

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2011 – 12th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 6 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	XX0	E9	E10	F9	F10
Loci	1924	1219	1927	1927	1925	1298
Baskets	2399	2401	2402	2403	2405	2404
Walls	1296, 1297, 1913, , 1923, 1926					
Floors						

1) Northeast Zone

2) Continued work in Square XX99.

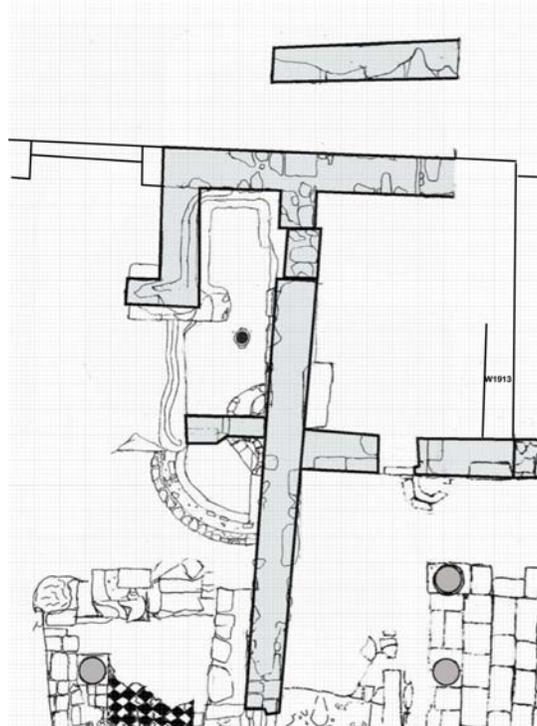
- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2399 (Mixed periods; small pieces from HEL to UMM periods; tractor work; Indicative Wares ESA, KFH, SF; 200 BC - 600 / 700 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.17 (low) 131.68 (high)
- iv) Ending elevation = 130.84
- v) Soil is tractor fill.
- vi) Exposed north portion of street to half a meter below the threshold
- vii) Removed rubble from doorway (118 cm) to allow access to the west.
- viii) Identified surviving section of W1298 to the north of the threshold (104 cm wide, elevation 131.34) and south section of W1298 (80 cm wide)

b) Continued work in Square XXO.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the south and identify corner of northerly room on the east side of the peristyle courtyard.
- ii) Basket = 2401
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.63
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.67 (average of street), 132.32 (average west of W1298)
- v) Soil is Horizon A/B
- vi) Exposed half a meter of the street to the south line of the square.

vii) Building/wall (W1297) to the east continues to the south. Constructed of large but worn limestone blocks.

viii) W1296I shows offset of 15 cm to the west at the south line of W1913, 9.5 m from north side of garden doorway.



3) Southwest Zone

a) Continued work in Square E9/10.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- ii) Basket = 2402
- iii) Basket = 2403 (Little pottery, small pieces, Beisan jars fragments; Indicative Wares LRC (Hayes form 3); 450 CE - 600 CE)
- iv) Starting elevation = 129.19
- v) Ending elevation = 129.31
- vi) Soil is Horizon B, with gravel
- vii) Approaching one meter above the floor
- viii) Large stones absent currently from fill

- ix) Column drum appearing in fill on an angle. Next to it we have a base. Both being kept *in situ* until we see their relationship
 - x) More tesserae appearing in the fill on E9, the NE corner of room
 - xi) So-called floating wall (W1926) may in fact be a window wall, as columns of stones are appearing at regular intervals. Top stones are uncertain. More excavation needed on the west.
- b) Continued work in Square F9/F10.
- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
 - ii) Basket = 2404 (Beisan jars; Indicative Wares LRC (Hayes form 3); 450 CE to 700 CE)
 - iii) Basket = 2405 (Little pottery; Beisan jars; AMP body piece; Indicative Wares AMP; 400 CE - 700 CE)
 - iv) Starting elevation = 129.35
 - v) Ending elevation = 129.02, 129.85 (average of excavated part of F9)
 - vi) Soil is Horizon B
 - vii) Lowered the eastern half of F9 by one meter
 - viii) Continued to remove fill with heavy large stones

