
Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society

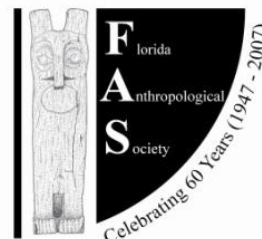
A Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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December Christmas Meeting



May you all have a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Christmas Party

At the home of Roger and Jean Block

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The CGCAS Christmas Party will be held at the home of Roger and Jean Block on Sunday December 9th, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 p.m. A brief board meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. Again this year, it will be a Dog Party. Bring an unwanted item from home. If we wrap or bag the item, we can make this like a Chinese gift exchange.

The party will be potluck, and CGCAS will supply the drinks/spirits.

The Block's live at 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. Their phone number is (727) 367-8381. To get there take I - 275 south and exit at 5th Avenue North. Cross 5th Avenue North and turn right onto 1st Avenue North, heading west. Stay on 1st Ave. N. to where it ends at Pasadena Ave. (stay in left lane). Turn left on Pasadena Ave. and get into the right lane on Pasadena and turn right onto Central Avenue (heading west). Take Central Avenue over the Treasure Island Bridge until it dead ends into Gulf Blvd. (at the Thunderbird Hotel). Turn right onto Gulf Blvd. heading north and continue through one traffic light and turn right onto 116th Ave. (just beyond yellow condos). Follow 116th Ave. over the little bridge onto Capri Isle and the road bends left and comes to a stop sign at Capri Blvd. Take a right onto Capri Blvd. heading east and continue almost to the end to 785 Capri Blvd. on the right.

Bayshore Homes Project

The material recovered from the column sample in TU3 has been washed, dried and bagged. We are meeting at the Weedon Island Center and are still identifying shells from TU2, Level 5. Everyone is welcome to join us. The last test unit of this project will be started soon and at that time; the crew may be split again with some working in the lab at Weedon Island on the column sample while others will be in the field.

Since there will be sorting to be done and future work on TU 4, there is still time to join us in this exciting and important project. Thanks to all the CGCAS members who have taken part so far. If you are interested, please contact Bob Austin at (813) 677-2280 or email him at bob@searchinc.com if you want to help.

VISIT THE CGCAS WEBSITE!

Our website is updated with lots of important information. Check out the Calendar of Events, look for fieldwork opportunities, and much more at www.cgcas.org

FAS 2008 Annual Meeting

The planning for the 2008 FAS Annual Meeting in Tampa continues. This meeting is only 5 months away and is coming up fast. The chairs of the committees are meeting to make sure all is on track to make this another memorable meeting.

Program Committee: Chair, Bob Austin
(bob@searchinc.com)

Local Arrangements Committee: Co-Chairs,
Marcie Connors (tjconnors@verizon.net);
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Registration Committee: Chair, Chris Hardy
(kastoagirl@yahoo.com)

Public Relations Committee: Chair, Linda Allred
(lallred@mybluelight.com)

The recent FAS 2008 meeting registration form listed an erroneous address for Registration Chair Chris Hardy. **The correct mailing address is 1668 Nantucket Court, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683.** If you have not submitted your registration yet, a corrected form and additional information on the upcoming annual meeting is available on-line at www.fasweb.org.

!!Dues are Due in January!!

This is a reminder that the time to pay your dues for 2008 is coming up. As you know, this year we began having memberships go from January to January. Your membership is important to enable CGCAS to continue to take part in archaeological projects, plan events, and to put out this newsletter plus other expenses.

Programs for the Coming Year

Lisabeth Carlson, Ph.D. gave an excellent talk on archaeological excavations in Puerto Rico on November 15th. It was well attended and a very informative presentation.

Below is a list of upcoming speakers and their topics. More details will be announced in future newsletters. All will be on the third Thursday of every month and will be held at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 at 7 pm.

Thursday, December 20th, 7 PM



Jeff Du Vernay

Recent Investigations at the Yon Mound and Village Site (8Li2)

Jeff Du Vernay is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida researching the Fort Walton period in the Apalachicola River valley of northwest Florida. He earned his Master's degree in anthropology from Florida State University where he focused on Florida's Mission period and Formative period Mesoamerica. Although his primary archaeological interests are in the Florida panhandle, Jeff has participated in archaeological field research throughout the state of Florida over the last seven years.

