



March, 2018

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

at 10:30am  
Elliott Museum Theatre

**Old Collections Meet New Technology:  
Questions and Lessons Learned from Florida's  
Ancient Dugout Canoes**

*Presented by*

**Donna L. Ruhl**

Florida Museum of Natural History

New questions about researching the origin of manufacture of Florida's dugout canoe--where the dugout canoes were actually made versus where they have been found in the archaeological record lead a team of researchers to revisit samples curated for decades in the Florida Museum. Come hear about Florida's Ancient "canoe trees" along with some of the new research, interesting twists and challenges these unique wooden artifacts are offering!

Donna is Florida Archaeology and Bioarchaeology Collections manager at the Florida Museum in Gainesville, Florida. She oversees the daily access, use, rehabilitation and maintenance, of these holdings. In addition, some of her recent research involves the documentation and research of Florida's ancient dugout canoes that have been exposed due to severe drought conditions, hurricanes and other events. This is a collaborative effort between the Florida Museum and other state and local institutions and the private sector to better inform and chronicle these unique artifacts. She holds a concurrent appointment in the Environmental Archaeology Division at the Museum as a Research Associate in Archaeobotany where she studies plant remains from archaeological sites in Florida (e.g., Parnell Site, Useppa Island, Garden Patch) and the greater southeastern U.S. (e.g., St. Catherines Island, Georgia.)

•**Coming Events**•

**April 21, 2018**

Katie Higgins  
FAU Master's Candidate  
FPAN Graduate Assistant  
*presents*

**Project M.O.S.E.S:  
Preservation of Cultural  
Heritage in Hobe Sound**

**May 2018**

**Martin County  
Historic Preservation  
Month**

Schedule of Events coming soon

## Newsletter Spotlight

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Gregory and Joellen  
Stricklerpoe

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