

Northwest Region Quarterly Report

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With Florida Archaeology Month over in March, Northwest staff kept the momentum going with a series of events, projects, and workshops in the fourth quarter of the year! In April, Public Archaeology Interns Brianna and Keilani traveled to Falling Waters State Park to represent local history and archaeology at the Park's annual heritage festival over the course of a weekend. Nicole took on a middle school intern from the Pensacola Montessori School, Molly O'Connor, for a week during the month in order to show her what it takes to be a professional archaeologist. Molly saw a presentation that Nicole conducted for her summer camp three years before and decided then that she wanted to pursue a career in archaeology! Molly was able to work on special projects, conduct outreach and education programs, and take tours of local archaeological sites. Toward the end of April, Nicole traveled to the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee to participate in the annual Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) Dive-In Day with Barbara. FPAN's booth at the Capitol showcased the many archaeological shipwreck sites that encourage dive tourism around the state of Florida. May started off with the bi-annual FPAN Board of Director's meeting and Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Following FAS, Nicole traveled to the Florida Keys with Associate Director Della Scott-Ireton to conduct a series of meetings in hopes of setting up additional Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS) workshops later in 2017. The meetings were incredibly successful; Nicole and Della were able to schedule three HADS courses in the Florida Keys during the month of September 2017. Toward the end the month, Nicole and summer Public Archaeology Intern Emily Dietrich conducted presentations for six classes of AP U.S. History students at Gulf Breeze High School over two days. Emily Dietrich also worked hard to finish up excavations at the Scott Site with Milton High School and host an opening for their new temporary exhibit at the Destination Archaeology Resource Center. Finally, during the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation's May award ceremony, former Public Archaeology Intern Janene Johnston received a Preservation Award for her thesis research with FPAN. As summer finally arrived in June, Nicole and Emily hit the pavement and traveled to summer camps and libraries around the region to conduct archaeology and history programs. They also used the month to prepare new activities and programs for the annual FPAN summer camp, conducted in cooperation with the UWF Historic Trust.

After an incredibly busy Archaeology month, this quarter has been about finding our feet and planning programs for the rest of the year in the North Central Region. Currently,

due to facility issues, both Barbara and Tristan are working from home, but strive to not let it affect their pace. Look forward to several Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR) workshops! Tristan has organized a series of GOPHR workshops for the Florida Trust that will take place in September and is also currently working on organizing more in both this region and expanding it to other regions as well. In addition, the North Central Region is working with Goodwood Museum and Gardens to help organize public visits and tours at their upcoming excavations. Staff is also (potentially) working with BAR to develop some public programming for the exciting Venice Beach site discovery last year. Both Tristan and Barbara have attended several festivals, including the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival where Tristan did a primitive fire starting demonstration. They also attended Safety Day in Port St. Joe. This festival offered the unique opportunity to tell people about some of the safety precautions that professional archaeologists must consider. It was a different experience to work alongside first responders and law enforcement but was a great way to highlight how many of our techniques are similar to that of law enforcement when it comes to investigating crime scenes and archaeological sites. Barbara and Sarah Miller met with staff and administration from the Florida Park Service to discuss HMS in state parks. Bill Stanton, Florida Parks Archaeologist, later attended the first HMS training held in the North Central Region. Barbara also spoke at Gulf Coast State College. Both Barbara and Tristan volunteered as judges at Florida History Day (formerly the Florida History Fair). Barbara is continuing a series of lunch and learns for the Tallahassee Senior Center that will take place through September. She also did a program for the Senior Center's Grandparents as Parents group. In the interest of learning more about how FPAN can use our VisitFlorida membership, Barbara met with Brenna Dacks of VisitFlorida via conference call and later disseminated information on access and benefits of our membership to all other regional centers. Barbara also attended the Cultural Resources Summit that was organized by DHR and co-sponsored by FAC. In June Barbara visited three libraries in Columbia County for summer youth programming. Holding more programs in that region has been a goal of the North Central Region for some time, so it was great to have them host us! The North Central Region staff has also been meeting with and consulting with St. Johns Episcopal Church regarding maintenance issues at their cemetery. They are currently working on a management plan per our advice and we will be hosting a CRPT for them in October.

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 coordinating with Coco Design to create an entirely new and interactive Florida Archaeology Month website for 2018 on.
- Nicole currently in talks with Eden Gardens and Camp Helen State Parks to set up two HMS trainings for October 2017.
- Nicole working with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park to create exhibit on the shipwreck of the former slave ship *Guerrero*.

