

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

Date: 17 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	XX/YY0	F10	F9
Loci	1907	1930	1931	1928
Baskets	2437	2438	2440	2439
Walls	1266, 1298, 1888, 1922			
Floors				

## 1) Northeast Zone

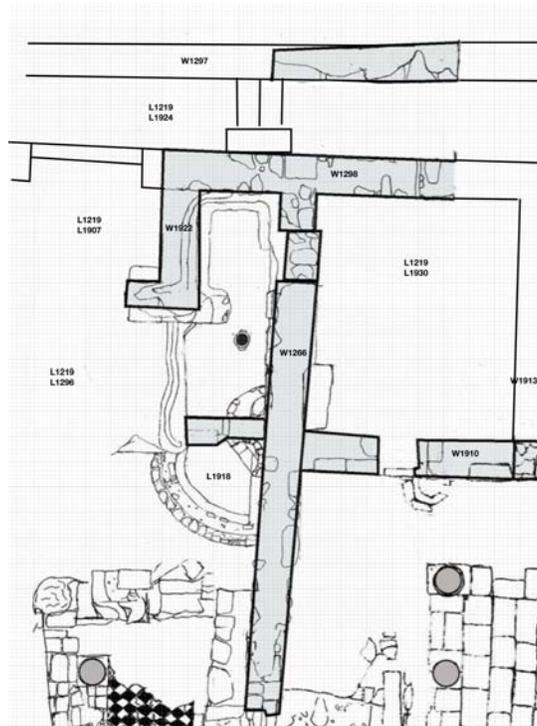
### a) Continued work in Square XX99.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2437 (Large pieces of Beisan jars and gritty cooking ware; 400 CE – 600 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.83
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.54
- v) Soil is Horizon B
- vi) Finished slough. Started removing unexcavated soil. Very few sherds recovered.
- vii) Identified fragment of a fifth step next to W1922 at 129.44
- viii) Perhaps there is a bench next to the water channel at 129.56
- ix) Exposed the threshold of the door in W1298. The opening is 1.16 m wide and 1.95 m tall. The top of the threshold is at 129.39, which is 26 cm above the level of the step next to the fountain (129.13)
- x) Removed a column drum (#550, Diameter: 39 cm; Height: 30 cm)

### b) Continued work in Square XX/yy0.

- i) Goal = Excavate NE hall of peristyle court
- ii) Basket = 2438 (Mainly large fragments of Beisan jars and gritty cooking ware, 550 CE – 650 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 130.43
- iv) Ending elevation = 130.19

- v) Soil is Horizon B.
  - vi) Approaching the surface of the floor. The threshold of the west doorway is at 130.11
  - vii) W1266 is weak near W1910.
  - viii) Identified a flat surface in NE corner at elevation 130.24
- c) Conservation work continued on the fountain.



## 2) Southwest Zone

- a) Continued work in Square F10.
  - i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
  - ii) Basket = 2439 (Just few small pieces of Beisan jar, 500 CE – 700 CE)
  - iii) Basket = 2440
  - iv) Starting elevation = 128.59
  - v) Ending elevation = 128.41
  - vi) Soil is Horizon B
  - vii) Lowered east half of F9 balk to 128.83.
  - viii) Identified overhang from W1888.
  - ix) Continued lowering level of main area.

- x) #549 is a bent nail with head (From head to bend: 5 cm, From bend to tip: 4 cm, Head width: 2 cm, Head thickness: 1 cm)
- xi) Removed a column drum from the fill (#551, Height: 70 cm, Diameter: 35 cm)

