

North Central Region Quarterly Report

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The last quarter of 2014 was filled with exciting and numerous archaeology events and festivals throughout the region! FPAN staff brought engaging programming to events hosted by partners including ReThink Energy Florida, FSU's Heritage Management Program, area elementary and middle schools, the Florida Park Service, the National Park Service/Southeast Archaeological Center (NPS/SEAC), the Historic Capitol Museum, the Florida Division of Historical Resources (DHR), and the Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee (PAST). In October, the North Central Region, along with Dr. William Lees, FPAN Executive Director, attended and participated in International Archaeology Day at Fort San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park. There they jointly gave a lecture on the Civil War history of the fort and then conducted a walking tour of the site. FPAN also had an information booth at this event. In November, Barbara Clark, Director, participated in the annual Blended Lives program which is developed every year by the Historic Capitol Museum for all fourth grade students in Leon County. FPAN staff from several regional offices, including North Central, had the unique opportunity to assist with and host activities at the first Archaeologists for Autism event which was held in Merritt Island in November. The North Central Region partnered with outreach staff at NPS/SEAC for Astoria Park Elementary's annual Science Night, where we conducted experiments from Timucuan Technology with students. Both North Central and Northwest regional staff and interns met in December at the Coordinating Center to discuss upcoming activities for the Spring Semester. In December Florida was featured on SAA PEIC Network's Facebook page for a full week. As SAA's PEIC Coordinator for Florida, Barbara Clark provided information on topics to be featured..Also, in December the North Central Region, in partnership with PAST and DHR, hosted a guest presenter, Michael Arbuthnot from SEARCH, Inc.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Barbara Clark continues to serve as President of PAST, the local chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). She is also the chapter's representative and attends the quarterly FAS board meetings in Gainesville.
- Barbara Clark continues to on SHA's and SAA's Public Education and Interpretation Committees and serve as SAA's State PEIC Coordinator.
- Barbara Clark discussed future programming and partnership opportunities with Kristal Walsh of Hurlburt Field AFB over the phone. (This led to a meeting in Pensacola with all Northwest and North Central staff, more about this to come in later reports)
- Barbara Clark coordinated with Sarah Miller, Director of Northeast and East Central Regional Centers, to schedule a CRPT in Tallahassee in January 2015.
- Barbara Clark was invited to present to a group of students enrolled in FSU's Heritage Management MA Program to discuss how archaeology is relevant and important to managing heritage sites.

- Continuing to use social media to promote FPAN events and make the public aware of relevant issues and information in the news.
- Presented programs at various locations throughout the region and provided hands-on educational opportunities to the public at events throughout the region.
- Barbara Clark assisted other FPAN staff with activities at the first Archaeologists for Autism event in Merritt Island



Barbara Clark demonstrates how stamped pottery was made during the Archaeologists for Autism event.



A student conducts an experiment from Timucuan Technology during Astoria Park Elementary's Annual Science Night.