



# FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

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Southwest Regional Center  
At Florida Gulf Coast University  
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## Executive Summary

Highlights from this quarter include assisting Lee County with their Historic Preservation Element EAR (Evaluation and Appraisal Report) which updates the HP Element, participating in the Conservation 20/20 nomination evaluation process, and initiating involvement with the City of Fort Myers with 2 Downtown projects involving archaeological resources. These local government projects help to bring the Southwest Regional Center into the full scope of assistance expected from FPAN regional centers.

The SWRC was also actively involved in training during this quarter, attending Project Archaeology, the National Association of Interpreters Certified Interpretive Guide training, and Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS). These trainings are critical in providing structured support to FPAN staff and in particular, to the Southwest Regional Center, so that we can initiate programs such as Project Archaeology. In fact, we have scheduled a Project Archaeology Workshop in collaboration with the Randell Research Center for October of this year and we hope to continue with these workshops in the future.

And the SWRO has continued during this quarter to work closely with the Seminole Tribal Historic Preservation Office. In the first quarter of 2012-2013, we will be co-hosting a GPR workshop with them which we expect will further our relationship. Looking toward a long-term relationship, we have initiated discussions about a Florida Archaeology Month theme focused on Seminole Archaeology as well as the possibility of developing curriculum for *Project Archaeology* that center on Seminole chickees.

FPAN intern and FGCU undergraduate, Jeffrey Sepanski, prepared and delivered a workshop on Archaeological Stewardship with support from FPAN staff. This workshop served both to inform FGCU students and also to protect an archaeological site on-campus by backfilling open units that had been abandoned 10 years earlier. James Beth, also an FPAN intern and FGCU undergraduate, assisted with a summer camp at Manatee Park and developed an atlatl workshop that will be scheduled during the first quarter of the next fiscal year.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations /Activities	Attendees #
Public Events	5	168
Public Presentations	6	185
Meetings attended	9	83
Media	4 newspaper articles, including 1 Guest Opinion	reading audience
Printed Media produced	2 (Ethnobotany Pamphlet printed and Archaeotourist Card printed)	
Professional conferences/ workshops	7	
Electronic Media produced	Facebook, Blog, Twitter	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>436</b>

### Public Outreach

#### Events

- Archaeology Stewardship Workshop – 8
- FPAN and Underwater Archaeology in Florida – 20
- Manatee Park Summer Camp – 20
- Bonita Springs Historical Society “Preserve America” Grant – 20
- “Passport to the Past” – 100

#### Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Edison State College, LaBelle campus – History Class presentation – 25
- Lehigh Acres Community – Leeland Lake (Lehigh Spring) presentation – 100
- Caloosa Dive Club – 20
- Lee County Historic Preservation Board – 10
- FAS presentations – 30

#### Advising/Meetings

- Discussed GPR workshop with Seminole THPO – 3.
- Talked with the Clewiston Museum about display assistance needs and 2013 programming (2 events scheduled) – 2.
- Met with Collier County Museum staff to continue discussion of children’s programming needs – 2.
- Met with J. Webb Horton, FGCU Assistant Director of Community Outreach, and Paul Backhouse, Acting Seminole THPO – 3.
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- Met with Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center to discuss partnership opportunities – 4.
- Met with Seminole THPO regarding the potential for an FAM theme of “Seminole Archaeology” – 3.
- Attended Conservation 20/20 Public Meeting to speak on behalf of the Lehigh Spring nomination -- 50
- Attended Lee Trust for Historic Preservation meeting regarding the Downtown Library project – 10.

### Aiding/Advising Local Governments

Charlotte County

Collier County – Collier County Museums assistance with education planning and future utilization of Cuban Fishing Rancho interpretive panels.

Glades County

Hendry County

Lee County – Met with Lee County Historic Preservation Planner to explore role of FPAN in assisting the local government with updates to the Historic Preservation Element through the Evaluation and Appraisal Review (EAR) process.

Attended Lee County Historic Preservation Board Meeting.

Attended site visit for Lee County Conservation 20/20 nomination Lehigh Spring in Lehigh Acres

Also, met with Lee County Capital Projects Construction Manager at Downtown Library site to walkover project area and discuss the possibility of archaeological investigations on the southern part of the project where parking is planned. In concert with the Florida Division of Historical Resources, we will be filling out a FMSF form for Fort Myers (the original forts).

City of Fort Myers – Met with Director of Public Works on 2 occasions to discuss the Downtown Riverfront Basin project and visit the site. In concert with the Florida Division of Historical Resources, we completed a FMSF and submitted it to DHR on 8LL02592, the Fort Myers Seawall Site.

### Assisting DHR

- On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, I toured FGCU Buckingham Facility to gain an understanding of the curatorial space that may be available to accommodate collections from SW Florida should the DHR be required to “decentralize” their holdings given the current situation.
- As noted above, we completed a FMSF form for the Fort Myers Seawall Site (8LL02592) and will be completing one for Fort Myers – the original forts located here (8LL02591). Additionally, we conferred on both of these projects closely with DHR.

### Media Coverage

- Lehigh Acres Citizen – April 16, 2012 Article recapping Lehigh Acres Community meeting that highlighted Leeland Lake (now Lehigh Spring) and its archaeological potential.
- Fort Myers News Press – June 5 and June 13, 2012 Articles summing up the Conservation 20/20 sub-committee review of the Lehigh Spring nomination to the county's land conservation program and the next stage in the process for the property.
- Fort Myers News Press – June 3, 2012 Article revealing downtown Fort Myers projects that involve archaeological resources.
- Fort Myers News Press – June 12, 2012 Guest Opinion concerning downtown Fort Myers projects and a recommendation that the development process in the downtown area be revised so that archaeological resources can be considered well in advance of construction activities.

### Printed Media Produced

- Archaeotourism Card for Southwest Florida region completed and printed.
- Ethnobotany Tour Pamphlet of FGCU campus completed and printed.

### Publications

- *Synesis* Journal – publication of article by Annette Snapp: **Constructivism in University Education: Taking an Example from Museums** -- *Synesis 2012; 3(1): T4-7.*

### Professional conferences/workshops

- National Association of Interpreters Certified Interpretive Guide training.
- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar attendee.
- Project Archaeology presenters and attendees.
- Attended 2012 FAS annual meeting in Tallahassee. Melissa Timo presented a student paper and won the student paper award. Annette Snapp co-presented with Rich Estabrook.
- Attended 2012 SAA annual meeting in Memphis.

### Other

- Trimble Training.
- Served on multiple Search Committees, including an FGCU Anthropology Instructor I as well as our FPAN Program Assistant, Jessica Mendes.
- Introduced FGCU Paleoclimatologist, Jo Muller, to the Randell Research Center and Pineland site.
- Assisted with Beyond Artifacts Teacher Training Update and Timucua Tech editing.
- Created a new lesson plan for 1-Block Archaeology Activity concept.
- Ongoing assistance with the analysis and monograph work for the Waxy Hadjo's Landing excavation work conducted by the FGCU Field School in the summer of 2011 (Snapp as co-director).