

Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report

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The second quarter of fiscal year 2016/2017 was another busy one. The Northwest Regional Center celebrated International Archaeology Day with their first-ever bicycle tour of historic Pensacola. In October, the staff decided to celebrate Halloween on Facebook with a series of posts titled “Dead-icated October” which was dedicated to posts about human remains in archaeology. Staff from the Northwest Regional Center attended various festivals staffing informational booths at events such as Pioneer Day at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park. Staff also had a booth at the Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow that focused on the importance of symbolism in Native American art and archaeology. Nicole Grinnan attended the DEMA conference in Las Vegas and also assisted with the fall HADS in Riviera Beach. The Northwest Regional Center also assisted with and promoted the new “Florida Stories” app walking tour of Pensacola.

The North Central Regional Center also had a productive second quarter. Barbara Clark gave a lecture and tour of the Tallahassee Old City Cemetery for the Tallahassee Senior Center’s Lifelong Learning Program. Staff also collaborated with the City of Tallahassee to host a CRPT workshop at the Old City Cemetery in conjunction with staff from the UWF Archaeology Institute. North Central staff hosted informational booths at a variety of events, including Goodwood T.O.U.R. Day (designed to promote heritage tourism in Tallahassee), the Riley House and Museum’s annual Rock-a-thon event and an event celebrating the history of Fort Gadsden. The North Central Regional Center celebrated International Archaeology Day by hosting a Dash thru the Past scavenger hunt at Cascades Park. This happened to be the same day as FSU’s homecoming, so the event was host to a garnet and gold football theme and included information on the first FSU football games which were played at Centennial Field at what is now Cascades Park. Barbara Clark met with staff from Senator Nelson’s office to discuss historic and archaeological preservation issues that affect Florida on a local and national level. Tristan Harrenstein attended SEAC and presented on the GOPHR program as part of a lightening round session. He also conducted a GOPHR workshop in Jay, Florida.

Northwest Region’s Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- All of the Northwest and North Central staff attended a webinar hosted by ACRA on Archaeology in the Age of Trump.
- Tristan attended and presented at SEAC.
- Tristan became a member of the FAC.
- Tristan joined the PAST board of directors.
- Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael’s Cemetery Foundation Board.

- Nicole continues to serve as Membership Secretary to the Florida Archaeological Council Board of Directors.
- Nicole continues to serve as Graduate Student Representative for the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA).
- Barbara continues to serve as an FAC board member.
- Barbara has stepped down from the PAST board of directors, but she continues to serve as chapter representative and attend FAS board meetings quarterly.
- Barbara continues to work on plans for the second annual Archaeology Advocacy Day at the Capitol.



CRPT participants work to clean a tomb at the Tallahassee Old City Cemetery.



FPAN staff at the annual DEMA Tradeshow.