



FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

Southwest Regional Center
At Florida Gulf Coast University
Quarterly Report October/November/December
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Executive Summary

The Southwest Regional Center welcomed Melissa Timo as its new Outreach Coordinator in October. Soon thereafter, this office began the process to search for a half-time Program Assistant. This staff position, once filled, will complete the Southwest Regional Center's staffing needs. The opening is scheduled to close in mid-January of 2012.

Highlights from this quarter include the meetings regarding the Archaeo-Cart with the Seminole Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. In tandem with FPAN's West Central Regional Office, the Southwest Regional Office initially met with representatives from both organizations after lending them a cart for use at the annual American Indian Arts Celebration (AIAC). A follow-up meeting with an Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum representative was productive and holds promise for further collaboration that we hope will result in Seminole content for FPAN Archaeo-Carts.

Additionally, FPAN interns went on a behind-the-scenes tour at the Florida Museum of Natural History's new canoe exhibit. Curator Donna Ruhl provided this opportunity which was unique and informative, illustrating the science behind the interpretive work in exhibit planning, design and implementation as well as concepts for public engagement with Florida archaeology.

Interns completed projects including the development of an ethnobotanical trail guide to FGCU's campus by Jeffrey Sepanski (Anthropology Program), the building of a strong social media presence and press release process by Shannon Mandell (Anthropology Program), and the development of a ground-penetrating radar project with a State Park to assist in their historic research of the property by Caitlin McGirr (Anthropology Program) which will take place in January of 2012.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations /Activities	Attendees #
Public Events	2	259
Public Presentations	3	230
Meetings attended	7	35
Media	1 Radio show	5+ listening audience
Printed Media produced	1 Exhibit loaned	
Professional conferences/ workshops	3	
Electronic Media produced	Facebook, Blog, Twitter	
TOTAL		529

Public Outreach

Events

- GPR at the Bolger Place and Kirkland Cemetery at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve – 7 attendees
- FPAN tabling at MOSH during SEAC annual meeting – 252 attendees

Media Coverage

- WGCU's Gulf Coast Live! Show covering the upcoming GPR event at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve – 5 attendees + listening audience

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Loan of Cuban Ranchero panels to Bonita Springs Historical Society
- Tabling at J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge "Calusa Day" – 30 attendees

Advising/Meetings

- Seminole Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum meetings regarding the Archaeo-Cart and to determine their level of interest in providing Seminole content for FPAN Archaeo-Carts.
- Bonita Springs Historical Society – continued to discuss grant received by society and FPAN's involvement .
- Continued to assist with draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, the Seminole Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Florida Gulf Coast

University to establish a more formal relationship between these entities with regards to archaeological research and interpretation.

- Meeting with Edison-Ford Winter Estates with FGCU faculty regarding intern opportunities.

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Charlotte County

Collier County – Met with representatives of the Bula Mission Church in Copeland regarding a potential GPR survey of this property that has been designated as historic by the Collier County Historic and Archaeological Preservation Board.

Glades County

Hendry County

Lee County

Assisting DHR

Other

- Attended “Mollusk Shells in the World of the Calusa” Workshop with Dr. Bill Marquardt at the Calusa Heritage Trail.
- Attended FPAN’s NE Regional Office’s Cemetery Resource Protection Training.
- Planned, coordinated, and executed FPAN intern field trip to the Florida Museum of Natural History, meeting with Donna Ruhl for a behind-the-scenes tour of the new canoe exhibit.
- Assisted in coordination of Archaeo-Cart delivery to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum for use at the AIAC in November.
- Attended FPAN BOD meeting.



Seminole Tribal Members exploring Archaeo-Cart at AIAC