

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 12 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ2	ZZ3	A99north	E5west	F5	F8
Loci	1226	1226		1226	1237	1237	1238
Baskets	2239	2240		2238	2236	2237	2235
Walls	W575, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270						
Floors							

- Continued work on Square ZZ99south
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.683
 - Ending elevation = 130.196 (average north of wall), 130.195 (average south of the wall), 130.593 (top of W1266)
 - Exposed rest of the wall to the east end of the square. Seems to slant somewhat to the ESE. There is plaster on the north side of W1266.
 - Found $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ring (#326 later identified as an ear ring) on top of the wall to the south east.
 - #331 partial nail in North side of junction of W1266 and W1267
- Continued work on Square ZZ2
 - Goal – follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
 - Starting elevation = 131.999 (North), 132.009 (South)
 - Ending elevation = 131.563
 - Exposed the east door jamb of W1261. Doorway is 1.06m wide. Width of door is 1.20m.
- Opened the northwest quadrant of ZZ3
 - Goal – enable excavation of room east of apse.
 - Starting elevation = 131.953
 - Ending elevation = 131.56
 - Exposed to the level of the doorway and then began to expose more of W1270 toward the SW corner of the room. The wall seems well-build and preserved to a consistent elevation.

- Continued work on Square A99north
 - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.383 (east of W1267), 129.904 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”), 130.261 (west of W575)
 - Ending elevation = 129.904 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”)
 - About 30cm of light fill over the street level. Roof tile were mixed into the fill
 - West of W575 we identified and photographed several blocks of mosaic tipped and upside down. These either were the result of a collapse from above or significant upheaval during an earthquake.
 - The second doorway in W575 was not blocked as was the first, likely because of the blockage in the street.
 - Cleared to the threshold level in of northerly door in W575. Numerous nails were retrieved around the doorway (#328 13.5cm, #329 10.5cm, and #330 16cm) including one grouping of six nails recovered from the threshold (#332 15cm, #333 21 cm, #334 12cm with small bent tip, #335 7 cm, #336 9.5cm, and #337 18.5 cm).
 - The east face of W1267 was plastered, even as was the north face of W1266.
 - Continued work on Square E/F5
 - Goal – investigate unknown area.
 - Starting elevation = 130.554 (north bottom), 130.642 (south bottom), 130.275 (average fill)
 - Ending elevation = 130.330
 - From F5 retrieved two nails (#324 9cm and #325 13cm)
 - Removed the balk between E5 and F5
 - Retrieved from the balk a grinding stone (#338) and two partial nails (#339 10 cm and #340 9cm)
 - Continued work on Square F8
 - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
 - Starting elevation = 129.529
 - Ending elevation = 129.262 (average destruction fill), 129.442 (average of room in SW corner).
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- The easterly wall in the SW corner of F8 was partially removed, having been identified as a floating wall. Later more of it was found and the removed pieces were restored.
- Recovered from surface of C9
 - Goal – recovery of metal artifacts
 - Elevation = 131.309
 - Recovered an early Roman bronze oil lamp (#327) from the surface of C9 with a metal detector.
- Two other coins (#341 and #342) were found on the surface with the metal detector west and north of the site.

Observations

Daily Drawing



