Northwest and North Central Region Quarterly Report

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During the first quarter of the 2016/2017 fiscal year, the Northwest Region was thoroughly engaged in public outreach at the local, state, and international level! The quarter began with the second Public Archaeological Shipwreck Tour (PAST) on the Emanuel Point II shipwreck in Pensacola Bay. Six advanced-level divers joined us for the tour, learning about the Luna expedition and its shipwrecks through morning presentations and afternoon dives with UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology faculty and students. Much of the rest of July was spent traveling around the Northwest Region to talk about archaeology with summer camps hosted through partner organizations, including Pensacola State College, UWF's Recreation Services, and the National Park Service's Youth Conservation Corps. In late July, former FPAN intern and current UWF graduate student Janene Johnston presented her thesis research on battlefield archaeology at the Civil War Battle of Natural Bridge site to a large audience during an ArchaeoCafé at the local Ozone Pizza Pub. Also during this quarter, Nicole Grinnan participated in coordinating and teaching two Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) workshops. The first workshop was conducted in Biscayne National Park with the Park's cultural resource management staff and had 16 individuals participate from partner groups, including Junior Scientists in the Sea and Aguanauts. The second SSEAS workshop took place in Tavernier, Florida, and was geared toward divers in the local Active Divers Association of South Florida. Both workshops were an incredible success and provided staff with connections to new partners and heritage stewards in the state of Florida and elsewhere. Finally, in September, Nicole Grinnan traveled to Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, for the 2016 Fields of Conflict Conference to present her research on recent fieldwork aiming to locate Civil War-era Confederate obstructions on the Apalachicola River.

The North Central Regional Center was also busy during the first 2016/2017 fiscal quarter. Both Barbara and Tristan attended the Sea-Level Rise summit in St. Augustine at Flagler College. Barbara presented her first Pecha Kecha presentation during the summit on the first Archaeology Advocacy Day. Here they also learned more details about the HMS program and gained additional insight regarding how to monitor the effects of sealevel rise on cultural resources. After the summit, staff from the North Central and Northwest regions met in Pensacola to discuss ways to implement this program in the panhandle. In July, North Central staff worked with the 21st Century Summer Camp program to wrap up a series of camps at schools in Leon County. They also visited the Monticello 4-H Camp for a day. During the summer, "Pokemon Go" became a craze and the staff at North Central decided to make an effort to use the cell phone game to promote

heritage tourism in the Tallahassee area. "Lures and Legends," as this series of Pokemon Go events was titled, were hosted eight different times at historic sites throughout Tallahassee. During these events, staff would drop lures to encourage people to visit. Staff would set up an infobooth tent and provide them with a map we created of the various historic sites in the area that had lures and gyms. We would also provide them with brochures and information about those various locations. Our most successful Lures and Legends event was at Mission San Luis, with over 200 participants (some even came in costume!). During the course of this quarter, the North Central office hosted and cohosted a variety of lectures and programs throughout the region, including a program on Fort Gadsden/Prospect Bluff, which was co-sponsored with New College and the Apalachicola Center for Arts and Culture. Tristan also provided another Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR) workshop for the Jay Historical Society. The North Central office is also working with several individuals in Chattahoochee to provide a GOPHR and support them in their efforts to build their heritage preservation and tourism.

Northwest Region's Progress on Work Plan Objectives:

- 1. Nicole coordinating with staff from the FPAN Coordinating Center and UWF Historic Trust to design four additional interpretive panels for the Pensacola Maritime Heritage Trail.
- 2. Nicole coordinating with the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research to update the 1733 Spanish Galleon Trail brochure booklet.
- 3. Nicole participated in a series of webinars from the National Association of Interpretation on interpretive display design in July 2016.
- 4. Nicole continues to be a member of the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation Board.
- 5. Nicole continues to serve as Membership Secretary to the Florida Archaeological Council Board of Directors.
- 6. Nicole continues to serve as Graduate Student Representative for the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA).



FPAN's Nicole Grinnan and Della Scott-Ireton pose on the Emanuel Point II research platform in Pensacola Bay with PAST divers, as well as faculty and students from the UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology.



Veterans associated with the Aquanauts SCUBA group help record the *Erl King*, a shipwreck on the Biscayne National Park Maritime Heritage Trail, during a SSEAS workshop in August 2016.

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- 1. Barbara attended a series of NAI webinars on advocacy and a SAA webinar on media relations.
- 2. Tristan continues to work to finalize the GOPHR program and promote it to local governments and heritage organizations.
- **3.** Barbara continues to serve as the FPAN liaison and chapter representative for PAST.
- **4.** Barbara continues to serve on the FAC board of directors.
- **5.** Barbara and Tristan have been working with various individuals and groups to ready for the 2017 legislative session.
- **6.** Tristan became a permanent Career Service FPAN employee this quarter.
- 7. Volunteers and FPAN North Central staff have continued to update FMSF forms for historic cemeteries in Leon County.
- **8.** Tristan has continued to find new and innovative ways to incorporate more technology into our outreach, using photogrammetry and 3-D printing.



Vickie Oldham, Uzi Baram, and Ed Gonzales-Tennant present their work on the digital reconstruction of Prospect Bluff at the Apalachicola Center for Culture and Art in Apalachicola.



Tristan Harrenstein taking photographs of an excavation unit at the FSU Anthropology Field School at Shell Mound, which were used to construct a 3-D digital model of the excavation unit using photogrammetry. Tristan has been experimenting to see if this is a viable alternative to mapping features at sites.