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***Paleofest98* – 1st Announcement**

Back by popular demand, the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Florida Paleontological Society are pleased to announce that *Paleofest98* will be held on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville on

Friday, 20 November and Saturday, 21 November 1998

Paleofest98 will be a celebration of Florida paleontology and gathering of folks interested in vertebrate, invertebrate, and plant fossils.

Paleofest98 activities will include:

Friday

- Evening tour of exhibits and behind-the-scenes at Powell Hall, the Florida Museum of Natural History's new education and exhibition center.
- Curators' tour of spectacular Elephants! exhibit
- Welcome party
- Fossil and club displays

Saturday

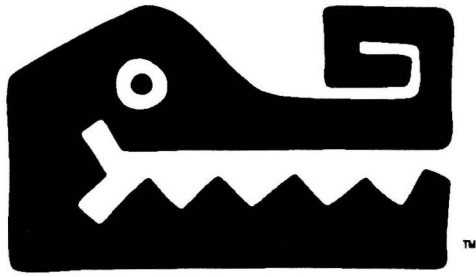
- Welcome talks and orientation lectures
- Field trips and workshops
- Public lecture by noted dinosaur paleontologist Jack Horner (Museum of Rockies)
- Banquet and awards ceremony
- Auction, with proceeds going to support fossil exhibits at the FLMNH (Note: the Florida Paleontological Society business meeting will be held on Saturday)

In mid 1998 a registration packet will be sent to all previous participants of *Paleofest96* and to Florida Fossil club Presidents for distribution to members block of rooms at a special conference rate will be reserved for *Paleofest98* participants.

For further information please contact:

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News from the



FLORIDA
MUSEUM
OF NATURAL HISTORY

Powell Hall officially opens....

The new Powell Hall addition to the museum complex officially opened the weekend of January 30th with an open house, tours, Seminole and Miccosukee storytelling, and the 19th Annual Collector's Day festivities. The new 55,000 square-foot building will serve as both exhibition hall and education center. Featured in the hall are both permanent and changing exhibits, a Learning Resource Center, gift shop, and administration offices. Many of the displays are still under construction. A large exhibit on Florida Fossils will open in the year 2000. Plans are now underway for *Paleofest98* to be held at the new facility, which will allow those FPS members who missed the 1997 Fall meeting a firsthand look at this impressive new hall.



Artist's rendition of the new Florida limestone cave, part of the Northwest Florida exhibit in Powell Hall, scheduled for opening in the Fall of 1998.

Changing Exhibits 1998 Exhibition Schedule

- 1** Birds and Beasts of Ancient Latin America — Artifacts incorporating animal imagery highlight the role animals played in ancient Latin American cultures. (1/98 - 5/98)
- 2** Magic, Shamanism and the Busy Spider — Contemporary art of the Abenaki from the NE United States. (1/98 - 5/98)
- 3** Expedition Everglades — Look through the eyes of artists as they discover meaning in the glorious Florida Everglades. (1/98 - 5/98)
- 4** Fishing Heritage of Gulf Coastal Florida — Discover the rich heritage of our gulf coastal fishing communities. (1/98 - 6/98)
- 5** Children's Natural History Gallery — Works of art produced by the visual arts program in the Alachua County elementary schools. (revolving)
- 6** Leonardo: Science and Imagination — Explore the genius of humanity's most heralded mind. (6/98-9/98)
- 7** Elephants! — Explore the lineage of these magnificent beasts, including manatees, mammoths, mastodons and others. (10/98 - 1/99)

please call ahead to
confirm exhibition dates
(352)846.2000

Northwest Florida: Waterways & Wildlife

Opens Fall 1998 — Learn about the amazing diversity of Florida's Panhandle, the most biologically rich region of the state as you follow the winding path of water:

- through a limestone cave like those near Marianna, Florida
- along a carnivorous plant seepage bog
- as it passes a Fort Walton Indian village
- into a black rush coastal marsh
- past the fragile sand dunes on a barrier island

South Florida: People & Environments

Opens Spring 2000 — Many centuries ago, the bountiful environments of southern Florida's estuaries gave rise to a complex and powerful society — the Calusa Indians. Today, these same estuaries provide us with food, recreation and beauty. In this exhibit, you will explore:

- a mangrove forest boardwalk teeming with wildlife
- the South Florida natural habitats discovery room
- a larger-than-life underwater walk-through environment
- six thousand years of gulf coastal fishing heritage
- a Calusa midden and village and a leader's house during a political ceremony
- rare carved and painted artifacts
- the story of Indian people in South Florida today — the Seminole and Miccosukee

