

# Friends of the Randell Research Center

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## Classroom and Book Shop Take Shape *Long-awaited Teaching Pavilion to be Completed this Spring*

by *Bill Marquardt*

**A few years ago**, I was on Sanibel Island to visit my friend José Leal, Director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. Having arrived early for our meeting, I decided to see what was going on at the CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) facility just down the street. The CROW folks had worked with our Florida Museum exhibit staff for years, and were well appreciated locally, but I had never seen their place. I arrived just a few minutes before P. J. Dietschel was about to begin a public presentation in CROW's teaching pavilion. Dr. Dietschel's talk was quite interesting, as was the short video she showed. However, I was also impressed by the building in which I was sitting. It was open and airy, yet comfortable. The acoustics were good, and the lighting allowed one to show a video or slide presentation, give a demonstration, or teach a class. I became convinced that we needed something comparable at the Randell Research Center, where school children and adults already came for guided tours, special events, and education programs. At the time, we had no shelter for people on a hot or rainy day, and our restroom facilities consisted of a single chemical toilet.

I brought up the subject at our next RRC advisory board meeting, and the idea was enthusiastically received. Architect Jeff Mudgett offered to design a building that would meet our needs for a teaching pavilion, classroom, bookshop, and restrooms. Engineer Tim Keene volunteered to coordinate the engineering and permitting. Dick Workman said he would donate the environmental-impact work. The Stans Foundation got us started financially with a generous gift, and we were off and




**The classroom, book shop, and storage areas are now visible. Construction is expected to be finished by May, 2006.**

**The interior of the classroom can be seen in this photo taken February 18, 2006. (Photos by B. Marquardt)**



running. We broke ground in April, 2003, and the rest rooms and main pavilion were completed later that year. Then more funds had to be raised to complete the classroom and bookshop. Now in early 2006 we are seeing the final stages of construction. In between, there have been many generous gifts and donated services, as well as critical state matching funds.

We thank all who have contributed time and money to make this dream come true. And, to our colleagues at CROW, thanks for the inspiration! 

# Randell Center Will Host New Public Archaeologist

by Bill Marquardt

**Soon** the RRC will add a second full-time professional archaeologist to its staff, funded by the new Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN). The Florida Legislature has established FPAN to promote and facilitate the conservation, study, and public understanding of Florida's archaeological heritage through regional centers. Each center will serve a several-county region, and each center will receive a yearly grant to pay for a public archaeologist, his or her staff, and supplies and equipment to assist in the public education mission.

The first year (2006) will see the establishment of a coordinating office at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, and three charter regional centers. Up to five additional centers will be started in 2007. These will be chosen based on geographic balance, regional need, feasibility of the host institution's proposed programs and plan, and potential for success.

The Randell Research Center has been chosen as one of the three charter regional public archaeology centers. The other two are in St. Augustine and Tampa. The RRC's new public archaeologist will be headquartered in Pineland at the RRC main office, but will bring archaeological knowledge



Visitors to our excavations during the "Year of the Indian" project, May, 1990. Public interest in archaeology has always been high in southwest Florida. RRC's new staff archaeologist will help us expand our public outreach to a five-county region. (Photo by B. Marquardt)

to Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties. Specifically, the FPAN archaeologist will operate a public outreach program, promote heritage tourism, disseminate information to the public, assist teachers with lesson plans, promote existing regional heritage events and programs, develop regional heritage exhibits, and assist local governments in their efforts to preserve and protect archaeological resources. We are excited about this new program, which will allow the RRC to reach a much wider audience in southwest Florida.

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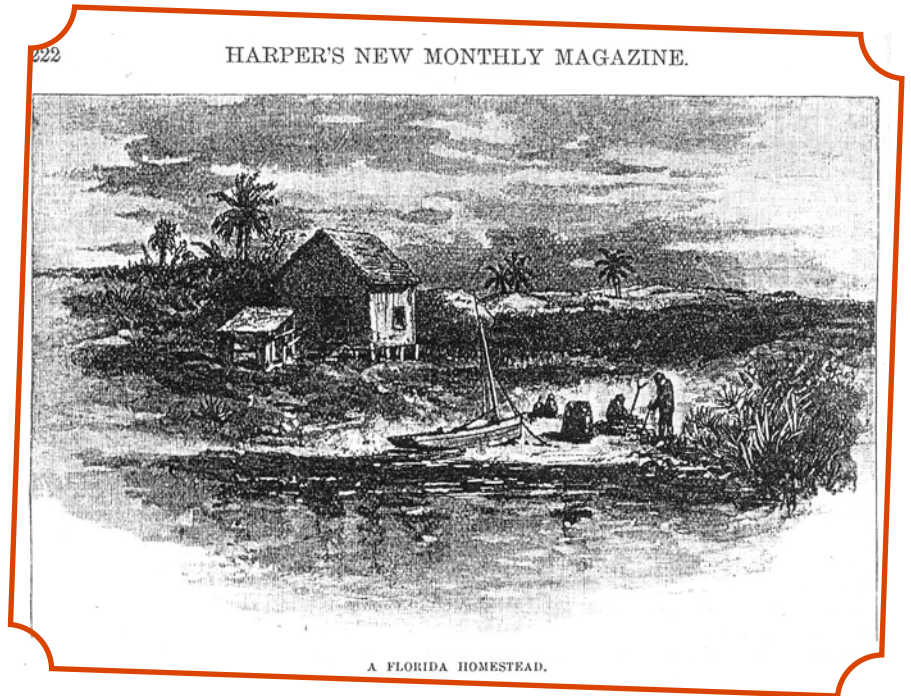
# Early Anglo-American Settlers Source of Local Place Names

