



Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Presents: St. Augustine Spanish Colonial Heritage Insider's Tour

Thursday, April 16

❖ **Historic Architectural Review Board** | 1:00 p.m. to conclusion

For those interested: Meet the local review board and observe how the city's regulations promote compatible development within the local historic districts. This is a regularly scheduled hearing which is open to the public. Feel free to sit in during any part of the meeting throughout the afternoon.

➤ Location Alcazar Room, City Hall, 75 King Street. First floor of Hotel Alcazar (built 1889)

❖ **Welcoming Reception with Dr. J. Michael Francis** | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Florida Trust will officially welcome you along with invited guests from the community for a casual reception and discussion from Dr. Francis on the legacy of cultural diversity in St. Augustine's Spanish Colonial heritage. Dr. Francis is a distinguished professor, founder of the La Florida Digital Archives, and author of St. Augustine: America's First City.

➤ Location St. Augustine Art Association, 22 Marine Street.

Friday, April 17

"Insider" Day Tours

❖ **Spanish Colonial Landmark Town Plan and Interiors** | 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This tour will be interpreted by award winning preservation architect Herschel Shepard, FAIA, to reveal the distinct development pattern of Spanish Colonial towns and buildings with guided visits through unique Spanish Colonial buildings during a walking tour of the Town Plan Historic Landmark.

➤ Lunch will be provided

❖ **Interpreting America's First Free Black Community: Fort Mose** | 2:30 p.m.

➤ Transportation provided to 15 Fort Mose Trail

Thomas Jackson is president of the Fort Mose Historical Society and will describe life for the black freedmen and African slaves at Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mosé which began in the 1730s as they escaped northern British colonies. Living history, archaeological research, and a museum helps visitors to appreciate the landscape, local culture, and impacts of this National Historic Landmark, also recognized as a UNESCO Slave Route Project Site of Memory.

❖ **Membership Reception** | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

➤ Location: private Spanish Colonial home

Included with your Insider's Tour is this special members' reception with the Florida Trust Board of Trustees, with a rare glimpse inside a private Spanish Colonial home

Saturday, April 18

"Insider" Day Tours

❖ **Sue B. Middleton Archaeological Lab** | 9:00 a.m.

➤ Transportation provided

The science of archaeology performed as part of the city's preservation ordinance is curated at the lab. Dr. Andrea White will share with you how 75 percent of any particular archaeological investigation occurs mostly in a lab including packaging, cleaning, documenting, and storing artifacts and information.

❖ **Lighthouse Archaeology and Maritime Program (LAMP)** | 10:30 a.m.

Underwater archaeology is a distinct specialty which helps to gather and promote the underwater heritage of the city. LAMP conducts annual field sessions and joint research adventures with teams that have an impact on the discoveries with international importance. During your visit to their lab you will see a different side of artifact conservation.

❖ **Anastasia Island: Lost, but Not Forgotten** | 12:00 p.m.

Continuing on your dedicated trolley, narrator and archaeologist Robin Moore will describe the history of Anastasia Island, the site of the second settlement of Spain's Spanish Colony of St. Augustine between 1566 – 1572. Almost a decade after the settlement was relocated to the mainland, the island's coquina resources were harvested for construction of the Castillo and later for private homes. A coquina stone Spanish watchtower preceded the current Lighthouse and still remains in ruins as an archaeological site.

➤ Box lunch provided

❖ **The 11-to-Save Success Story of Fish Island** | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

In November 2019 the grass roots effort to save Fish Island Archaeological Site from development succeeded when the land was purchased by the State of Florida with Florida Forever funds. Listed in the National Register in 1972, the island is recognized as an early, possibly the first, commercial orange plantation begun by Jesse Fish in the First Spanish Period with his name continuing through the Territorial Period. Coquina structures, slave burials, maritime structures, and even Native American archaeological deposits document the rich heritage of this site. Archaeologist Marsha Chance and Fish Island Management Plan author JB Miller will guide this tour.

➤ This is an outdoor walking tour through an undeveloped vegetative site. Plan accordingly to wear comfortable clothing and shoes, sun covering, and insect repellent.

❖ **St. Augustine's Harbor by Boat** | 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

➤ Location: Usina Historic Boat Tours, beverages and snacks available for purchase.

This is the conclusion of the Insider Tour festivities; you can continue to enjoy the evening with dinner on your own.