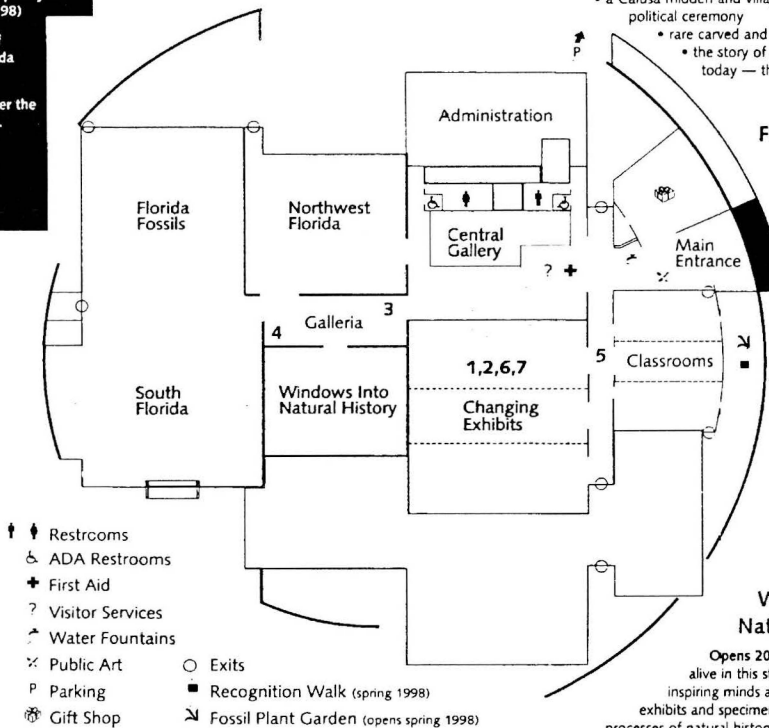
Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life & Land

Opens 2000 — Long before humans entered Florida, the land underwent tremendous geologic and environmental changes. As you pass through a giant set of shark jaws, you will discover:

- where fossils are found, what they tell us, how they tell time
- ancient remains of ocean life from a southern Florida shell pit
- Florida's seascape 40 million years ago
- diverse, extinct land mammals
- fossil horses from Florida

Windows Into Natural History

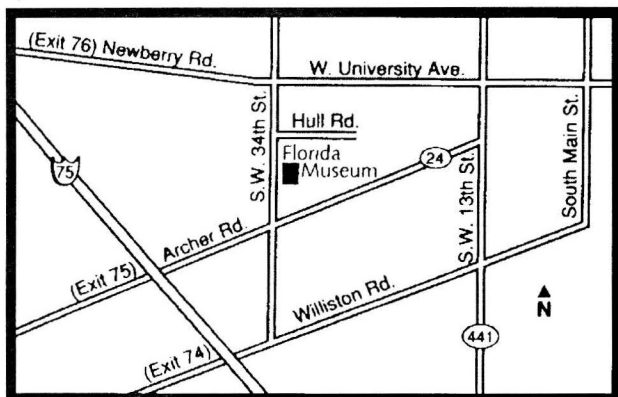
Opens 2001 — Natural history will come alive in this state-of-the-art facility dedicated to inspiring minds and fostering inquiry. Interactive exhibits and specimen collections will reveal the processes of natural history investigation.



Permanent Exhibits

Central Gallery

- Now Open — A showcase for museum research and collections including
- a one-third scale model of the *Niña*
 - rare cycad trees
 - unusual carved wood objects from the Pacific Northwest and the St. John's River
 - creatures from Florida's sea 40 million years ago
 - jaw of an extinct Great White Shark



Powell Hall is located at the western edge of the U of F campus, on Hull Rd at SW 34th St.

Museum Hours:

Mon. - Sat. 10am to 5pm
Sun. and Holidays 1pm to 5pm
Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas

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Visit the museum online at
www.flmnh.ufl.edu

News from Other Clubs.....

As part of its newsletter exchange program, the FPS receives newsletters from other related clubs in Florida and the Southeastern U.S. Items of interest are excerpted here for our readers information.

