

Northeast Region Quarterly Report – July/August/September 2017 Sarah Miller, Director; Robbie Boggs, Office Manager Emily Jane Murray, Public Archaeology Coordinator

Training: Project Archaeology Teacher Training Workshops

Staff from the Northeast Region hosted two teacher training workshops in July 2017, teaching the Project Archaeology curriculum to 13 local teachers. On July 12-13, staff partnered with the National Park Service to host Investigating a Tabby Slave Cabin at Kingsley Plantation in the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. On July 26-27, staff partnered with the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum to host Investigating a Light Station at the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The second training also served as a facilitator training for five FPAN staff from the Northwest and North Central Regions.



Ranger Emily Palmer leads teachers on a tour of Kingsley Plantation during the Project Archaeology workshop.



Staff from the GTM Research Reserve assessing damages to Shell Bluff Landing.

Assistance to DHR/Local Government: Site Assessments after Hurricane Irma

Staff from the Northeast Region worked with various agencies and municipalities to assess impacts from Hurricane Irma at sites throughout the Northeast Region. Efforts included coordinating with the GTM Research Reserve for continued monitoring of Shell Bluff Landing, visiting cemeteries throughout St. Johns County, reporting downed trees at Mt. Royal to BAR and offering support to New Smyrna Beach in the removal of debris at the Old Stone Wharf. In total, staff and volunteers visited 41 sites in September and continue to check on more through October.

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - Staff incorporated 3D models of artifacts from Kingsley Plantation into the teachers training.
 - Staff continued to support Archaeology Works, Project Archaeology, Timucuan Technology and HMS Florida programming.
 - Staff took August as a planning month to work on program development.
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
 - Sarah Miller became the chair of the newly formed Heritage at Risk Committee for the Society of Historical Archaeology.
 - Staff assisted St. Johns County in site assessments at cemeteries after Hurricane Irma.
 - Staff worked with various agencies to monitor cultural including Clay County, DEP, FWC and Florida State Forests. Staff coordinated to include volunteers where possible.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Sarah Miller attended the Global Irish Diaspora Congress with William Lees to present on presence of early Irish in Florida and network with the CHERISH team doing heritage at risk assessments in Ireland and Wales.
 - Staff helped support the Tidally United Summit, organized by the Southeast Region.
 - Staff worked with Laura Clark to assess teacher training programs.