

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

Date: 28 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99west	ZZ0west	ZZ4west
Loci	1276	1276 1292	1290
Baskets	2303	2302 2304	2301
Walls	W1236, W1266, W1270		
Floors	F1293		

- Continued work on Square ZZ99
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 129.410
 - Ending elevation = 129.117 (average), 128.930 (floor?)
 - More fill.
 - Does not seem to be floor next to the threshold. Steps down?
- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
 - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
 - Starting elevation = 129.211 (floor below steps), 129.395 (top of second phase wall capturing water from closed drain), 129.059 (bottom of drain channel)
 - Ending elevation = 129.866 (south of paving next to stairs), 129.171 (north paving next to threshold)
 - Cleaned drainage channel under stylobate and under W1266.
 - Sifted contents of channel. Little found except on hollow glass leg? Of a bottle?
 - Removed the double row of limestone blocks to expose fully F1293. It is stone paving using large slabs tightly fit.
- Continued work in ZZ4west
 - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”

- Starting elevation = 131.233 (bench? next to W1236), 130.934 (head of cistern), 130.777 (average west), 130.770 (threshold in W1270), 130.856 (stylobate between pilaster and column), 130.885 (hard surface south of stylobate)
- Ending elevation = 130.864 (mud/plaster floor), 130.704 (cobble base for floor)
- There seems to be a bench next to W1236.
- Explored the cistern. Diameter of opening is 50 cm. The neck is about 68cm. The cistern is about 4.5m deep and oblong to the north. It is similar in construction to others (bell dug, lined with stones, and plastered). It appears as if a column drum was used by the builders as one of the framing stones. The plaster is grayish and delicate. The cistern bell is some 4 m north to south and 2.5 m east to west. Nothing else of note internally. Profile and cross section were drawn.
- Mosaics were covered with sand. No felt is being used this time.

Observations

Daily Drawing



