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Northwest Region  
Quarterly Report – January/February/March 2010  
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### Executive Summary

2010 started off with a bang as the FPAN Northwest Region staff attended the Society for Historical Archaeology annual conference at Amelia Island Plantation. NW Region Director Della Scott-Ireton served as this year's Conference Chair, ably assisted by several other FPAN staff including Irina Franklin, Sarah Miller, Amber Grafft-Weiss, and Jeff Moates, who all served on the Local Conference Committee and helped with organizing and executing the conference. The conference was a success, with over 1100 attendees and revenue of over \$92,000 for the Society! Della is very glad it is over and has sworn never to chair a large conference again, or at least until someone asks her to.

FPAN Coordinating Center staff also spent some quality time planning and hosting a strategic planning retreat. For three days in early March, FPAN staff and Board members met to discuss future directions for the Network and strategies for maximizing our programs and efforts. The final strategic plan is being finalized and will be implemented in the near future.

The first quarter of each year is always busy with plans for and executing Florida Archaeology Month. The Northwest Region continued to offer special programs in celebration of Arch Month, including a dedicated lecture series, as well as other presentations and Archaeology Day events. Perhaps our biggest event was our annual Archaeology Month Celebration at the FPAN Coordinating Center. The Celebration featured hands-on volunteer opportunities in the FPAN lab, flint knapping and side-scan sonar demonstrations, children's activities and crafts, the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center, and refreshments from the UWF Graduate Anthropology Association. Several heritage organizations from throughout northwest Florida participated, bringing their own activities and information. Attended by over 300 people, the event was featured on local WEAR TV and in the Pensacola News Journal. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Celebration was larger than in previous years and is becoming an anticipated annual event; we plan to make this event larger each year.

Now the Northwest Region looks forward to the spring conference season, including SAA and FAS, as well as workshops including HADS and HART with DHR.

Type of Activity/Event	# of Events/Presentations/Activities	Attendees #
Public Presentations	15	531
Public Events	5	1238
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)		
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	1100
Adult Training/Workshops	1	32
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	17	262
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	2	
Volunteer Programs	FPAN lab, 43.5 hours	46
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	14	
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	1 newspaper  3 articles in <i>Scuba News</i> magazine, 1 article in <i>Florida Monthly</i> magazine (contributed info)	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	3 mass e-mailings  FPAN Facebook (16) and Twitter (11) feeds  2 UWF Flipcam digital video advert for FPAN	1300 each
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7109</b>

## Public Outreach

### Info Booths

- Society for Historical Archaeology, Amelia Island – 1100 attendees
- Archaeology Day, Bay County Library, Panama City – 115 attendees
- Arcadia Open House, Milton – 344 attendees
- FPAN Archaeology Month Celebration, Pensacola – 300 attendees
- Archaeology Day, Constitution Convention Museum, Port St Joe – 79 attendees
- Festival on the Green, UWF, Pensacola – 400 attendees

### Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Leisure Learning class, Pensacola – Intro to Archaeology/Destination Archaeology/Lab, 7 attendees
- Indian Temple Mound Museum *Maritime History of the Gulf Coast* lecture series, Ft Walton Beach – Civil War Earthworks (Brian Mabelitini), 35 attendees
- Indian Temple Mound Museum *Maritime History of the Gulf Coast* lecture series, Ft Walton Beach – Brick Wreck (Dean Nones), 20 attendees
- Indian Temple Mound Museum *Maritime History of the Gulf Coast* lecture series, Ft Walton Beach – EP Wreck Metal Artifacts (Sarah Linden), 40 attendees
- Indian Temple Mound Museum *Maritime History of the Gulf Coast* lecture series, Ft Walton Beach – B Street Schooner (Wes Perrine), 21 attendees
- Pensacola Recreational Fishermens' Association, Pensacola – Shipwrecks of Pensacola Bay, 57 attendees
- Sterling House retirement home, Navarre – EP I&II lecture, 20 attendees
- Gulf Isle Neighbors, Pensacola – Luna and EP Wrecks, 62 attendees
- FPAN *Current Research in Florida Heritage* lecture series, Pensacola – Arcadia Mill Archaeological Investigations (Adrienne Sams), 20 attendees
- FPAN *Current Research in Florida Heritage* lecture series, Pensacola - Hygiene Aboard EP Ships (Jacob Shidner), 39 attendees
- FPAN *Current Research in Florida Heritage* lecture series, Pensacola – Next Exit History Project (Tara Giuliano), 39 attendees
- FPAN *Current Research in Florida Heritage* lecture series, Pensacola – Apalachicola River Maritime Heritage Trail (Irina Franklin), 35 attendees
- Prime Time Program, Santa Rosa Beach – Luna and EP Wrecks (John Bratten for DSI), 60 attendees
- Archaeology Month lecture, Bay County Library, Panama City – Florida in the Civil War (Bill Lees), 39 attendees
- Escambia Area Council on Social Studies meeting, Pensacola – FPAN's archaeology programs and teacher training, 13 attendees
- Archaeology Month lecture, St Joe Peninsula State Park, Port St Joe – Shipwrecks of Northwest Florida, 24 attendees

