FPAN Staff participated in 58 distinct meetings/events/activities during the July-September 2020 quarter. Staff divided nearly all of those activities between the meeting, education/outreach, and fieldwork/site visit categories. Our big event served over 120 teachers during the Pinellas County District Day. They joined staff’s presentation on the recent work to uncover erased African American cemeteries in Tampa.

We’re happy to continue to participate in digital and virtual outreach efforts and to provide archaeological services when requested to do so through our community partners. We look forward, however, to the days when it’s safe and we’re able to meet up with the public again to discuss archaeology and relevant issues. Until then, be safe, wear masks, and be kind to your neighbors.

Quarter Highlights:

Highlights this quarter are focused on our work in the digital and virtual realm. First, West Central staff produced a video for our partners at New College Public Archaeology Lab titled the Underground Railroad is Here: Commemorating Angola. Next, staff assisted Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources on a tour of Preserve lands and their connections to the Spanish Fishing Rancho history along the west coast of Florida. Finally, Central region staff is working with partners in Alachua County to uncover details of some of the significant persons who lay to rest in Alachua’s African American cemeteries.