

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

Date: 22 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ0west	ZZ1west	ZZ4west
Loci	1226 1276 1276 1276	1226	1226
Baskets	2284 2287 2288 2289	2285	2286
Walls	W575, W1261, W1266, W1267. W1270, W1287, W1288		
Floors			

- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
 - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
 - Starting elevation = 130.226
 - Ending elevation = 129.748 (north), 130.069 (north stylobate), 129.845 (floor next to north stylobate), 129.883 (floor next to W1287)
 - There is a second parallel stylobate 6.65m north of the stylobate in ZZ1. It runs from a pilaster in W1267 to the east and slants slightly toward the northerly one. A column with a bulbous base sits on it in the balk.
 - The top of the northern stylobate is 2.3cm lower than the southern one.
 - Paving continues from W1287 to the stylobate, sloping down about 4cm
 - There is a defined but robbed out two sided staircase on both sides of W1287. To what this staircase leads is uncertain. The paving abuts the staircase, so it was laid at the same time or later than the staircase.
 - The transition from the northern stylobate to the much lower threshold in W1266 is uncertain and to be investigated.
 - We sifted the last 5cm between W1287 and the northern stylobate.

- Fixture north of the pilaster at the west end of the north stylobate is of uncertain function (staircase?).
- #388 5cm nail
- Continued work on Square ZZ1west
 - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
 - Starting elevation = 130.893 (top of wall) 129.933 (floor next to wall)
 - Ending elevation = same
 - Finished cleaning paving.
 - A stylobate runs from the pilaster in W1267 east under the column
 - Paving to the south of the stylobate is of poor quality and was plastered. Paving to the north of the stylobate is of higher quality.
- Continued work in ZZ4west
 - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
 - Starting elevation = 132.094 (top of pilaster) 131.586 (average west of wall)
 - Ending elevation = 131.487 (average SE), 131.811 (average NE), 131.163 (plaster above cistern).
 - Identified a wall (W1288) that moves east from W1270 and the pilaster near the cistern
 - Removed the tumble from around the top of Cistern G. The cistern is quite large (4.4m to the top of the rubble pile below the neck). To the south of the neck next to the pilaster is a hole for funneling water into the cistern. The north side of the pilaster shows plaster that perhaps held a drain tile. Many pieces of drain tile were discovered in the fill, along with many pieces of broken pottery.
 - To the immediate west of the neck of the cistern there appeared to be a large grinding bowl from which a coin (#389, effaced) was extracted. However, we have not yet reached the bottom of it. The bottom appears to curve toward the cistern.
 - The cistern will be investigated and measured.
- Continued cleaning in anticipation of scanning on Sunday-Tuesday.

Observations

Daily Drawing



