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Milton High School Students learn methods and techniques in archaeology through hands-on experience

Partnership with Milton High School Update

During the 2012 fall semester, Milton High School students continued excavations at the Scott Site located right outside Milton, Florida. Students from Jeff Klug's Anthropology/ Archaeology class were able to meet on site once a week to learn the real, hands-on experiences of archaeological methodology and excavation techniques. UWF graduate student and FPAN assistant Gregg Harding is now supervising excavations.

The Scott Site was previously identified as 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 (sometimes spelled 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.

This semester, the students worked to continue exposing the foundation of a brick structure thought to be part of the historic brick kiln. Further excavations during the upcoming 2013 spring semester hope to reveal more clues that will answer questions about early industrial operations in Northwest Florida. With the completion of this year's fieldwork in the spring, the students have begun to plan the installment of an artifact display case for the Milton High School lobby. In addition, another Scott Site "Media Day" is in the works where school officials, FPAN staff, parents, and other VIPs will have the opportunity to tour the site and see the students' progress.



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Goodbye and Hello: FPAN Northwest's Outreach Coordinator




FPAN Northwest's current Outreach Coordinator, Irina Sorset (left), will be leaving in December 2012. Nicole Bucchino (right) will be taking over

FPAN Northwest Regional Center is undergoing some staff changes this winter as Irina Sorset, Outreach Coordinator for the past three years, moves to New Orleans to seek new opportunities! Irina recently successfully defended her University of West Florida Master's thesis, "Maritime Heritage Trails as Public Outreach Tools: An Ethnographic Model for the Apalachicola River, Florida."


The new Outreach Coordinator for FPAN Northwest is Nicole Bucchino. Nicole graduated from the University of Central Florida with Bachelor's degrees in Anthropology and History. She is currently completing her Master's degree at the University of West Florida in the Historical Archaeology program, focusing in maritime archaeology. Her thesis is a historical ecological perspective of the culture and sailing vessels of the Red Snapper fishing industry in Pensacola from 1860-1930.

Before joining FPAN as the Northwest Region Outreach Coordinator, Nicole worked as a public archaeology assistant with FPAN and as a public history intern with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. She has supervisory field experience in maritime, terrestrial, and public archaeology and is a NAI Certified Interpretive Guide. Nicole's research interests include remote sensing in marine environments, maritime cultures, and developing and delivering effective archaeological interpretive programs for the general public.

Please help us say goodbye to Irina and welcome Nicole to her new position!



*Click for a listing of **Civil War** heritage sites that are open for the public to visit!*



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UPCOMING EVENTS


[All events are also online with more information:](#)

January 8th: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, Pensacola.

January 22nd: 10:00am-4:00pm
FPAN Archaeology Lab reopens for volunteers, Pensacola.

February 12th: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, Pensacola.

February 23rd: 8:30am-4:00pm
Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge Clinic, Naval Live Oaks, Gulf Breeze.



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Archaeology Educator Workshop

FPAN offers Teacher In-Service workshops focusing on "Archaeology in the Classroom." Teachers associated with traditional and non-traditional education are encouraged to participate. Archaeology is an extremely multidisciplinary social science, providing opportunities for teachers and educators to incorporate archaeological information, methods, and ideas into science, history, language arts, math, social studies, and art curricula.

This spring, FPAN Northwest and North Central Regions are hosting a Teacher In-Service workshop on Saturday, March 16th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, 17869 NW Pioneer Settlement Road, Sam Atkins Park, Blountstown. This workshop will provide educators with non-digging, archaeology-based training, lesson plans, activities, and projects to expose students to the excitement of archaeology while teaching the basics. All information and curricula presented directly relate to FCAT requirements and Sunshine State Standards.



Join us for a backpack full of archaeology-themed lesson plans and hands-on learning!

Registration is required and a recommended donation of \$20 is appreciated. All donations go toward classroom activities, take-home materials, and refreshments. For more information, please contact Nicole Bucchino at nbucchino@uwf.edu.

Florida Conference Update

Florida Anthropological Society 65th Annual Meeting, St. Augustine, May 10-12, 2013 "Ponce to the Ponce"

The St. Augustine Archaeological Association is pleased to host the 65th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society in connection with the statewide 500-year celebration of Florida's Spanish history. The theme *Ponce to The Ponce* has been chosen in recognition of Ponce de Leon's 1513 landing and the location of the meeting this year, the former Ponce de Leon Hotel, now home to Flagler College.



Further details about the events and a registration form will be available in the January FAS newsletter and online at the [FAS website](#) beginning in 2013.

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, St. Augustine, May 16-18, 2013 "Rediscovering La Florida: New Experiences in the Oldest City"

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the 35th anniversary of its founding with a very special annual conference that acknowledges not only the Trust's history, but also the 500th commemoration of the landing of the Spanish expedition led by Juan Ponce de Leon and the 125th anniversary of Henry Flagler's magnificent hotels. The 2013 conference will take place in St. Augustine, Florida, and will feature workshops, local tours, and special events in the historical backdrop of the nation's oldest city.



Register for the conference and watch for announcements on the [Florida Trust website](#).

