September 17
Sarah Miller, Regional Director, North East Region

“Archaeology along the St. Johns”
The St. Johns River has played an ever changing role in the lives of northeast Floridians for thousands of years. Prehistorically, the river provided food, transportation, and a geographic connection between people living from the source to the mouth. Historically, the river supported missions, plantations, and military outposts. Exploration is not limited to land; famous archaeological sites on the river’s bottom have also been discovered and add to our knowledge of Florida’s past.

October 8* New Date!
Dr. Rachel Wentz, Regional Director, East Central Region

“Ancient Medicine in Florida: Examining the Evidence for Medicine at the 7,000-year-old site of Windover”
For thousands of years, humans have been utilizing their natural environment for the purpose of treating the sick. This presentation will examine the evidence for medicine at the Windover site, an Archaic site from Florida that produced the well-preserved remains of 168 individuals. We’ll explore the objects that accompanied them to the grave and the skeletons themselves for evidence that people were treating the sick and prolonging life in one of Florida’s ancient populations.

November 12
Dr. Michele Williams, Regional Director, South East Region

“Digging Deeper in the Dry Tortugas”
Dry Tortugas National Park is located 70 miles west of Key West, and it is home to Ft. Jefferson. Today, the Park is best known as a great place for birding or snorkeling, but at one time it was known for its military might. The talk will include a brief history of Dry Tortugas National Park and discuss the recent excavations of the parade grounds within the Fort’s massive walls.

December 10
Gregg Harding, Outreach Coordinator, East Central Region

“Exploring Subterranean Florida: The Past, Present, and Future of Cave Archaeology in Florida”
For thousands of years Native Americans have been exploring and utilizing caves. Caves have been used for shelter, burials, religious ceremonies and natural resources and have played an important role in the lives of early North Americans. In Florida, several of these caves have produced archaeological material dating back to the Paleoindian period. This presentation will examine cave archaeology in Florida: it’s past, present and the future of this emerging branch of Florida archaeology.

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