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Northwest Region  
Quarterly Report – April/May/June 2011  
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### Executive Summary

The second quarter of the year brings the spring conference season and FPAN Northwest Region attended and participated in both the Society for American Archaeology conference in Sacramento, CA, and in the Florida Anthropological Society in Orlando. At the SAA meeting, Della and Irina organized, set up, and staffed the FPAN booth in the book room, collecting over a hundred signatures of people who either wanted to receive our quarterly newsletter, or wanted copies of the *Beyond Artifacts* publications, or both! Della also participated in a panel on Public Outreach in Archaeology, discussing along with other public archaeology professionals the successes and pitfalls inherent in our field. The FAS conference brought an opportunity to find out about projects in other parts of the state and to connect with our colleagues in the rest of FPAN.

The Spring HADS program was presented in May in Marathon with a record number of participants! In fact, we've officially outgrown our regular meeting room at Banana Bay and were lucky to find a larger venue at the Marathon Garden Club that comfortably held the 23 participants and 5 instructors. Staff from the Northeast Region attended the HADS and we are in talks with them to host a program in that region. We also were fortunate to have Chuck Meide, Director of the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program at the St Augustine Lighthouse Museum, as a guest instructor. Along with regular instructors Franklin Price of the FL Bureau of Archaeological Research and Brenda Altmeier with NOAA's FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Jeff Moates of the West Central Region and I led the class. We feel the more presenters, the better, to prevent one "talking head" droning on and on.

Perhaps the most exciting development this quarter was the inaugural Submerged Sites Education & Archaeological Stewardship, or SSEAS, class! Taught at Delray Beach in the Southeast Region, the class had 11 participants who now know the fundamentals of non-disturbance recording techniques for submerged archaeological sites, and how to fill out a FL Master Site File form for shipwrecks. We are encouraging them to begin to investigate wrecks and obstructions on navigations charts. SSEAS looks to be starting a long and successful road - the second SSEAS class is scheduled for July in Tampa.

In June Irina worked with staff of West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. to present the annual History & Archaeology Summer Camp. With 19 young people, upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades, the camp was lively and busy! A second camp for upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades, will be held in July.

Finally, we are proud yet a little sad to report that Public Archaeology Intern Melissa Timo finished her FPAN internship and left us in May. Melissa completed her field work on the historic African-American Gainer Cemetery and is finishing her thesis on this project. She was offered an internship with the National Park Service at Cumberland Gap National Park and is working to develop interpretive programs and to conduct archaeological research. We miss her already!

<b>Type of Activity/Event</b>	<b># of Events/Presentations/Activities</b>	<b>Attendees #</b>
Public Presentations	6	155
Public Events	7	2005
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	3	57
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	3	
Adult Training/Workshops	6	100
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	6	1091
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	1 radio - Florida Frontiers	
Volunteer Programs	FPAN lab: 458.75 hours	121
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	18	
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper		
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps		
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	2 mass e-mailings  NW Facebook: 103 posts NW Twitter: 108 feeds	2090 recipients  342 Like Us 261 Followers
Mass Snail-mail		
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>6222</b>

## Public Outreach

### Info Booths

- Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento – 800 attendees
- UWF Festival on the Green, Pensacola – 521 attendees
- St Michael's Cemetery Get in the Spirit, Pensacola – 54 attendees
- Legends and Lore, Chipley - 537 attendees
- Lighthouse Festival, Pensacola – 50 attendees
- Historic Pensacola Village Open House – 12 attendees
- Archaeology Day, Valparaiso - 31 attendees

### Public Lectures/Presentations/Tours

- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Civil War in Florida, 26 attendees
- Leisure Learning, Tampa – Luna and Emanuel Point Wrecks, 21 attendees
- Florida Historical Society, Cocoa Beach - Luna and Emanuel Point Wrecks, 47 attendees
- Niceville Community Center, Niceville - Submerged Archaeological Sites in the Gulf: A World Below Our Watery Backyard (student lecture arranged by FPAN), 30 attendees
- Sunrise Kiwanis, Milton – Shipwrecks of the Blackwater River, 14 attendees
- Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola – Luna and Emanuel Point Wrecks, 17 attendees

