

Gifford Waters, Archaeologist and Historical Archaeology Collection Manager at the Florida Museum of Natural History spoke on “17th Century Spanish Mission in Our Own Backyard: Archaeology and History of Mission San Francisco de Potano.” He described this mission located near San Felasco Hammock Preserve and provided an overview of Spanish Florida's history while highlighting the roles of key figures like Pedro Menendez de Aviles and the Franciscan missions. The presentation aimed to cover the mission's history, research questions, and recent archaeological findings from the 2024 and 2025 field seasons. Watch the video of this talk by going to the Meetings page of the RFUF website and clicking on the October 23 meeting. Videos remain active on the website for 6 months after each meeting. All photos courtesy of Saeed Khan.