The North Carolina Fossil Club meets at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, and the group is active in collecting the quarries of eastern North Carolina. Member Joy Pierce wrote us to announce a recent book by John Timmerman entitled: *Seal/Dolphin, A Complete Skeletal Comparison of Two Marine Mammals*. John's drawings, included on seventy-seven pages (8.5 X 11 inches) help the fossil collector distinguish seal bones and teeth from the cetacean fossils, represented by the dolphin. Modern skeletons were used as models to assure completeness and accuracy, but fossils are included. The book is available through the mail. Orders can be sent to North Carolina Fossil Club, P.O. Box 2777, Durham, NC 27715, for \$13 each, checks made payable to the North Carolina Fossil Club.

Two of the club's previous offerings, *Neogene Fossils of North Carolina* and *Cretaceous and Paleogene Fossils of North Carolina*, by Richard Chandler and John Timmerman, are also available from the same address for \$7.00 each, including postage (\$5.00 ea. in bulk of 10 or more).

The Fossil Club of Miami Newsletter reports that some of its members are involved in the Pleistocene paleosinkhole excavations at the Monkey Jungle attraction in Miami. Jean Masters has been volunteering several days per month, collecting teeth and bone fragments. All finds are given to the Monkey Jungle, and a small display case showing some of the mammal teeth found there is featured at the attraction. Included in the finds are teeth of American lions, wolves, camels, horses, and glyptodonts. An archaeology Fair scheduled for March 1st at the Jungle will have

more of the finds on display. The Monkey Jungle is located at 14805 SW 216th St. in Miami.

Bob Morgan reports that the Myakka and Peace Rivers and Horse Creek have all been at flood stage this past winter, precluding collecting. As the weather warms, shark teeth hunting activity should pick up at Venice Beach. The recommended lodging is the *Inn at the Beach*, directly across from Venice Beach. Also, *Our World Dive Center* offers free dives for shark teeth (941) 483-3474.

Our state was visited by the **New Jersey Paleontological Society** during the week of April 2-6th of this year. The January NJPS newsletter announced the trip, which was planned to include fossiling by canoe on the Peace River and a collecting trip to a phosphate mine in Bowling Green, Florida. The NJPS was formed in 1991, and meets at the Bergen Museum in Paramus, NJ.

Mention of yet another new fossil club was made in the January issue of the *Southwest Florida Fossil Club Newsletter*. It is the **Manasota Fossil Club**, which meets the third Thursday of the month at the Barnett bank on Stickney Point Road in Sarasota at 7 PM. Contact Eleanor Gador (941) 923-9919 for information.

The March, 1998 issue of the *Aucilla River Times*, the annual newsmagazine of the ongoing **Aucilla River Prehistory Project** (ARPP), reported several interesting tidbits. It announced that **Dr. S. David Webb**, an Honorary member of the FPS, has been appointed to the rank of *Distinguished Research Curator*. Recipients of this honor must have truly distinguished themselves in teaching and/or service at the U. of F. Congratulations Dr. Webb! The magazine also announced that the best of three mammoth skeletons recovered in the Aucilla River will be mounted for display in the Central Gallery of the Florida Museum of Natural History's Powell Hall. Completion of the display is planned for 1999, and the skeleton will be the first real mammoth exhibited in the southeastern United States. A virtual tour of the ARPP is now available online at:

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/aucilla/arp01.htm>

Ben Waller: A National Treasure

by Frank A. Garcia

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The Ford Torino sped its way through the beautiful lush Ocala forest one bright summer's day. Needless to say the driver was running late as usual. Several glass cases of Indian arrowheads and artifacts fell to the floor from the back seat as the driver careened around a sharp turn on the dirt road in the forest.



Ben Waller

Upon arrival, the driver jumped out of the car with his cases under armpits and ran to the waiting crowd in the forest. The driver and now lecturer of prehistoric Indian folk culture apologized as he approached the group of people. Looking at the people, the lecturer realized that he is facing a Klu Klux Klan weekly meeting!

The crowd in the audience roared its approval as I related this story at the "Ben Waller Roast" in 1989, in Ocala, Florida. The crowded Holiday Inn was witnessing a wonderful and beautiful tribute to the greatest man who ever put on a wet suit in the State of Florida and beyond.

No other man had ever been to underwater paleontology and archeology what Ben was - he was their father. But the greatest contribution to all of us from Ben was his KINDNESS.

His big blue eyes could put a smile on your face if you were dejected. His kind voice could take the "sword" out of your hand if you were angry. And his infinite love for his fellow man, I mean anybody,

would make you think" where did this man come from?"

