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# Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

A Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## March meeting

### Florida Archaeology Month Event

March 10, 2007

Saturday

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center

Presents

### “Florida Archaeology Month” Special Event

March is Archaeology Month in Florida which is a time that we can celebrate the state’s rich prehistoric and historic cultures. Chapters of FAS all over the state are holding many events, presentations, and tours to help educate the public about the importance of preserving this heritage for future generations. This year CGCAS is supporting this event by showing our support in assistance and attendance. This all-day event will explore the crafts and livelihood of Florida’s first peoples. Demonstrations and presentations will include topics such as flint knapping, dugout canoe construction, atlatl throwing, pottery making, flute playing, and storytelling. People of all ages will enjoy this special event. See the schedule of events below under Florida Archeology Month Event. Free Florida Archaeology Month posters, as seen below, “Florida’s Waterway...Paddling Through the Past” will be available. These posters are two-sided educational tools depicting ancient Florida canoes.



### CGCAS FAM Event Cancelled

The Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) event that has been held at the Science Center of

Pinellas County scheduled for Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Please note this on your calendar. The CGCAS board has decided to not

participate this year due to the Science Center demand that visitors be charged to attend.

We are now going to support the FAM event scheduled at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center on March 10<sup>th</sup>. CGCAS will have a table there and all members are urged to take part in this great event.

### Dues are Due

Dues are now collected from January to January. Thus, each January will be the time to renew your membership for the next year. We thank those of you who have already paid and extend an invitation to the rest of you to make your due payment also. It is important that we receive this revenue to help assist in paying for the expenses involved in keeping CGCAS in the black. Please send your renewals to **Roger Block** our Membership Secretary at 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706.

### Florida Academy of Sciences Meeting

The Florida Academy of Sciences will be holding its annual meeting in St. Petersburg on March 16-17 at the Bay Campus of USF. Jeff Mitchem, Arlene Fradkin, and Bob Austin are giving a paper on Bayshore Homes in the Anthropology Section. All of the various scientific disciplines are represented at the meeting. For more info, members can go to the Academy's web site at <http://www.floridaacademyofsciences.org/>.

### Sacred Lands Event

On Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> Mac Perry will give a presentation on 12,000 years of Indian Heritage in Tampa Bay and entertainment will be provided by the "quintessential Renaissance band – Cantiga".

Below is the schedule of events for this event:

6:00 PM - gates open

6:15 PM - Eric Anderson tour of Sacred Lands pre-historic Indian site

7:00 PM - Mac Perry gives an overview of 12,000 years of Indian Heritage in Tampa Bay

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Cantiga Concert of Old World Music from the Renaissance (brief intermission – snacks and soft drinks available for purchase)

Adults, \$15.00; Students, \$10.00

Wearing of Renaissance outfits is encouraged and optional.

**This special concert was a sell out last year, so call your reservation in early to Doris (727) 347-0354.**

Directions : At 1700 Park Street North in St. Petersburg, turn into where Saffron's Restaurant used to be and then left into the parking area and drive to the end. The gate and garden will be in front of you.

### Next Board Meeting

The board now will begin meeting at a new location. Directions and the date of the meeting will be announced. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Bayshore Homes Project



*Dr. Bob Austin taking measurements in the test unit*

**Dr. Bob Austin** has completed the first 1X2 meter test unit of this project. Three more test units are planned in other locations within the Parque Narvaez neighborhood and the next unit will be started sometime in April.

It is planned that the artifacts recovered from the first unit will be processed at the Weedon Island Natural and Cultural History Center starting on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with this phase of work, we will meet there at 10:00 am. Please contact Dr. Bob Austin at 813-677-2280 or email him at [bob@searchinc.com](mailto:bob@searchinc.com) if you want to help.

### Archaeology Month 2007 Event

The following schedule is planned for the "Florida Archaeology Month Special event at the Weedon Island Center on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>: Visit "Turtle Woman", Wynne Tatman from 10 am to 4 pm as she artfully re-enacts many native traditions in a living history presentation. Craft

demonstrations will take place from 10am to 1 pm. **Claude Vanorder** will be flint knapping; **Terry Powell** will demonstrate shell tool primitive technology as well as and dugout canoe construction; **Robin Brown** will do some basket weaving; **Loren Blakeley** is going to make pottery; the native flute will be played by **Phil Penne**; **Yona Galohisdi** will tell Native American stories; and the Weedon Island staff will demonstrate atlatl throwing.

At 1:00 pm **Dr. Robin Brown**, a noted author, will present “**Gulf Coast Cuisine-The Wonderful Bounty of the Estuaries**”.

Dr. Brown will describe how aboriginal Floridians acquired the diverse foods found in the Gulf. He will also provide a fascinating discussion about techniques employed by today’s archaeologists as they study the diets of Florida’s first peoples. Dr. Brown is the author of several popular books on Native American cultures including *Florida’s First People* and *The Crafts of Florida’s First People*.

## 2007 Annual Meeting

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological & Historical Society (KVAHC). It will be held in Avon Park May 11-13. Papers will be presented at the South Florida Community College Center. Anne Reynolds is Chairman and can be reached at 80 Bear Point Lane, Lake Placid, FL 33852, or at [anne@htn.net](mailto:anne@htn.net). Her phone number is (863) 465-3637. The registration form is available at [fasweb.org](http://fasweb.org) and also by visiting the KVAHC web site [www.kvahc.net](http://www.kvahc.net). This site also has other information about the upcoming meeting.

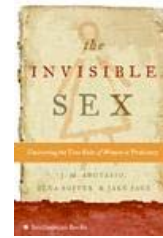
## 2008 Annual Meeting

The 60<sup>th</sup> FAS Annual Meeting is being hosted by CGCAS. Plans are underway for this meeting. The meeting is being held from May 3-5, 2008. The location for the talks and meetings will be the Italian Club in Ybor City. Much work and planning is still to be done and there is a great need for members to serve on committees. The main

committees are registration, vendors, introducers and sponsors.

You can contact Shanna Drwiega at [sdriewga@yahoo.com](mailto:sdriewga@yahoo.com) if you would be willing to serve on any of the above committees.

## In Print



*The Invisible Sex: Uncovering the True Role of Women in Prehistory*, by J.M. Adovasio, Olga Soffer, and Jake Page, published by Harper-Collins, 2007, 302pp. with illus., ISBN-13:978-0-06-117091-1, \$26.95.

Shaped by cartoons and museum dioramas, our vision of Paleolithic times tends to feature furl-clad male hunters fearlessly attacking mammoths while timid women hover fearfully behind a boulder. In fact, recent research has shown that this vision bears little relation to reality.

The field of archaeology has changed dramatically in the past two decades, as women have challenged their male colleagues' exclusive focus on hard artifacts such as spear points rather than tougher to find evidence of women's work. J. M. Adovasio and Olga Soffer are two of the world's leading experts on perishable artifacts such as basketry, cordage, and weaving. In *The Invisible Sex*, the authors present an exciting new look at prehistory, arguing that women invented all kinds of critical materials, including the clothing necessary for life in colder climates, the ropes used to make rafts that enabled long-distance travel by water, and nets used for communal hunting. Even more important, women played a central role in the development of language and social life—in short, in our becoming human. In this eye-opening book, a new story about women in prehistory emerges with provocative implications for our assumptions about gender today.

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## The Society

Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) is an association of amateur and professional archaeologists and concerned citizens dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and is a state chartered non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the cultural past of Florida and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage

Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and begins in the month of dues receipt. Contact Membership Secretary, 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706

Dues	
Regular	\$20.00
Student	10.00
Family	25.00
Life	150.00



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