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Florida Archaeology Month 2012: Discovering the Civil War in Florida

Rae Harper

We are gearing up to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) in our region and 2012's theme is Florida's role in the Civil War. Every year an educational poster is created for FAM and this year's artwork depicts one of three heavy artillery emplacements of the Confederate Battery at Hammock Landing along the Apalachicola River. David Edwards based his work on the archaeological investigations conducted by the University of West Florida and FPAN. Looking for more information? FPAN's Destination: Civil War web site traces the impact of the Civil War throughout Florida.



Keeping with the theme, we have reached out to some new partners that already emphasize this time period in Florida history. February 24th—26th will we be participating in the 13th Annual Battle of Ballast Point sponsored by 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and held at Fort DeSoto Park in Tierra Verde. The three day event will feature an encampment, music, armed skirmish and artillery demonstrations, sutlers, and vendors. Students will be visiting this event on Friday and we are expecting 1,000 visitors to come out over the weekend!



In Manatee County, we are partnering with the Manatee Village Historical Park to conduct a teacher training on March 24th. We will be highlighting the abundance of cultural resources in Manatee County from the Civil War period; including a tour of the first Manatee County Courthouse and the Manatee Burying Ground Cemetery—both mentioned in the new Florida Civil War Heritage Trail book published by the Florida Division of Historical Resources.



Of course you can also see us at some of our foundational FAM events. We will be at the Cortez F.I.S.H. Fest February 18th and 19th, at Weedon Island's Celebrating Coastal Archaeology March 3rd, at the Timesifter's Archaeology Fest held at the New College Public Archaeology Lab on March 17th, and at DeSoto Historical Society's Pioneer Day and BBQ Event on March 17th in Arcadia.

Mark your calendars & help us celebrate FAM 2012!

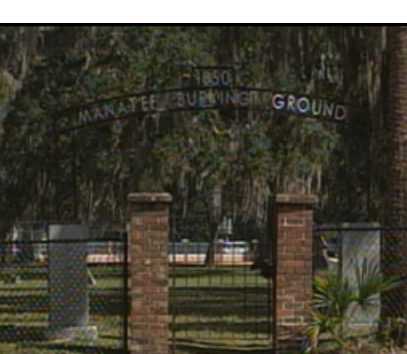
Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) and Outcomes

Jeff Moates

One of the great things about being part of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) is the opportunities we have to collaborate with other FPAN staff and their friends. Another cool part is that we can share these efforts with our own regional partners. Case in point, in 2011 Sarah and Amber from FPAN Northeast (St. Augustine, Flagler College) created the Cemetery Resource Protection Training or CRPT as it is warmly known. We, staff of FPAN West Central (Tampa, Univ. of South Florida), seized the opportunity and participated in the initial CRPT workshops. In doing so, we became familiar with the information and caught a chance to see the pros manage the day and inform workshop participants.

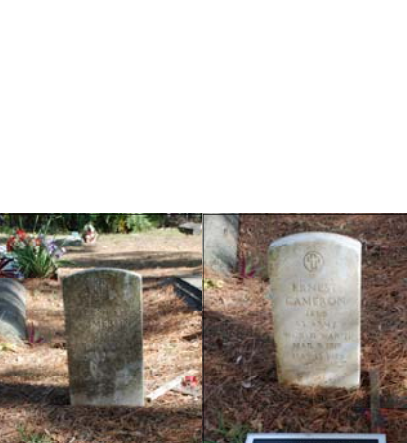


Later in October and in conjunction with FPAN Northeast, we conducted a CRPT in Manatee County at the Manatee Village Historical Park (more on the outcomes of the Manatee CRPT in a bit). During CRPT, workshop leaders present a variety of issues in historic cemetery resource protection including proper site and marker management and care, state and local laws regarding marked and unmarked burials, Florida Master Site File information, and a sampling of survey techniques for recording historic cemeteries. CRPT is wonderfully set up so that each FPAN center can run with it and conduct regional workshops with or without the help and assistance from its creators.



