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Admiring the Hush Arbor: Memorial and Remembrance of Enslaved People

New event to kick off Black History Month in Milton, Florida at the Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site.

PENSACOLA—December 4, 2017- The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) and UWF Historic Trust’s Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site are hosting an event called Admiring the Hush Arbor: Memorial and Remembrance of Enslaved People on Friday, February 2nd beginning at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments served. Guests must RSVP prior to this free event to reserve a spot, and space is limited. To RSVP go to http://www.historicpensacola.org/explore-arcadia-mill/ and follow the event link. The event will be held at the Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site located at 5709 Mill Pond Lane, Milton, Florida 32583.

The Admiring the Hush Arbor event is an evening of learning and remembrance through music and stories, all framed by a traditional hush arbor. During the antebellum period, a hush arbor was a meeting place, usually secret, that took place outdoors where enslaved African-Americans practiced religious traditions. These sacred spaces were typically wooded and secluded.

Welcoming remarks will begin at 6:00 p.m. inside the Arcadia Mill Visitor’s Center/Museum and the event will conclude outdoors at 7:30 p.m.

Event sponsors and participants for the event include the Florida Public Archaeology Network, UWF Historic Trust, African American Heritage Society, and UWF Office of Equity and Diversity.

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