

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.

Saturday TBA

Rich Estabrook :

The Crystal River Site: A Woodland
Ceremonial Enclave on Florida's
Gulf Coast

My dissertation research focused on the stone tool assemblage from the Crystal River site. Using the materials recovered by Bullen during his 1960s testing at the site and some subsequent excavations, I was able to identify a new series of chert outcrops along Florida's Gulf Coast and position the Crystal River site within a chert distribution network with the Withlacoochee River drainage system. My research provided a case study in the value of re-analyzing the artifact collections curated in Florida's many universities and museums.

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.
- ◇ Chris Davenport– Palm Beach County Archaeologist

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