

Head of the Smithsonian's Division of Archaeology to speak at Emerson Center

By staff report

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Dr. Dennis J. Stanford will speak at the Emerson Center at 7 p.m., Feb. 16.

Stanford is director of the Smithsonian's Paleoindian/Paleoecology Program and Head of the Division of Archaeology. Stanford and Smithsonian staff evaluated the engraved bone found in Vero Beach by James Kennedy and corroborated its age in the June 2011 "Journal of Archaeological Science." During the evening, The Emerson Center lobby will be filled with Indian River County historic and fossil displays, as well as the engraved bone, from county libraries and private collectors.

The Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee continues to oversee the re-excavation of the Vero Man site, the most significant Ice Age site in North America, where ancient human remains were discovered in 1915 in context with extinct Ice Age animals.

The evening is sponsored in part by Marine Bank and Trust, arranged and co-sponsored by the Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee, and presented in cooperation with the Florida Humanities Series. Stanford will show that the first Americans crossed the Atlantic by boat and arrived earlier than previously thought. His upcoming book, "Across Atlantic Ice," co-authored with Bruce Bradley, revises the origins of human history in the New World.

Anyone interested in becoming a member, volunteer, or for more information about this committee and project may visit www.oviasc.org or call 772-492-0771.

The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary. The Emerson Center is handicapped-accessible and is located at 1590 27th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call 772-778-5249.



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