

Northwest Region Quarterly Report

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The last quarter of 2014 was filled with fun archaeology events and festivals throughout the Northwest Region! FPAN staff brought engaging programming to events hosted by partners including the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Walton Outdoors, the Munson Community Heritage organization, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Bay County Public Library, and the Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow. In October, the Northwest Region also assisted Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site in coordinating and hosting the annual Secrets of Santa Rosa “Archaeology and History in Your Backyard” lecture series. Talks took place each Saturday in October and featured speakers from the Longleaf Alliance, the University of West Florida’s Archaeology Institute, and the University of West Florida’s Anthropology and Archaeology Department. FPAN Northwest also participated in the Archaeology Institute of America’s International Archaeology Day on October 18th by hosting a Coordinating Center Open House (including the Destination Archaeology Resource Center and the Public Archaeology Lab) and an “Archaeology Works: Ancient Hunting Technologies” workshop. In November, Nicole Grinnan, Public Archaeology Coordinator, assisted FPAN Associate Director Dr. Della Scott-Ireton in hosting an info-booth at the annual, international Diving Equipment and Manufacturing Association (DEMA) conference. As one of the only cultural heritage preservation groups in attendance at this conference, FPAN provides a strong voice for responsible diving and diving programs on Florida’s shipwreck sites.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- Nicole continued to coordinate with the Florida Division of Historical Resources Underwater Archaeology Team to prepare a brochure for the opening of the USS *Narcissus* underwater archaeology preserve off Egmont Key, Florida.
- Nicole attended the Florida Conference of Teachers of Mathematics (FCTM) in Safety Harbor, Florida, to present two workshops on integrating archaeology concepts in math classrooms.
- Nicole continued to serve on the Pensacola Area Cemetery Team (PACT) committee.
- Nicole was asked to serve as Board Member for the St. Michael’s Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc.
- Nicole attended the Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) conference to provide much a much-needed cultural heritage preservation message to international divers.

- Nicole coordinated with Cultural Resources Manager Charles Lawson in Biscayne National Park to produce an interpretive panel on the HMS *Fowey* for the park's visitor's center.
- Nicole assisted the Pensacola Museum of Art in re-organizing traveling trunks programming (some with archaeological content).
- 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.



FPAN's Nicole Grinnan and Mike Thomin host a joint info/activity booth with UWF Historic Trust's Director of Education Sheyna Marcey at the Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow in November 2014.



Mike Thomin assists Nicole Grinnan in reaching out to the public about the Northwest Region's amazing prehistoric archaeology at the Walton Outdoors Festival in October 2014.