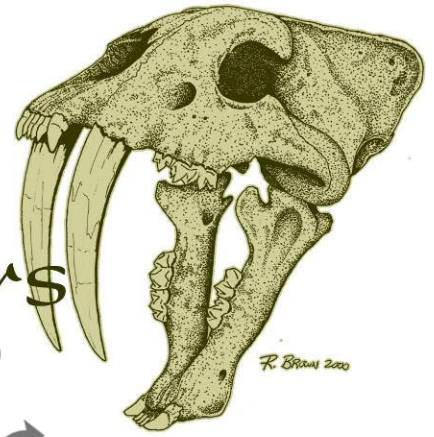


NEWS

Florida Fossil Hunters



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From Ye Olde President.....

Hello, Everyone.

Hope everybody had a great holiday season and wishing all a good new year.

A lot of you know that due to some unforeseen circumstances, both Bonnie and I will be stepping away from club activities for a while. Out with the old; in with the new. This means there will be an election in February. Discussed at the board meeting and in this newsletter are the proposed officers. All are well qualified but will need the approval of the membership to go forward. Salvatore Sansone has stepped up and said he will take the torch of the President. He has a lot of experience and the drive to help move the club into the future and make it better.

The new officers will need your help to keep the club moving forward, just as you have supported Bonnie and me through the years. We'd have to write a book to list everyone who have helped us and became our friends.

We hope to be back one day.

Thank you and we love you all.
Russell and Bonnie

Coming Events

UPCOMING MEETINGS at the Orlando Science Center

FFH meeting at OSC
Saturday, Feb. 15th
2 pm - Kids' program
3 pm - Meeting & election
of officers

2020 FFH Fossil Fair
Sat., Oct. 10, 9 am - 5 pm
Sun., Oct. 11, 10am - 4 pm
Sanford Civic Center

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2020 Fossil Fair Flyer
Now Available at
floridafossilhunters.com

**It's Time to
Renew for 2019**



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MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on February 15, 2020. There will be a meeting for kids 10 and under from 2PM-3PM, and then an Regular meeting From 3PM-5PM. It will be held at the Orlando Science Center. Admission and parking is FREE for those attending the meeting. Just let them know at the garage that you are there for the meeting, and they will let you in; same at the gate.

The theme of this meeting will be Elephants. I.E. Mastodons and Mammoths. Be sure to bring any elephant material you have, or any new finds you need to be identified. There will also be a raffle for Fossils, and Gem Stones. We look forward to seeing you *There*.

The address for the Orlando Science Center is: 777 E. Princeton St., Orlando, FL 32803

Fragments

Montbrook Dig

The Florida Museum of Natural History's Montbrook Dig is still yielding new and exciting discoveries. To learn more about the dig and for information on volunteering go to: www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/montbrook/

Trip Leader Needed!
for Vulcan Mine
on Saturday, Mar. 14th.

Piece on the Peace

The water level is low for now. Be sure to check the level before going to hunt. Generally, you can find lots of places to dig & sift is the level is 5 ft. or lower. Here is the link to the Zolfo station.

ELECTIONS

FFH Election of New Officers

Also at the February meeting we will hold the election of new officers. Those nominated are:

- President - Salvatore Sansone
- VP - Steve Sharpe
- VP and Treasurer - David Dunaway

