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Executive Summary

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We kicked-off Florida Archaeological Month this year with a talk by Brent Weisman at Crystal River Archaeological State Park. Dr Weisman's presentation commemorated 25 years since the last non-emergency archaeological investigations were conducted at the Crystal River site by Dr. Weisman, then a UF graduate student. A question-and-answer session and brief site tour followed. The rest of our Florida Archaeology Month events included outreach events around the region at Fort Cooper State Park, Homosassa Springs State Park, the Nature Coast Civil War Re-enactment, and the first knap-in at the Silver River Preserve State Park. All events were also well-attended and well received by the public.

The third quarter events at the CRC saw steady demand for CRC-sponsored, co-hosted, and participatory events within our nine-county service area. Forty-four events were held or attended: 18 public presentation/events were held, five local government assistance efforts were programmed, and ten adult/youth training workshops were offered. The Center was able to reach over 4376 people during this period.

Type of Activity	Number of Events	Number of Attendees
Public presentation	10	757
Public event	8	2842
Professional presentation	1	4
Professional event – conferences	1	4
Adult training/workshops	4	37
Youth training/workshops	2	280
Radio/TV presentation/interview	0	-
Volunteer programs	2	24
Local government assistance	4	97
Meetings – government/school	27	331
Printed article – magazine/newspaper/journal	3	-
Electronic media – blog/podcast	32	-
Major Publication – Book, Chapter, Article	1	-
TOTAL	95	4376

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Our work effort during this quarter continued our efforts with the Crystal River Historical Resources Advisory Board (HRAB), the Hernando Preservation Society (Hernando PAST), the Sumter County Historical Society, additional work with the GPR at various historic cemeteries around central Florida, and our other government and public outreach efforts.

Rich Estabrook continues to push forward with the CRC's local government outreach and assistance to the Florida Division of Historical Resources (DHR). With positive reactions and support from both the Citrus County Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAG) and Tourist Development Council (TDC), a presentation was made to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners concerning the application for Certified Local Government (CLG) status by the County. The Board unanimously approved a resolution for the Citrus County HRAB to prepare a CLG application for the Board's review and comment. Many of the Commissioners had very helpful suggestions about what they would like to see a revised historic preservation effort do in the county including the promotion of heritage tourism and the stabilization of older historic neighborhoods.

Rich continues to work with county staff and members of the Sumter County Historical Society (SCHS) concerning preservation issues in the Sumter County region. Work continues on the proposed updates to the historic preservation portion of the County's Comprehensive Plan revisions. CRC staff assisted the SCHS record and document five commercial buildings in what was once downtown Centerhill, Florida. Downtown Centerhill has seen little economic activity in recent years. Representatives of the City Council were contacted about the history of this community and to discuss their plans for the preservation, public interpretation, and revitalization of this area.

The Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) outreach program has been very popular with local historic groups and societies and extremely successful as a community outreach program. Jana Futch, the CRC's Program Assistant, is now processing the collected data with the latest version of GPR Slice 7.0. Jana is also working on the FPAN GPR Outreach Handbook and field guide. This program will allow any of the FPAN Centers to collect and process GPR data with minimal instruction and support during a historic cemetery outreach project. Because of the interest generated last year around the African-American cemetery in the region, we have partnered with the Alachua County Historical Commission to help record and document the Chisholm Cemetery near Newnan's Lake

in Gainesville.

Jason, the CRC's Outreach Coordinator, continues to work pursue his interest on the maritime archaeology and history of the region by working with the Crystal River Boat Builders (CRBB). Jason has begun some research that has identified a fairly robust boatbuilding industry along the Nature Coast. Jason continues to develop a training program to integrate current FPAN outreach activities and develop several new programs for the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF). When fully implemented this outreach program for the GSWCF should reach up to 25,000 girls per year. Jason spent much of his time this quarter coordinating Florida Archaeology Month Events, the CRBB Annual Boat Bash, and the FPAN/CRPSP Summer Camp 2011 program.

