



Central & West Central Regions

Quarter 3 Report:

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Super Region

Quarter 3 concluded with Florida Archaeology Month in March. Our super region in Quarter 3 participated in almost 60 events reaching over 900 people, including 32 public events and site visits/fieldwork. We are 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

The West Central Region continued working with UF students on a GPR survey in Newnansville and offering monthly volunteer archaeology labs at Weedon Island as well as a wonderful CRPT Training in Palm Harbor at the Palm Harbor Museum!

March was busy with archaeology month events at Robinson Preserve, Historic Spanish Point, and multiple events throughout the month at Weedon Island Preserve. We had a wonderful archaeology month highlighting the archaeology of the region and the importance of preservation!



Figure 1 Left: Richard at one of the many events we were part of at Weedon Island Preserve. Right: new volunteer, Cat, talking to a family about how archaeologists use GPR at the Archaeology Day event at Historic Spanish Point.

Central Region Highlight

The Central Region continued fieldwork at multiple cemeteries in the area and at the private property we've been working at and released the latest episode of The Materialists podcast. Our biggest highlight though was the CRPT Conference 2024 in Gainesville! We filled up our venue at The Depot Event Space with folks from all over the state including our wonderful keynote speaker Representative Glanda Simmons Jenkins, descendants, students, academics, folks who work to manage cemeteries, the new supervisor of the Florida Historic Cemeteries Program, Patrisha Meyers, in her first ever public appearance, and we were honored to host descendants from multiple African American cemeteries around the state including Roberta Lopez from BMEC, Michelle Rutledge and Gerie Crawford of SPSPCC, and Diane Stephens of The Clearwater Colored Cemetery Society as part of our afternoon panel sessions. We had a wonderful time hosting and bringing people together in an effort to create connections and community that will help preserve our state's historic cemeteries.

The conference was also broadcast over Zoom and taped, we're working to edit our video recordings of the presentations and add in the presenters' slides to release for future viewing! These will be available on the FPAN Youtube Channel and will be linked on the webpage for the 2024 conference <https://www.fpan.us/projects/crpt-conference/>



Figure 2. CRPT Conference 2024. Left: Keynote speaker, Representative Glenda Simmons Jenkins opening the conference. Right: Nigel moderating our 2 afternoon panels at the conference.

Start Date	End Date (if different)	Region	Event name	Goals	City	County	Event Type	Partners	Number of People
1/5/2024		West Central	Weedon volunteer Lab	Outreach, Preservation	St. Petersburg	Pinellas	Adult Training/Workshop	Weedon Island Preserve	43
1/9/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
1/9/2024		West Central	Directors meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		5
1/10/2024		Central	Groveland fieldwork	Outreach, Local Government, Preservation	Groveland	Lake	Site Visit or Fieldwork	City of Groveland	2
1/11/2024		West Central	FPAN Development Committee Meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		6
1/15/2024		West Central	At'latl Program at Berkeley Preparatory	Outreach	Tampa	Hillsborough	School/Youth Program/ Workshop	Berkeley Preparatory	67
1/16/2024		Both	Staff Meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
1/17/2024		Central	Groveland field work	Outreach, Preservation	Groveland	Lake	Site Visit or Fieldwork		10
1/17/2024		Both	FPAN Disability conversation	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting	FPAN	20
1/19/2024		West Central	Newnansville GPR Survey	Outreach, Preservation	Archer	Alachua	Site Visit or Fieldwork	University of Florida, Dr. Sassaman	7
1/23/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
1/29/2024		Both	Meet w Ken Sassaman	Outreach, Preservation	Gainesville	Alachua	Meeting	UF	3
1/29/2024		Central	Dash Through the Past-scavenger hunt	Outreach	Gainesville	Alachua	Presentation/Lecture		12
1/30/2024		Both	FPAN Staff retreat	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Gainesville	Alachua	Meeting		22
2/2/2024		West Central	Weedon volunteer lab	Outreach	St Petersburg	Pinellas	Adult Training/Workshop	Weedon Island	25
2/8/2024	2/9/2024	Central	CRPT Conference 2024	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Gainesville	Alachua	Adult Training/Workshop	The Depot Event Space, Evergreen cemetery, many others	82

