

## **East Central Region**

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## Assistance to DHR: Fort Pierce Canoe Assessment and Stabilization

East Central and Southeast regional staff assisted the Bureau of Archaeological Research in reburying the Fort Pierce Canoe (SL3296) with local archaeologists. The efforts mitigated ongoing damage from exposure, protects the site from potential from looting, and will help stabilize the site through the 2020 hurricane season. The area is a dynamic coastline along the Indian River. The canoe was originally reburied in 2018 by FPAN staff and is a part of a larger site complex, which includes the Ft. Pierce Mound and Midden. The site continues to be monitored through HMS and data uploaded to Arches.



FPAN SE Director, Sara Ayers- Rigsby and volunteer sandbag canoe.



Outreach: Judging 2020 Florida History Day

The East Central Region staff participated in judging the Junior Exhibits portion of 2020 Florida History Day. Florida History Day is an annual event for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to present historical research based on the National History Day's theme. The judging normally takes place in Tallahassee, but due to COVID-19 it was allowing for East Central staff participation without travel obligations. The exhibits portion of the History Day Contest is a visual representation of the student's research and is judged not only on historical content, but design and presentation of the material. East Central Staff, along with two retired Florida teachers, judged 9 exhibits from schools across the state of Florida.