by John Worth

**Many of the place names** for local geographic features in and around Pineland have historic origins, including several that bear witness to some of the first Anglo-American settlers in northern Pine Island Sound, all of whom were contemporaries of one another. One of the most prominent modern features of the Pineland site, Brown's Mound, takes its name from Rhode Island native Henry Brown (born 1810), who settled at the Pineland shoreline about 1853, after having lived since before 1840 as an unmarried sailor in Key West. Brown lived at Pineland for more than two decades, including during the turbulent Civil War era, when in 1862 he helped the crew of a Key West schooner escape to the *U.S.S. Penguin* anchored at Useppa Island after their vessel was run aground and scuttled by a Confederate sloop in Matlacha Pass.

Other nearby islands also took their names from early settlers, including Josslyn Island (itself a prehistoric Calusa shell mound complex), which took its name from Captain William E. Jocelyn. Although born about 1812 in Massachusetts, Jocelyn nevertheless enlisted in the Florida Volunteer Coast Guards from Key West in 1861, and later served in the Confederate infantry. He settled after 1870 on the island that later took his name, and soon developed fame as a shady local character who always carried a rusty rifle, with a pistol and long knife in his belt. Jocelyn lived alone there until his death in 1886.

Nearby Demere Key takes its name from Jocelyn's neighbor to the south, Georgia native Lewis Demere, born in 1813 on St. Simons Island. He was the great-grandson of Captain Raymond Demeré who fought against the



Artist's sketch of the appearance of the shoreline settlement at Pineland, near Brown's Mound, as it appeared in 1884. (Source: *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* 9 (1884–1885), p. 222)

Spanish in the 1742 Battle of Bloody Marsh. Lewis settled on the island that later took his name in the 1870s with his wife Virginia and son Raymond.

Although fairly recent compared to their Calusa and Cuban predecessors, these nineteenth-century settlers also left their own mark on the landscape.

## Endowment Goal Within Reach

**As reported** in the September 2003 Friends Newsletter, the Randell land-gift sale added \$600,000 to our endowment fund. In 2004, the State matched this with \$420,000, surpassing our first-phase goal of \$1.3 million. After analyzing the long-term needs for the RRC and considering market yields, the decision was made to increase the endowment goal to \$2,000,000 to ensure adequate funding in the future for all RRC activities. We are delighted to report that the endowment now stands at \$1,528,250, or 76.4% of that figure.

This is an especially auspicious time to contribute to the RRC endowment fund because we have the opportunity to leverage both state and federal matching dollars for every private gift received. Until August 2007, the National

Endowment for the Humanities will match one dollar for every four dollars we raise. And, for every \$100,000 we raise, the State of Florida contributes \$50,000. To put it simply, we need to raise only about \$300,000 more to reach our \$2,000,000 goal.

Private gifts to the RRC endowment are crucial to our success! While the salaried position of our local director, John Worth, is provided by the University of Florida, all other funds for education programs, other staff salaries, supplies, services, and upkeep of our facilities must come from endowment income, donations, grants, and memberships in the Friends of the RRC. Please consider a tax-deductible gift today. Thank you for your support.

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Thank you

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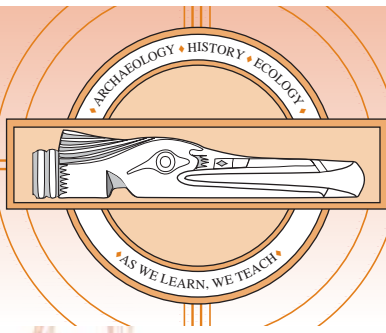


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Sincerely,

John E. Worth, Ph.D.  
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