



# Time Sifters Archaeology Society

A Chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society  
PO Box 5283, Sarasota FL 34277

**Next Meeting:**  
Wednesday, September 19th, 6pm  
Selby Public Library  
Downtown Sarasota

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### Dear Sherry,

Welcome back from our summer hiatus. Your Time Sifters board has been hard at work to prepare another great year of programs for you. We start the fall close to home with programs delving into very recent archaeology at Ybor City and Historic Spanish Point. November brings an engaging Seminole storyteller and traditional teacher of Seminole arts. December of course brings the holiday party.

Your dues renewal date is 09/01/2012 You can renew via the website, or stop at the member's table at the next meeting.

I hope to see you on Wednesday the 19th.

cheers,  
Sherry Svekis, President  
[ssvekis@gmail.com](mailto:ssvekis@gmail.com)

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**September 19, 6pm: Selby Library**

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### **Urban Archaeology in Ybor City** **Jeff Moates, Director, West Central Region** **Florida Public Archaeology Network**

Archaeology beneath the Ybor City we see today can tell us even more about the people who founded and lived in this bustling and unique cigar town. This summer, staff from the West Central Regional Center of FPAN and volunteers conducted archaeological investigations at the Ybor City Museum State Park. Located on 9th Avenue and 19th Street in Ybor City (Tampa), the city block was once the home of many cigar factory and related industry workers and their families. This presentation covers the background of the particular lot and our current work to connect the small forgotten things recovered during excavations to the people of Ybor City's past and present.

Jeff is the Director of the West Central Regional Center of FPAN. He earned a M.A. in History/Historical Archaeology and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of West Florida. Jeff's work experiences prior to FPAN include employment as a field tech and crew chief with Archaeological Consultants, Inc (Sarasota, FL), an underwater archaeologist for the FL Bureau of Archaeological Research, and museum curator at the Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez.

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**October 17, 6pm: Selby Library**

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**The Hill Cottage Midden:  
A Monumental Achievement**

**Ryan Murphy, Curator and Archaeologist  
for Historic Spanish Point**

The Hill Cottage Midden is a Late Archaic Shell Ring that is part of the Palmer Site in Sarasota County, Florida. Shell Rings dating to the Late Archaic period can be found along the coast of the Southeastern United States between South Carolina and Florida. These unique features provide archaeologists with some of the earliest examples of monument construction within the region suggesting an increasing cultural complexity during the Late Archaic. In a 2006 report by Dr. Michael Russo the National Park Service identified several shell ring sites as potential National Historic Landmarks because they "represent the first, earliest, oldest, largest, or most complex examples of architecture, settlement, exchange, technology, ethnic identity, cultural traditions and social organization of this period in this large region of the United States and thus constitute national levels of significance". The Hill Cottage Midden was identified within this study as containing valuable information regarding the development of pottery, changes in social formations, and connections to other regional cultural traditions. This lecture will discuss the Hill Cottage Midden within the larger context of shell ring sites focusing primarily on the emergence of social stratification, craft specialization, and early

monument construction.

Ryan Murphy is a graduate of the University of Central Florida where he majored in Anthropology. Currently he is a candidate for a M.A. in Humanities with a concentration in History from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Ryan also holds certificates in Museum Studies, Non-Profit Management, Grant Proposal Writing, and Business Administration. Professional training also includes the National Preservation Institute's NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) and ARPA (Archaeological Resources Policy Act) seminar. Ryan has worked as a professional archaeologist conducting cultural resource assessment surveys throughout Florida for Archaeological Consultants Incorporated (2006-2010), as well as for the Seminole Tribe of Florida-Tribal Historic Preservation Office (2010-2011). Currently Ryan is the Curator and Archaeologist for Historic Spanish Point in Osprey, Florida his responsibilities include the management and care of a nearly 20,000 object collection, the preservation of several historic buildings, as well as the on-going conservation of the Palmer Site (8SO2).

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#### **Ongoing opportunities of interest**

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##### **Artifact Analysis: New College Public Archaeology Lab,**

The New College Public Archaeology Lab welcomes Time Sifters members to wash, sort, and record information on its artifact collections. Volunteers will work under the guidance of Sherry Svekis. The Lab is on the west side of the New College campus. There is limited space for this opportunity and volunteers must receive an orientation. Email Sherry for more information. [ssvekis@gmail.com](mailto:ssvekis@gmail.com)

##### **Shell Midden Material Analysis: Historic Spanish Point**

Historic Spanish Point welcomes volunteers to help process excavated midden material on

Thursdays, 9am - 3pm. Contact Ryan  
Murphy [ryan@historicspanishpoint.org](mailto:ryan@historicspanishpoint.org)

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### **Fall 2012 Meeting Calendar**

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**Sept 19, 6pm:** Jeff Moates, "Urban Archaeology in  
Ybor City" **Selby**

**Oct 17, 6pm:** Ryan Murphy, "Hill Cottage Midden: A  
Monumental Achievement" **Selby**

**Nov 14, 6pm:** Brian Zepeda, Seminole Tribe of  
Florida: "Voices from Native Florida" **New College**

**Dec:** Holiday Party

\*Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council  
**Selby Library:** downtown Sarasota, Central Ave  
and 2nd Street

**New College:** Mildred Sainer Pavilion, 5313 Bay  
Shore Road

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