



# FLORIDA PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY NETWORK

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### **Archaeo Cafe at Ozone Pizza Pub Ceramic Artist Mercedes Rodgers to give talk titled, "ARTifacts: Contemporary Traditions"**

**PENSACOLA** – Feb. 4, 2015 -The Destination Archaeology Resource Center and Ozone Pizza Pub are hosting Archaeo Cafe on Thursday, Feb. 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mercedes Rodgers, a ceramic artist and owner of Full Circle Art Gallery in Fort Walton Beach, will present her talk, "ARTifacts: Contemporary Traditions."

Mercedes' slide presentation will show how the forms of ancient ceramic artifacts created by the Fort Walton Beach Culture, in the collection at the Indian Temple Mound Museum, inspired her to create a set of contemporary, functional dinner ware. She will show the process she used to create the pieces and discuss the importance of the ceramic craft in present-day culture. Her presentation will be followed by an open discussion.

Archaeo Cafe is held inside Ozone Pizza Pub. It is free and open to the community. Seating is unreserved and limited to 55 guests. The talk starts at 6:30 p.m. and guests are recommended to show up by 5:30 p.m. to receive food and drink orders before the talk begins. Ozone Pizza Pub is located at 1010 N 12th Ave. in Pensacola.

At Archaeo Cafe guests can order food, drinks and participate in a casual and relaxed environment. No lecture halls; just interesting and inclusive conversation.

This event is hosted by the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Destination Archaeology Resource Center, Full Circle Art Gallery, WGBH Science Unit, and Ozone Pizza Pub.

For more information on Mercedes Rodgers' gallery and her work visit:  
<http://www.fullcirclefwb.com/index.php> and <http://mercedesrodgers.com/>.

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**About the [Florida Public Archaeology Network](#):** The Florida Public Archaeology Network is dedicated to the protection of cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and to involving the public in the study of their past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information, institutions for learning and training and headquarters for public participation in archaeology.