

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2010 – 11th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 20 July 10 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	YY99	YYZZ01	ZZ99		
Loci	1226	1226 1914			
Baskets	2364 none collected	2366 2365			
Walls	W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298, W1910, W1911				
Floors	F1294, F1909, F1912				

- Continued work in YY99
 - Goal = remove balk between excavated areas, clarify relationship between colonnaded building and later vats.
 - Starting elevation = 131.082
 - Ending elevation = 130.717, 130.955 (W1266 high), 130.710 (W1266 low)
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Began removing balk between xxyy99 and zz99
 - An extension of W1910 proceeds north to W1266 between the line of the north stylobate and W1266. A pilaster extends north of W1266 forming a corner for the catch basin previously identified.
 - Lowered the south side of the balk to the top of W1266.
 - Expanded square to the north by 1m. Cleared the top of floating wall W1283.
- Continued work in square YYZZ0/1
 - Goal = Expose rest of the eastern peristyle court
 - Starting elevation = 130.04 (stylobate)
 - Ending elevation = 130.789 (high), 130.286 (east of threshold), 130.436 (top of threshold)
 - Soil is Horizon C

- Revealed a second threshold in the SE part of the square in W1910. The wall is gone in this area except for the base course. There are large flat stones to the west of the threshold in the portico suggesting significant traffic through this doorway. The threshold stones are together 1.70 m in length
- More of W1910 is visible to the north, although it is tilting west. Some stones reset on the top of the wall.
- Numerous nails and a hook and eye were retrieved from the area of the threshold. Also an intact oil lamp (late Roman) came from the fill next to the threshold.
- The measurements of W1910 from W1261 to W1266:
 - 63cm – first door jamb
 - 171cm – second (opposite) door jamb
 - 221cm – south side of wall to east
 - 288cm – north side of wall to east
 - 390cm -- start (south edge) of second threshold
 - 560cm – end (north edge) of second threshold
 - 820cm – north edge (corner) of second wall going east
 - 1158cm – wall extension to W1266
- Basket 2365 is from Locus 1914. That locus is the beginning of the room in the East to the peristyle court. The contents include 1 decorated lamp, some shards of Beisan jar (1 restorable), at least 2 imported AMP with DIPINTI (check small restoration), dating from 400 AD until 600 AD.
- Item: 503. Description: iron nail (9 cm long, 5 mm wide at tip, 2.5-3.0 cm wide at the head, shank by head 10 mm wide) discovered 413 cm north of w1261, 818 cm east of w1267, 125 cm from surface.
- Item: 504. Description: two (2) iron nails. nail 1 is straight with no head (6 cm long x 7mm wide). nail 2 is bent (6.5 cm long x 1 cm wide). Both found 343 cm north of w1261, 729 cm east of w1267, 168 cm from surface.
- Item: 505. Description: nail head and shank fragment (shank is 2cm long x 1 cm wide, head is 2.5 cm to 3 cm in diameter) retrieved 434 cm north of w1261, 786 cm east of w 1267, 142 cm from surface.

- Item: 506. Description: iron nail (shank to bend 4 cm long x 1.5 cm wide, total length 9 cm, head 2.5 cm x 3.0 cm) revealed 386 cm north of w1261, 738 cm east of w1267, 154 cm from surface.
- Item: 507. Description: Hook and latch, two (2) pieces of iron in an eyelet shape (5 mm wire thickness, piece 1 4.5 cm long, piece 2.5 cm long, 2 cm outer diameter of the eye) excavated 491 cm north of w1261, 817 cm east of w1267, 140 cm from surface.
- Item: 508. Description: oil lamp, slipper lamp with radiant design. grapes by the wick hole and palm branches on the sides, seal visible on base (9.5 cm long, 6.5 cm wide, 2.5 cm diam of oil hole, 1 cm diam of wick hole, 3 cm height) recovered 479 cm north of w1261, 810 cm east of w1267, 160 cm from surface.
- Item: 509. Description: iron nail fragment (4 cm long, 5-7 mm wide on the shank, 1.5 cm wide on the head) from 760 cm north of w1261, 816 cm east of w1261, 105 cm from surface.
- Continued work in Square ZZ99
 - Goal = Provide greater safety by lowering the level of the road.
 - A series of large stones were set along the edge of the north balk to stabilize the edge.