Ben Waller was born in DeLand, Florida and raised in Tampa. He attended Plant High School. His father was the late Harry Waller, a former pastor of Hyde Park Methodist Church of Tampa. Ben attended Asbury College in Kentucky. He piloted super saber jets and flew in Korea and subsequently became Marion County's Civil Defense Director, and Past President of the Florida Civil Defense Association. Ben spent a lot of dive time in the Ocala area recovering drowned victims in underground caves. So after an illustrious career we decided to give him a "roast."

At first we thought of having an "honor" night for him, but he probably would have been embarrassed. So we disguised his honor night and called it a "roast." It was the most privileged moment in my life to be the Master of Ceremony on his night.

I continued by telling the audience how this man, when he was 13 or 14 and wanted to make extra money, decided to raise a hamster farm. He started out with 12 hamsters and after one year he still had 12. Someone finally told him that the hamsters should not be in separate cages! The audience again roared its approval. Ben just smiled and shook his head. I had gotten all this wonderful information from his sister, Carolyn Heagey and his friend, Paul Lien.

Between the other roasters' funny jabs at Ben, I proceeded to tell of one of my favorite stories of Ben. One year when Ben was at the top percentile of Spear Fishing Championships in Florida, he shot a 300 pound tiger shark and was walking around a pier in West Palm Beach and showing it off. Little did he know that the sheer white bathing suit he had on was showing up the shark. People would say, "Oh my God," and Ben would smile, thinking they were expressing their interest in the shark!

But at the end of the "Waller Roast" I'll not forget Dr. Jarl Marwin's tribute to Ben, showing some movie film of Ben with a wet suit held together by Donald Duck pins and using an antique ax head for a weight belt! Jarl then ended the roast with a tearful tribute of Ben in the river, holding in the air a beautiful Clovis point and smiling at the audience with that magic smile.

Ben Waller was by far the most interesting character I've ever met. When Ben was old enough to drive, he raced cars and eventually raced stock cars at old Phillips Field in Tampa. He even won races under an assumed name because he wanted to make extra money. Of course, his dad couldn't know about it or else.

But Ben's interests didn't stop there. He became a self-taught naturalist and worked with gators,

turtles and snakes. He became friends and worked with Ross Allen of the famed Reptile Institute - the original Silver Springs attraction.

Ben even did movies for Hollywood on location in Ocala, Florida. At the famed Silver Springs he hooked-up with Bill Cosby, Rock Hudson, Gina Lollobrigida, British star Richard Harris and good friend, Elvis Presley. (Ben spoke highly of the young Presley - said he was a thoughtful, kind young man.) Elvis and Ben were to go diving for fossils one Saturday but Elvis called that morning and said his agent would not permit it.

In the late 50's and early 60's, Ben worked on the popular TV show Sea Hunt. He was Lloyd Bridges diving coach as well as a stunt diver on the action packed show. Ben once showed me a photo of Lloyd's two young sons sitting on his lap - now famous Hollywood actors, Beau and Jeff Bridges.

But I guess Ben was probably best known in the TV movie business for turning down a major part in a movie he thought would be too embarrassing to make - "The Creature of the Black Lagoon." He would have been the creature. Regardless of the part he never did, he was still famous for his kindness and intelligence.

Ben spent most of his time searching for artifacts in the Withlacoochee, Ichetucknee, Aucilla, Silver, and his beloved—Santa Fe River.

His searching became legendary. He amassed a collection of Paleo points (spearheads over 9,000 years old) that totaled over 1,000 pieces, which could be a world record. This didn't include the massive fossil collection he had.

Ben's legend lives on because he had the honor of having an Indian artifact named for him: "The Waller Knife," a chipped, stone cutting knife. In addition, the famous fossil bird remains he uncovered in the Santa Fe River bears his name—a new species of a nine foot carnivorous bird named *Titanus walleri*. (Recently it has been featured in Paleoworld and Discover magazine.)

I had a grand time knowing this man nearly 25 years. I'll never forget meeting this great man at a mineral and fossil show in Orlando, Florida in 1969. Ben was a fossil judge at the show and marked me off 5 points for misspelling a fossil in my display case which gave me 2nd place. I appealed to the grievance committee because I had taken the same exact word out of a Florida Geological Survey report that was indeed misspelled. The decision was reversed and I got the blue ribbon. Ben was delighted about the reversal and we quickly became friends for life. He called me on the phone a week later and wanted to know if I wanted to help him dig up an elephant skull in the Withlacoochee River. What a

thrill it was diving next to this icon of our hobby and then some.

