



East Central Region
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Community Outreach

This quarter the East Central Region hosted the 7th annual Tidally United Summit in partnership with the City of Cape Canaveral and the Florida Historical Society. The event kicked off at the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station where the Friends of the Lighthouse gave the group a tour of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse, moved 100 years ago due to rising sea levels. In the afternoon airboats took participants across the St. Johns River and Lake Poinsett to observe wildlife and environmental conditions in such a sensitive habitat. The first day ended with a Science Cafe at the Lone Cabbage with a presentation on early citizen science efforts within the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge by Charlie Venuto, formerly of NASA. A full day of papers followed with a keynote by Marcy Rockman entitled “Memory, Climate, and Rockets: Thoughts on Heritage and Policy for a Changing World from the Space Coast.” On Saturday the group met in the morning at Manatee Sanctuary Park for a workshop on shoreline mapping. The event closed with a culture history trail walk at the Enchanted Forest led by Martha Pessero. Tidally was the inaugural event for the city’s new facility, the Cultural, Arts, Preservation + Enrichment (CAPE Center).



Assisting Florida Division of Historical Resources: Cemetery Update Forms

The site visits in August, by Director Sarah Miller and Intern Caroline Amein in Titusville and in Malabar, resulted in the need to submit Florida Master Site File update forms, shape files, and HMS Florida assessments. This work was done over the second quarter of the fiscal year. During the reconciliation of paperwork this quarter, it was discovered that the National Register Listed LaGrange Chapel was mapped in the wrong place. The site visit to the LaGrange Cemetery confirmed the location of the cemetery, but the church was not. Through some archival research FPAN staff found the church was mapped in the site file a far distance away in the wrong location. Site update form and shapefiles were sent during the second quarter to correct the mapping error and to make a greater connection between the church and the cemetery in the archival record. Several of the other cemeteries visited were first documented using the Florida Historic Cemetery Inventory forms, which necessitated site checks to make a more complete record. Work was carried out by Caroline Amein, FPAN's intern from Rollins College, and supervised by Sarah Miller and Kassie Kemp (Florida HMS database manager).



