Southwest Region- Quarterly Report
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Highlights:
The highlight of this quarter was the Southwest region’s co-hosting of an educator training with Koreshan State Historic Site. We had 18 educators from 11 different cultural organizations and parks join us for the half-day program. The turnout for this program was particularly encouraging given the lackluster response to earlier attempts at local teacher trainings. Additionally, the participants were very enthusiastic about the training they received and the networking opportunity that the program provided for them.

Public Outreach
• Delivered 4 lectures at local educational and historical venues; over 300 people attended.
• Completed 9 youth activities for 730 participants at regional libraries in Charlotte, Collier, Lee and Hendry Counties. The response for this summer’s library reading program has been very positive.
• Staffed paddle to Mound Key with Koreshan State Historic Site.
• Participated in WGCU radio program on the Tamiami Trail.

Assistance to Local Governments
• Many of the programs summarized in the “Public Outreach” of this report were done in collaboration with local governmental organizations. As such 17 programs with 568 participants were reached.
• We continued planning with Collier County government for the upcoming Stewardship Workshop.

Professional Development
• Ms. Timo participated in, and gave lecture for, the CPRTc conference in Deland.

Administrative Duties
• Ms. Timo supervised Regan Doherty as the SW-FPAN Outreach Assistant.
• Dr. Williams participated in staff meetings at SW and SE FPAN offices.
Participants enjoy lecture by Melissa during Koreshan Educator Training.