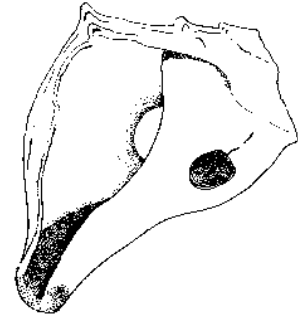


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FEBRUARY SWFAS MEETING

The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society will meet on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm at the Bonita Springs Community center at Old 41 and Reynolds Street. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Our speaker, Asa Randall, will speak on The Places of Archaic Inhabitation on Hontoon Island, Florida.

Since the time of Jeffries Wyman, the immense shell mounds on Hontoon Island in the middle of St. Johns River basin have captivated archaeological attention. Through limited excavations and chance finds, these mounds have been considered primarily late prehistoric phenomena. Recent investigations on Hontoon Island by the University of Florida's St. Johns Archaeological Field School challenge these notions. There is now ample evidence to indicate that these mounds are pre-ceramic Archaic in origin. Moreover, systematic survey and test excavations around the island have documented numerous non-mounded sites that recapitulate the culture-historical sequence of the mounded sites. Through a review of recent research, the relationship between these sites, and the implications of their Archaic foundations for culture history, are explored.

Asa Randall is currently a Ph.D student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida. A native of Massachusetts, Asa Randall received his B.A. in Archaeological Studies from Boston University in 1999, and an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Florida in 2002. Between 1999 and 2002 Mr. Randall was a staff member of the University of Alabama's Dust Cave research project, where he acted as a field assistant and specialist in lithic technology. During this period Mr. Randall also co-directed excavations at Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter. Upon completion of his Masters Thesis, a study of Early Archaic hafted biface technology in the Mid-South, Mr. Randall has been involved in several large research projects through the University of Florida's Lab of Southeastern Archaeology. Under the direction of Dr. Ken Sassaman, Asa was one of several graduate students researching the circumstances surrounding the demise of the Late Archaic Stallings Island culture. With Dr. Sassaman, Mr. Randall is currently involved in a long-term study of Middle and Late Archaic settlement in the middle St. Johns River valley. In particular, his field research has focused on documenting small, non-mounded sites on Hontoon Island and their articulation with nearby shell mounds.

JACK GADDY

Bud House remembers Jack Gaddy

Our good friend, and dedicated SWFAS member, Jack Gaddy passed away on January 13, 2005 after a long bout with cancer. Jack introduced Shirley and me to the field of Archaeology when Dr. William Marquardt needed volunteers for a Galt Island survey in 1987. Jack was also a dedicated guide and protector of Galt Island for many years.

Jack was a constant attendee of the various SWFAS meetings until in his advancing years his hearing left him. He was proud of his Florida beginning as a Florida "Cracker" and was also proud of his Native American heritage. When he called you on the telephone you always knew that Jack was working on another project to help the environment, or just to help make the world a better place to live. Some of his projects included the establishment of over 40 osprey nest areas all over Pine Island. Another was the elimination of the 2-cycle outboard engines that left so much oil in the water. He was also influential in persuading the developer of Galt Island, from construction up to 370 condominiums resulting in the establishment of 15 large sites on the south and west side of the island. The remaining 25 acres of the island have been left natural and two boardwalks wind through the beautiful black mangrove swamps.

Jack will be missed by many on Pine Island who saw through his gruff manners to the man who really loved this world.

CRAIGHEAD LAB NEWS

Jan Gooding has arrived for the season and is busily at work.

For some time we have been working on analysis of material from the Marco Inn project under contract with AHC, Bob Carr's company. After

some delay 11 more boxes arrived. The "lab rats" are "gnawing" away at them now. There is an interesting mixture of historical and pre-historical artifacts. A database has been developed by Jack Harvey. The ultimate goal is to prepare a CD with all pertinent data for future research. To date we have about 12,000 artifacts.

Drop by the Collier County Museum any Tuesday or Thursday morning to see what goes on.

FAS WEB SITE

SWFAS is a Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society. FAS has a new web site at fasweb.org or search for Florida Anthropological Society. There is information on membership, news, Chapters, officers, the next annual meeting in Gainesville in early May, publications, links to other archaeological sites and this year's Florida Archaeology Month events.

PROPOSAL FOR STATEWIDE NETWORK OF PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY CENTERS

The Florida Department of Historic Resources and the University of West Florida have drafted a plan to establish a network of public archaeology centers around the state. The centers will be located so that all of Florida would be covered. Each center would have an archaeologist and staff and would be hosted by a local university or museum. The centers will promote and develop archaeology for the general public: assist local governments in identifying,

evaluating and preserving archaeological sites; and to assist the Department of Historical Resources.

All FAS chapters are asked to give suggestions and comments.

