

Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report

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The third quarter of each fiscal is one of the busiest times of the year for staff in the Northwest and North Central Regions as they prepare new programs and plan new outreach opportunities for the warmer springs months. January began with the annual Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. Nicole Grinnan presented two papers related to her work with FPAN and chaired a panel related to cultural resource law for the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology/Academic and Professional Training Committee. Barbara Clark attended as a member of the Public Interpretation Committee and was a panelist for the panel discussion titled, "Reevaluating Evaluating Public Archaeology" along with FPAN Post-Doctoral Candidate, Laura Clark. Tristan Harrenstein presented on public interpretation through the use of 3-D modeling. Public Archaeology Interns from the Northwest Regional Office also attended the conference and represented FPAN at our joint bookroom table with the University of West Florida Division of Anthropology and Archaeology.

This quarter, Tristan provided two more Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR) programs for the Chattahoochee town council. Now that we have created all of the modules, next quarter will begin to roll GOPHR out for other FPAN regions. We tentatively have a GOPHR scheduled in the Southeast Region for June.

Apart from some public presentations programs, February was used as a planning and catch-up month for staff ahead of Florida Archaeology Month. FPAN staff also met in Crystal River to attend FPAN's annual staff meeting. Following the meeting, Nicole coordinated a proficiency dive day for SCUBA-certified staff at Devil's Den Spring in Williston, Florida. Barbara Clark was one of the divers present for this proficiency dive.

To round out the month February, Nicole also worked with the UWF Archaeology Institute to produce print and digital advertisements for the Division. The advertisements are intended to help attract new Anthropology majors and showcase the Division's resources at UWF. Barbara volunteered as a judge for the Fairview Middle School History Fair and presented at several civic groups and the Tallahassee Senior Center. Tristan and Barbara partnered with the Tallahassee Senior Center to offer a four-series Life Long Learning course in archaeology. Both Tristan and Barbara attended the Annual Battle of Olustee Reenactment in mid-February. Tristan Harrenstein developed a program that interprets the differences between early "antiquarianism" and the modern scientific methodology used in archaeology today. This program was a huge success and provided the public with narratives that were easily relatable and helped them understand the importance of context.

Outreach continued in full swing during Florida Archaeology Month in March! Northwest staff kicked off the month with a Tour de Fort bicycling tour of Fort Pickens, attended by over 50 people. The event was a huge success and will hopefully engender a closer relationship between FPAN and Gulf Islands National Seashore after recent changes in their staff. Other events throughout March included public presentations for civic organizations and school groups throughout the region, Eglin Archaeology Day, an FPAN-sponsored Archaeology Day at Florida Caverns State Park, two ArchaeoCafés in Pensacola, and an Archaeology Weekend in Port St. Joe. The events in Port St. Joe concluded Florida Archaeology Month and included a public presentation on Nicole Grinnan's recent fieldwork along the Apalachicola River. The next day, staff hosted a new "Dash through the Past" scavenger hunt at the Constitution Convention Museum State Park. The hunt event was intended to engage public audiences in Port St. Joe and encourage locals/visitors to get familiar with some of the city's exceptional cultural resources. The event was a success and Northwest staff hopes to make the scavenger hunt even better in March of next year!

The North Central Region also had a busy and exciting Florida Archaeology Month. The Annual Reenactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge kicked off the month of March. Tristan Harrenstein again utilized his program on antiquarianism and archaeology. Barbara and Tristan presented a variety of programs to civic organizations within and outside the North Central Region. The North Central Region had the honor attending the grand opening of The Grove Museum as an educational vendor. Staff also planned and attended various Public Archaeology Days, including one at the ANERR and one in Port St. Joe. Tristan planned a Hush Arbor program in partnership with Goodwood Museum and Gardens and The Riley House and Museum. This event resulted in unprecedented diversity in participation. It has also strengthened our relationship with both Goodwood and the Riley House. After the event, it was decided that all three organizations would collaborate again to make this an annual event.

Barbara planned the Second Annual Archaeology Advocacy Day at the Florida Capitol on March 7th, which was the opening day of the 2017 Legislative Session. FPAN staff from all regional centers was present, along with other organizations (Florida Museum of Natural History, UWF, FAC, PAST, PAS, FSU). Overall, this event was a huge success, thanks in part to the many FPAN staff members that met with their elected officials ahead of time and during the event. Feedback has been solicited from participants in order to make next year's event even better and bigger! To round out March, Barbara attended the SAA annual meeting in Vancouver. She participated as a panelist to discuss advocacy in archaeology and presented information on Archaeology Advocacy Day, in hopes to encourage other states to organize similar events.

Northwest Region's Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Nicole coordinating with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design four additional interpretive panels for the Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail.
- Nicole and Barbara coordinating with the Trust for Public Land to create two interpretive panels (one on local prehistory, the other on local history) for the new Innerarity Point Park on Perdido Bay.
- Nicole managing and updating the Florida Archaeology Month website for 2017.

- Nicole coordinating with Coco Design to create an entirely new and interactive Florida Archaeology Month website for 2018 on.
- Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation Board.
- Nicole continues to serve as Membership Secretary to the Florida Archaeological Council Board of Directors.
- Nicole taking on new role as Dive Safety Officer (DSO) for Junior Scientists in the Sea, Inc.

North Central Region's Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Tristan continues to improve GOPHR programming and is beginning to bring the program to other regions.
- Barbara continues to be a member of the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation board.
- Tristan continues to be a member of the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee board.
- Barbara continues to serve on the Florida Archaeological Council board.
- Volunteers continue to record historical cemeteries for the Florida Master Site File.
- Barbara continues to serve on the Florida national Forests Resource Advisory Committee.
- Barbara continues to serve as the SAA PEIC Coordinator for Florida.
- Tristan is working with the Apalachicola Arsenal Museum to improve their interpretive exhibits and FPAN currently has an exhibit on loan to the museum.
- Barbara and Tristan continue to contact and meet with state legislators as necessary and continue to invite them to FPAN events.
- Tristan continues to promote GOPHR to the members of the PPHA and has presented at their monthly meeting as part of this effort.



A young participant in FPAN Northwest's "Dash through the Past" in Port St. Joe attempts to finish one of the scavenger hunt race's challenges: hunting "turkeys" with an atl-atl.



FPAN divers pose before their proficiency dive at Devil's Den, Williston, FL.



Tristan Harrenstein, Public Archaeology Coordinator for the North Central Region, at the Second Annual Archaeology Advocacy Day at the Florida Capitol.



Dr. Nashid Madyun from Florida A&M University talking about how talking about slave resistance is relevant today during North Central's Hush Arbor Program at Goodwood Museum and Gardens.