

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

Date: 29 July 10 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	YY99				
Loci	F1921				
Baskets	none				
Walls	W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298, W1910, W1911				
Floors	F1294, F1909, F1912, F1920, F1921				

- Continued work in YY99
  - Goal = remove balk between excavated areas, clarify relationship between colonnaded building and later vat.
  - Starting elevation = 129.133 (step at east end of excavated area), 128.923 (mosaic floor next to east step), 129.157 (external shelf of fountain pool on the east end).
  - Ending elevation = 128.874 (mosaic south), 128.849 (mosaic north)
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - Removed the protective fill over the *opus sectile* floor in ZZ99.
  - Uncovered and lightly washed the mosaic floor next to the fountain pool. The concentration of tesserae is 34 per dm<sup>2</sup>.
  - A black border of three cubes parallels the curve of the wall of the pool demonstrating contemporaneous construction.
  - From the west, the floor begins with a black band of three tesserae, then a white band of eight tesserae. Then a guilloche (19cm wide) runs north to south. It consists of two 5 tesserae bands (black white double blue black and black white double orange black). An identical pattern follows the curve of the pool (black band, white band, guilloche). The two guilloche bands are woven together when they meet in the southern part of the floor. Inside each guilloche is a band of five white tesserae. Between the guilloche bands are triangular geometric patterns that continue under the balk to the north.

- Documentary photographs were taken.
- Four conservators worked on the fountain pool and the olive vat.
- The rim of the pool was then covered with two layers of felt and then reinforced with buckets of earth.
- The fountain was covered with a black tarp weighed down by buckets of earth.
- Clean up and photography
  - Removed slough in AA99
  - Removed slough in F5
  - Swept YYZZ4 and photographed.
    - Item: 526. Description: stone button (cp. 524) found sweeping debris just 30cm east of W1904 and 80 cm south of W1915.
  - Swept and photographed the east peristyle court .

