

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

Date: 16 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99	ZZ0west	ZZ1west	ZZ4west	A99north	F5	F8
Loci	1219	1219	1226	1219	1226	1243	1243
Baskets	None collected	2267	2268	2269	2266	2265	2264
Walls	W569, W575, W1236, W1252, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1269, W1270, W1272, W1273, W1278, W1281, W1282, W1283						
Floors	F1275, F1280						

- Continued work on Square ZZ99
  - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
  - Starting elevation = 129.196 (paving south of threshold), 128.945 (paving north of threshold)
  - Ending elevation = 130.850 (high), 130.438 (medium), threshold (see earlier)
  - Tractor removed the top meter or so from ZZ99 north.
  - In the process a late floating wall (W1283) running parallel to W1266 was removed.
  - Loose fill was then removed from the square with ZZ99north tiered.
- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
  - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
  - Starting elevation = 131.61
  - Ending elevation = 130.944
  - Tractor removed the top meter or so from ZZ0west.
  - Loose fill was then removed from the square
- Continued work on Square ZZ1west
  - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
  - Starting elevation = 130.947 (average)
  - Ending elevation = 130.830
  - Removed heavy fill from the square.

- Wall at north side of square is more pronounced.
  - #378 basalt grinding bowl
  - #379 Marble cornice piece
  - Opened Square ZZ4west
    - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
    - Starting elevation = 132.60
    - Ending elevation = 132.421
    - Removed about half a meter of fill along a line west of W1270. The wall is not yet clearly discernable.
    - The higher W1236 does continue to the east to the line of the west side of W1270
  - Continued work on Square A99north
    - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
    - Starting elevation = 130.116 (average of slanted mosaic in NW corner)
    - Ending elevation = 130.116 (average of slanted mosaic in NW corner)
    - Work temporarily halted
  - Continued work on Square F5
    - Goal – investigate unknown area.
    - Starting elevation = 129.705 Bottom level of South wall), 129.724 (average in SW corner)
    - Ending elevation = 129.608 (SW corner)
    - Some clarification in the SW corner
    - More nails (#370 6.5cm, #375 5cm, #377 9cm)
    - #376 round stone (golf-ball size)
    - Reviewed visible phases (no suggestion of dates between phases)
      - Phase 1 – wall on north (W1278, under W569) and east (W1272, 1.60m from the street).
      - Phase 2 – lower floor (F1280)
      - Phase 3 – east/west wall is south of square (W1281) and wall going to the south from W1281 (W1282). The bottoms of both walls are roughly level with F1280)
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- Phase 4 – W1278, W1272, W1281 and W1282 reduced to a course of two and F1275 was laid at the level of the tops of the reduced walls
  - Phase 5 – W569 constructed (phases 4 and 5 may be contemporaneous)
  - Phase 6 – Blocking wall closes the area (W1273)
  - Phase 7 – (significantly later) floating walls (W1269 and W1282).  
Note that the cross was found at the floor level for these walls.
- Continued work on Square F8
  - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
  - Starting elevation = 128.828 (average SW room), 128.668 (paving estimate – stick too short)
  - Ending elevation = 128.61
  - Plaza ends on the west with a wall and threshold (no door jams remain)
  - The podia in the small room have small steps going up to the west
  - Doorway to small room is 64cm opening and 71cm door
  - Exterior of east wall of small room is 2.5m
  - Paving of plaza is floor of small room
  - Limestone paving outside partial doorway in W1252
  - #369 grinding stone 43cm with hole in center
  - Nails and nail fragments from small room (#371, #372 10 cm, #373 7cm, #374 11 cm)

Observations

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Daily Drawing