Other nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

FFH STILL NEEDS

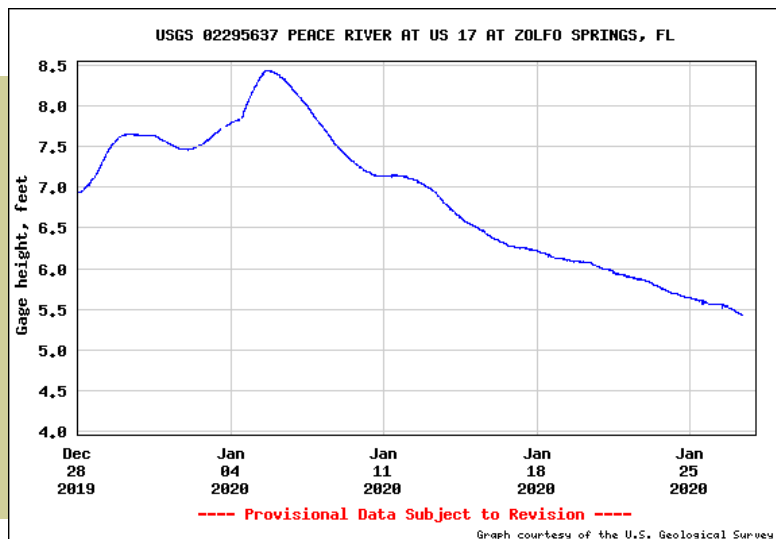
NEWSLETTER: The club still needs someone to do the newsletter. It's not rocket science. (thank goodness for spell check) When I started I had no experience. Basically it's listing info on the club activities, looking for info on fossil and mineral shows, etc. It does require a computer and you should attend the board meetings. I will help with whatever I can.

VULCAN MINE: We also need a someone to arrange for Vulcan Mine trips and to recruit trip leaders. I can send you all the contact info and forms.

Kids' Fossil Blast

There will be a meeting for kids 10 & under from 2pm - 3pm before the regular meeting. Theme is elephants.

Kids' Fossil Blast is an informal, hands-on experience with real fossils, casts, etc. aimed at kids ages 5 to 14.



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VULCAN MINE Field Trip

Vulcan Mine near Brooksville

FIELD TRIP LEADERS

Saturday, Mar 14th & Apr 11th

TRIP LEADERS: NEEDED

MUST HAVE PAID YOUR 2020 DUES

(you can bring a \$17 check with you)

This is one of the few places where kids are allowed in to fossil hunt. Be sure to stay with them since there are steep cliffs, sharp rocks, and small sinkholes.

Meet on the driveway loop near the entrance to the Mine by 8:30 am to sign releases before we are escorted into the mine around 9 am. We get to drive our vehicles in so you can have your coolers, snacks, and equipment handy while you hunt. They usually allow us to dig until noon and sometimes people can stay till 2 pm.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST

MUST BE ESCORTED INTO AND OUT OF THE MINE. NO EXCEPTIONS. IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU DO NOT GET IN.

THERE ARE NO RESTROOM FACILITIES AT VULCAN MINE, other than the boulders and the hills.

Directions: The trip will take approximately 2 hours from Orlando to Vulcan Mine. Be sure to allow for extra time to stop at a restroom before you get there.

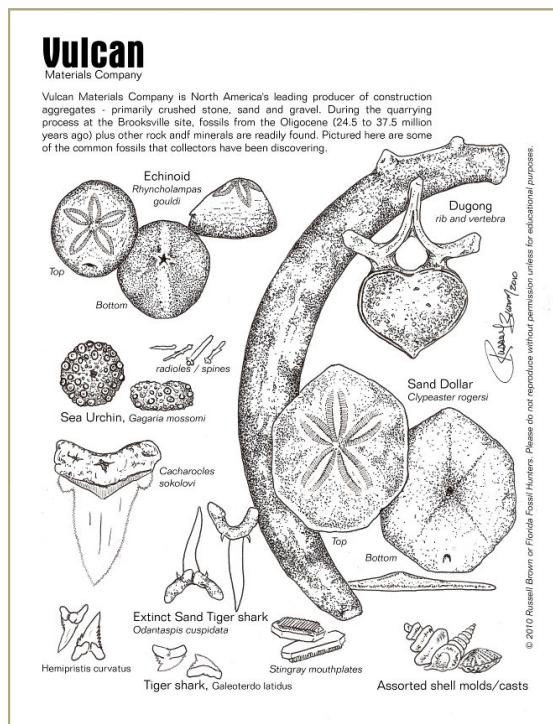
From Orlando take Hwy. 50 west (or the 408 west to the FL Turnpike, take exit 272 and then continue west on Hwy. 50) to Brooksville. Follow 50A/98 North through Brooksville and turn right on Ponce De Leon Blvd. (Hwy 98 North). Go approximately 10 miles. Vulcan/Cemex will be on your left. The address is 16313 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Brooksville, for those of you who want to download a map.

