Archaeology Digs





MHS students touring the UWF archaeology lab

Excavations at the Scott Site

Milton High School Update

The Milton High School Anthropology/Archaeology Class is back up and running for the 2011-2012 school year! Last year's hiatus has not slowed the momentum of the Scott Site excavations and a new class of eager high school students is learning about archaeology and anthropology this year. With the departure of former class sponsor Wes Matthews from Milton High, Coach Jeff Klug stepped in to teach the class. UWF graduate student and FPAN assistant Jay Bixler is overseeing excavations.

The "Scott" site, located just outside of Milton, Florida, has been identified as the site of an early to mid-19th-century brick-making factory. This proto-industrial site is contemporary with the famous Arcadia Mill site, and provides another archaeological example of the Milton area's important contribution to the growth and development of Northwest Florida during the 19th century. Historic documentation points to the site's early use and construction in the 1830s by an entrepreneur from the New Orleans area, Jean Baptiste Baham. With the aid of 30 slaves, Baham operated this site during the U.S. Army funded "brick boom" that saw the construction of coastal fortifications such as Pensacola's Fort Pickens and Fort McRee.

As soon as the school year started, Jay, Jeff, and the class rolled up their sleeves and have been hard at work continuing the project their predecessors started. The first trench across the Baham Brick Kiln is nearly complete and the second trench is well under way. New features have started appearing outside of the foundations of the kiln along with many more clues to the brick kiln's operation. With the completion of field work in the Fall semester, the students have begun planning an artifact display case for the Milton High lobby. When it is completed in the Spring, all of Milton High's students will be able to see the progress our students have made over the past 3 years. In addition, we are preparing for another Scott Site Media Day, where school officials, FPAN staff, parents and other VIPs will tour the site to see the students' progress.

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FPAN Mobile iPhone App

New FPAN iPhone App

We are happy to announce the launch of FPAN Mobile, our NEW FPAN-wide iPhone app! Thanks to Jason Kent, FPAN's web architect, for all his hard work in developing our newest digital outreach tool.

The FPAN Mobile iPhone app allows users to get in contact with FPAN representatives and to keep up with archaeological happenings across the state of Florida. Find out about events in your area such as volunteer days, workshops, lectures, and more. If an event catches your eye, you can add it directly to your digital calendar so you won't miss out!

If you have an Apple mobile device, download FPAN Mobile. We want your feedback so please rate and comment in the App Store.



Read more about the app <u>here!</u>

For support, questions, or comments regarding FPAN Mobile please email support@flpublicarchaeology.org

Upcoming Events

All of our events are also online!

Event List

January 24th: 8:30am-4:30pm, National Register of Historic Places Workshop, Mobile.

January 27th: 5:00pm-9:00pm, <u>A</u>
<u>People's Pensacola</u>, Gallery Night,
Destination Archaeology! Resource
Center, Pensacola.

February 14th: 7:00pm-8:00pm, Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting and lecture, Bowden Bld., Downtown Pensacola.

February 24th-26th: 8:00am-4:00pm, Stone Age and Primitive Arts Festival, Ochlockonee River State Park, Sopchoppy.

February 25th: 8:30am-4:00pm, Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge Clinic, Naval Live Oaks, Gulf Breeze.



2011 Lab Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Dana Jackson, FPAN's first Lab Volunteer of the Year! Dana first heard about volunteering at the FPAN Archaeology Lab from his wife, who saw the advertisement in the Pensacola News Journal one morning in January 2011. Dana thought it would be a fun experience, and one year later, Dana is our volunteer of the year! He rarely misses a day to get his hands dirty in the lab and logs 12 hours a week with us.



Tara, FPAN Lab Supervisor, presenting Dana with the award

Dana is a joy to be around and is a very helpful volunteer. He assists with new volunteers and will answer questions and describe lab policies whenever he can. He is willing to participate in every step in the lab process. If a volunteer has to leave early, he helps to finish up their tray regardless of where they stopped. He makes all the volunteers in the lab feel welcome and enjoys telling people about Pensacola's past. Thank you, Dana, for all your hard work this year!

Volunteer Lab Hours

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm

FPAN Field Trips

We offer archaeology field trips at our Coordinating Center in Pensacola. See <u>Field Trip Information</u> for more details!

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Florida Archaeology Month At-A-Glance!

A sneak peak at our events planned for March! Look for more details in the Spring E-Newsletter:

March 1: 7:00pm, Beyond our Backyard: Archaeology around the World Lecture Series, "Jamaica and the Atlantic World: Maritime Connections in a Plantation Economy," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 2: 6:00pm, Public Lecture, "Confederate Defenses of the Apalachicola River: A Case Study from the Hammock Landing Battery," Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401

March 3: 10:00am-2:00pm, Archaeology Day: Bring your artifacts to be identified, learn about archaeology in your area, pick up informative literature, and find out about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401

March 8: 7:00pm, Beyond our Backyard: Archaeology around the World Lecture Series, "Maritime Archaeology at Achill Island, Ireland," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 10: 10:00am-2:00pm, Arcadia Mill Open House: Bring the whole family out to enjoy the largest 19th-century water-powered industrial complex in northwest Florida; guided tours, demonstrations, re-enactors, and hands-on activities will be available, 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, FL 32571

March 13: 7:00pm, Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting and lecture, "UWF Field Schools: Summer 2011 Recap – Summer 2012 Preview," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 15: 7:00pm, Beyond our Backyard: Archaeology around the World Lecture Series, "Northern Exposure at Tel Kedesh, Israel," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 22: 10:00am-12noon, Tour de Fort: Join us for a bicycling tour of the archaeological sites along the Florida National Scenic Trail near Fort Pickens area as part of the national campaign "Let's Move Outside!," Fort Pickens, Gulf Islands National Seashore, 1400 Fort Pickens Rd., Pensacola Beach, FL 32561

March 22: 7:00pm, Beyond our Backyard: Archaeology around the World Lecture Series, "The Excavations at the Etrusco-Roman Site of Cetamura, Italy," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 24: 9:00am-11:00am, Dash Through the Past: Register for a new run/walk scavenger hunt race through historic downtown Pensacola. Learn about local history and win great prizes! Afterwards stay for the 5th Annual Archaeology Month Celebration Event. FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 East Main St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 24: 10:00am-2:00pm, 5th Annual Archaeology Month Celebration Event: Help celebrate Florida Archaeology Month! Bring the whole family out to enjoy live demonstrations, hands-on activities, arts and crafts, artifact identification, Destination Archaeology! Resource Center tours, local heritage organization displays, rough sorting artifacts, and much more! FPAN Coordinating Center, 207 East Main St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 29: 7:00pm, Beyond our Backyard: Archaeology around the World Lecture Series, "Archaeology of the Cosmos: Deciphering Cosmological Symbols from Northwest Florida's Native American Sites," Bowden Bld., 120 E Church St., Pensacola, FL 32502

March 30: 12:00 noon-5:00pm, UWF's Festival on the Green: "Time Portal Through the Past," Come visit FPAN, the UWF Archaeology Institute, and West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. at their booths, University of West Florida, 11000 University Pkwy., Pensacola, FL 32514

March 30: 6:00pm, Public Lecture, "Confederate Defenses of the Apalachicola River: A Case Study from the Hammock Landing Battery," T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Visitor Center, 8899 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

March 31: 10:00am-2:00pm, Archaeology Day: Bring your artifacts to be identified, learn about archaeology in your area, pick up informative literature, and find out about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, Constitution Convention Museum, 200 Allen Memorial Way, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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All events are FREE and open to the public! For more information, please call 850.595.0050