

Southwest Region – Quarterly Report January to March 2016

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Highlight of the Quarter

The highlight of the quarter was our participation at Calusa Days at Everglades National Park. We took a larger role in helping to organize and market this event. We interacted with a hundred people during the event, sharing a new hands-on mapping exercise with many of the children.

Public Outreach

- Ms. Kangas gave eight public lectures to over 200 people at venues across our region on a variety of new topics. Another 200 people attended a lecture in Marco Island by Jeff Moates.
- Both Youth and Adult programs were offered, allowing all ages to discover prehistoric pottery through hands-on workshops.
- Ms. Kangas attended National Interpreters Associate Certified Interpretive Guide training.
- Ms. Kangas was interviewed for a radio podcast "Archaeology in 30."

Assistance to Local Governments

• Ms. Kangas became familiar with local archaeology by physically visiting archaeology sites, cemeteries & museums as well as reviewing which sites were listed on the FMSF.

Assistance to DHR

- Attended DHR planning meeting on Florida's Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan.
- Completed 4 Florida Archaeology Month events/lectures. We were able to celebrate FAM in all five of our counties.
- Distributed 500 FAM posters across southwestern Florida.

Administrative Duties

- Attended bi-weekly SE/SW staff meetings
- Attended FPAN staff meetings in Orlando
- Attended SWFAS meetings



Young archaeology enthusiasts at Calusa Days at Everglades National Park loved the mapping activity