Entrance to the 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds

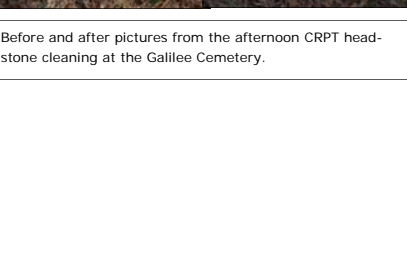
Just two weeks ago, we took the leap and conducted a CRPT on our own. This time we partnered with New College Public Archaeology Lab (NCPAL) and conducted the training in Sarasota County. In 2010 and 2011 New College students and Dr. Uzi Baram together with the Galilee Cemetery Task Force coordinated the documentation of the Galilee Cemetery in Newtown, Sarasota County. CRPT fit naturally and provided a nice capstone to the great efforts that have been undertaken by the Task Force and NCPAL.



Before and after pictures from the afternoon CRPT headstone cleaning at the Galilee Cemetery.

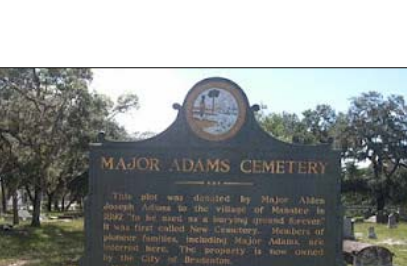
Historic cemetery protection and management is not easy. But, preserving these resources is an important aspect in any community. This is why CRPT and other similar cemetery workshops, for that matter, are so useful. CRPT hits on all cylinders – those being the cylinders that make up the three FPAN work areas: public outreach, assisting local governments, and supporting the FL Division of Historical Resources. Thanks, Sarah and Amber!

Outcomes from CRPT Manatee:



Historic marker at the Major Adams Cemetery.

As mentioned before, we conducted CRPT in October at the Manatee Village Historical Park in Bradenton. As it so happens, the historical park is situated right next door to the old resting place for many of area's settlers, the 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds. The City of Bradenton owns the site as well as another historic cemetery within city limits and, through the Parks and Recreation Department, provides excellent management and care for both sites. Part of our strategy was to invite the city's employees who manage the property to participate in CRPT. They signed up. We were then and are still happy and grateful they did.

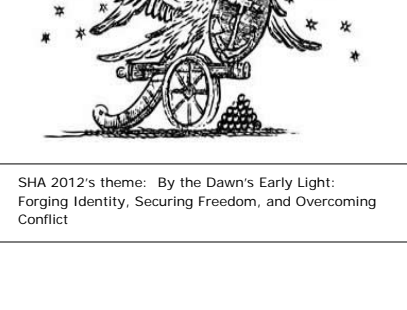


Cathy Slusser (in pink), Jeff Moates, and CRPT participants at Major Adams Cemetery.

SO are they. The day after the training took place, a Manatee County Commissioner received a typed letter from an area high school student seeking input on the cemetery maintenance plan for the other historic cemetery in Bradenton, the Major Adams Cemetery. The Commissioner forwarded the letter to the city managers. At their and with their help, FPAN staff and Cathy Slusser, Deputy Director for Historical Resources in Manatee County, have initiated a cemetery documentation and community service project with the City of Bradenton and Dr. Steve Marshall's Florida History class from Manatee School of the Arts at the Major Adams Cemetery. Starting February 11, high school students will begin the steps necessary to record an historic cemetery. Students will also provide outreach to the community about the importance of preservation and proper cemetery management.

FPAN West Central at SHA 2012

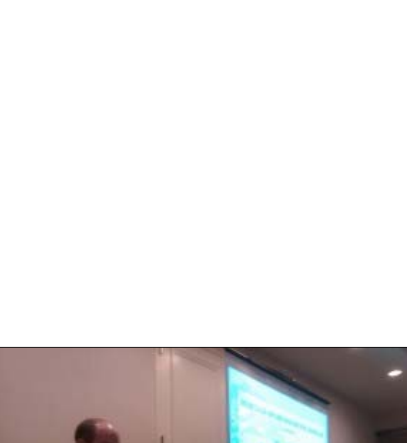
Becky O'Sullivan



SHA 2012's theme: By the Dawn's Early Light: Forging Identity, Securing Freedom, and Overcoming Conflict

From January 4th to the 8th Jeff and I were in Baltimore, Maryland attending the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. Sometimes it seems like there is a conference for every sub-discipline of anthropology, but SHA is the premier spot to present your research on underwater or historical archaeology. Many of the most well known archaeologists in these respective fields were in attendance, and it was great to hear them talk about their work in person.

