Florida Public Archaeology Network
and the Florida Historical Society present
“In the Dirt” Lecture Series

January 14th
“Bones of the Scythians”
Dr. Rachel Wentz, Regional Director, FPAN’s East Central Region
Travel with Dr. Wentz to southern Ukraine. Over 2,000 years ago, the Scythians buried their dead within large, elaborate burial mounds. Through the examination of two skeletons excavated from the Alexandropol burial mound, Dr. Wentz is able to associate traumatic injuries found on these skeletons with historic records describing the Scythians as a people whose lives revolved around war, who were plagued with disease and spent their lives on horseback.

February 11th
“In Search of Shipyards: Boatbuilding on Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore”
Jason Moser, Outreach Coordinator, FPAN’s Central Region
One hundred years ago the Chesapeake Bay was covered with the sails of oyster and fishing fleets. During the War of 1812, Chesapeake-built vessels were among some of the most infamous American privateers of the war. These vessels also carried tobacco to Europe and food to the West Indies. Today, there is little evidence of this once-thriving wooden shipbuilding industry and the thousands of people that it employed. This presentation describes the archaeology that identifies and documents shipyards and boatyards on Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore.

March 19th—SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 PM!!
“Ties that Bind: St. Johns Connections within and Beyond Florida”
Dr. Keith Ashley, University of North Florida
Around AD 1000 in northeastern Florida, natives in this part of the state were actively engaged in long-distance trade networks that brought mica, galena, copper, and stone to the Jacksonville region. These groups were major players in early Mississippian-period trade. Come hear Dr. Ashley describe the fascinating archaeological evidence of long-distance trade linking north Florida to Cahokia in St. Louis.

April 8th
“Digging in the Bowl Hole”
Dr. Rachel Wentz, Regional Director, FPAN’s East Central Region
In 2004, Dr. Wentz traveled to northern England to participate in the excavations being conducted at Bamburgh Castle, a medieval castle located on the shores of the North Sea. The “Bowl Hole” is the large cemetery located on the grounds of the castle where many of the castle residents were interred. Come learn about this fascinating site and the information that has been gleaned from the examination of these ancient skeletons.

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