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Date	Event	Time	Location	Description	Registration and Cost
1-Mar	Museum of the Islands Meeting - Lecture	7pm - 9:00pm	Fisher's of Men Lutheran Church: 10360 Stringfellow Road, Saint James City, FL.	Annisa Karim will be our guest speaker on Friday, March 1st at 7pm. To kick-off the Calusa Coast 2024 series of events, we're hosting Randell Research Center's Operations Manager as she presents, "Knowing the Calusa - Turning Anthropology on its Ear". The Museum of the Islands is honored to partner with organizations throughout our region to celebrate and educate our community.	This is a free program; registration is not required.
2-Mar	Calusa Coast Kick-Off Fair	10am - 2pm	Lakes Park in Ft. Myers	A kick-off event to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month and promote upcoming events associated with Calusa Calusa. Event will be free, and parking will be free.	This is a free event; registration is not required.
8-Mar	The Art of the Calusa	9am - 10am	Koreshan State Park	Join the Museum Curator of Koreshan State Park for an interesting and informative talk about the history, culture and art of the Calusa, a tribe of Native Americans that ruled this area hundreds of years ago. The highlight of the talk will be a discussion of the various objects of art that they created from natural materials that are found right here in SW Florida.	Free with paid park admission. Register on Eventbrite.com
9-Mar	Calusa Walk	10am - Noon	Walk starts at Liles Hotel in Riverside Park, 27300 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135	The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society is offering a "Calusa Walk". Discussions feature Southwest Florida's Native American history dating back over 8,000 years and first European contacts in our state. Learn about the archaeology of the first people to live in Bonita Springs. Hear stories of the mighty Calusa, who ruled all of Southwest Florida, including their contact with the Spanish starting in 1513. . See demonstrations of the technology the Calusa used to prosper: the atlatl, shell tool making, weaving, ceramics, and more. Walk through Depot Park over the Imperial River to Island Park and learn about our local environment and uses of native plants.	The 2 hour tour costs per person is \$20 with advance reservation, or \$25 the day of. Email <a href="mailto:info@goexploring.com">info@goexploring.com</a> , or call/ text 239-992-6133, to reserve and receive participant notes and details.



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15-Mar	Guided Tour of Mound Key	10am	Mound Key	Join a historian from Koreshan State Park and the Environmental Specialist for Estero Bay Preserve for a special tour of Mound Key. Topics will include the history of the island and its natural resources.	Free with paid park admission. Register on Eventbrite.com
16-Mar	Calusa Coast Family Fun Day	10am - 1pm	Marco Island Historical Museum / Marco Island Historical Society	Come learn more about the Calusa Indians' technology and ingenuity. We will have axe halving and tools display. There will be a weir pond demonstration and other crafts and activities will available. The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will also join us.	This is a free event; registration is not required.
21-Mar	SWFL Conversations on Coastal Heritage at Risk Workshop for Site Managers	9am - Noon	Mound House on Ft. Myers Beach	<p>Be part of the Calusa Coast 2024 series of events and join us for an engaging workshop on the Coastal Heritage and Climate Change in Southwest Florida! The Florida Public Archaeology Network, Mound House and the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation extend a warm invitation to professionals from cultural organizations, including museum managers, directors, land managers, and others, to convene at the historic Mound House in Fort Myers Beach.</p> <p>During this interactive workshop, we will delve into the profound effects of climate change on our coastal heritage. Our day will kick off with a captivating coastal walk, offering a firsthand reflection on the impact of Hurricane Ian on our region and the ongoing recovery efforts at Mound House.</p> <p>Don't miss this valuable opportunity to explore how climate change is shaping our coastal heritage and its organizational implications. The event is free, but RSVP is required to secure your spot. Join us on March 21st, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and be part of the conversation!</p>	<p>To register, click here:  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/for-managers-swfl-conversations-on-coastal-heritage-at-risk-workshop-tickets-819273247337?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/for-managers-swfl-conversations-on-coastal-heritage-at-risk-workshop-tickets-819273247337?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>



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21-Mar	SWFL Conversations on Coastal Heritage at Risk Workshop for the Public	3pm - 5pm	Edison & Ford Winter Estates	Join us for an enlightening workshop as part of the Calusa Coast 2024 series of events, focusing on Coastal Heritage and Climate Change in Southwest Florida! The Florida Public Archaeology Network, in collaboration with Mound House and the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, warmly invites Fort Myers residents, local community members in SWFL, and anyone interested in exploring the impacts of climate change on our heritage. During this engaging workshop, we will delve into the profound effects of climate change on our coastal heritage. Our day will begin with an immersive coastal walk, offering firsthand insights into the repercussions of Hurricane Ian on our region and the ongoing recovery efforts at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to understand how climate change is shaping our coastal heritage and its consequences for our communities. While the event is free, we kindly request an RSVP to secure your spot. Join us on Friday, March 29th, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and actively participate in this crucial conversation! If you're unable to attend the workshop, you can still be part of the discussion during our History Happy Hour at Coastal Davz Brewery from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.	To Register, Click here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swfl-community-conversations-on-coastal-heritage-at-risk-workshop-tickets-820090080507?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swfl-community-conversations-on-coastal-heritage-at-risk-workshop-tickets-820090080507?aff=oddtcreator</a>
30-Mar	Close out Event for Calusa Coast	11am	Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium	Guest Speaker to be announced.	No cost for Speaker, Nature Center and Planetarium cost is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children