His sense of humor was so wonderful that you just couldn't get enough of Ben! I eventually called him "Gentle Ben." Through the years we did a lot of fossil collecting together—along with the loves of his life—his three sons, Ben, Brad and David.

Through Ben I would meet such underwater Archeology legends as Dr. Al Wellberry, John Clayton, Paul Lein and Ben's best friend, Dr. Jarl Malwin.

About once a week I would go up to see Ben and spend the night with him and his boys. We would play basketball or sit around and talk about Don Garlits (his friend) or Cha Cha Muldomey, a female dragster driver.

Ben's interests were many and if there was a man for all seasons, it was Ben Waller. He attracted so many different kinds of people. Those of you that were lucky enough to know Ben, know what I am talking about.

The MAN was the only man I ever met that was without gile. His gentleness and the calming effect he had on people was his most beautiful virtue, I think. He had a beautiful voice and I later found out from his sister that he also sang opera. He was not only an expert in many fields but also an accomplished orator.

Ben's friends were many. From professionals to construction workers to movie makers and actors... I remember visiting Ben one night and the phone rang and he picked it up, had a conversation for about 10 minutes with a friend of his in California. After he hung up, Ben told me that it was Vincent Price who wanted to obtain a mastodon tooth from him!

On another night when I was visiting with Ben and his girlfriend, Janet Clem, the phone rang. I jumped up quickly to answer it and on the other end in New York was famed film maker, Peter Gimble of "Blue Water White Death" and the man that dove the "Andrea Doria."

Ben was gullible in a wonderful sense, and he was always late. I mean every time we were to meet he would be 30 to 45 minutes late. But let me tell you it was well worth it. I know why...you just couldn't wait to see this man and you became very anxious and really glad when he showed up giving way to the old adage "absence makes the heart grow fonder." I would love to trade fossils and artifacts and to talk fossil politics with him. Ben worked very hard trying to bridge the gap between the amateur and degreed Paleontologist and Archeologist. I worked with him, Howard Converse and Dr. S. D. Webb getting the F.P.S. started. Ben had worked with Dr. Clayton Ray, the former Paleo museum

chief in Gainesville, before Dr. Ray went on to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and Dr. P. Broadkorb of Gainesville. Dr. Broadkorb described Ben's fossil bird and named it for him.

Ben dove many weekends in the rivers with his friends. During the week, he was a salesman for manufactured homes.

His phone calls to me were frequent as they were to everyone else, his energy was non-stop. His joke telling was masterfully done and his wit was incredibly funny.

I remember the year before he left us, we threw him a Christmas party at his home. We danced and sang around a huge Christmas tree we all put up that day. Christmas was much more meaningful that year.

After river diving, Ben loved the phosphate mines. Ben, his 3 sons and myself would often go looking for shark and mastodon teeth.

But I must say though that through the years we collected together, his favorite of all fossil sites was the Leisey Shell pit. Ben was with me in 1983 where we first dug the site. He just marveled at the mass concentration and quality of the fossils there.

He would hardly dig at all. He had such a great time watching others dig and then patting them on the back.

One of the things that really stuck with me was once Ben told me about an underwater site a friend of his took him to that had wonderful artifacts and fabulous fossils lying on the river floor. He shared it with Ben and made Ben promise never to take anyone there or go there without him.

Several years later Ben told me that the man passed away. I asked Ben if maybe he and I could go to that site. Ben turned and looked at me with those magnificent blue eyes of his and said in a beautiful and warm way, "I could never break my promise to that man."

Does such honor really exist today? Is a great site sacred anymore? That is why Ben Waller is a legend, no, he's a National Treasure.

If someone did 10 or 15 books on this man's life, they could never say it or tell it all.

Several months before Ben passed away, I advised to the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Fossil Club to start a scholarship fund for deserving students at U.S.F. Of course, the catch was to name the scholarship after Ben Waller. "The Board knew!" The vote was unanimous. So every year we have an auction in Ben's honor to raise money for the fund.

The day before Ben passed on, I went to see him in an Ocala hospital. Yes, the last fossil he ever saw was the biggest sloth claw in the world. He couldn't speak, but made his cute gesture of squinting his eyes. He had always loved sloths.

I stayed with him that night for several hours, as he lay in a restful sleep, I kissed his forehead and

whispered that I loved him. Then I drove home knowing what lay ahead with his failing health.

A day later, on March 5th at 4:30 a.m. I received the phone call I didn't want. My friend, Karen Chadwick told me that Ben had just passed away, I don't remember anything else she said.

I had the saddest honor in my life to be one of Ben's pall bearers.