### Workshops/Training

- HADS, Saipan – 14 attendees
- HADS, Saipan – 11 attendees
- Cemetery Workshop, Crestview – 16 attendees
- Regional Educator Conference, Pensacola - 25 attendees
- SSEAS, Delray Beach – 11 attendees
- HADS, Marathon – 23 attendees

### Youth Event/Presentation

- Legends and Lore, Chipley - 797 attendees
- Homeschool group, Pensacola – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 23 attendees
- Homeschool group, Pensacola – lab/DARC/Intro lecture, 27 attendees
- Central Elementary School, Milton – Career Day, 135 attendees
- Milton Elementary School, Chipley – Arts Day, 90 attendees
- Archaeology & History Summer Camp, Pensacola – grade 4-6, in partnership with WFHPI, 19 attendees

### Professional Presentation

- SAA, Sacramento, CA – Panel on Public Archaeology, 8 attendees
- Florida Historical Society, St Augustine – Tara Giuliano paper, 31 attendees
- Florida Historical Society, St Augustine – Nicole Bucchino paper, 18 attendees

### Volunteer Opportunities

- FPAN lab, Pensacola - 121 volunteers for 458.75 hours

### Publications

- *Pensacola and Northwest Florida History Illustrated* is a reincarnation of a previous publication by West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. and the Pensacola Historical Society. Recently, WFHPI and PHS have re-started the journal, featuring historical and archaeological articles on Northwest FL topics.
  - Della is serving on the advisory and editorial committee to develop, edit, and produce the journal.
- Northwest Region Newsletter – quarterly, 1990 recipients

#### Grants

- FPAN partnered with Flinders University and the Historic Preservation Office of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to write a grant to present the Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar to the diving industry on Saipan. The grant was awarded by the NOAA Pacific Region Grants Cooperative. Two HADS courses were offered for diving industry personnel, in both English and Japanese, and focused on submerged sites preservation and sustainable tourism on the new Invasion Beaches Maritime Heritage Trail.
  - HADS held April 12-13 and 14-15

#### Aiding/Advising Local Governments

##### **Escambia County**

- Serving as liaison to the County Marine Advisory Council for the development of the Panhandle Shipwreck Trail.
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop a plan for regularly scheduled teacher in-service workshops focused on archaeology
- Working with Social Studies Coordinator to develop ideas for “traveling trunks” for archaeology for use in the classroom
  - Assigned development to intern over summer 2011
- 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

##### **Pensacola**

- Met with City of Pensacola officials regarding proposed construction that would impact the site of the B Street Schooner
- Working with teachers at Bellview Middle School to develop a semester-long archaeology curriculum
- Attended an oil spill Economic Restoration meeting
- Attended meeting with representatives from the city and other heritage organizations regarding plans for FL’s Quincentennial celebration.

##### **Santa Rosa County**

- Working with County Tourist Development Council representative to continue participation in the annual county Beaches to Woodlands event, and to develop ideas for heritage day trips in the county.

##### **Gulf Islands National Seashore**

- Working with Interpretive Ranger to schedule summer lecture series.

#### **Milton**

- Milton High School project at the Scott Site
  - Coordinating with MHS administration to offer the class again next year.
  - Jay Bixler, grad student in archaeology at UWF, is working with administration to hammer out details for class.
- 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**

- Provide advice to Historic Sites & Structures Board
- Working with Friends of *Governor Stone* to promote the schooner as a heritage education tool and to investigate grant opportunities

#### **Crestview**

- UWF grad student and FPAN Intern Tara Giuliano is working on the Old Bethel Cemetery project as thesis topic
  - Tara presented a Preservation Day at the cemetery, including a cemetery workshop and clean-up.

