
ST. AUGUSTINE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION



A CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Feb 6 - Greg Hendryx, Archaeology
Division Leader at SEARCH

March 5 - Alexandria Griffin (Lyon
Scholarship recipient)

April 2 - Aaron Ellrich (Lyon Scholarship
recipient)

May 7 - Sarah Miller (FPAN) and **Chuck
Meide** (LAMP), our local archaeologists.

*** Note that all meetings through May will be held in the Tiffany Room, across the breezeway from the Flagler College entrance hall.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greeting Fellow SAAA Members and Happy New Year!

Following our January General Membership meeting, we welcome new officers to the SAAA Board including Bob Maerz (Director-at-Large) and Don Roberts (Treasurer). Katherine Sims, who completed her 3-year term as Director-at-Large, is stepping into the Vice-President role.

Those cycling off the board include Kelcie Lloyd (Vice-President), who has completed her term, and Nick McAuliffe (Treasurer). Nick has been the one behind the association's finances since 2015! We appreciate their service and know they will

continue to be contributors to St. Augustine's cultural community.

Finally, can we get a round of applause for Suzanne Dixon? You might recognize her as being the raffle ticket master at each member meeting. She has been Recording Secretary for more than a decade, carefully documenting the association's business. Thank you for remaining in this unsung, yet critical role!

Also, March is Florida Archaeology Month! SAAA has a few activities planned as noted later in this newsletter, so I hope to see you at some of our spring events.

Andrea White

MARCH IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

To make it easy to remember, all memberships are up for renewal in March, Archaeology Month. Be sure to pay your dues in person at our monthly meetings or on our website.

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT PARKING

Parking on the street and in City-owned lots is no longer free after 5pm. This includes the lots behind (south) of the Lightner Museum. As a reminder, St, Johns County residents receive significant parking discounts (50 cents per hour and \$3 at the parking garage). Visit citystaug.com/498/parking for more details.

2023 Holiday Party

About 40 intrepid souls braved a very chilly evening to attend the SAAA annual Holiday Party held this year outdoors on the grounds of the beautifully-decorated St. Augustine Lighthouse.

This annual members-only pot-luck event, with turkey and ham provided by SAAA, is always a highlight of the year. It gives members an opportunity to mingle and chat informally, catch up with friends, and enjoy a great variety of appetizers, side dishes, and desserts provided by other members.

Added attractions this year were a raffle to benefit the Eugene Lyon Education Fund and the presentations of awards.

Archaeology Month Events Planned

March 11, 5:00 pm in the City Commission Meeting Room at the Lightner Museum Complex – The City Commission Proclaims March to be Florida Archaeology Month and presents the Proclamation to SAAA.

March 23, 11:00 am on Aviles Street. Sarah Miller, the Regional Director for the Northeast and East Central Centers of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will present a members-only, one-hour guided walking tour featuring archaeological sites along Aviles Street.

This event is limited to 25 people. You can register on our website using this link--

<https://www.staugarch.org/event-details-registration/archaeology-on-aviles-tour>

April 11, 7:00 pm, Government House. The University of Florida Libraries will present a program titled “Women in Archaeology.”

Visit the SAAA website www.staugarch.org for more information about these and other events.

You can also follow SAAA on our new Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/staugarch>

Janet Fittipaldi Recognized for Service



Past President, Don Roberts, presented Janet Fittipaldi with a Certificate of Service at last December’s Holiday Party. He stated, “Upon joining SAAA in 2013, Janet hit the ground running.

“She immediately volunteered, assisting with the City’s archaeology program and has been a contributor ever since. A much-valued member of the field crew, Janet combined her previous archaeological and engineering experience with her energy, good humor, and willingness to do whatever it takes.

“Over time, Janet added her organizational skills to the City’s Lab, and when asked, agreed to join the SAAA Board, where she served three years as a Member-at-Large and two years as Corresponding Secretary.”

Janet, was forced to step down last year due to her husband’s ill health and subsequent death. Clearly, she and her contributions to SAAA will be greatly missed.

Raffle Nets \$240 for Education Fund

By Courtney Crum

During the annual SAAA Holiday Party in December, a raffle was held for three different gift baskets with the proceeds going to the Eugene Lyon Education Fund. The ELEF was established by the SAAA to provide financial support to those conducting research in archaeology and related fields.

The gift baskets were created using donations from Tour St. Augustine, Chick-Fil-A (312 & US1), St. Augustine Distillery, Dog Rose Brewery, Foxtail Coffee, and beautiful handcrafted items donated by SAAA member Jazmine Howard and her family. Please be sure to thank these businesses for their support if you visit them.

The lucky raffle winners were--

“Taste of St. Augustine” Basket- Tina Sauvage

“Spirits of St. Augustine” Basket- Lon Stafford

“Not a Creature was Stirring” Basket- Katherine Sims

The raffle ticket sales resulted in donations totaling \$240.00 to the Eugene Lyon Education Fund. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle.

Applications are currently being accepted for this year’s scholarships. More information as well as the scholarship application form and a link to make donations to the fund can be found on our website, www.staugarch.org/eugene-lyon-education-fund.

Charles Tingley Receives the Richard Todd Award

Also, at the Holiday Party, Katherine Sims, standing in for Andrea White, presented founding member of SAAA and five year Past President, Charles Tingley the Richard Todd Award.

Named after Richard Todd, a deceased member of the organization who was instrumental in getting SAAA started back in the 1980s, this award is given to a current member of SAAA in recognition of his or her commitment to the organization over the years. This award is not given every year, so it is quite an honor.



In addition to having his name engraved on a plaque which hangs in the City Archaeology Lab, Charles received a personalized engraved trowel.

Charles, who most recently was SAAA President in 2015 and 2016, is also known for leading walking and trolley tours of the historic downtown and providing commentary on board the Victory III for various SAAA events. He is employed by the St. Augustine Historical Society as the senior research librarian in their Research Library on Aviles Street.

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SAAA Mission Statement

The St. Augustine Archaeological Association promotes the discovery, interpretation, and protection of cultural heritage in the greater St. Augustine area by engaging our community in archaeological research, volunteerism, and education.

Photos from the Holiday Party

