2009 FAS Annual Meeting

The Pensacola Archaeological Society (PAS), in cooperation with the University of West Florida, will host the 61st annual Florida Anthropological Society meeting in Pensacola on May 8-9, 2009. Celebration of Pensacola's settlement 450 years ago by Don Tristan de Luna y Arellano will be occurring throughout the year and the FAS Annual Meeting will be a part of those festivities.

The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel at 200 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, FL 32502 (850-433-3336) located downtown near the Historic District. You can learn more about the hotel at www.pensacolagrandhotel.com. The special conference room rate is \$139.00 for the Florida Anthropological Society meetings. You can email your reservation to reservations@pensacolagrandhotel.com. The room block will be held **until April 7, 2009**. After that date you must make your reservations directly with the Pensacola Grand by telephone, and the special rate may no longer be available.

Friday, May 8

Meetings for FAS, FAC and FPAN boards, committees, and membership are scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon in the Crowne Plaza meeting rooms. The Friday evening reception will be at the T. T. Wentworth, Jr., Florida State Museum (on Jefferson and Zaragossa Streets) in the Historic District where the first floor exhibits showcase the colonial history and archaeology of the Pensacola area. Included is a wonderful display of artifacts from the Emanuel Point I shipwreck, part of the Luna expedition in 1559. The entire museum will be open for our use on Friday night, and we will have trolleys to shuttle you from the hotel and back. The Wentworth Museum is also open free of charge from 10AM to 4 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, May 9

Papers and posters will be presented morning and afternoon on Saturday in the Crowne Plaza meeting rooms. Twenty minute presentations will cover all topics of Florida archaeology and anthropology, terrestrial and underwater, as well as related disciplines. Deadline for abstracts and poster proposals is February 11, 2009. Undergraduates and graduate students are encouraged to enter the Student Prize Competition with a presentation about their research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's history or prehistory. Books and other wares will be available in the bookroom, also located in the Crowne Plaza. Lunch is on your own on Saturday, either at the hotel restaurant or at nearby eateries.

There will also be a session open to the general public at Noon on Saturday. Guest speakers will be J. Earl Bowden, retired Editor of the Pensacola News Journal, who will speak about the beginnings of historic preservation in Pensacola and Margo S. Stringfield, archaeologist at the UWF Archaeology Institute, who will speak about recent

remote sensing investigations and restoration efforts at Pensacola's St. Michael's Cemetery which dates to before 1807.

The FAS Annual Business Meeting and New FAS New Board Meeting will follow the paper sessions on Saturday.

Your FAS 2009 registration badge will also provide you free entrance to Historic Pensacola Village in the Historic District from 10AM to 4 PM on Friday and Saturday (see details at http://www.historicpensacola.org). The Village and its many house museums are closed on Sunday and Monday.

A re-enactment of the 1781 Battle of Pensacola is also planned to take place on Saturday morning (9:00 to 11:15 AM) at the reconstructed Fort George in downtown Pensacola (Palafox and La Rua). This was Florida's most important battle associated with the American Revolution. During the Siege of Pensacola, Spanish Louisiana Governor Bernardo Galvez led Spanish and French troops against the British at three fortifications on Gage Hill (now North Hill) in Pensacola. The Spanish victory led the British to cede all of Florida back to the Spanish, and marked the beginning of West Florida's Second Spanish period (1781-1821).

The Saturday night banquet will be held at the Museum of Commerce on Zaragossa Street in the Historic District. Dinner will be a delicious fish fry catered by Chet's Seafood and will include mullet, grouper, catfish, chicken fingers, grits, hushpuppies, beans, cornbread and iced tea (other beverages will be available at the cash bar). The banquet speaker will be Dr. Judith A. Bense, formerly the Executive Director of the UWF Division of Anthropology and Archaeology, and presently President of the University of West Florida. Please sign up when you register by March 31, 2009. We will provide a free trolley to and from the banquet.

Florida Anthropological Society Student Paper Competition

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree granting university programs are encouraged to compete for a prize. The student must submit a paper of original research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's history or prehistory. Contestants must submit three (3) copies of their paper and make an oral presentation at the FAS meeting. The oral presentations must be drawn from the written paper. The written paper cannot exceed 2500 words and must be typed and double-spaced. Postmark deadline for student papers is Monday, March 16, 2009.

Student papers and oral presentations will be judged on writing quality, overall presentation, quality of arguments and supporting data, and contribution to our understanding of Florida's past. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony during the Saturday evening banquet.

A three person committee will judge the papers using the following criteria:

I – Written Presentation

A. Organization of Paper

Must be clearly written in a coherent, logical, and organized format

B. Development of Ideas/thoroughness of research

Must demonstrate substantive knowledge of topic

C. Significance of Research/Contribution to the Field

II - Oral Presentation

A. Organization of Presentation

Must present ideas in an organized and coherent format

B. Communication Skills

Must articulate and express ideas clearly and intelligibly

C. Appropriate and effective use of technology, if appropriate

All students entering the competition must complete and submit the meeting registration form by February 11, 2009 accompanied by a check for the \$45.00 registration fee payable to PAS/FAS 2009.

Sunday, May 10

Workshop

The Florida Archaeology Council and the Florida Public Archaeology Network are hosting a Workshop on Designing Local Archaeological Ordinances. The Workshop is free and open to members of the FAC and FAS. Seating is limited to 30 people, so sign up early. Workshop leaders will be Myles Bland, Robin Moore, and Rich Estabrook. The Workshop will be held from 9AM to Noon at the Florida Public Archaeology Network Coordinating Center Offices in the Historic District at 207 E. Main Street.

Tours

Sunday morning – Walking tour of Pensacola's Colonial Archaeological Trail in downtown Pensacola led by UWF archaeologists. Limited to 30 people. Wear comfortable shoes! 9AM to Noon. Free. Sign up on registration form.

Sunday afternoon – Bus tour of Naval Air Station-Pensacola. Guided tour will visit site of Presidio Santa Maria de Galve (1698-1719), Pensacola's first permanent Spanish settlement; Fort Barrancas (1763-1821, 1835-present); Pensacola Light House; and the Museum of Naval Aviation. 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. \$30.00. Sign up on registration form and pay **by March 31, 2009**.

Any questions or concerns? Contact:

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