 |
| 35 | 11/7/2023 | | Central | Central region staff meeting | Outreach | Zoom | Alachua | Meeting | | 2 |

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| 36 | 11/8/2023 | | Central | Atlatl antics | Outreach | Chiefland | Levy | School/Youth Program/ Workshop | Lower Suwanee Wildlife Refuge | 85 |
| 37 | 11/8/2023 | | Central | UF DCP research poster session | Outreach, Preservation | Gainesville | Alachua | Presentation/Lecture | | 15 |
| 38 | 11/8/2023 | 11/9/2023 | Other region | Saints and Sinners Cemetery and Emily Jane GPR Training | Preservation | Oak Hill | Other in Florida | Adult Training/Wrokshop | East Central | 18 |
| 39 | 11/9/2023 | | Central | Podcast interview | Outreach | Zoom | Alachua | Other- explain in notes | | 2 |
| 40 | 11/13/2023 | | Central | Mounds and Middens library talk | Outreach | Beverly Hills | Citrus | Presentation/Lecture | | 10 |
| 41 | 11/13/2023 | | Central | Popejoy fieldwork | Outreach, Preservation | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 1 |
| 42 | 11/14/2023 | 11/16/2023 | Central | Popejoy fieldwork | Outreach, Preservation | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 2 |
| 43 | 11/17/2023 | | West Central | Indigenous Heritage Hike at Emerson Preserve | Outreach | Bradenton | Manatee | Presentation/Lecture | Manatee Government | 17 |
| 44 | 11/27/2023 | | Central | Popejoy Survey and STPs | Outreach, Preservation | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | The Popejoy's (property owner) | 6 |
| 45 | 12/1/2023 | | West Central | FPAN Archaeology Lab | Outreach, Preservation | St. Petersburg | Pinellas | Other- explain in notes | Weedon Island Preserve, Dr. Arthur | 15 |
| 46 | 12/5/2023 | 12/6/2023 | Central | Popejoy fieldwork | Outreach | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 2 |
| 47 | 12/11/2023 | 12/12/2023 | Central | Popejoy fieldwork | Outreach | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 2 |
| 48 | 12/13/2023 | | West Central | CRPT Polk County | Outreach, Local Government, Preservation | Lakeland | Polk | Adult Training/Wrokshop | Rebecca Whalon - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, City of Lakeland | 20 |
| 49 | 12/18/2023 | | Central | Library event | Outreach | Homosassa | Citrus | Presentation/Lecture | | 8 |
| 50 | 12/21/2023 | | Central | Meeting with Sweetwater Inn regarding CRPT conference | Outreach | gainesville | Online | Meeting | | 2 |
| 51 | 12/27/2023 | | Both | Popejoy Archaeological Project | Outreach, Preservation | Gainesville | Alachua | Site Visit or Fieldwork | | 4 |
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