

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2008 – 9th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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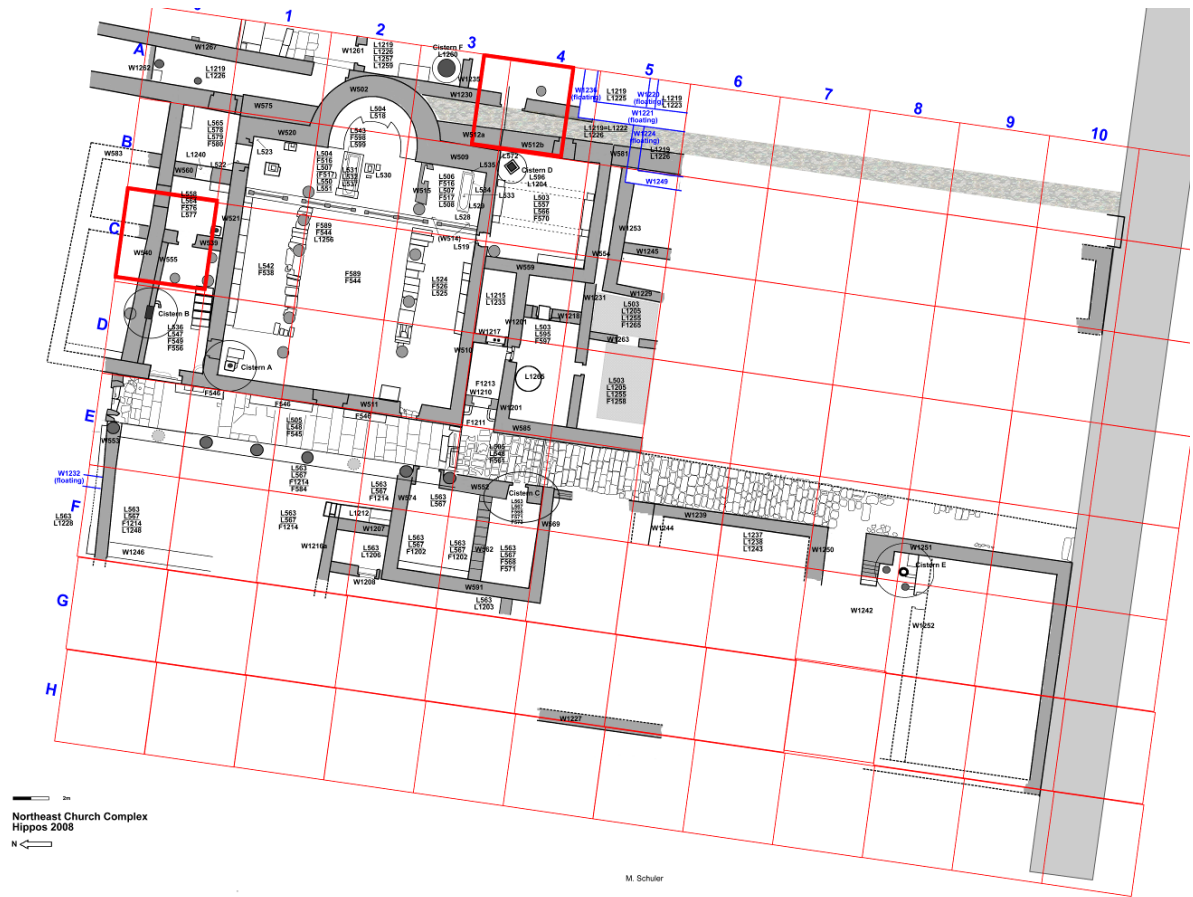
Squares	A4	A99	C0	F4
Loci	1226	1219	564	567
Baskets	2205	2204 (empty)	2206	2207
Walls	W1267			
Floors	F538, F580			

- Continued work in A99
 - Starting elevation = 131.00
 - Ending elevation = 130.060
 - Soil is Horizon A.
 - Removed line of curved stones.
 - Line of four stones to the south were floating and removed.
 - Perhaps both were remnants of some later tower?
 - Wall discovered going east from W1267. It is plastered on the north and east sides of the corner.
- Continued work in A4
 - Starting elevation = 131.203
 - Ending elevation = 131.086
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Moved more destruction fill and leveled somewhat above street level (130.334).
 - An oil lamp (Item # 300) was recovered from the fill at floor level near the north wall of the room
- Resumed work in C0
 - Starting elevation = 129.980
 - Ending elevation = 129.82
 - Soil is Horizon B
- Conservation of floor in B0 and C1

- Covered both mosaics with four layers: cloth, soil, cloth, and soil.
- Finished removing the balk in E/F3
 - Bench/shelf is about 50cm high and 45cm deep.
 - There was below the bench a layer of mud/plaster about 22cm thick
 - Below it was a stone floor, but only in the westerly part of the room.
 - A mortar (Item # 298) and a watering trough (Item # 299) were retrieved from the balk.
- Measurements in A1
 - Ancient pavers start at the south pilaster which sits upon them.
 - The first course of paver is 58 cm
 - The second course to the north is 70cm
 - The third course goes under step 1
 - The first step has a tread depth of 35 cm and behind it is a paver of 55cm
 - The second step is a limestone slab (reused door jamb) 63cm deep
 - The third step is 29cm deep and 25cm wide
 - The fourth step is the basalt beam 35 x 115 cm
 - The back of the staircase seems to be some 70cm further back. Its whole north to south dimension is about 2.8m.

Observations

Daily Drawing



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