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What: Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society May meeting

When: Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 7:00 PM

Where: North Port Community United Church of Christ

3450 South Biscayne Boulevard - Decker Hall

Speaker: Bill Goetz

“Diving Into the Past: North Port’s Historic Springs”



The historic and cultural significances of Warm Mineral Springs and Little Salt Spring in North Port, FL are continually being studied and assessed. These springs provide an unparalleled perspective of past and present human endeavors. They are a window into the past, and they function to answer some of the deepest questions about our regions’ ancient history. In more recent history the sites have been a beacon and inspiration for archeologist, paleobiologist, and geologist; Artists, naturalists, and ecologists also flock to North Port for the Springs. Unfortunately the sites have also attracted looters, treasure hunters, and fortune seekers looking to cash in on the perceived wealth offered by the springs. Tales of Warm Mineral Springs being the fanciful Fountain of Youth have drawn people seeking healing from its waters for many years; including allegedly the famed Conquistador, Ponce De Leon.

Bill Goetz is a student of anthropology at State College of Florida and serves as a commissioner on the Sarasota County Historical Commission.

The Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the North Port Community United Church of Christ, located at 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port, north of US 41 before the Jockey Club entrance. Please join us for another interesting look into Florida’s past and in protecting our historical, cultural and scientific heritage. For more information call Hilda Boron at 426-1719. Please visit <http://www.wmslssas.org/>