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### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 6:00 PM

Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium, Selby Public Library, 1331 First Street, Sarasota

#### **Winners of Time Sifters Student Grant Competition**

##### **First Place - Kacie Allen, student at New College:**

**"Erected in their memory: insights from Tucker Hill Cemetery, Hernando County, Florida"**

##### **Second Place, Honorable Mention - Elicia Kimble, graduate student in Anthropology, U.S.F.:**

**"Rummaging Through Rubbish: Analysis of Feature 4 at the Yon Mound and Village Site**

**(8Li2)."**

On May 20, 2009, the winners of Time Sifters' first annual Student Grant Competition will give presentations regarding their research.

The first place winner is Kacie Allen, a student at New College, whose presentation is: **"Erected in their memory: insights from Tucker Hill Cemetery, Hernando County, Florida."**

Ms. Allen summarizes her presentation as follows:

"All sites have a story to tell, no matter how small. Northwest of Brooksville, Florida in the cemetery at Tucker Hill within the Withlacoochee State Forest, at

least 21 individuals were buried between 1877 and 1933. Many of them were children. The poor state of preservation of the cemetery and the minimal historic documentation of the area raise two important questions: How can one small cemetery remind us of the importance of the preservation of cultural resources? How can the study of it contribute to the current understanding of the area's past?"

A Florida native, originally hailing from Hernando County, Kacie expected to pursue Journalism or English in college. And yet, she became captivated with Anthropology, and has never looked back. She is enthusiastic about archaeology, and spent last summer excavating a

slave quarter at the Joseph Lloyd Manor site outside Huntington, New York. She is graduating from New College of Florida this year with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology/Religion. Immediately following graduation she will spend three months as an archaeology intern at Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Chinle, Arizona. Following this, she is interested in pursuing cultural resource management, as well as graduate work in archaeology.

Ms. Allen will receive a \$200 award from Time Sifters.  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING CALENDAR</b></p> <p><b>May 23, 2009: Field Trip to Weedon Island. See p. 2.</b></p> <p><b>September 16, 2009:</b></p> <p><b>Time Sifters received a Florida Humanities Council Grant for a lecture series “Traces of Our Past: Florida’s History through Archaeology” featuring some of Florida’s premier archaeologists and most impressive sites. The first program and reception (our September meeting) will be held at <u>New College</u> on September 16, 2009.</b></p> <p><b>Time Sifters meets the third Wednesday of each month from September to May, except December</b></p>
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## Field Trip!

When? Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

10am – Maya weaving exhibit –

personal tour by Dr. Gabrielle Vail

12pm – Picnic Lunch

1pm – Kayaking or nature walks (optional)

Where? Weedon Island Nature Preserve

(Incredibly beautiful location off Gandy Blvd in St. Petersburg)

**SIGN UP: Please call Karen Jensen 924-2446, or sign up at the May meeting.**

TIME: 10 AM, meet at Weedon Island Nature Preserve (allow ~ an hour for travel)

CARPOOL: If you are willing to carpool, please let Karen Jensen know when you sign up

DIRECTIONS: I-275 to Gandy Blvd; east to San Martin Blvd; south approx one mile to

Weedon Drive NE; east to the Center, which is the third left after the main gate.

COST: \$7.00 (will be donated to support the exhibit expenses)

Exhibit information:

*Woven Threads Through Time: Maya Women, Weavers, and Their Stories*, curated by our April speaker, Dr. Gabrielle Vail, highlights contemporary Maya textiles, interviews with master weavers from highland Chiapas and Guatemala, and a rare look at hieroglyphic Maya texts dating from the 7th through 15th centuries focusing on the lives of royal Maya women and their deity patrons.

Picnic info:

Members (and guests) are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. There is a picnic pavilion located adjacent to the Cultural and Natural History Center; we will try to snag it first thing in the morning.

Optional kayaking or nature walks:

There are a number of hiking trails including interpretive trails, boardwalks and paved trails.

Kayaking: Join Time Sifters Board members including Sherry Svekis, Valerie Jackson Bell, and Karen Jensen for kayaking. The kayaking trail takes approximately 3 hours to complete.

Bring your kayak, or let us know if you wish to rent one there. Half-day kayak rental is \$40 single or \$56 double. If enough members sign up to rent kayaks a discount may be available.

