

**CENTRAL FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OCTOBER 2010**

**CFAS Meeting – Thursday, October 14, 7 pm
Leu Gardens, 1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando**

This month's lecture will feature Dr. Rachel Wentz, the director of the Florida Anthropology Network's East Central region. Dr. Wentz and FPAN are great supporters of CFAS and it's an honor to host her for the month of October. Her presentation on ***Windover: A Mortuary Pond from Florida's Archaic*** should set the tone perfectly for Halloween!

Dr. Wentz graduated from Florida State University with a PhD in Anthropology and specializes in the analysis of human remains with foci on ancient disease and population health. In addition to her work at Windover, Rachel has analyzed remains from Little Salt Spring and Calico Hill, both prehistoric sites in Florida. She has also done skeletal work in St. Croix, England, and the Ukraine.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another month, another great speaker! Thanks to everyone who came out for our first meeting of the season last month. By my count we had around 75 people! That's the most we've had so far according to my records. To those of you who are helping get the word out about CFAS and the monthly meetings, a big thank you. It's obviously working.

This past month also saw CFAS members and FPAN assisting Chapter Rep and Field Supervisor Jason Wenzel as he conducted a cultural resource survey of an historic site in Windermere at the behest of the town government. We were able to hold a public archaeology day that was a great way to inform and educate the locals. This is one of the primary goals of FAS and its chapters. Education about anthropology and the cultivation of a desire to preserve our shared history is what we're all about. Thanks to all those who assisted. Thanks also to the town of Windermere for being so accommodating and a very special thanks to Assistant Town Manager Amy Buchanan for really rolling out the red carpet for the volunteers.

We'll have more volunteer opportunities available in the near future. If interested, please drop us a line and we'll be sure to let you know when we have something available. For now we'll just keep the momentum going as CFAS continues on one of its busiest seasons.

As always I welcome any feedback, questions or concerns any time!

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DECEMBER MEETING

At the meeting in October we would like to take a quick vote on a small issue. Would CFAS members like a speaker for the month of December or just the potluck? Last year it seemed a little rushed. Just having a potluck and perhaps a short video might allow us all a little more time to get to know each other and chow down on all that good food. So please be ready to vote on October 14th for a December speaker or just the potluck.

OTHER ANTHROPOLOGICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

- 10/5 **Forensic Anthropology: How the Dead Died.** Noon-1 p.m. at the Orange County Regional History Center, 65 E. Central Blvd, Orlando. This Brown Bag Lunch & Learn event will feature bioarcheologist Dr. Rachel Wentz, who will explain the vital role of trauma analysis in forensics and how forensic anthropologists assist law enforcement in solving homicides. Free. For additional information, please call 407-836-7010.
- 10/8 **Monumental Cargo: The Roman Column Wreck at Kizilburun, Turkey.** 7 p.m., Psychology 108, UCF. Presented by the Archaeological Institute of America, Central Florida Society. Free. For additional information, please call 407-823-6725.
- 10/8 **Ancient Medicine in Florida: Examining the Evidence for Medicine at the 7,000-year-old Site of Windover.** 7 p.m., Florida Historical Society Library, 435 Brevard Ave., Cocoa. For thousands of years, humans have been utilizing their natural environment for the purpose of treating the sick. This presentation by Dr. Rachel Wentz will examine the evidence for medicine at the Windover site that produced the well-preserved remains of 168 individuals. Free. For more information, please call 321-690-1971, ext. 223.
- 10/12 **Forensic Anthropology: How the Dead Died.** 6:30 p.m., Osceola Library, 211 East Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee. Dr. Rachel Wentz will explain the vital role of trauma analysis in forensics and how forensic anthropologists assist law enforcement in solving homicides. Free. For more information, please call 407-742-8888.
- Thru **Currier & Ives at the History Center.**
10/17 The exhibit will feature original Currier & Ives lithographs, conveying a view of America prior to the development of photography. Call 407-836-8500 for additional information.
- 10/30 **13th Annual Oakland Heritage Festival,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Speer Park, Oakland. All proceeds will benefit the Oakland Nature Preserve. Admission is free and CFAS will have a table under the history tent.
- Thru **History of Peacocks in Ancient Cultures.**
3/31/11 Winter Park Historical Museum, 200 West New England Avenue. The Winter Park Historical Association is showcasing the history of peacocks in ancient cultures and weaving a thread to the colorful bird's status today as the symbol of the city. Free. For additional information, please call 407-647-2330.

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