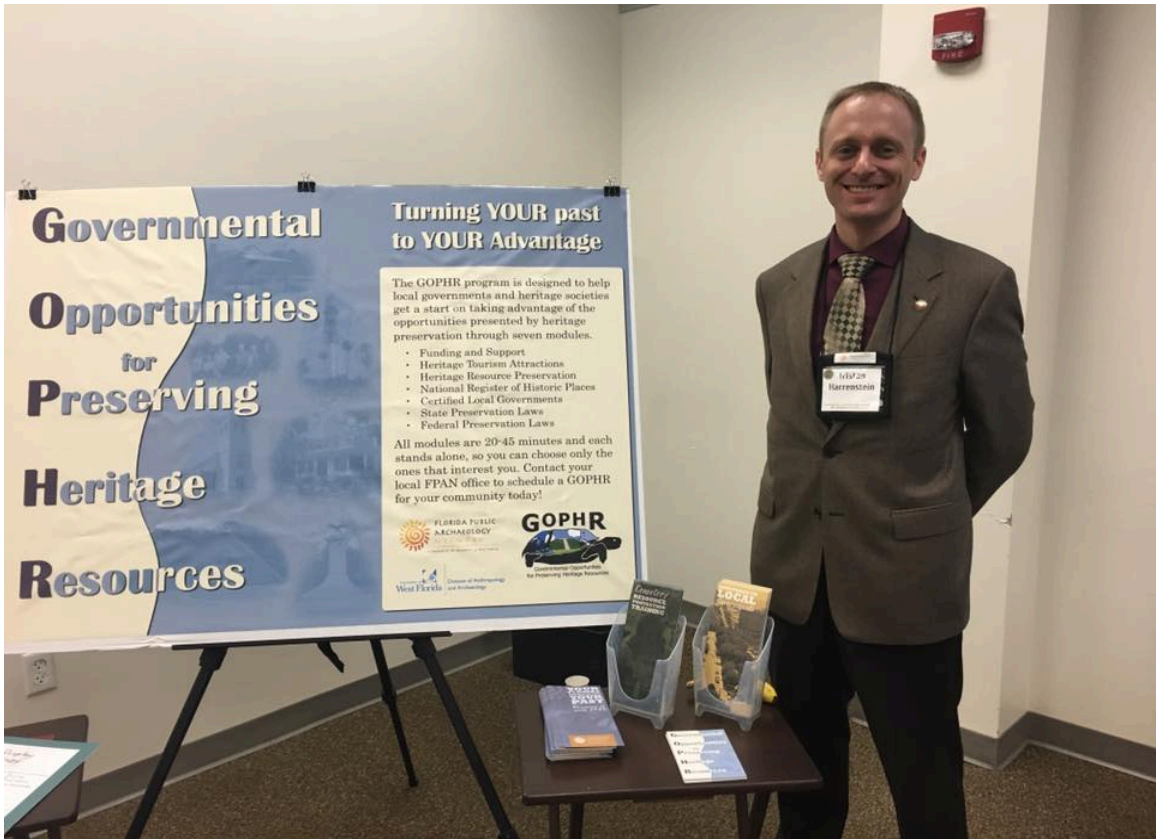
- Emily Dietrich continuing partnership with Milton High School at the Scott Site.
- Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation Board.
- Nicole continues to serve as Membership Secretary to the Florida Archaeological Council Board of Directors.
- Nicole continues to serve as Dive Safety Officer (DSO) for Junior Scientists in the Sea, Inc.
- Tristan continues to serve as FPAN representative on the PAST board.
- Tristan has revised all the GOPHR modules so that other regional centers and staff can use them.
- Tristan continues to plan GOPHR workshops in the North Central Region and has been encouraging other regions to schedule GOPHR workshops as well.
- Tristan presented a poster on GOPHR at the Florida Anthropological Society annual meeting.
- Barbara and Tristan hosted the first HMS training in the region at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve and have officially gotten the HMS program off the ground in the panhandle, with more training to come thanks to Nicole's efforts in the Northwest Region.
- Barbara continues to serve on the FAC board of directors.
- Barbara continues to be an active member of the SHA PEIC.
- Barbara continues to serve on the National Forests in Florida Resources Advisory Committee and at the June meeting voted to fund two projects that will help improve public access to forestland in Florida and protect cultural resources in those areas.
- Barbara started to plan for the 2018 Archaeology Day at the Capitol by discussing changes that could be made to allow for participation from other governmental organizations and agencies.
- All staff continues to invite legislators and local officials to events and keep them apprised of FPAN activities. Annual Reports have been sent to all state legislators in the North Central and Northwest Regions.



Middle school intern Molly O'Connor from the Montessori School of Pensacola explores artifacts at the University of West Florida Archaeology Institute.



Nicole talks to a group of summer campers about local archaeology and history at the Antioch Elementary School Summer Camp in Crestview, Florida.



Tristan presenting his poster on the GOPHR Series at the FAS Annual Meeting.



The HMS workshop attendees at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.