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PAS MEMBERSHIP \*IN PERSON\* MEETING

**TUES, OCTOBER 10, 7:00 PM**

**Alabama Coastal Archaeology:**  
**Early Pottery, More about the Canoe Canal,**  
**and Pensacola Effigies**

Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology

University of South Alabama

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### **Alabama Coastal Archaeology: Early Pottery, More about the Canoe Canal, and Pensacola Effigies**

Dr. Greg Waselkov will speak on several ongoing projects by volunteers associated with the Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama. This program includes a study of Bayou La Batre pottery from Historic Blakeley State Park, further research on the Middle Woodland canoe canal in Gulf Shores and analysis of Pensacola tradition Mississippian ceramic bowl effigies.

Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov,

Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of South Alabama:

Dr. Waselkov taught archaeology at the University of South Alabama for 29 years, from 1988 to 2017, where he also directed the Center for Archaeological Studies. Some of the research projects he led include excavations at Old Mobile, the 1702-1711 French colonial settlement on the Mobile River; excavations at several Woodland shell midden sites in Baldwin County; a survey of the Old Federal Road, which dates to 1811; and excavations at the site of Fort Mims, a Creek War battle site dating to 1813. In recent years, Waselkov planned and helped construct the university's Archaeology Museum and served as its first director. He is presently serving as president of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, and edited that society's professional journal, *Southeastern Archaeology*. He has published many peer-reviewed books and journal articles, but has also promoted public appreciation of this region's history and archaeology.

He is now retired and living in Stockton, Alabama with his wife Lin, where she quilts and he writes.

## PAS MEETING DETAILS

Pensacola Archaeological Society Lecture Series membership meetings will be held in person from 7-8 pm in the Activities Building (Choir Room) at **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** at 3400 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32503 [www.trinitypcola.org](http://www.trinitypcola.org). Ample parking is available in the large lot on the side of the church building (Tronjo Rd.) and a few other spaces are located along the “back” of the church (on Piedmont Rd.). Entry to the Choir Room for PAS meetings will be through the back door under the covered entrance. The meeting begins at 7 PM. This door will be unlocked ONLY from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for security reasons. No pre-registration is required for the lectures. Visit our website at [www.pasfl.org](http://www.pasfl.org) or visit us on Facebook for more information.

The PAS board meets at 5:30 the day of the meeting and members are welcome to attend. Please let Barbara Wright, PAS President, know if you are interested in coming. Please tell board members if you have requests for speakers, other activities, etc

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## FPAN Public Archaeology Lab Is Open

After a summer break, the FPAN lab will be open most Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 4 pm CT through Dec. 8.

Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to come learn first hand how to process and identify artifacts from archaeological excavations. Volunteers learn to screen, clean and sort artifacts. No experience is needed, but volunteers are given an orientation by a professional archaeologist on their first day. All ages are encouraged to participate, but anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. There is no time requirement in the lab, but at least an hour is encouraged.

Volunteers should **RSVP** to be sure there is enough room for those who are interested. If you would like to RSVP or have questions, please send an email to [northwest@fpan.us](mailto:northwest@fpan.us) with your date(s) and times(s) for volunteering.

For up to date information about open lab days and other activities from FPAN, see their Events Calendar on the website.

## UWF Archaeology Lab Volunteers

There will be volunteer opportunities at the UWF lab at a later date. More info to come.

## **PRESERVATION PADDLE: ARCHAEOLOGY AND ECOLOGY ALONG THOMPSON BAYOU**

Join the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and UF IFAS Extension Escambia County as we host a kayak tour along Thompson Bayou.

\*\*\*\*\*This event is open to the public, but RSVPs are required. Space is limited to 20 participants. [RSVP via Eventbrite!](#)

All participants are required to bring their own watercraft. If you need to rent, one, contact Shawn Brown, Outdoor Gulf Coast at 850-466-8477 .

This will last approximately 2.5 hours. Along the way, experts will explain how human history and the natural environment have intersected to create the landscapes and waterways we enjoy today.

Tour participants will meet at the University of West Florida's Thompson Bayou canoe/kayak launch along the UWF Nature Trail at 9:00am CT for a safety briefing and an introduction. We recommend kayaks for this tour, any non-motorized watercraft is welcome (canoes, stand-up paddle boards, etc.). Other recommended gear should include sun protection, water, and snacks (if desired). Participants will be asked to fill out a liability waiver on site in order to participate in the tour.

To park on the UWF campus, all participants will be sent a link to apply for a temporary parking permit about one week before the program.

This tour is offered for \$10 to support Extension outreach programs.

This tour is recommended for ages 13+; participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.