TRAIL OF THE LOST TRIBES

2005 Florida Archaeology Speaker Series

February 12 – “Multidisciplinary Investigation at West Williams. An Archaic Site in Hillsborough County”

Archaeologist Robert J. Austin, Ph.D. Held at Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center, St. Petersburg. For information contact Rob Bount, (813) 228-0097.

March 5 – “Windover: Multidisciplinary Investigations of an Early Archaic Florida Cemetery”. Archaeologist Glen Doran, Ph.D. Held at Science Center of Pinellas County, St. Petersburg. For information contact Susan S. Gordon, (727) 384-0027.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON MESOAMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOHISTORY

This meeting will be held at the University of South Florida, Tampa February 11-12, 2005.

The meeting is being conducted by scholars resident in the Southeastern United States. The event includes 20 presentations from Mesoamerican archaeologists, art historians, and ethnohistorians from 15 colleges, universities, museums, and foundations who will discuss their active investigations of pre-Columbian

and early colonial Mesoamerican societies.

The conference will take place in the TECO Room of the College of Education at the University of South Florida, Tampa. This event is free and open to the public, and there is no registration fee. Parking for the event is free and available in Lots 1 and 7 in front of the College.

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57TH ANNUAL FAS MEETING

The October newsletter included the registration forms for the FAS 2005 Annual Meeting hosted by the Florida Museum of Natural History. The meeting will be concurrent with the Florida Archaeological Council's Silver Anniversary and is scheduled for May 13-15, 2005 with some events at the Florida Museum and others at the Hilton - University of Florida Conference Center, 1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607. The Hilton is holding a block of rooms for participants until April 13, 2005. Reservations may be made toll free at (800) 445-8667, by calling the hotel directly at (352) 371-3600, or online at www.hilton.com. Mention that you are with the Florida Anthropological Society and request the block rate of \$99.00 per night. For any other inquiries concerning the hotel, call (352) 371-3600. The Call for Papers and Registration forms can be found on the FAS web site at <http://www.fasweb.org>. Please note that all FAS 2005 abstracts are due on or before February 10 to be accepted. For those who have submitted electronic abstracts, please note that your registration fee is due ASAP.

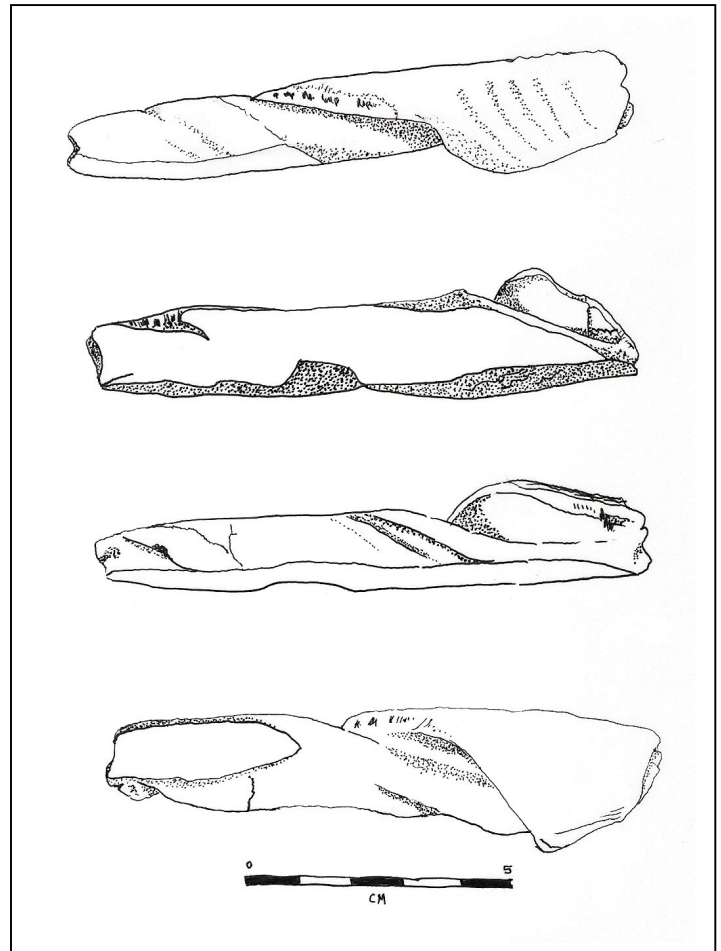
For further information about the FAS 2005 meetings contact:

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MYSTERY?



This shell tool has been identified on p. 209 of Culture and Environment in the Domain of the Calusa by William H. Marquardt as a columella plane. The lab rats have a problem understanding how this would work. Explanations would be welcome – even guesses would help.

**Remember the
Calusa Fest
Saturday
March 12, 2005.**