

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

Date: 21 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ0west	ZZ1west	ZZ4west	F8
Loci	1226	1226	1226	Surface
Baskets	2280	2281	2282	
Walls	W1236, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270			
Floors				

- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
 - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
 - Starting elevation = 130.451
 - Ending elevation = 130.226
 - Removed from the fill two partial marble columns (37cm diameter, 62cm and 79cm tall respectively) a byz capital, and a marble Corinthian capital.
 - At the end of the day reached a surface (floor? Top of wall?) at the line of the pilaster north of the stairs.
 - The wall between ZZ0 and ZZ1 is now evident and has been given the number (W1287).
 - #384 – partial loom weight(?) 4cm diameter 2cm thick
- Continued work on Square ZZ1west
 - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
 - Starting elevation = 129.982 (floor)
 - Ending elevation = 130.893 (top of wall) 129.933 (floor next to wall)
 - Cleared to floor level from the west. Column has a base and sits on its own supporting pedestal (not stylobate or floor).
 - Floor slopes to the north about 6cm across the square.
 - The staircase seems to sit on a special foundation as well. Those foundation stones were laid at the same time as the paving. The purpose of the stairs is unknown.

- #385 – fragment of column base 32cm x 20cm
 - Continued work in ZZ4west
 - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
 - Starting elevation = 132.174 (top of W1270)
 - Ending elevation = 132.094 (top of pilaster) 131.586 (average west of wall)
 - Followed W1270 across the square to W1236
 - The doorjamb at the north end of the room protrudes 5cm into the room. The exterior of the doorway is to the north (another open-air plaza?). The doorway is 0.95m wide with a door of 1.12m
 - 3.8m to the south is a pilaster that protrudes 0.80m to the west and is 0.60m wide. A wall may proceed to the east from this pilaster.
 - North of the pilaster and east of the wall is a cistern at least 4m deep. We have not yet reached the head of the cistern. To the east of the cistern W1270 seems to have some sort of large niche or even opening. Function is uncertain.
 - #386 fragment of column base
 - Completed work on the nave. Some repair necessary. Other cleaning in process.
- Observations
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Daily Drawing