### Workshops/Training

- Tallahassee Trust workshop, Tallahassee – Archaeology in Historic Preservation, 32 attendees

#### Youth Event/Presentation

- Homeschool group, Pensacola – FPAN lab/Destination Archaeology/Intro to Archaeology, 30 attendees
- Science and Social Studies Passports 5<sup>th</sup> Grade program, Baker – Intro to Archaeology activity, 126 attendees
- Helen Caro Elementary, Pensacola – Intro to Archaeology, 30 attendees
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic, Naval Live Oaks – archaeology merit badge, 26 attendees

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- FPAN lab, Pensacola - 46 volunteers for 43.5 hours

#### Publications

- *Scuba News* – monthly article for magazine on maritime history and underwater archaeology
  - Topics: Spring 2010 HADS, Florida Archaeology Month 2010, Trawling through St Augustine's History (Brendan Burke)
- *Florida Archaeology: An Overview* – working with FAS to update and reprint existing booklet
  - Professional and avocational archaeologists around the state have been solicited to contribute articles on significant sites
    - Articles are beginning to come in and will be forwarded to the FAS webmaster for posting on the FAS website once that person is identified by the FAS Board
    - Additional promised articles will be solicited over the next few months
- Northwest Region Newsletter – quarterly, over 1,300 recipients

#### Grants

- Florida Humanities Council Grant for development of interpretive panels for *Governor Stone*
  - Della Scott-Ireton serving as Scholar and assisting in developing informational and design material for the panels
  - Meeting with exhibit design firm and project personnel Mar 23

#### Aiding/Advising Local Governments

##### **Escambia County**

- Working with Pensacola High School teacher and class to create a St Michael's Cemetery children's book
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop a plan for regularly scheduled teacher in-service workshops focused on archaeology
- Participated in Escambia Area Council on Social Studies Meeting
  - Presented information on FPAN workshops and in-services
- FPAN staff served as District History Fair judges
  - Coordinating with Social Studies Coordinator and PAS to develop a PAS archaeology award for District History Fair
- Assisting with development of archaeological resources protection ordinance
  - The County Planner who is in charge of this project is still working on it, but his workload has increased due to recent county budget cuts and staff reductions so the project is progressing slowly

## **Santa Rosa County**

- Working with Social Studies and Science Coordinators, faculty, and administrators of Milton High School to teach *Milton Memories: Saving the History of NW Florida Industry* project
  - Now in final semester of second year
  - Annual “VIP Day” is scheduled for April 20
    - Local elected officials, supporters, and dignitaries have been invited, along with the media, to learn about the project
  - Jay Bixler, grad student in archaeology at UWF, is leading the project and will focus on the site for his Master’s thesis project
  - 50 students met with FPAN staff 13 times this quarter
    - This project is being offered as an Anthropology/ Archaeology elective class to Milton High School junior and senior students. The class is one semester long and students meet once per week.
    - Students are performing limited excavations at an historic site, called the Scott Site, located on private property in Milton. The students will analyze their findings to produce a report and small exhibit of materials, as well as an on-line “virtual museum” of their project in concert with an existing Santa Rosa County website.
    - Milton High administrators hope the class will continue in successive school years and will lead to MHS being designated a magnet school for Anthropology/Archaeology.
    - Santa Rosa County Virtual Museum will feature information and images from the Scott Site project: <http://santarosavirtualmuseum.org/>
      - All content written and developed by the students
  - FPAN is serving on the advisory board of the Blackwater River Foundation and will assist in developing a plan for identifying and managing archaeological/historical resources along and in the river as part of a larger management plan.