If you follow the truck route for Hwy. 50, you have to turn right onto 41, and then take the fork to the left to hook up with Ponce De Leon Blvd/98. There are several fast food places on 41 where you can take advantage of the bathroom facilities. Be sure NOT to keep following 41 north. You want to take 98 north from Brooksville.

This is mostly surface collecting with occasionally a little digging to pry out a specimen. Bring a small trowel or screwdriver or rock hammer, and a bucket to put your fossils and rocks into. You may want to bring small containers and tissue for fragile fossils.

Wear a hat, sturdy shoes, long pants (some of the rocks are sharp), and sunscreen. Bring lots of water and/or drinks and some snacks or lunch to eat.

We find mostly echinoids and sometimes sea urchins, pieces of bone, or other fossils are found. We also find Tiger chert rocks. This is the material that the Indians used to make their arrowheads and tools.



TRIPS
MAR 14 & APR 11

ID Sheet above is available on the field trip and website.
floridafossilhunters.com/Field_Trips.htm

You MUST be a member of the club for insurance purposes to participate in this field trip.

MUST have paid your 2019 dues (you can bring a \$17 check with you)

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Membership Application

is a fun and educational group whose goal is to further our understanding of the prehistory of Florida. We encourage family participation and welcome explorers of all ages.

Membership is \$17 per year. Other household members may be included at no charge.

Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month but may vary with club activities. Check the website for the date and location of the next meeting or call one of the officers.

Officers:

President	Russell Brown	(352) 429-1058
Vice President 1	Steve Sharpe	(352) 552-2296
Vice President 2	Salvatore Sansone	
Secretary	Bonnie Cronin	(352) 429-1058
Treasurer	Sara Morey	(619) 302-4863

Chairs:

Field Trips	OPEN	
Fossil Fair	Valerie First	(407) 699-9274
Fossil Auctions	Dave Dunaway	(407) 786-8844
Fossil Bucks	Dave Dunaway	(407) 786-8844
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Valerie First	
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Salvatore Sansone	
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Names: _____

Associate Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

____ New ____ Renewal

Please list any interests, experience, talents or just plain enthusiasm, which you would like to offer to the club:

Membership is \$17 per year. Our membership year runs from January to December. All renewals are done in December and January.

Please make your checks payable to:

Florida Fossil Hunters
Post Office Box 540404
Orlando, Florida 32854-0404

Associate members are people in the same household, included at no extra charge, 2 adult votes per household.

Newsletter Policy

Articles must be submitted by the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter. These can be mailed to the above Post Office Box or e-mailed to: bonnierussell62@gmail.com . Articles can be sent as text in the e-mail or in Microsoft Word files (.doc or .docx).

Please note in subject of email 'FFH'.

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Florida Fossil Hunters Mark Your Calendar

See inside for more information on events.

FFH meeting at OSC

Saturday, Feb. 15th
2 pm - Kids' program
3 pm - Meeting & election
of officers

Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show

Saturday, Feb. 22nd
Lakeland

Great Outdoors Weekend

Orlando Science Center
March 14th & 15th
*NEED VOLUNTEERS
FOR OUR DISPLAY AT OSC*

Tampa Bay Fossil Fest

Florida State Fairgrounds
March 14th & 15th

Vulcan Mine Field Trip

Saturday, March 14th
NEED TRIP LEADER

Valencia College Earth Day

Thursday, April 2nd, 11 am - 2 pm
East Campus, Orlando

Venice Shark Tooth Festival

April 3rd thru April 5th
Venice Beach

Vulcan Mine Field Trip

Saturday, April 11th
NEED TRIP LEADER

FFH Fossil Fair

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