Yon mound and village is a Fort Walton period site located in Liberty County, Florida along the Apalachicola River. In May 2007, the University of South Florida Department of Anthropology conducted test excavations at Yon during a 3-week archaeological field school in support of his ongoing dissertation research. These excavations provided insight into Yon platform mound construction and revealed a rich garbage pit with large pieces of broken pottery, deer bone and antler, river bivalve shells, and a broken grinding stone. His talk will detail the findings of this field research and will address questions concerning the Fort Walton period in the Apalachicola River valley.

Margo Schwadron, MA 1/17/2008 *Landscapes of Complexity: The Prehistoric Shell Work Sites of the Thousand Islands, Florida*

Jeff Moates, MA 2/21/2008 *Maritime archaeology*

James Davidson, Ph.D. 3/20/2008 *Kingsley Plantation*

Christian Davenport, MA 4/17/2008, *Preliminary Results of an Archaeological Survey of Lake Okeechobee*

Your Email Address is Needed

In order to keep you better informed of upcoming events and to distribute the newsletter in a timely fashion, we are requesting that you send your current email address to Roger Block, the Membership Secretary, at rblock@tampabay.rr.com. If you do not want to receive information via email please let us know and we will make sure you are not on the list. Thank you in advance for this information.

Weedon Island Center Exhibit Opening

The long awaited opening of the new Exhibit Gallery "Weedon Island Preserve – Connecting People and Place" opened Saturday November 17, 2007 to rave reviews.

The 6,000 square foot exhibit hall captures the essence of Weedon Island Preserve and the Tampa Bay estuary in an interactive experience for the whole family. Special demonstrations highlight various elements of the exhibit hall and more. You have to see it for yourself. It's worth the trip.



Photographs by Jennifer Moore

FAS Has Lost a Dear Friend

Many of us who have been involved in FAS and Florida archaeology for several years, had the opportunity to meet, work with, and get to know a very special person. It is

with sadness that the passing of Art Lee is announced. He passed away on November 15 2007 in Naples Florida at the age of 92.

He was active in FAS and served as its President in 1992. He also was an active member of the Southwest Florida Archeological Society and helped establish the Craighead Laboratory at the Collier County Museum. Art was the recipient of the FAS Lazarus Award for his contributions as an avocational archaeologist and he presented with the FAS President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the Society.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lynn; son Arthur III and his wife Rosemary; and a granddaughter Miranda Lee.

He will be sorely missed. A longer tribute to Art will appear in the January FAS newsletter and *The Florida Anthropologist*.

Clovis Dethroned Rebuttal

Editor's note: *The article in last month's newsletter presented a shortened version of an article that appeared in the Mammoth Trumpet and Science titled "Clovis Dethroned" submitted by Pete Peterson. To accurately convey both sides of the issue, the rebuttal to the Haynes et al. article by Waters and Stafford was not presented. Their rebuttal was published in the July 20, 2007 Vol. 317, no. 5836 issue of Science on page 320. CGCAS does not take sides in this debate and the main goal of each newsletter is to inform the members of events occurring in various areas of archaeology. For those interested in pursuing this further please refer to the above article. It can be downloaded from the Science website for a fee. Below is the abstract for the article.*

Response to Comment on "Redefining the Age of Clovis: Implications for the peopling of the Americas", Michael R. Waters and Thomas W. Stafford, Jr.

Haynes *et al.* misrepresent several aspects of our study. Our revised dates and other archaeological data imply that Clovis does not represent the earliest occupation of the Americas, and we offered both human migration and technology diffusion as hypotheses to explain the expansion of Clovis. We stand by the data and conclusions presented in our original report.

FAS Membership

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources and community education. Membership is made up of both professional and avocational archaeologists. Benefits of membership include the journal *The Florida Anthropologist*, the *FAS Newsletter* and participation in the annual meeting in May. More information and membership forms can be found on the web site www.fasweb.org. Dues are: Student - \$15; Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35; Sustaining - \$40; Patron - \$100; Life - \$500; Benefactor - \$2500 or more. Write to FAS Membership Secretary: Kay Gautier, P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591.

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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.



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P.O. Box 340705,
Tampa, FL 33694.

Membership

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 all dues are payable in January. Contact Roger Block, Membership Secretary, 785 Capri Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706

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| Regular | \$20.00 |
| Student | 10.00 |
| Family | 25.00 |
| Life | 150.00 |