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Highlight of the Quarter

The big news of the quarter is the consolidation of our region with that of the North East, which will be finalized when the contract between FPAN and the Florida Historical Society ends on February 7th, 2014.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- The number of public lectures I present within our region and throughout the state continue to grow in number and attendance, which is reflected in our region having the largest number of outreach attendees among all FPAN regions in 2013.
- Kevin continues to serve as president of CEFAS, organizing their lecture series and providing continued cooperation and communication between the East Central Region and FAS.
- Since I was going to be in North Carolina on vacation in November, I was invited to present a Windover lecture to Eastern Kentucky University. Hosted by Dr. John Endonino, the lecture had over one hundred students and faculty in attendance from a range of departments.
- The spring "In the Dirt" lecture series is promising to be one of our most exciting. Ken Sassaman will kick off the series in January, with Brent Wiseman and Tom Pluckhahn to follow. We look forward to a wide range of topics by an exciting lineup of presenters.
- I am working on my sixth book, which is an edited volume of articles from *The Florida Historical Quarterly*. *Searching Sand and Surf: The Origins of Archaeology in Florida* (Florida Historical Society Press) will cover over one hundred years of research and investigations by Florida's pioneers in archaeology. With an introduction by Kathy Deagan, it will serve as an excellent resource for graduate and undergraduate curriculum.