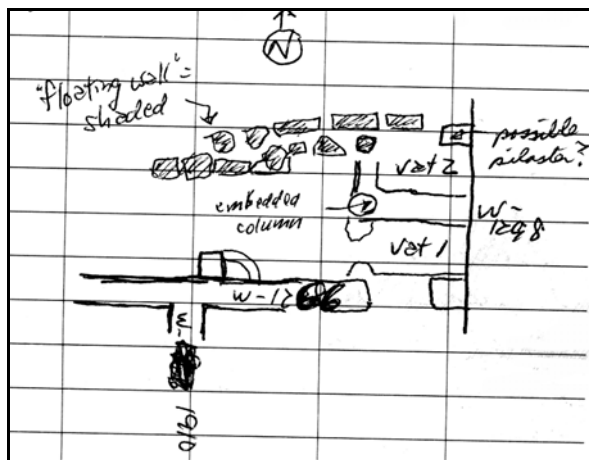


Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2010 – 11th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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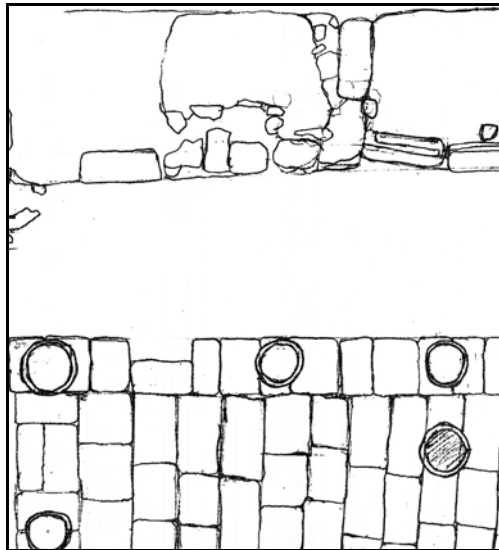
Squares	YY99	YYZZ01			
Loci	1296 1226	1914			
Baskets	2367 2369	2368			
Walls	W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298, W1910, W1911				
Floors	F1294, F1909, F1912				

- Continued work in YY99
 - Goal = remove balk between excavated areas, clarify relationship between colonnaded building and later vats.
 - Starting elevation = 130.717, 130.955 (W1266 high), 130.710 (W1266 low)
 - Ending elevation = 130.586 (balk being removed), 130.916 (pilaster), 130.106 (fill in area worked to east near cistern)
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Expanded the square to the north to align the northerly boundary to ZZ909
 - Photographed and removed floating wall (W1283).



- Leveled square to the top of W1266

- Northerly vat is uncertain on the west and full of tumble from the north (subject to removal in the morning).
- Continued work in square YZZZ0/1
 - Goal = Expose rest of the eastern peristyle court
 - Starting elevation = 130.789 (high), 130.286 (east of threshold), 130.436 (top of threshold)
 - Ending elevation = 130.326 (central room), 130.361 (northern room)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Complete oil lamp retrieved from dirt in W1910 between the two thresholds. A second complete lamp was recovered from the same area shortly thereafter. When the area was cleared, it may be a shelf or bench (lauraria?). Compare similar but better constructed feature in W1270, or niches in W1235 and diakonicon.
 - There may be a wall separating the northerly space from the central space just north of the central threshold. Excavation of the area to the east may reveal more.



- Basket 2368 is from Locus 1914. That locus is the room to the E. of peristyle court. In general, the contents are very large fragments of Beisan jars, 2.5 lamps, 1AMP, dating from 400 AD until 600 AD.

- Item: 510. Description: oil lamp. Slipper style. Palm branch pattern on the sides of the oil hole (9 cm long, 6 cm wide, 3 cm high) recovered 319 cm north of w1261, 777 cm east of w1267, 137 cm from surface.
- Item: 511. Description: oil lamp, slipper style, crude and heavily worn (9 cm long, 7 cm wide, 3.5 cm high at oil hole, 7 mm wide at wick hole, 2 cm wide at oil hole) retrieved 294 cm north of w1261, 768 cm east of w1267, 143 cm from surface.
- Item: 512. Description: iron nail fragment (6.8 cm long, 7.0 mm wide) from 302 cm north of w1261, 768 cm east of w1267, 143 cm from surface.
- Item: 513. Description: nail broken in recovery (12.5 cm long, 5-17 mm wide on the shank, 2.5 x 2.0 cm head diameter) revealed 560 cm north of w1261, 752 cm east of w1267, 133 cm from surface.
- Observations on YZZ4
 - Careful examination of YZZ4 led to the following observations:
 - W1902 is on the same line as W1270
 - W1270 between W1288 and W1236 is offset slightly to the east and broken down on the south end where W1236 was cut in and laid. This segment has been renamed W1916.
 - Pilaster at west end of W1288 is narrower than the wall and is aligned with its south face.
 - W1236 is set over an earlier wall (W1915 that continues to the east beyond W1903
 - W1288 east of W1904 seem to turn slightly to the ESE but only slightly. This segment has been renamed W1917.
 - Wall widths:
 - W1902 – 65cm
 - W1903 – 75cm
 - W1236 – 70cm
 - Gap between parallel walls W19103 and W1904 – 44cm
 - W1904 – 60cm
 - W1288 – 86cm
 - Pilaster – 58cm (protrudes 90cm)

- W1916 – 65cm
- Room – 330cm x 230cm