Activity Highlights



Dade Battle Reenactment

The first weekend of every New Year is the Dade Battle reenactment at the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park near Bushnell. The reenactment commemorates the ambush of Major Dade and his men on their way from Fort Brooke (now Tampa) to Fort King (now Ocala) on December 28, 1835. This decisive victory by the Seminole peoples marked the beginning of the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). Costly to both sides, the war ran the US Government many millions of dollars and resulted in the forced removal of many Seminole groups to Oklahoma. As one of only a few sites from the Second Seminole War period accessible and interpreted for the public, the Dade Battle provides a great opportunity for living history that is both historically accurate and specific to the central Florida area.



Jana Futch and her helper collecting GPR data at the Chisholm Cemetery.

Chisholm Cemetery Documentation

The Alachua County Historical Commission is currently working to document and record the historic cemeteries within the county, especially those without good historical record. The Commission approached the CRC to help locate the cemeteries based on their historical research and the known location of a single crypt in a pasture. The Commission identified various informants, did the background research, and obtained landowner permission to conduct a GPR investigation in the area considered the most likely location for the cemetery. A day-long GPR workshop was held on a clear Saturday in January. Council members, and even some of their grandchildren, helped collect two 30mx30m data grids. These data suggest that the cemetery is located in the general vicinity of the single visible crypt and that there are many other graves in the immediate area.



Dr. Weisman speaking to an enthusiastic crowd at the Florida Archaeology Month Kick-off event at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park in Citrus County.

Dr. Brent Weisman's Crystal River Talk: Crystal River – Revisited Times Four

To kick-off Florida Archaeology Month, Dr. Brent Weisman traveled back to Crystal River to give a retrospective of his 25-plus years of work at the site. In display for the first time were color photographs of many of the artifacts recovered from the site by Clarence B. Moore between 1903 and 1917. With little more than a few scrawled notes and his keen insight into the site's material culture, Dr. Weisman wove a story of the Crystal River site, the peoples who lived there, the landscape they inhabited, and the artifacts they left behind. The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session and a brief site tour.

The Silver River Knap-in at the Silver River Museum

The CRC closed Florida Archaeology Month with a prehistoric technology workshop and stone tool knap-in at the Silver River Museum & Environmental Education Center in Ocala. Heir-apparent to the Paynes Prairie Knap-in, the event included flint knapping demonstrations, pottery making demonstrations, as well as atl-atl and tomahawk throwing competitions. Artifacts, fossils, and even just rocks were identified for those individuals curious enough to bring them in for consideration. The public learned that making stone tools was much more than tying a sharp rock to a stick. More than 1500 people attended this two-day event.



Rich Estabrook identified a surface-find artifact brought in by a family to the Silver River Knap-in.

Public Outreach

Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- *Moon Over the Mounds Tour* presented on January 14, February 18, and March 18 at the CRASP – 335 attendees (total)
- *In Search of Shipyards* presented for the *In The Dirt* lecture series in the FPAN East Central region – 33 attendees
- *New Homosassa* presented at the Homosassa Heritage Days event at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park – 100 attendees
- *The Civil War in Crystal River* presented at the Nature Coast Civil War Reenactment – 160 attendees
- *Fossil Corals in the Production of Stone Tools in Florida* presented at the Silver River Knap-in Ocala, Marion County – 35 attendees
- *The Crystal River Site – Revisited Time Four* presented at the Florida Archaeology Month Kick-off event at the CRASP by Dr. Brent Weisman – 46 attendees

Workshops/Training

The CRC continues with a series of adult training workshops focused on Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and historic cemetery preservation. These programs also include volunteer programs that allow participants to practice some of the skills they have developed and demonstrate what they have learned to others.

