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Golden Isles Archaeological Society September 2013 - Newsletter

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Important Dates to remember:

- **The GIAS meeting** will be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00, the next meeting will be on **October 1, 2013**. The meetings will be held at **St. Simons Elementary School at 805 Ocean Blvd.** Light refreshments will be supplied by Deana and Chuck Davis.
- **Coastfest 2013**: will be held on October 5, 2013 near the Sidney Lanier Bridge. Volunteers can still sign-up to help with Coastfest through Ellen Provenzano at (912) 638-1242.

President's Message:

GIAS started off the 2013-2014 year with a good turnout with Fred Cook was the guest speaker. I'm sure that Cay will have more in the newsletter about his program.

If you are available, on Saturday, October 5, please help at CoastFest and let Ellen know you will be there and times you are available. Patty has sent out times to help.

When you go to the lab the next time, you will see that there are new drying racks that have been built. We would like to thank Janis Rodriguez for her hard work.

Hope to see everyone on Tuesday, October 1st.

Regards,
Les Breen, President GIAS

From Billy Bice: Next month's speaker will be Keith Stephenson. His topic is: "Preston Holder's 1937 Excavations at the Evelyn Plantation Site in Glynn County". Kevin Kierman is also working with him on this project.

From Jamice: Thank you, Frank Cook for the very interesting talk on the results of Tim Chownes Geology and Fred's Archaeology concerning Sea Level and the flow of Brunswick River. Fred also shared his finding regarding the Kelvin Indians who lived about nine hundred years ago in the current Kelvin Grove subdivision.

From Patty Breen:

Membership dues were collected at the first meeting for the 2013-2014 year. If you did not attend the meeting, please mail your check to GIAS P.O. Box 24561 asap. George Ellis is preparing a directory for GIAS this year, and he will need to know who is joining. He will also need a picture of you for the directory. If you attended the May picnic or the September G.I.A.S. meeting, Cay Ellis took your picture then for the directory, and you won't need to send one.

From Cay Ellis:

If you have an article and/or pictures you would like to put into "The Antiquarian" in future months, please send the information to me no later than the 15th of that month. Thank you.

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Fred gets the full attention of a spell-bound boy, who touches some of the labeled plastic bags containing the shellfish and faunal remains the prehistoric occupants consumed at the home.

Fred Cook, Guest Speaker at September 2013 Meeting



Glynn County's version of "Indiana Jones", Fred Cook, spoke to GIAS about *Late Archaic Hunting of Turtle Creek/ Brunswick River Cypress Forest* by ancient tribes living on Jekyll Island as early as 9500 years ago. They possibly used the same hunting techniques for 7000 years. After thousands of years, the cypress forest was killed off by the salt water due to the changing of the coastline. Points were left by the tens of thousands under the marsh mud on the west side of Jekyll Island.

Fred also shared his findings from his digs in Kelvin Grove where Kelvin Indians lived in houses generation after generation. They were self sufficient, so they didn't have to constantly move like many other tribes did. They had readily available food year round and could trade for materials to make their points and other tools.



Figure 4. Scrapers from the Turtle River site.



Figure 6. PP/Ks from the Jekyll Island site.

Projectile points and scrapers from Jekyll Island in the Turtle River area.

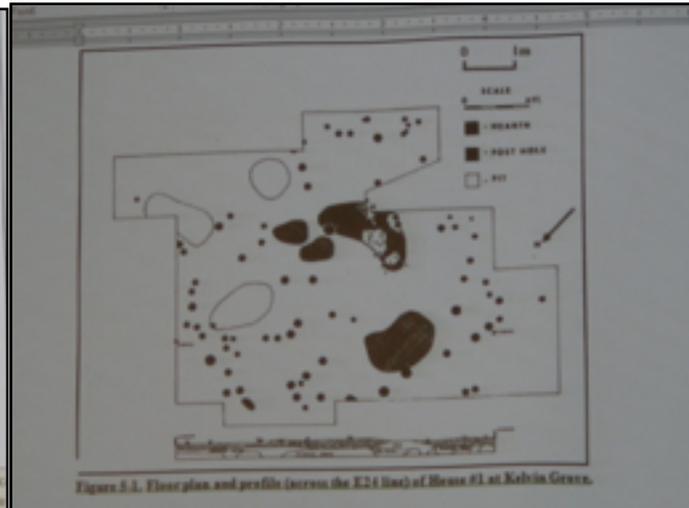
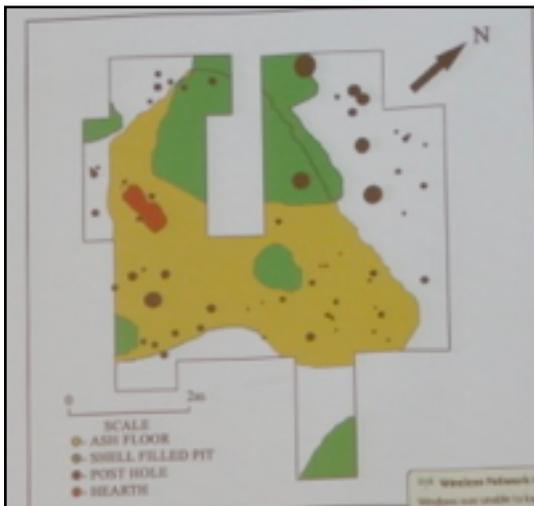


Figure 5.1. Floor plan and profile (across the E-W line) of House #1 at Kelvin Grove.

Diagrams of a Kelvin Indian house showing numerous post holes, hearths, fire pits, storage pits, and ash floors. Remains of their food could also be found on the floors.

For more information go to:

<http://www.fredcookarchaeologyofthegeorgiacoast.com>

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