

SEFAS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023



Saturday October 21

1030-1230

Hobe Sound Public Library

Israel Mireles Presenting :

The 2023 SFHS Ais and Calusa Catamaran Project

The 2023 SFHS Ais and Calusa Catamaran Project is in the beginning stages of its design and intention. With the assistance of multiple archaeologists and volunteers, we have finally entered the physical stages of the project which will take place at South Fork High School. We aim at doing exactly what the project name suggests, which is recreating a catamaran-like craft used by the Ais and Calusa; to do so just as they would have done. It is through this actualistic archaeology project that we will confirm multiple old theories in aboriginal canoe making and will be testing new theories proposed by myself and others. Additionally after the first dugout canoe has been made; this project will be 100% open to students at South Fork as well as to general members of the public who will be able to participate hands-on in this project. A project such as this has never been attempted, let alone at a high school and we are eager to share this with the public!



Meeting Schedule

November 18- Sara Ayers Rigby
January 20
February 17
March-Fieldtrip TBA
April 20
May 18

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Mission

The Southeast Florida Archaeological Society "SEFAS" is dedicated to: the greater understanding of archaeology, the protection and preservation of Florida's archaeological resources and the information they contain, and the encouragement and support of archaeological research, publication and education. One very important part of the SEFAS mission to raise public awareness of archaeological resources and to disseminate information to the public on archaeology and anthropology through lectures, special events and other related activities. SEFAS works with professional and amateur archaeologists and participates in the rescue of cultural materials from sites being disturbed or destroyed, assisting in the identification, documentation and preservation of archaeological sites in Southeast Florida.



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Saturday November 18 Lecture

Sara Ayers-Rigsby :

Who Made the Everglades?

This talk will explore the geological and cultural history of the Everglades. In particular, we will look at the role of early Native Americans and initial tree island formations.

Future Speakers and topics for 2024

- ◇ Dorothy Block – Palm Beach County Coastal sites
- ◇ Nydia Ponton-Nigalioni, PhD, is an Archaeologist/Planner for Palm Beach County - Work on Plantation in Puerto Rico.
- ◇ Rich Estabrook – Archaeologist for FPL on Mt. Elizabeth
- ◇ Chris Davenport– Palm Beach County Archaeologist

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We are thrilled to be welcoming you all again for another season of lectures and meetings. Last year marked the first full season we had in almost two years. It was a year of growth for SEFAS, and we hope to continue that this year. Our president last year Linda Geary had to step down due to an amazing job opportunity, but I will do my best to continue to rebuild and strengthen this society. We already have some great speakers lined up and a field trip in the works. We also hope to do some outreach like the archaeology day last year and if anyone is interested in volunteering please reach out. Thank you for your support and continued participation in this wonderful organization.