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Great Picnic



Jay Hardman and Frank Bushnell at Picnic



Jeff Moates and Hermann Trappman



Rory McLeod, Sergio Giraldi, and Marcie Connors

The annual picnic was held at Boyd Hill Nature Park on June 14th. Approximately 30 people attended this pot luck picnic event. Frank Bushnell provided an oral history of early Pinellas archaeology including activities of Frank, Dr. Lyman Warren and Dr. Al Goodyear. Hermann Trappman discussed the potential Paleo site on the shoreline of Lake Maggiore. Jeff Moates, the new Director of Central West Coast FPAN at USF, presented potential field work opportunities for CGCAS at the site. Hermann then led a tour of the archaeological site along the shore of Lake Maggiore.

Slate of Officers and Directors 2008-2009

The following slate was voted into office at the annual picnic at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve on June 14th. Please continue to give these new officers of your society the same great support you have shown in the past.

President: Bob Austin

Vice President: Shanna Drwiega

Secretary: Cindy Martin

Treasurer: Cheryl Shaughnessy

Directors: Bart McLeod

Marcie Connors

Karin Lovik

Chris Hardy

Linda Allred

Jeff Moates

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and will wishes during my recovery from a recent operation. Now three weeks down the road, I am much improved. Not in looks, but in the ability to sleep better and finally eat and drink again. Thanks again to my extended family. It means a lot to me knowing you're there. –Dave

Help With Survey

Dawn Hayes is a graduate student at USF working on her dissertation on archaeological and historic site preservation. As part of her research, she is trying to determine the opinions of people in the greater Tampa Bay area regarding historic and archaeological preservation and possibly see if there are differences between the opinions of average residents and those in groups focused on archaeology or historic preservation. To that end, she has developed the enclosed survey and would be very grateful if you would fill it out and return it. They are anonymous, and once she prints out what she receives, they won't be associated with names or email addresses.

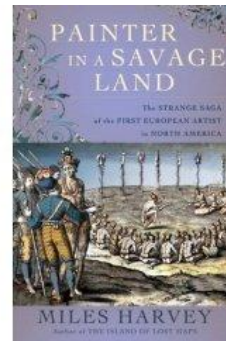
Also, she would like to interview a few people for more in-depth information, such as what prompted their interest in archaeology, their opinions on local preservation efforts, and suggestions to increase public interest in and support historic preservation. If anyone is willing to talk to her about this, please indicate that on the returned survey or in an email.

Return the completed survey to her at: P.O. Box 292636, Tampa, FL, 33687 or email it to her at hayes.dawn@gmail.com.

In Print and in the News

Dr. Judy Bense is the interim President of The University of West Florida (UWF). Current President, John Cavanaugh is leaving to be Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Judy is the Executive Director of UWF's Division of Anthropology and Archaeology. She was the driving force in creating and implementing the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN). She has been and continues to be a great force in Florida archaeology. Through her work and publications, the tremendous history of Pensacola is brought to life.



In this vibrantly told, meticulously researched book, Miles Harvey reveals one of the most fascinating and overlooked lives in American history. Like *The Island of Lost Maps*, his bestselling book about a legendary map thief, *Painter in a Savage Land* is a compelling search into the mysteries of the past. This is the thrilling story of Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, the first European artist to journey to what is now the continental United States with the express purpose of recording its wonders in pencil and paint. Le Moyne's images, which survive today in a series of spectacular engravings, provide a rare glimpse of Native American life at the pivotal time of first contact with the Europeans—most of whom arrived with the preconceived notion that the New World was an almost mythical place in which anything was possible.

In 1564 Le Moyne and three hundred other French Protestants landed off the coast of Florida, hoping to establish the first permanent European settlement in the sprawling territory that would become the United States. Their quest ended in gruesome violence, but Le Moyne was one of the few colonists to escape, returning across the Atlantic to create dozens of illustrations of the local Native Americans—works of lasting importance to

scholars. Today, he is also recognized as an influential early painter of flowers and plants.

A Zelig-like persona, Le Moyne worked for some of the most prominent figures of his time, including Sir Walter Raleigh. Harvey's research, moreover, suggests a fascinating link to the notorious Mary Queen of Scots. Largely forgotten until the twentieth century, Le Moyne's pieces have become increasingly sought after in the art world—at a 2005 auction, a previously unknown book of his botanical drawings sold for a million dollars.

In re-creating the life and legacy of Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues, Miles Harvey weaves a tale of both intellectual intrigue and swashbuckling drama. Replete with shipwrecks, mutinies, religious wars, pirate raids, and Indian attacks, *Painter in a Savage Land* is truly a tour de force of narrative nonfiction. *Review from Publisher*

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The Florida Bureau of Geology has reprinted "Eleven Archaeological Sites in Hillsborough County, FL" Report of Investigations No.8, 1952 by Ripley Bullen. It can be ordered on-line at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/geology/publications/listofpubs.htm>. The price is \$4.00

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An Oregon desert cave has yielded human excrement (coprolites) that have been dated to 14,300 years ago. There are older radiocarbon dates on sites in North America, but none have been established directly on human components. In addition to the radiocarbon dates, scientists were able to extract DNA from the coprolites. This method could be used to extract DNA in a manner that is not subject to the sensitivities present in extracting it from human remains.

Artifacts Stolen from Weedon Island Center

Over the weekend of June 21st and 22nd three artifacts were stolen from the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. According to reports, two deer-bone pins and a fossilized bone ornamental plummet were taken.

Your help in spreading the word about these artifacts may help in their recovery or prevent them from being sold. They were discovered missing on Monday, June 23rd so it is thought that the theft occurred over the weekend. Deputies are investigating the theft and anyone with information concerning the theft of these items is encouraged to contact **Deputy Charlie**

Tita at 727-582-6200, or if anonymity is desired, **Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-TIPS**.

The Friends of Weedon Island is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the return of these items. Anyone with information can contact them at (727) 347-0083.



Calendar of Events

CGCAS is currently in summer hiatus. We will begin another series of excellent speakers beginning in September. More information on this will be presented in up-coming newsletters. Hope everyone had a safe Fourth of July and a great summer.

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The grant period for the Bayshore Homes Project ended June 30<sup>th</sup>. The final report is being prepared by Dr. Bob Austin, and will be sent to the state by the end of the month. More artifact sorting is planned beyond this grant study. We will continue this work in September and look forward to other members joining in this work. Have a great summer.

## 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](http://www.fasweb.org) or by writing to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 13191, Pensacola, FL 32591. Dues are: Student - \$15; Regular and Institutional - \$30; Family - \$35; Sustaining - \$100; Patron - \$500; Benefactor - \$2500 or more.

### CGCAS Officers/Directors

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

#### Dues

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



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