My good friends Don Ward and John Clark were with me at the funeral and Don said, "You know, he treated you as if you were his best friend." I turned and looked at Don and said, "You were."

That day, the church in Ocala was filled to capacity overflowing to the outside; an incredible cross section of personalities as you ever saw. Ben was loved by everyone that knew him. I have just never seen so many tough guys hugging and crying.

I helped carry his body to his final resting place at the Sarasota Memorial Park in Sarasota, Florida. It was just a body we buried, not the legend, not the man, not his deeds or teachings. As long as I knew Ben, I never saw him get mad or curse. The thing he did all the time was smile and inquire how you were.

Legend has it in Ocala, that one day when Ben was home on leave from the Armed Forces he was sitting outside an ice-cream parlor and noticed a little girl outside crying. He approached her and asked what was the problem. She said the man inside the ice cream store would not give her any ice cream cones because she was barefoot.

Ben then took off his shoes and lifted her into his shoes and made her go back inside for her ice cream. She shuffled happily inside.

Outside that little girl, no one will ever fill that man's shoes, his legacy of kindness and love and diplomacy is intact forever.

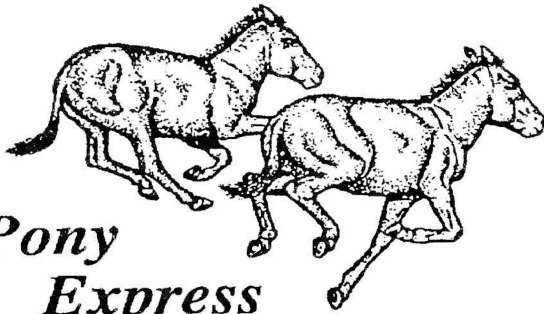
Someone once said a long time ago that when a great man dies, people search long and far to find a replacement for him, but one is never found, thus his kind is extinct forever.

So, it was one of God's great plans to show and remind us how special we really are, and Ben showed us all.

As Dr. Jarl Malwin put it when eulogizing Ben at the funeral: "Ben Waller was a national treasure that was loved and liked by all... and one day we could all meet him when 'We will all gather at the river,' the Santa Fe River."

So readers, if you never met Ben Waller, you have no idea what you missed.

It'll be 5 years this coming March of 1998 since his passing. Occasionally I'll take out the "priceless" videos I have of Ben and watch them ... and then I'll cry.



Florida Fossil Horse Newsletter

“I dig Fossil Horses”

Contribute to the *Pony Express*!

Your donations will support the research and collections activities dealing with fossil horses and other extinct mammals at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Added benefits of your contributions include:

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Survey

Here's your chance for input. To assist the working relationship between those interested in paleontological and archaeological finds in Florida, please complete the following survey questions:

What can amateurs do to further the study of paleontology and archaeology?

What can professionals do to further the study of paleontology and archaeology?

Suggestions:

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FAMILY AND COUPLES PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ALL APPLICANTS IF NEW. PLEASE COMPLETE PERSONAL FACT SHEET BELOW IF NEW OR CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED SINCE PREVIOUS YEAR.

NOTE!!! MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR A CALENDAR YEAR AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR! PLEASE RENEW ON TIME!

BIOGRAPHICAL FACT SHEET

1. NUMBER OF YEARS OF INTEREST IN PALEONTOLOGY _____
2. WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR STATUS: COLLECTOR ___ OCCASIONAL DEALER ___
FULL TIME DEALER ___ PROFESSIONAL POSITION ___ JUST STARTING ___

3. PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST:

<u>VERTEBRATE</u>	<u>INVERTEBRATE</u>	<u>BOTANY</u>	<u>MICRO</u>
PLEISTOCENE _____	_____	_____	_____
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4. LIST ANY PREFERRED TYPES (Horses, Sloths, Echinoids etc.)

5. LIST ANY PUBLISHED WORKS ON PALEONTOLOGICAL SUBJECTS.

6. DO YOU BUY _____ TRADE _____ FIND _____ FOSSILS?

7. LIST ANY SKILLS OR ABILITIES THAT MAY BE OF USE TO THE SOCIETY'S PROJECTS (RESTORATION, PREPARATION. COMPUTER USE. GRAPHICS SKILLS, SPEAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, WRITING, FUND RAISING ETC.)

8. LIST ANY UNUSUAL SPECIMENS FOUND, CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY WERE LOCATED AND THEIR DISPOSITION. PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF REQUIRED! THANK YOU!

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