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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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