



East Central Region
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Outreach: Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning Program at Indian River State Community College

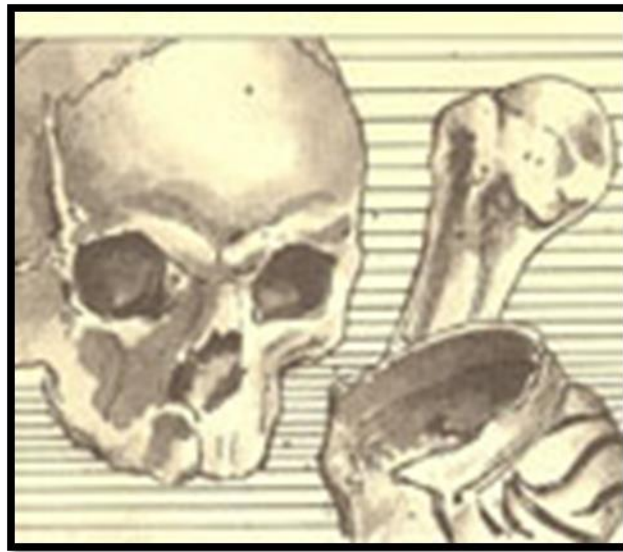
Since 2014 the East Central Center has partnered with Indian River State Community College (IRSC) Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning Program. The partnership is beneficial to both IRSC who need Peer Leaders for adult education classes and FPAN to develop sustainable outreach in remote areas such as Okeechobee, Indian River, and Saint Lucie counties. This year Kevin Gidusko presented the first two sessions on “Paleoindian Florida” and “Fantastic Archaeology: Florida Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries,” then Sarah Miller wrapped up the series with “Irish Diaspora in Florida’s Colonial Era” and “Grit Tempered: Women in Florida Archaeology” to correspond with St. Patrick’s Day and Women’s History month.



Image 1. Title slide for Irish Diaspora in Florida talk for IRSC to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Assistance to DHR and Local Government: Responding to Abandoned Cemeteries and Human Burial Requests for Assistance

The East Central Region has increasingly assisted DHR over the years with issues related to abandoned cemeteries and unmarked human burials. As we teach in our CRPT workshops, Chapter 872, also known as Florida's Unmarked Burial Law, makes it illegal to willfully or knowingly disturb human remains or associated features above the ground. Violations of 872 are often urgent and require a site visit to observe potential disturbance to a site. FPAN does not enforce any laws, but we do provide education and when requested assist in gathering archaeological documentation. While details relating to potential 872 related events are sensitive and details confidential, it is important work the public is largely unaware of that requires increased coordination with local government and communication with the public as private landowners. In February FPAN staff worked closely with Dr. Katheryn Miyar (BAR Conservation and Collections Supervisor), a county permitting office, and the landowner to help resolve complicated issues that arose when private landowner encountered human remains disturbed by previous owners.



Cover of BAR brochure providing information on Chapter 872, Florida's Unmarked Burial Law.

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.
 - 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 in Seminole County at request of BAR.
 - Continued dialog with Sanford city officials and volunteers to increase protective measures at historic cemeteries.

- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Attending FL DOS Special Category Grant rule workshop in Tallahassee.
 - Maintained communication with regional partners in transition of Public Archaeology Coordinator position to continue providing archaeology education about cultural resource protection.