2/13/2024		West Central	Directors Meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		5
2/13/2024		Both	Staff Meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
2/15/2024		West Central	Weedon Proposal evaluation meeting	Outreach, Local Government, Preservation	St Petersburg	Pinellas	Meeting	Pinellas County, Weedon Island Preserve	5
2/15/2024		West Central	Career night	Outreach	Bradenton	Manatee	Festival/Infobooth	Robinson Preserve, Manatee County Parks	30
2/20/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
2/20/2024		West Central	Visit Tom Pluckhahn's pub arch class	Outreach	Tampa	Hillsborough	Presentation/Lecture	USF	11
2/20/2024		West Central	HMS Meeting w Kassie and Mary	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		3
2/21/2024		West Central	HMS Training with new Scout	Outreach, Preservation	Tampa	Hillsborough	Adult Training/Workshop		3
2/23/2024		West Central	Palm Harbor cemetery visit	Outreach, Preservation	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	Site Visit or Fieldwork		2
2/23/2024		Central	Moon over the Mounds	Outreach	Crystal River	Citrus	Presentation/Lecture	Crystal River archaeological state park, friends of crystal river sp	60
2/24/2024	2/24/2024	Central	Cemetery Clean-up	Outreach, Preservation	Newnansville	Alachua	Adult Training/Workshop		15
2/26/2024		Central	Meeting with Clearly Larkin at UF	Preservation	Gainesville	Alachua	Meeting	Clearly Larkin-University of Florida Historic Preservation program	3
2/27/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
2/27/2024		West Central	Rollins graduate seminar visit	Outreach	Online	Online	Presentation/Lecture	Rollins College	10
2/27/2024		West Central	HMS meeting w kassie	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		2
2/28/2024	2/29/2024	West Central	SWFL Climate Summit	Outreach	Punta Gorda	Other in Florida	Meeting	FPAN SW/ CHNEP	20
2/29/2024		Central	assisted tour of AA history of UF	Outreach	Gainesville	Alachua	Other- explain in notes	University of florida	8

3/1/2024		West Central	FPAN Archaeology Lab at Weedon Island	Outreach, Preservation	St. Petersburg	Pinellas	Adult Training/Workshop	Weedon Island Preserve	33
3/2/2024		West Central	Robinson Preserve Archaeopaddle	Outreach, Preservation	Bradenton	Manatee	Site Visit or Fieldwork	Manatee County, Robinson Preserve, Sara Alvarez	15
3/2/2024	3/3/2024	West Central	Archaeology Day at Spanish Point	Outreach	Osprey	Sarasota	Festival/Infobooth	Historic Spanish point, Uzi Baram	100
3/5/2024	3/8/2024	West Central	Archaeology Boot Camp	Outreach	Jupiter	Other in Florida	Adult Training/Workshop	FPAN SE Bureau of land management at Jupiter Lighthouse	25
3/5/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
3/5/2024		West Central	HMS Meeting w kassie	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		2
3/6/2024		Central	Fieldwork Groveland	Outreach, Preservation	Groveland	Lake	Site Visit or Fieldwork		5
3/8/2024		Central	Materialists Podcast release	Outreach	Podcast city	Alachua	Traditional Media (TV, radio, print)		unknown
3/9/2024		West Central	Weedon Island History Hike	Outreach, Preservation	St. Petersburg	Pinellas	Other- explain in notes	Weedon Island Preserve	8
3/11/2024		West Central	CRPT Training in Palm Harbor	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	Adult Training/Workshop	Palm Harbor Museum	20
3/12/2024		Both	FPAN Meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		20
3/13/2024		West Central	Children's Pre-Contact Pottery Workshop	Outreach	Safety Harbor	Sarasota	School/Youth Program/ Workshop		18
3/14/2024		West Central	Weedon Youth Labs (2)	Outreach	St Petersburg	Pinellas	School/Youth Program/ Workshop	Weedon Island Preserve	60
3/16/2024		West Central	Coring kayak tour to Ross Island	Outreach	St Petersburg	Pinellas	Presentation/Lecture	Weedon Island Preserve, Ecomersion kayaks	12
3/20/2024		West Central	Pinellas county HPB meeting	Local Government	Clearwater	Pinellas	Meeting	Pinellas County	12
3/20/2024		Central	Groveland site visit	Outreach, Preservation	groveland	Lake	Site Visit or Fieldwork	city of groveland	5
3/23/2024		West Central	Weedon Island Archaeology Month Open House	Outreach	St. Petersburg	Pinellas	Festival/Infobooth	Weedon Island Preserve	92
3/26/2024		West Central	HMS Meeting w kassie	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		2

3/26/2024		West Central	HMS Meeting w kassie and mary	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		3
3/26/2024		West Central	HMS Meeting with kassie and SAR	Outreach	Online	Online	Meeting		3
3/26/2024		Both	Staff meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		4
3/26/2024		West Central	Directors meeting	Outreach, DHR, Local Government, Preservation	Online	Online	Meeting		5
3/27/2024		Central	BMEC site visit	Outreach, Preservation	Archer	Alachua	Site Visit or Fieldwork		2
3/28/2024		Central	Cemetery assessment	Outreach, Preservation	Reddick	Marion	Site Visit or Fieldwork		2
3/29/2024		Central	Archaeology on Tap	Outreach	Gainesville	Alachua	Presentation/Lecture	Dry Wrought Cider	10
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