FPAN's Archaeology Lab Needs You!

January 22nd-April 24th, 2013

Most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00am—4:00pm

FPAN is seeking enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to help rough sort artifacts recovered from local archaeological sites. Volunteers work inside our air-conditioned lab to rough sort artifacts recovered from local archaeological sites. No experience is needed, but all volunteers are given a brief orientation by a professional archaeologist their first day.

The volunteer program is perfect for students who need volunteer hours for scholarships, individuals and groups interested in a unique way to experience local history and archaeology, as well as all of those who have dreamed of getting their hands dirty participating in real archaeological work. All ages are encouraged to participate; however, anyone under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

The lab is located inside the FPAN Coordinating Center at 207 E. Main St. in downtown Pensacola, next to The Fish House restaurant. Contact Nicole Bucchino, nbucchino@uwf.edu or 850-595-0050, Ext. 103, for more information. Volunteers are not required to commit to more than one day at a time.

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED

All events are also online with more information:

March 8th: 12:00pm-1:00pm
Mosquitos, Muggles, and Museums lecture, Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso.

March 9th: 10:00am-4:00pm
Arcadia Mill Open House, Milton.

March 12th: 7:00pm-8:00pm
Pensacola Archaeological Society monthly meeting, Pensacola.

March 16th: 10:00am-4:00pm
Archaeology in the Classroom: Educator Workshop, Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, Blountstown.

March 19th: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Niceville Library Maritime Archaeology lecture series, Niceville.



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Ponce de Leon Ship Models Visit

Steve Harris built these 1:40 scale models of the 1513 Ponce de Leon Expedition vessels for the Viva Florida 500 commemoration.

He donated them to FPAN to be used as educational tools. Come take a look at these amazing models before they go on temporary exhibit in St. Augustine from February-May 2013!

Keep up with **Viva Florida 500** events across the state by checking their [website](#) regularly!



VOLUNTEER LAB HOURS

Most Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Beginning January 22nd, 2013
10:00am—4:00pm

FPAN FIELD TRIPS

We offer archaeology field trips at our Coordinating Center in Pensacola.

See [FIELD TRIP INFORMATION](#) for more details!

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Geocaching? What's Geocaching?

Geocaching is a worldwide scavenger hunt game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called caches, using GPS enabled devices and share their experiences online. Caches are often hidden very well, but are never buried or placed in areas in need of protection. To learn more about geocaching go to this official [brochure](#) or visit this [website](#). You can also view this [video](#). Please follow all basic guidelines and rules when geocaching.

DARC Geo-Trail

A "geotrail" is a series of caches tied together by a common topic or theme. Discover your Florida history through museums and archaeological sites open to the public in the DARC Geo-Trail (DARC stands for Destination Archaeology! Resource Center, the museum at FPAN's headquarters in Pensacola). FPAN has hidden geocaches at participating sites across Northwest Florida to form a geotrail called DARC Geo-Trail. All the sites on this geotrail are connected to Florida archaeology and are featured in the Road Trip Through Florida Archaeology exhibit at the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center in Pensacola.



Are you ready to explore Northwest Florida's archaeology and history?

Players who participate in this geotrail will have the opportunity to visit many different types of archaeological sites at both rural and urban areas while looking for caches.

A few of the places this journey will take you:

- Ancient Native American earthworks built by Native American civilizations long before Columbus set sail for the Americas...
- Plantations that fueled the southern economy and ultimately led the country into Civil War...
- Remnants of fortifications once under siege during the American Revolution...
- Antebellum industrial areas that powered the economy of Florida...

Chance to Win an Official DARC Geocoin!

The first 300 participants who record at least 12 sites will receive a traceable, special edition geocoin produced specifically for this geotrail.

To be eligible for the coin, please download the official [DARC Geo-Trail passport here](#). You will need Adobe Acrobat to view and print this document. To download Adobe Acrobat, [click here](#). Once you find a geocache record the name, date, and code word (located on the inside of the logbook) in this passport and take a photo of yourself with the geocache container.

Here's how it works:

1) Log onto www.geocaching.com to retrieve the coordinates and location information for the geocaches. Basic membership for site is free. 2) Search for the geocache online by GC code number or use advanced search by user name "DARC Geotrail." 3) Locate at least 12 DARC Geo-Trail geocaches and record the code word from each geocache in your passport. Take a picture of yourself with the geocache at the site and post it to the corresponding Geocaching.com page. 4) Bring in your completed passport to the FPAN Northwest Regional Center or mail it in for validation. The first 300 people to complete the challenge will receive the coin.*

The DARC Geo-Trail is a project of the Florida Public Archaeology Network and University of West Florida. This project is supported by the [Florida Park Service](#) and the [Florida Geocaching Association](#).

*Coins will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis as supplies last. Only one coin per person with a valid passport. Once your passport has been validated you will be rewarded with a DARC geocoin. FPAN and UWF are not responsible for any lost, stolen or misdirected passports or mail. All geocaches are officially registered at www.geocaching.com. Participants will need to register at [Geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to retrieve coordinates and other location information for geocaches. Participants must log the find with a photo from the cache location. Basic membership to Geocaching.com is free.