

**East Central Region**  
**Florida Public Archaeology**  
**Network**

**Quarterly Report**  
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## **Executive Summary**

The activities for the last quarter are as follows:

<b>Type of Activity/Event</b>	<b># of Events/Presentations/Activities</b>	<b>Attendees #</b>
Public Presentations	16	653
Public Events	6	1588
Professional Presentations (conferences, etc)	0	0
Professional Events attended (conferences, etc)	1	0
Adult Training/Workshops	8	190
School/Youth Programs/Workshops	37	2429
Radio/TV Presentations/Interviews	3	
Volunteer Programs	1	1
Meetings attended – Government, Schools, Administration	5	99
Printed Articles – Magazine, Newspaper	3	
Printed Media produced – Brochures, Booklets, Guides, Maps	0	0
Electronic Media produced– Blog, Podcasts, Mass Emails	16	4805
Major Publications – Book, Chapter, Journal Article	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>9,765</b>

## Public Outreach

### **Public Lectures**

- “In the Dirt” Lecture, 3 Total – 178
- Daughters of American Confederacy – 40
- Café Scientific - 65
- West Melbourne Library - 35
- Amelia Island Museum of History – 85
- Mico Library – 20
- Birding Festival Fieldtrip – 20
- Zora Neal Hurston Festival – 1500
- SWAFS Lecture – 18
- SE Volusia Historical Society – 30
- SFAS Lecture – 65
- Barrier Island Research Center Lecture – 35
- Ft Pierce Library Lecture – 65
- Oxbow Lecture – 3
- DAR Lecture – 40
- Seminole County History Museum - 25
- Palm City Lecture – 60
- Ponte Vedra Library - 40
- Windover Event - 110
- **Total Attendees = 2,434**

### **Youth Event/Presentation**

- Walker Elementary – 144
- Brevard Homeschool – 24
- Hickory Tree Elementary – 272
- Dream Lake Elementary – 144
- Freedom 7 Elementary – 60
- Aloma Elementary – 80
- Waterbridge Elementary – 80
- Bellalago Academy – 126
- **Total Participants = 930**

## Aiding/Advising Local Governments

### **Orange County**

- CFAS Fieldwork
- ONP Lab Analysis
- Gregg serves on the Education Board for Oakland Nature Preserve
- Gregg serves as Director at Large for Central Florida Archaeological Society meetings
- Provided teacher training partnering with Oakland Nature Preserve

### **Brevard County**

- Brevard County Historical Commission – Dr. Wentz serves on board
- Dr. Wentz serves on the Relocation Committee for BCHC as we relocate our collections to the Brevard County Library in Cocoa

### **Martin County**

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

**Seminole County**

- Regular visits with local schools to introduce archaeology to classrooms
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**Osceola County**

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**Indian River County**

- Library Lectures
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**Okeechobee County**

- Email distribution of new lecture series, teacher training, archaeology camps, and in-class activities for schools

**St Lucie County**

- Library Lectures
- Provided teacher training with Oxbow Educational Center
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**Past and Upcoming Events**

Our “In the Dirt” lecture series has been its usual success, with exceptional guest speakers from the University of Central Florida (John Schultz), University of Florida (Ken Sassaman), and the University of North Florida (Keith Ashley). We will finish out the series with Neill Wallis, from the Florida Museum of Natural History.

We are planning a summer mini-series which will focus on Florida geology and its relationship to archaeology. Our guest speaker will be Harley Means, the Florida State Assistant Geologist.

Lecture requests for my book, *Chasing Bones*, have been in great demand and has provided a great opportunity to teach the public about bioarchaeology and the wealth of information we can glean from the analysis of human remains.

This quarter also saw the release of my latest book, *Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of a 7,000-year-old Mortuary Pond*, the first book written about the site, geared to a general audience.

The release of the book and the subsequent 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the site’s discovery was the focus for Archaeology Month for our region. We held a fundraising private reception, which afforded the public the opportunity to meet some of the key participants of the

site's excavation and receive a copy of the book. We then held a public book presentation.

Also in celebration of Archaeology Month, we hosted the Cocoa Village Gallery Walk, which is held twice a year, and invited Theodore Morris, the renowned Florida artist whose work on Native American culture in Florida has appeared in some of the primary publications of Florida prehistory (Milanich). We have over 250 guests pass through the FHS Library to view the art. It was a great success.

We will hold one more Dirt lecture to close out the series, featuring Neill Wallace.

On a more somber note, Gregg Harding will be leaving FPAN to pursue a graduate degree at the University of West Florida. His departure is much sooner than anticipated, to enable him to attend a university-led fieldschool prior to his fall course, so we have had to act quickly to find a replacement.

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Kevin Gidusko as the new Outreach Coordinator for the East Central Region. We have worked closely with Kevin over the past two years and he comes to us with a strong background in public archaeology. Kevin has served as the president of the central chapter of FAS (CFAS) and took the lead in hosting last year's annual meetings in Orlando. He has brought an impressive lineup of speakers to their monthly meetings and has worked closely with Greg on teacher training and classroom activities. He has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Central Florida and specializes in Florida and Southeastern archaeology, public education, and community outreach. He will be an excellent addition to our FPAN family.