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PAS MEMBERSHIP *IN PERSON* MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 7:00 pm

Montpelier in 25 Artifacts:

How We Use Objects to Tell Stories of the Past

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(FPAN)

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Montpelier in 25 Artifacts: How We Use Objects to Tell Stories of the Past

Montpelier, located in Orange County, Virginia, is best known as the plantation home of James and Dolley Madison. However, today Montpelier is a modern museum that encompasses a historic landscape stretching across 2650 acres, includes nearly 200 standing historic structures and reconstructions, and a collection of art, furnishings, documents, and over 3 million archaeological artifacts. Montpelier has become a leader in public archaeology and collaboration with the descendants of the enslaved in the preservation and interpretation of the past. In this talk, Mary will demonstrate how archaeologists and museum professionals use objects and community relationships to tell complex, whole truth histories of not only one plantation site, but of the country as a whole. www.montpelier.org



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Dr. Mary Furlong Minkoff is the Executive Director of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN). Prior to joining FPAN, Mary worked as the Assistant Director of Archaeology and Curator of Archaeological Collections at James Madison's Montpelier. There she oversaw Montpelier's public archaeology programs and public archaeology laboratory. While at Montpelier, Mary collaborated with the Orange County African American Historical Society, for which she served as a board member in 2022-2023, the Montpelier Descendants Committee, and other community organizations and members of the public on numerous projects including the multi-award-winning Mere Distinction of Colour exhibition, annual Juneteenth celebration, and the LEARN Archaeology Expedition programs, Montpelier's signature public archaeology program. Mary earned her PhD at the University of Maryland, College Park, her MA in Historical Archaeology from the University of West Florida, and BA in Anthropology and History from the University of Mississippi.

PAS MEETING DETAILS

PAS Lecture Series membership meetings will be held in person only from 7-8 pm in the Activities Building (Choir Room) at **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** at 3400 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32503 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. See our website at www.pasfl.org or visit Facebook for more information.

FPAN Public Archaeology Lab Is Open

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 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.

Attend the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend the 51st Annual Poarch Band of Creek Indians Pow Wow. Everyone is invited! When: NOVEMBER 23 – 24, 2023. For more information, visit: <https://pci-nsn.gov/annual-thanksgiving-pow-wow/>

Cruise to the Site of Old Mobile:
Alabama's First European Settlement

Date: Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023

Time: 9 am-12:30 pm

Price: \$42 for adults, \$22 kids 6-12

This one of a kind excursion lead by Dr. Gregory Waselkov, professor emeritus at the University of South Alabama and former Director of USA's Center for Archaeological Studies, will give us a look at the remains of the 1702-1711 capital of French Louisiana. After that time the city moved 27 miles south to the current location of Mobile.

Dr. Waslekov has spent decades investigating and writing about this incredible site. This area is rarely open to the public and this is a wonderful opportunity to walk where streets and buildings once stood.

The cruise departs from Live Oak Landing on Hwy 225 near Stockton. When you arrive at the site, there is a short hike required. Also as there is no dock facility at the site, guests must be able to scramble up a riverside bluff with staff assistance. Come prepared for true outdoor activity and you even may get a little muddy as we access the site.

To register go to <https://www.blakeleypark.com/Things-to-Do/Events> Click on EVENTS (the first choice under EVENTS), scroll down to Nov. 12 event, click on BOOK NOW, and then click on the date right under the list of prices for registration to pop up.