



Exterior view of Council House at Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.

MISSION SAN LUIS

FLORIDA'S APALACHEE-SPANISH LIVING
HISTORY MUSEUM

Executive Summary

Karey Mortimer | November 13, 2018

Upcoming Special Events:

Winter Solstice Celebration

December 15 & 16, 2018

Spanish Colonial Adventure Day

March 9 & 10, 2019

Mother's Day Brunch

May 12, 2019

Admission:

Adults - \$5.00

Seniors - \$3.00

Children - \$2.00

Children under 6 - Free

Active Duty Military - Free

Friends Members – Free

Site Map

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10:00am-4:00pm

MISSION STORY:

From 1656 to 1704, Mission San Luis served as the principal village of the Apalachees and was the Spaniards' western most military, religious, and administrative capital.

At Florida's Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum walk the plaza where the Apalachee played their traditional ball games centuries ago. Visit the most important structure in the Apalachee village, the council house, and also stop at the home of the Spanish Deputy Governor. Pay respects at the Franciscan church and at the friary where the clergy lived. Hear the ring of the blacksmith's hammer at the forge and encounter a soldier on guard at the Castillo de San Luis, the Mission's fort. Then explore the gallery where 300-year-old artifacts excavated from on site are on display. (Mission San Luis, 2018)

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Florida's Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum is devoted to sharing the stories of its former Apalachee and Spanish residents. Located on 63 acres in North Florida, this archeological site became a National Historic Landmark in 1960 for its nation's multicultural history. It is administered by the Office of External Affairs, within the Florida Department of State. Visitors can time travel and experience Florida's colonial past and learn about the Apalachee and Spanish communities from the 17th-century by taking workshops, guided tours and attending educational programs throughout the year. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of Mission San Luis, Inc.

"We know Mission San Luis was a blessing from our creators to show people that we were not forgotten. The good done by our people will last as long as the earth stands. We thank the great Spirit: we know he will guide us home..."
~Apalachee Nation Chief Gilmer Bennett

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Extension San Luis offers programs that correlate with Sunshine State Standards presented in English or Spanish. This outreach program offers presentations for classrooms that include lesson plans and hands-on learning to continue to promote its rich cultural heritage. This program includes:

- Herencia de La Florida
- Trade and Travel in the New World
- A Child's Life in 17th Century Florida
- Apalachee Customs and Culture

May 1, 2006 – Mission San Luis receives the Preserve America Presidential Award



Inside the exhibit gallery of Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS 2018

November 17:

Beginner

Blacksmithing at 10:00am

Pine Needle Basket Making at 10:00am

November 24:

Candle Making at 10:00am

December 1:

Pine Needle Basket Making at 10:00am

Beginner

Blacksmithing at 10:00am

December 28, 2009 – Mission San Luis' New Cultural Center Promotes Hispanic Heritage

CULTURAL THURSDAYS

Join Mission San Luis and Museum of Florida History for a Colonial Spanish Florida History Series.

January 10, 2019

Speaker: Dan Schafer-Dr. Andrew Turnbull's Mediterranean Odyssey and Tragic East Florida Failure
At Mission San Luis

February 7, 2019

Speaker: Jane Landers- Researching Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose: New Findings
At Mission San Luis

March 7, 2019

Speaker: Roger Smith- The 14th Colony: The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret
At Museum of Florida History

April 4, 2019

Speaker: Candido Creis Estrada- Spanish Culture Alive in Florida: The Impact of Spain's Heritage Today
At Mission San Luis

TEACHER RESOURCES

Mission San Luis offers education programs on site and internet resources for teachers wanting to enrich their curriculum in culture lessons. The lessons meet the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.



Inside the Council House of Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.



Inside the Fort of Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.



Outside view from inside the Friary of Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS

First Wednesdays

Archaeological Site Tour at 10:00am

First & Third Saturdays

Archery Activities for Visitors at 10:00am-3:00pm

Second & Fourth Saturdays

Black-Powder Weapon Firing Demonstrations

ARCHAEOLOGY

An archaeology laboratory was built in 2002. The laboratory is over 8,000 sq. ft. and houses one of the largest collections of 17th century Apalachee and Spanish materials and artifacts. These materials include pottery, glass seed beads, weaponry, metal and more. Images are available online as a resource.

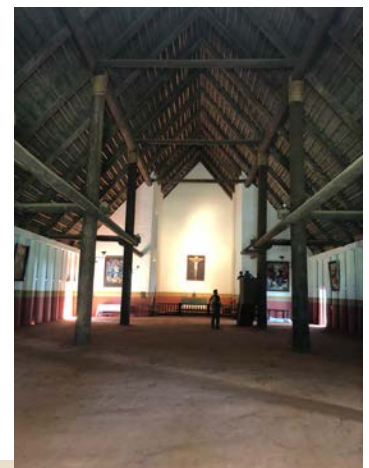


COUNCIL HOUSE

The Council House can fit over 1,000 people within. Travelers would stay here when they visited in small spaces along the inside of the house. The outer spaces were for the council rulers. The fire pit within the center of the house would expand to about 13 feet wide. Man activities such as dancing and war meetings were done in the council house.



Exterior view of the Council House at Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.



Inside the Church of Mission San Luis. Photo by Karey Mortimer.

A time travel life experience of the 17th-century community of Apalachee Indians and Spaniards.

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