St. Simons Island, Georgia (October 21, 2010) – Glynn County 4th grade teacher Ellen Provenzano was awarded the prized George S. Lewis Archaeological Stewardship Award by The Society for Georgia Archaeology. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation of archaeological sites within Georgia.

As Glynn County Schools Archaeology Education Coordinator, Ms. Provenzano has worked for 16 years in this stellar partnership between the school system and the National Park Service at Fort Frederica National Monument. In this role she has exposed 15,000 students to the concept of archaeological preservation, while teaching them a wide range of state-mandated subjects and higher order thinking skills. She has led 200 teachers through intensive week-long workshops. Ms. Provenzano has spent countless volunteer hours working with archaeology clubs, camps, booths, and even an archaeology bus. Throughout, she provides children, families, and individuals with accurate information that helps Georgians preserve our non-renewable archaeological sites.

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