#### **Destin**

- Met with representative from the Mattie Kelley Arts Foundation regarding a proposed cultural resources survey on property slated for development and how FPAN can assist with public outreach and interpretation

### **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 County**

- Working with joint Holmes/Washington counties Library Services to develop joint programs for youth and adults in 2011.
- 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**

#### **Falling Waters State Park**

- Participated in the annual Legends & Lore event.

### **Bay County**

- FPAN Intern Melissa Timo finished field work on the Gainer/Mt Pleasant Cemetery for her thesis.

### **Jackson County**

#### **Marianna**

- FPAN coordinating archaeological assistance for the new Chipola Greenway, including staff from the FL DHR.

#### **Calhoun County**

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

#### **Gulf County**

##### **Port St. Joe**

- Working with St. Joe Peninsula State Park Interpretive Ranger to develop summer and fall programs.

### Assisting DHR

#### Training Programs

- Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS)
  - 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
    - Seminar held May 23-25 in Marathon
    - Jeff Moates and Della will contact the DEMA organizers about holding the classroom portion of HADS at the DEMA Show 2011, which will be held in Orlando in November

#### 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
  - Conference call Apr 26

#### Assisting with distribution and reprint of DHR interpretive materials

- Working with BAR staff to reprint the Preserves poster, to include the new USS *Narcissus* Preserve

#### Coordinating with DHR to schedule to annual meeting between DHR and FPAN staff

- Meeting planned for September 2011

#### Working with DHR on heritage tourism initiatives

- Working with BAR underwater staff to facilitate new Preserves
  - USS *Narcissus* and Fort Dade near Tampa
- Working with BAR Underwater Program on a newly received grant to develop a Panhandle Shipwreck Trail along the coast of NW FL.

### Other

- Della serving on committee to develop state-wide "Unearthing Florida" radio show

- Della and Irina serving on committee to develop traveling exhibits for the Destination Archaeology! Resource Center and display for the FPAN Coordinating Center stairway niche
- Della and Irina attended the SAA conference in Sacramento, CA, and organized the FPAN table in the bookroom; Della participated in a panel on Public Archaeology
- Della and Irina attended the FAS conference in Orlando
- Tara and Nicole attended and presented papers at the Florida Historical Association conference
- Irina served as Co-Director for History & Archaeology Summer Camps with WFHPI
- Irina serving as Girl Scout Gold Award Advisor
- Della serving as Point Person for FPAN Strategic Planning initiative
- Irina serving as contact for Visit Pensacola to offer volunteer opportunities to visitors
- Della serving on 9 thesis committees for UWF graduate students:
  - o Irina Sorset
  - o Scott Sorset
  - o Melissa Timo
  - o Tara Giuliano
  - o Brian Adams
  - o Nicole Tumbleson-Morris
  - o Jay Bixler
  - o Morgan Wampler
  - o Stephanie Poole
- Facilitate meetings with archaeologists and local residents regarding artifact finds in the Region
- Attend Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance meetings
- Attend Pensacola History & Archaeology Council meetings
- Della serving as Board Member of the Pensacola Archaeological Society – attend monthly meetings and participate in Board activities and decisions
  - o Della also on Program Committee for 2011-2012 to secure speakers for the PAS monthly membership meetings
- Della serving on UWF Diving Control Board
- Della serving as elected Board member and Treasurer for Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology
- Della serving on Editorial Advisory Committee, Conference Committee, UNESCO Committee, and Public Education & Information Committee of Society for Historical Archaeology
- Della serving on Training and Education Advisory Board of Nautical Archaeology Society
- Della appointed to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for Marine Protected Areas





The first SSEAS class in Delray Beach!



Della and Irina at the Mystery Wreck with the HADS class.



Irina Sorset helps campers learn how archaeologists write underwater on mylar during the first Archaeology & History Summer Camp.