

West Central & Central Regional Centers
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Quarterly Report(s) – West Central & Central Regional Centers

West Central Regional Center Quarter Highlights

- *Archaeology Works*, a public workshop series, continues to be a great public outreach event and creative outlet for staff at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center and New College Public Archaeology Lab – This quarter WCRC staff conducted three workshops covering Bones, Food Remains, and Shells.
- WCRC staff completed the *Viva Florida 500* program series in conjunction with the Safety Harbor Public Library. In October and November, WCRC staff created exhibits and delivered presentations focusing on other aspects of Florida's and Tampa Bay's Hispanic Heritage. Topics included Florida's First Thanksgiving and Archaeology in Ybor City.
- The Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) and Annual Meetings held their proceedings in Tampa this November. FPAN played a big partnership role this year by organizing a Public Day in Ybor City and a conference archaeology tour of Ybor City. CRC staff also coordinated a tour of the Crystal River mound complex and provided participants with a first class informative handout about the famous site.
- WCRC staff coordinated fieldwork with staff from Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Collier County. Even though Rookery Bay is outside the West Central Region boundaries, staff conducted diver survey and shovel testing at a site along the shoreline and just offshore of Cape Romano to assist state land managers.

Central Regional Center Quarter Highlights

- The Central Regional Center is happy to have on board Lisa Hylton as Outreach Coordinator. Technically, Lisa started last quarter but her first day was right at the tail end of September. She really got things going and her feet firmly planted at the Crystal River office this quarter.
- Eco/Archaeo Kayak trips have been a big hit this quarter. Lisa and crew established a new design for touring the Crystal River, working with Jamie Letendre of Florida's Coastal Offices. Staff conducted two tours this quarter taking participants to the Crystal River mound complex and Robert's Island mound complex as well as Wash Island archaeological site.
- Moon Over the Mounds has been a big hit and continues to draw folks from all around to the Crystal River Archaeological State park. Park staff, Friends of the Crystal River Preserve, Gulf Archaeological Research Institute, and FPAN all join in on open houses and moonlit tours to provide participants a one of a kind experience.



Dr. Brent Weisman (USF) leads the SEAC tour of the Crystal River Mound Complex.





Gary Ellis of Gulf Archaeological Research Institute (GARI) participates in an open house at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park prior to a Moon Over the Mounds tour.



Cape Romano fieldwork site.



SEAC Public Day at the Ybor City Museum State Park.



First Thanksgiving table display for the *Viva Florida 500* program and presentation at Safety Harbor Public Library.



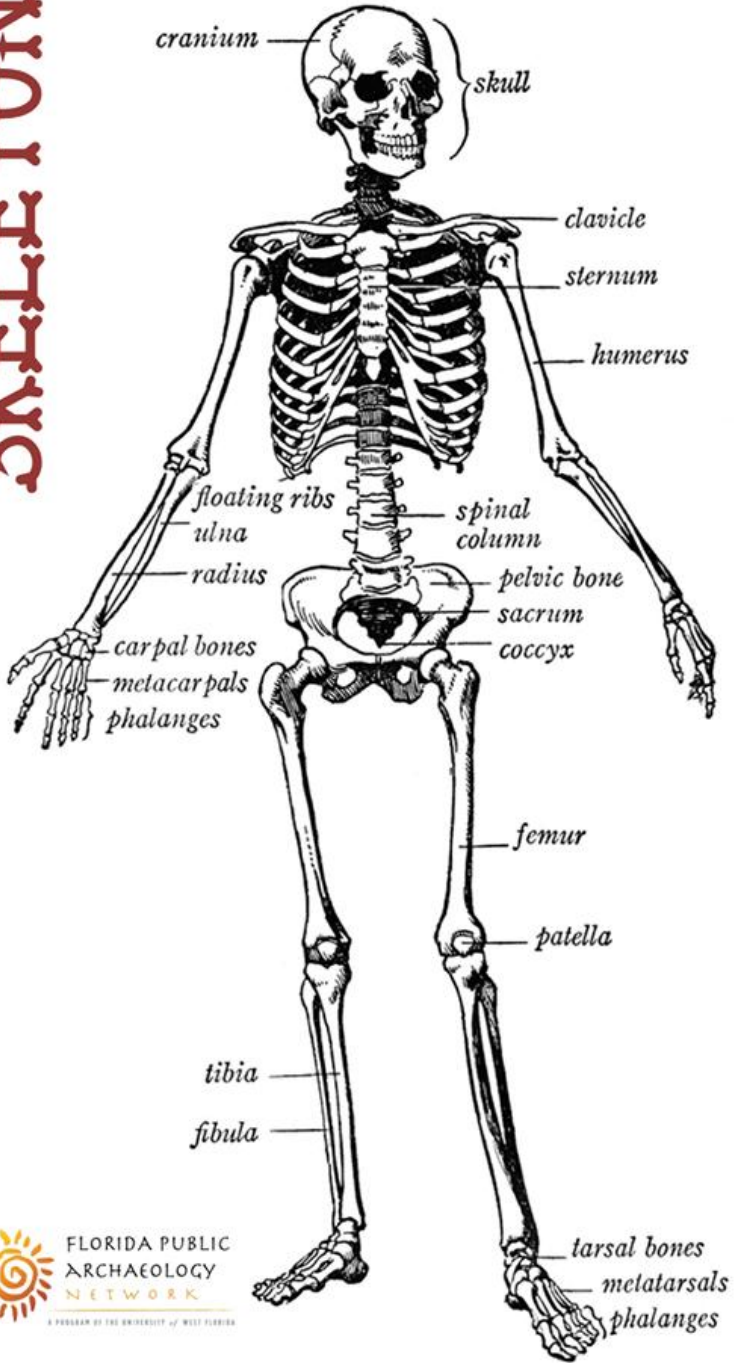
Archaeology Works: Bones



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