Jeff and I presented our own individual papers in a symposium titled "Toward an Archaeological Agora Revisited: Using Collaborative Approaches in Facilitating Public Participation and Creation of Archaeological Knowledge and Understanding." This session was organized by Dr. John Jameson, Lead Archaeologist of the Southeast Archaeological Center for the National Park Service. A fancy title for a symposium to be sure, but the main theme of all the papers in this symposium was the use of collaborative approaches in working with the public as a way to improve and enlighten public involvement in archaeological projects.



FPAN West Central Director Jeff Moates talking about HADS and SSEAS, he did a great job!

For his paper, Jeff talked about a new training program developed by FPAN, the Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship training or SSEAS. This course was developed for divers in Florida so that they could learn not only about the importance of understanding and preserving underwater archaeological sites, but also so that we as archaeologist could inspire them to take an active role in protecting submerged sites. Unlike past diver training programs, SSEAS participants are encouraged to monitor nearby Florida Underwater Archaeological Preserves and other known submerged sites. By empowering members of the public to play a part in preserving these resources the hope is that these divers will act as an extra set of eyes on our state's underwater cultural resources.

My paper was on the Driftwood project that we completed two summers ago in St. Petersburg with the help of the local community, CGCAS members, and students from USF. I focused on all the ways we had tried to engage the Driftwood neighbors in our archaeological survey of their neighborhood and how we included their local knowledge and memories in our project. While choosing to include local ideas about what happened in the past can sometimes open a "Pandora's Box" when what they think happened does not fit with (or even contradicts) the archaeology, my paper made the point that in order for what we do to truly be "public archaeology" we must accept and embrace these other ways of knowing. While we can't discount what we find in the archaeological record, local ideas about the past must also be taken into account if we want to engage the public. Both of our papers seemed to go really well, and afterward everyone had a great discussion about the triumphs and "tragedies" of seeking out involvement from the public in archaeological projects.



Becky O'Sullivan at the SHA Public Day at Fort McHenry.

Presenting at a professional conference can be nerve-racking, but the benefits of sharing your work with others and in turn learning from their work far outweigh those drawbacks. A good presentation can make you re-think even your most basic assumptions about what archaeology is or should be and make you a stronger researcher as a result!

Come See Us at These Florida Archaeology Month Events! For more information and a complete listing, please visit our web site's [Events Page](#)

- Feb 11: 9am—1pm Major Adams Cemetery Recording and Clean Up Day
Join students from Manatee School of the Arts for this work day
- Feb 18 & 19: 10am-6pm 30th Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival, Cortez
Vendors, food, and live music. Admission—\$3, kids 12 & under—free
- Feb 24—26: 9am—5pm 13th Annual Battle of Ballast Point, Fort DeSoto Park, Tierra Verde
Civil War encampment and reenactment. \$5 parking fee per car
- Mar 3: 10am—4pm Celebrating Coastal Archaeology, Weedon Island Preserve, St. Petersburg
Tours to excavation site available at 11am & 2pm, registration required
- Mar 17: 10am—1pm Archaeology Fest, New College Public Archaeology Lab, Sarasota
Hands-on activities, demonstrations, lab tours, lectures, and a free lunch
- Mar 17: 9am—3pm DeSoto County Pioneer Day and BBQ Event, DeSoto Park, Arcadia
Living history demonstrations, vendors, and BBQ. Admission is free.
- Mar 24: 10am—4pm Florida in the Civil War Teacher Training, Manatee Village Historical Park, Bradenton
Registration required, please contact Rae Harper for more details.

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