

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

Date: 23 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99west	ZZ0west	ZZ4west	F5
Loci	1276	1276	1289	1243
Baskets	2291	2292	2293	2290
Walls	W1266, W1269, W1280, W1287			
Floors				

- Resumed work on Square ZZ99
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.850 (high), 130.438 (medium), threshold (see earlier)
 - Ending elevation = 130.055
 - Heavy pottery content in the fill in the main excavation area
- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
 - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
 - Starting elevation = 129.748 (north), 130.069 (north stylobate), 129.845 (floor next to north stylobate), 129.883 (floor next to W1287)
 - Ending elevation = 129.503
 - Removed more of the heavy fill north of the north stylobate
 - #391 grinding mill in balk, basalt, on handle visible
- Continued work in ZZ4west
 - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
 - Starting elevation = 131.487 (average SE), 131.811 (average NE), 131.163 (plaster above cistern).
 - Ending elevation = 131.556 (average SE), 131.617 (average NE), 131.042 (average west)
 - Continued to lower the level of the fill in the room with the cistern.
 - To the northwest of the cistern opening is a fixture that at first appeared to be a grinding bowl, but on further excavation seems to be a column drum the center of which is carved out. It is 48cm tall. At its widest the carved out area is 47 cm wide, but it narrows to a width of 27cm. Its function is uncertain. It

seems too narrow to be the head of the cistern. We speculated that it might be some sort of return drain, but there is no channel to the cistern from its current position. The column is the proximate diameter of the opening to the cistern.

- #390 iron hook, 9cm from end to bend, 3.5cm from bend to tip
- #392 grinding stone found east of W1270, basalt
- Continued work on Square F5
 - Goal – investigate unknown area.
 - Starting elevation = 129.608 (SW corner)
 - Ending elevation = 129.608 (SW corner)
 - Further work clarifies that W1280 continues to the west under W1269.
 - #387 doornail 6cm to bend, 3cm to tip
- Continued cleaning in anticipation of scanning on Sunday-Tuesday.

Observations

Daily Drawing

