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WELCOME BACK!!

Hello all, we are excited to be saying welcome back. This season we have four great lectures planned and some excited collaborations coming up. We will be having some events with the Native Plant Society and we will be at the Jupiter Lighthouse celebrating their first Jupiter History Festival. We will be keeping you up-to date on all our events through Facebook and email. Thank you for your support and we will see you soon!!!!

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

Sincerely, President Sarah

January 17th Speaker: House of Refuge 10:30-12:30



HOUSE OF REFUGE RENOVATIONS AND UPDATES:

A presentation from the Martin County Historical Society, who run the House of Refuge and the Elliott Museum. They will be presenting on the current renovations and updates to the House of Refuge.

February 21st Speaker: Theresa Schober 10:30-12:30

A Window to the Past – 4,500 years of history at Mount Elizabeth, Martin County

Mount Elizabeth is a large, 31-foot tall shell mound bordering the Indian River estuary at Indian RiverSide Park in Martin County. Extensive excavations at the site in 2008 and 2009 were funded, in part, with a state grant to determine if a "viewing window" into the mound was viable as part of the rehabilitation of Tuckahoe, the over 14,000 square foot Mediterranean Revival mansion built on top of the site in 1938. The mansion's restoration provided an opportunity to sample all 16-feet of archaeological layers in the mound, including excavation under the mansion itself. Field excavations and laboratory work were supported by dozens of volunteers from the Southeast Florida Archeological Society and the Friends of Mount Elizabeth. This presentation will illustrate what life was like for early peoples in south Florida through the 4,500 hundred year history of this fascinating site. Specialized analyses on artifacts, carbonized plant remains and animal bone recovered from the mound will reveal how archaeologists learn about people in deep time, including results of a recent study by John Furey of the nearly 500 shark's teeth recovered, dozens of which were used as tools.

Theresa Schober is a Florida archaeologist and museum consultant who led excavations of Mt Elizabeth and has conducted multiple excavations in south Florida. She serves as the chapter representative for the SWFL Archaeological Society (SWFAS) to the Florida Anthropological Society, where she is also a board member. President of SWFAS and avocational archaeologist John Furey will join the presentation by Zoom!