## **Gulf Breeze**

- Working with contact for Deadman’s Island restoration project to assist with interpretive signage for a proposed snorkeling trail at the island

## **Okaloosa County**

### **Ft Walton Beach**

- Met with new Director of the Ft Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center to establish relationship and further partnership
  - Worked with museum education staff to develop and schedule a February lecture series, *Maritime History of the Gulf Coast*, featuring UWF graduate students
- Attend meetings of Historic Sites & Structures Board
- Working with Friends of *Governor Stone* to promote the schooner as a heritage education tool and to investigate grant opportunities (see Grant section above)
- Working with committee to nominate The Boat to the NRHP

## **Baker**

- Participated in Science and Social Studies Passports educational program for middle school students
- UWF grad student and FPAN Intern Tara Giuliano plans to take on the Old Bethel Cemetery project as thesis topic
  - Meeting scheduled at cemetery to introduce Tara to the cemetery Association and other locals

### **Walton County**

- Working with Tourist Development Council to advise on archaeological/historical concerns with Kellogg Property development
- Working with TDC to develop and promote heritage tourism opportunities

### **Holmes Counties**

- Working to establish regular teacher in-service workshops with county education staff, in partnership with neighboring counties to facilitate attendance and funding for teachers to participate

### **Washington County**

- Working with Falling Waters State Park to develop and participate in public programs as part of their heritage education initiative
  - Scheduled to participate in the park's annual Legends and Lore program with an FPAN info booth

### **Bay County**

- Working with Northwest Florida Water Management District in county to facilitate descendants' work at Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery
  - FPAN Intern Melissa Timo is focusing on the cemetery as her thesis topic
  - The cemetery was successfully transferred to the descendants and is no longer part of WMD property
- Coordinated with county library to hold an Archaeology Month lecture and Archaeology Day event

### **Jackson County**

#### **Marianna**

- Working with the city to establish a management plan for the Chipola Greenway, property which the state owns but the city manages. FPAN is serving on the committee to develop the plan and will advise on archaeological/cultural issues.
  - Meeting Jan 12 and Mar 16
- Assisted Friends of Florida Caverns State Park and Chamber of Commerce by providing materials and information for their monthly meeting

### **Calhoun County**

- Continuing to work with county educational staff to develop consistent teacher in-service trainings in Blountstown each year

### **Gulf County**

- Advising county on archaeological assessment needs for recently acquired property
- Coordinated with St Joseph Peninsula State Park and Constitution Convention Museum to hold an Archaeology Month lecture and Archaeology Day event

## Assisting DHR

### Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar

- Training seminar for NAUI/PADI/SSI Course Directors to educate them about submerged cultural resources and encourage them to pass along to Instructors to teach new divers
  - Next seminar is scheduled for May 18-19 in Marathon, in partnership with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

### Local contact for DHR Review & Compliance

- Assistance to county and city for permitting requests
- Assist with inspection of newly uncovered archaeological remains, such as shipwreck material, and provide advice and liaison for Florida Master Site File submission and any further investigation

### State Historical Marker Council

- Della Scott-Ireton appointed by Secretary of State to serve on the Florida Historical Marker Council

### Assisting with distribution of DHR interpretive materials

### Coordinating with DHR to establish an annual meeting between DHR and FPAN staff

- First meeting scheduled for September 28-29, 2010

### Working with DHR on heritage tourism initiatives

- Working with BAR underwater staff to facilitate new Preserves
  - USS *Narcissus* and Fort Dade near Tampa

## Other

- Served on committee to hire a dedicated FPAN Webmaster to revamp FPAN website
- Serve on committee to hire a Coordinator for the North Central Region
- Serve as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Participated in FPAN Strategic Planning Retreat
- Serve on 5 thesis committees for UWF graduate students:
  - Melissa Timo
  - Irina Franklin
  - Scott Sorset
  - Brian Adams
  - Nicole Tumbleson
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region:
  - Cissy and Beverly – shipwreck timber with trunnels and cuprous fasteners
  - Ron Grimm – buried cement-lined void in yard (prob part of septic system)
- Attend Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings
- Attend Pensacola History & Archaeology Council meetings
- Serve as Board Member of the Pensacola Archaeological Society – attend monthly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions
- Serve as elected Board member and Treasurer for Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology

- Serve on Editorial Advisory Committee, Conference Committee, and as Chair of Public Information & Education Committee of Society for Historical Archaeology
- Serve on Training and Education Advisory Board of Nautical Archaeology Society
- Serve on the Federal Advisory Council for Marine Protected Areas
- Della Scott-Ireton served as Conference Chair for the SHA 2010 Conference in Amelia Island, FL
  - o Conference held January 6-9 – 1100 participants and over \$92,000 in revenue for SHA
  - o Now assisting SHA 2011 and 2012 committees with planning and other details
- Irina Franklin served as SHA 2010 Conference Social Networking Coordinator



Showing off a mended pot at the Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic.





Explaining the joys of underwater archaeology to kids at the annual FPAN Archaeology Month Celebration event.



FPAN Executive Director Bill Lees lecturing on *The Civil War in Florida* at the Bay County Library Archaeology Month event.