



Southeast Region – Annual Report July 2015 to June 2016

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Highlight-A Year of Changes

This year saw major transitions throughout the southeast and southwest region with the departures of Ms. Timo, outreach coordinator for the southwest, and Dr. Williams, who had directed the region admirably for eight years. Former outreach coordinator in the southeast, Sarah Nohe, stepped in as acting director in the region before her promotion to Associate Director of Development in June of 2016. During this period of transition, FPAN-SE staff, comprised of Ms. Nohe, alongside Jennifer Green and Ashley Hampton, FPAN's graduate assistants, ensured that outreach efforts in the southeast remained at their previous levels. The combined efforts of Ms. Nohe and her graduate assistants ensured FPAN maintained its regional partnerships though out the southeast. The major project accomplished during this time was assisting the local FAS chapter in preparing and hosting the 2016 FAS meeting in Jupiter in May. Working with FAS, Ms. Nohe and Ms. Hampton attended meetings with representatives from venues, hotels, curating institutions and hosting organizations to ensure a conference that was successful and memorable for all.

First Quarter July-September 2015:

- During this period, former director Dr. Williams assisted local organizations such as the Bonnet House, in curation of a plant identification project, and she consulted with HistoryMiami regarding an exhibit design issue. Ms. Nohe prepared a FMSF form for a historic structure in Ft. Lauderdale upon the request of the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation. Her efforts included the photo documentation and research on the structure.

Second Quarter October-December 2015:

- During this period, FPAN SE staff explored possibilities for heritage tourism within the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and recorded archaeological resources available in the refuge to share with the public and promote the stewardship and protection of the area. Emily Jane Murray of FPAN's NE office is creating a video of trip to promote tourism.



FPAN staff at Ten Thousand Islands

Third Quarter January-March 2016

- Southeast regional staff went to the Dig Old Vero site. The Old Ice Age Sites Committee (OIASC) has recently partnered with our host University, Florida Atlantic University. The Southeast regional center staff took a tour of the site, brought FPAN brochures and Florida Archaeology Month posters for the visiting center, and met with the OVIASC staff and volunteers. FPAN-SE staff talked with on site lead Archaeologist Dr. Andy Hemmings and his team about the excavations and discussed the Florida Public Archaeology Network's mission. The in-person visit helped us to gain more information about the site to share with the public and helped to forge a working partnership.

Fourth Quarter April-June 2016

- The highlight of this quarter was welcoming new the new director for the Southeast and Southwest Regions, Sara Ayers-Rigsby. With her background in CRM archaeology and experience volunteering with FPAN, Ms. Ayers-Rigsby, along with Jen Green, the interim summer outreach coordinator, immediately got to work, presenting to over 250 students at schools and summer camps during June alone. Ms. Ayers-Rigsby also had the pleasure of presenting to local groups, such as the Palm Beach Gem and Mineral Society, and worked with Ms. Green to assist Dr. Della Scott-Ireton and Nicole Grinnan in organizing details for the annual Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar in Monroe County. Ms. Green organized a NerdNite in conjunction with HADS, which was attended by 72 people. Ms. Ayers-Rigsby was also able to meet with county archaeologists and other regional partners during this time, laying the groundwork for the future of FPAN in south Florida.



Ms. Green presents to a packed house in Key West