

SEFAS NEWSLETTER

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SOUTH FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY

It is hard to believe this season is already halfway over. I want to thank all of our speakers so far for providing such fantastic lectures. We also have two great speakers coming up in March and April who will focus on South Florida archaeology. We have been especially fortunate this season to feature work that has been done around our area in Martin County.

As we begin to wind down the season, I would like to remind all of our members about the upcoming Archaeology Day, May 16. We love having a way to connect with the younger generation and help keep the love of history and archaeology alive. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to help plan the event or run an activity on the day. Please reach out if you are able to help. I also want to thank all of our members who have renewed their membership, and thank everyone who continues to attend and support our lectures and events. It is truly because of all of you that we are able to keep this society going.

Thank you and see you soon!!!

MARCH 14TH SPEAKER: CHRIS DAVENPORT 10:30 - 12:30

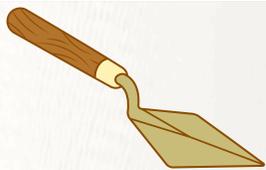
DOWN AND DIRTY: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY



Join us for a special talk by archaeologist Chris Davenport, who will share an engaging overview of Palm Beach County's archaeological past, along with highlights from his latest works and discoveries. Davenport is Palm Beach County's Archaeologist. He is responsible for the management of 211 archaeological resources, 51 archaeological conservation zones, eight historically designated structures, and three eligible historic districts. Daily responsibilities include grant application reviews; historic resource reviews for ORO; public outreach; maintain, update and interpret the county's database (map) of known historic resources; conduct building permit reviews for construction on archaeological sites; document historic structures and determine their significance prior to demolition manage the archaeological intern program, with 14 interns and upwards of 30 volunteers.

APRIL 18TH SPEAKER: JIM PEPE 10:30-12:30

LIFE ON THE ALLAPATTAH FLATS: ABORIGINAL ADAPTATIONS TO SOUTHERN FLORIDA MARSHLANDS



Long before canals and other drainage projects altered the landscape and hydroperiods of southern Florida, various Native American groups lived and subsisted in marshlands provided, such as the Allapattah Flats of interior Martin County. Previous archaeological investigations in the Flats have identified numerous pre-Columbian camps and other sites, some dating back thousands of years. Recent archaeological research has identified even more sites, artifacts and eco-facts for analysis. This presentation will summarize the findings of the previous and current archaeological studies of the Allapattah Flats. By comparing these findings with historical accounts of pre-modern Seminole use of the Everglades and similar ecosystems, a more comprehensive model of Pre-Columbian adaptations to interior marshlands will be

Jim grew up in Jupiter and earned his M.A. in Anthropology from Florida Atlantic University, with a focus on archaeology. For his master's thesis, he excavated at the Jupiter Inlet Mound/Midden and studied the pre-Columbian pottery recovered from the site. He was also one of the founding members of SEFAS. During the 1990s, Jim conducted extensive archaeological research in Martin and St. Lucie Counties, including work at sites such as Mt. Elizabeth. Today, he serves as a Project Manager and Senior Archaeologist at Ardurra and lives with his family near Tampa.



Monthly Meetings are held at
the Hobe Sound Public Library
10595 SE Federal Highway
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455

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can keep going.

Save the Date
Jim Pepe- April 18th
Archaeology Day- May 16th