



**East Central Region**  
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**Training: CRPT Course at Gomez Cemetery, Hobe Sound**

In November, staff from the East Central Region held a CRPT course for the M.O.S.E.S. project group (Maintenance, Organization, Security, Environmental, Services) at Gomez Cemetery. The cemetery is one of the original African-American cemeteries in Hobe Sound and the M.O.S.E.S. group, comprised of many descendants of those interred at Gomez, were interested in finding ways to better document and preserve the historic African-American cemeteries of the area. FPAN continues to partner with ongoing preservation efforts by the group, which recently incorporated as the Historic Gomez Cemetery Archaeological and Cultural Conservation Committee, Inc. (HGCAC).



*Image 1. CRPT attendees at the end of training at the Gomez Cemetery in Hobe Sound.*

## **Volunteer Opportunities: 3D modeling and printing**

The East Central Region's 3D Lab benefitted from volunteer assistance to complete substantial projects throughout the end of the year. Volunteers assisted in collecting data, digitizing 3D models, post-processing, and 3D printing. The current project involves creating 3D models of artifacts discussed in FPAN curricula that can be used by staff when engaging the public. After the artifacts are printed they must be cleaned and painted, a time-consuming process that would have been difficult to achieve without our volunteers. In return, volunteers, many of whom are college students, learn aspects of 3D capture and printing; these are emerging technologies that will no doubt be a part of their future anthropological endeavors.



*Image 2. A volunteer in the East Central Region assists in the creation of 3D printed artifact models.*

## **FPAN In The Media**

Mystery of dugout canoe that washed ashore during Hurricane Irma solved:

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/dugout-canoe-washes-ashore-after-hurricane-irma-believed-to-be-from-1600-s>

## Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network by Delivery of Standardized Programs
  - Continued to provide presentations and hands-on activities of established programming offerings.
  - HMS ARCHES database development continues. Now includes structures for specific historic districts. Also worked on creation of DHR access portal to database.
  - Continued support of HMS, Project Archaeology, and Timucuan Technology educational outreach material.
  
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources by Working at the Local Level
  - Assisted DHR by coordinating local efforts to retrieve wooden canoe discovered shortly after Hurricane Irma.
  - Assisted DHR by documenting unknown artifact (possible buoy) reported by local fishermen in Brevard County.
  - After reports of vandalism at local historic cemetery in Sanford, began dialog with city officials and volunteers to increase protective measures at site.
  
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  - Assisted in development of FL Special Category Grant package.
  - Engaged in development of assessment project of FPAN partnership with Indian River State College professor Dr. Kyle Freund and his Field Methods in Archaeology class. Goal, to assess lasting impact of archaeology education about cultural resource protection.
  - Continued to develop and maintain regional partnerships as well as develop outreach opportunities for partner organizations.