“Holy Goatskins and Sacred Reeds”

Featuring NOVA ScienceNOW episode “Ancient Paper Chase”

with Dr. Terry Prewitt, UWF Anthropology Department

Thursday, September 8, 2011
5:00 p.m., THE LEISURE CLUB

At Archaeology Café guests can order food, beverages, and listen to an archaeologist explain some of their cool discoveries in a casual and relaxed environment at the Leisure Club in downtown Pensacola. No lecture halls; just interesting and inclusive conversation with experts in archaeology, one of the most fascinating scientific fields. Archaeology Café is inspired by the numerous Science Café’s that have gained enormous popularity in cities across Europe and the United States.

Dr. Terry Prewitt, an anthropologist, will give a short talk titled “Holy Goatskins and Sacred Reeds” after we watch a brief clip from the Nova ScienceNow episode “Ancient Paper Chase.” A half million 2000 year old papyri fragments now sit packed away in a vault, but many are charred, faded, or stained beyond legibility. Can technology help archaeologists finally read what they have to say? Will these documents shed new light on the world’s most important texts such as the Bible? Join us to find out!