Directions and more information about the preserve, amenities, etc:

[www.weedonislandpreserve.org](http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org)

More information about kayaking at the preserve:

[www.sweetwaterkayaks.com](http://www.sweetwaterkayaks.com)

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Also at the May 20 meeting, second place/honorable mention winner Elicia Kimble will give a presentation entitled **“Rummaging Through Rubbish: Analysis of Feature 4 at the Yon Mound and Village Site (8Li2).”** The Yon Mound and Village site is located near Bristol, FL, on the bank of the Apalachicola River.

Ms. Kimble graduated magna cum laude with her B.A. from the University of South Florida. She is currently a Masters student at USF, majoring in Applied Anthropology with a focus in Archaeology. Her research interests are in prehistoric northwest Florida, specifically Woodland and Mississippian periods. Her past awards include the 2009 Florida Anthropological Society's student paper award, 1st place at USF's Undergraduate research Symposium, and USF's Presidential Scholarship.

Ms. Kimble will receive a \$50 grant from Time Sifters.

**FIVE TIMESIFTERS MEMBERS JOINED A BUSLOAD OF AUDUBON BIRDERS APRIL 1-3 ON A WHIRLWIND TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE, AND ENJOYED A FASCINATING JOURNEY AND SOME WONDERFUL TRAVEL COMPANIONS**

Time Sifters member Pattie Lanier writes:

I signed up because the itinerary included Kingsley Plantation, subject of a Time Sifters program a year or so ago. We were able to walk a small part of the 1000 acres where cotton, indigo and sugar cane were grown as early as 1790. The plantation house built in 1798 is the oldest surviving plantation house in Florida. By 1900 farming ceased and the fields reverted to forest. In 1968 some remnants of slave cabins were excavated. Over the decades archeologists have discovered evidences of “Africanisms” (customs) including a whole chicken and blue beads buried under the front door stone, and iron tools behind the house, similar to the Ibo custom of warding off evil spirits. This July, UF grad students will continue to excavate the foundations of a building thought to have been a sugar mill.

In addition to the Plantation, we toured nearby Fort Clinch, which had a rich history throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. During the Civil War, the fort was captured by Union forces which were able to keep French and British ships from supplying the Confederacy. Our very entertaining

guide tried to hire Lucia Taylor for the laundry, a job he said paid twice a sergeant's wage -- \$26 a month IN GOLD. Lucia finally told the sergeant that she was from Illinois and unless he stopped flirting she would report him to her friend, President Lincoln.

Halfway between Sarasota and Jacksonville, we visited Cross Creek, home of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Restoration of the house was completed in 1996. Rawlings' second husband had kept the home's furnishings in storage during the years when it was used as a student retreat, so there are many authentic details to enjoy. Our guides had plenty of colorful stories about Rawlings trying to make a go of a citrus farm before becoming a successful writer.

Lest you think the Audubon birders complained about too many historic sites to see, the bird life was everywhere abundant. More than 100 species were documented although those of us who have trouble focusing binoculars saw far fewer. In addition to unusual sightings of merlins and hawks at Kingsley Plantation, vireos and thrushes at Cross Creek, we picnicked at several state refuges where there were all kinds of seabirds, sandhill cranes, eagles, as well as migrating species. We even saw wild turkeys along the highway.

All in all, a very satisfying three days, thanks to superb planning by our own Karen Jensen and Audubon's Jeanne Dubi.

## **BOARD ELECTION AT MAY MEETING**

The annual election for the Time Sifters Board of Directors will take place at the May meeting. All members of the current board are willing to serve next year. If any other member of Time Sifters would like to serve, please contact a current board member.

## **APRIL MEETING**

Time Sifters thanks Dr. Gabriele Vail, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology at New College of Florida, for her presentation about Maya weaving at our April 22 meeting. Dr. Vail wants our members to know that if they wish to contract her with any questions about her presentation (or the weaving exhibit she is curating at Weedon Island Preserve), she can be reached by email at [gvail@ncf.edu](mailto:gvail@ncf.edu).

Several of our members attended the opening of the weaving exhibit on May 3. It was fascinating to watch the demonstration of backstrap weaving by Concepcion Poou Coy Tharin, master weaver from Guatemala, particularly in light of Dr. Vail's presentation. Hopefully many of our members will be able to participate in our field trip to Weedon Island on May 23 (see announcement, page 2), or otherwise visit the weaving exhibit through August 31, 2009.

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, May 23**

Time Sifters Field Trip to Weedon Island Preserve

See notice, page 2

**MEMBERSHIP**

Individual: \$20	Family: \$30
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**The Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of the month, from August through May.**

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