

A Rich and Diverse History

St. Michael's Cemetery is the oldest and most significant historic site that survives above ground in Pensacola; it is an outdoor museum chronicling Pensacola's rich and diverse history. The area in and around the contemporary site was used by the Colonial community beginning in the mid 18th century. There are 3,200 marked graves and a large number of unmarked graves representing the pioneers of Pensacola's past. To learn more about the history of the cemetery, its relationship to the colonial and modern community, and the unmarked burials, visit stmichaelscemetery.org

The Foundation has no paid staff; however, volunteers provide a wealth of services. For instance, volunteers led a number of tours of the cemetery and also gave numerous public talks on the site. If you have a group that wants to plan a tour of the cemetery, please call 436.4643 or email the Foundation

SAVE THE DATES

All Souls Day at SMC

November 2, 2010 at 5:30 pm

SMC Annual Members' Banquet

January 25, 2011, Seville Heritage Hall

Get in the Spirit at St. Michael's Cemetery

(to coincide with the National Council

on Public History Conference in Pensacola)

April 9, 2011



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St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation is an approved CFC agency.

St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation senior partners in historic preservation: University of West Florida, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, United States Marine Corp, State of Florida, Escambia County Commission, and the City of Pensacola.



The mission of St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc. is to serve as the primary steward of Historic St. Michael's Cemetery by providing overall management, supporting restoration and conservation efforts that maintain the historic fabric of the site, and to promote public awareness and stewardship through education.

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Historic St. Michael's Cemetery

DID YOU KNOW...

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The small Spanish presidio (fort and settlement) established ca 1754 under what is today downtown Pensacola was named *San Miguel* (St. Michael).

The colonial community of Pensacola started using the land in and around St. Michael's Cemetery sometime in the mid 17th century.

The oldest dated marker that survives is that of Jose Roig, a Spanish merchant who died in 1812.

The south road into the cemetery from Alcaniz Street is an extant colonial era road dating to the mid 17th century.

Jamaica Crinum "lilies" from St. Michael's Cemetery are now growing in the royal gardens in Madrid.

St. Michael's Cemetery
...is on the Florida Spanish Colonial Heritage Trail;
...is on the National Register of Historic Places;
...is an official project of Save America's Treasures.

Historic maps and other documents indicate that the "lost" cemetery serving the colonial British population (1763-1781) is partially, if not wholly, contained within the current boundaries of St. Michael's Cemetery.

There are 3,200 marked sites within this eight acre green space and outdoor museum; several thousand more individuals lie unmarked.

2010 Projects... It has been a busy year in St. Michael's Cemetery.



Archaeologists and historians from UWF worked with Marine volunteer teams and Pensacola High School volunteers to address conservation needs that did not require a professional conservator. Volunteer hours for just these two groups equates

to approximately \$6,000 in in-kind service this year. Many sites were prepped in advance of the professional masonry team's arrival. The Monument Conservation Collaborative team stabilized and treated 60 sites.



Audubon Society volunteers installed a number of blue bird houses. Since downtown Pensacola is a designated bird sanctuary, SMC is proud to participate in this endeavor. Repairs to the brick office were also undertaken.



As you remember friends and loved ones this Thanksgiving and Christmas, please consider making a contribution in their honor to support conservation. St. Michael's Cemetery is a community held asset. Please help support this historic treasure.

Special Events

Get in the Spirit Day dawned clear and pleasant. This free public event offered visitors a stroll through our rich and diverse history. UWF students shared their research (to date 100 research papers and four master's theses focused on SMC), PHS students demonstrated cleaning techniques, GIS stations led visitors to sites they were looking for, the Marines were in motion demonstrating stone resetting. And, to top it off, flowers were in bloom and birds and butterflies filled the sky.



Members of the Mercer family with UWF student at the site of Wallace (Wally the Cat) Mercer, the first African American DJ in Pensacola.



Escambia county students learn to survey in SMC.

Partnering with UWF's Archaeology Institute and Florida Public Archaeology Network, the Foundation offered a one day workshop for area school students. From Compass to Total Station: Surveying the Colonial Landscape of Historic St. Michael's Cemetery offered students hands-on experience in using the survey techniques employed by Spanish surveyor Vincente S. Pintado when he platted Pensacola in 1810 as well as introduced them to cutting edge technology of the 21st century. The event was very well received and more workshops are planned for the summer of 2011.

State and National Recognition

St. Michael's Cemetery is featured as a destination site for *Viva Florida*, a seven year initiative by VISIT FLORIDA to bring awareness of Florida's Spanish heritage sites to visitors and residents.



On any given day you will find tourists from around the state, nation, or world strolling through the cemetery. It is truly an open air museum chronicling the rich and diverse history of our community. Open 365 days a year at no charge, the cemetery is also accessible to those who cannot visit in person via the interactive web site maintained by the University of West Florida.

Visit www.uwf.edu/gis/research/smc to find individuals, pinpoint their monuments on the landscape, view images, and access information about them and the cemetery. The Cemetery's geographic information system (GIS) is an outstanding resource.