Several presentations were made to historical societies and community groups including:

- Chisholm Cemetery GPR in Alachua County – 12 attendees
- Floral City Cemetery GPR in Citrus County – 12 attendees
- Olive Street Cemetery GPR Presentation in Hernando County – 20 attendees
- Sumter County Historic Preservation Ordinance Workshop – 5 attendees
- Sumter County Historical Society Workshop – 6 attendees
- Hernando County Historic Cemetery Recording Workshop – 12 attendees

Youth Events/Presentations

- *Sifting For Technology* outreach event at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park - 30 attendees
- *Hernando County Science and Engineering Fair* (judging) - 250 attendees

Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Citrus County

- Attended the Citrus County HRABs meetings on January 5 and March 2
- Attended a meeting about the results of the CLG Workshop and the presentation to the Citrus County Stakeholders Advisory Group on January 14.
- Presented the CLG proposal to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners on February 8.
- Meeting with the Citrus County Tourism Development Council on February 24.

Hernando County

- Hernando Past meetings in Brooksville, Hernando County in January and February.

- City of Brooksville/Hernando County Museum meeting concerning the GPR investigation of the Olive Street Cemetery.

Sumter County

- GPR survey of the Royal Cemetery in Royal to determine the locations of historic graves within the cemetery.
- GPR survey of the Wildwood Cemetery in Wildwood to determine the locations of historic graves within the cemetery

Lake County

- Meeting with the Minneola City Manager and staff about possible African-American graves within Minneola Cemetery;

Alachua County

- Presentation to the Alachua County Historical Commission about the results of the GPR study at the Chisholm Cemetery.

In-House Volunteer and Internship Programs

Beverly (Bev) Elliott, the CRC's chief volunteer, continues to work on several CRC projects including the *Sifting For Technology* curation project, the cleaning and analysis of the materials donated to the Center for school outreach programs. Bev has also been assisting Jana Futch complete the Center's two outreach carts.

Meetings/Outreach:

- BC Buddies dive group meeting on January 13.
- City of Brooksville Cemetery Committee Meeting on February 2.
- New Homosassa documentation meeting at the Homosassa Springs State Park on February 3.
- FPAN Summer Camp meeting on February 8.
- Florida Anthropological Society Board Meeting in Jonesville, Florida on February 18-19.
- Silver River Museum Knap-in meeting on February 21.
- CRBB meeting on March 8.
- FPAN WCRC outreach meeting on March 10.
- AWIARE Board meeting at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Environmental Center in St Petersburg on March 10.

Action Items

There are several activities that the CRC will complete in the final fiscal quarter of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These include:

Great Sites of Florida Lecture Series

The CRC is developing a Great Sites of Florida lecture series. These talks will use the images available from *Pictures of Record*, the Florida Museum of Natural History, and the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Behind the scenes information and pictures have also been provided by some of the site's original investigators. Each talk will concentrate on the unique history of the archaeological work conducted at each site. It will also focus on the contribution that each site has made to our understanding of Florida's history and archaeology. The talks will be developed for a non-technical audience and will be scripted in such a way as to minimize jargon and archaeological/environmental terms and phrases that often confuse, rather than clarify an issue. The intent will be to entertain as well as inform. It would be ideal to have the archaeologist of record give these talks, but that is often not possible. Each talk will be fully annotated and can be presented from a prepared set of speaker's notes.

Local Government Outreach: Continued work with the Citrus County HRAB to update the County's historic preservation ordinance and prepare an application for CLG membership for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. The CRC will continue to work with the Sumter County Historical Society and county officials to assist in the update of the historic resources portion of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Internship Opportunities: To continue to develop internship opportunities for Master's and Doctoral level students. In the future, this can be expanded to honors level undergraduates who are specifically interested in various aspects of Public Archaeology. The main differences between the doctoral, masters, and honors undergraduate offerings will be the scope and length of the projects. The projects offered to doctoral researchers will be longer in duration, wider in scope, and a good deal more flexible in topic. Master's projects will be more topic or task driven and can potentially serve to fulfill the internship option for the Department's applied program. The undergraduate honors offerings may be involved in parts or components within specific doctoral projects or specific aspects of other CRC-based projects or programs.