

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

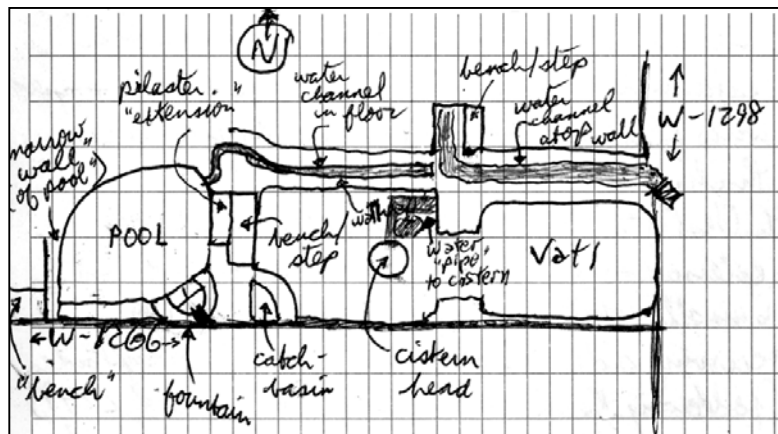
Date: 26 July 10 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	YY99	ZZ0			
Loci	1296 1918	1226			
Baskets	2375 2377	2376			
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 = 130.314 (average L1907), 130.495 (east facing step/bench in L1907), 129.946 (average east), 129.703 (average west), 129.830 (base of “fountain”), 130.272 (high north), 129.785 (top west wall of pool)
 - Ending elevation = 129.683 (average north of channel), 129.753 (average south of channel), 129.893 (top of channel), 129.289 (average in pool), 129.289 (average north of pool), 129.783 (top edge of pool wall), 129.153 (western lower ledge of pool)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Work in L1907 was suspended so that rock could be piled in the corner for removal by the tractor.
 - The channel to the east of the pool runs from the column in the wall supporting the vat to the west, curves northwest as it approaches the pilaster of W1910 and then curves back to the southwest in the form of a question mark. A small channel through the wall of the pool allows the way to flow into the pool through a 3.5cm ceramic pipe. The channel is 9cm wide and 6cm deep. It is constructed somewhat crudely of plaster on top of what appears to

be a wall (visible at this time only on the northern side). This channel is one of two destinations for the water flowing out of the pipe in W1298 and then across the north wall of the southern vat. Plastering on the west face of the column and adjacent wall suggests one route down into this channel and a second route flowing north (terminus unknown).

- A 60 cm pilaster extends the line of W1910 to the north of W1266. It is then extended on the west by a 30x90cm stone, plastered on the west face and forming the east wall of the adjacent pool. On the east side is a 30cm step and another 26cm step below.
- To the east of the above fixture is a catch basin. The floor (F1919) in this area (east of the fixture, south of the channel and west of the vat) is of poor quality (plaster mixed with mud). Its elevation is even with the third step and may suggest that an earlier floor is below.
- To the west of the above fixture is a pool (L1918). The fountain is in the southeast corner. The pool is 1.67x1.67m (interior dimension). The south and east faces follow the line of walls. The west face curves into the north face in a somewhat irregular arch ("d" like). The wall of the pool is 25cm thick on the west and north. A 20cm wall abuts W1266. To the west and 54cm below the top of the pool is a 25cm "step" paved with stones (some marble reused) set in plaster. The design is similar to the design of the water basin in the north balk. Part of the northwest wall of the pool has been damaged by destruction fill.



- Item: 521. Description: nail fragment, shank only (7 cm long, 1 cm wide) found 140 cm north of w1266, 253 cm west of w1298, 154 cm from surface.
- Item: 522. Description: loom needle(?) with eye-shaped head (12.5 cm long, 0.3 cm wide at tip, 1.2 cm wide at head) found 186 cm north of w1266, 462 cm west of w1298, 153 cm from surface.
- Item: 523. Description: nail shank (13 cm long, 0.4-1.3 cm wide, bent at 9 cm) found 288 cm north of w1266, 309 cm west of w1298, 167 cm from surface.
- Continued work in square ZZ0
 - Goal = expose north portico of the east peristyle court
 - Starting elevation = 130.360 (low), 131.046 (high)
 - Ending elevation = 130.195
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Removed heavy fill to the level of W1266.
 - There is a doorway in the extension to W1910. It is 0.88m wide. Its north edge is 1.54m from W1266. It does not appear to have a door jamb.
 - On the south edge of this doorway is a catch basin.
 - Basket 2376 is from Locus 1226. That locus is the N. portico of the peristyle court. The contents are a few none-indicative pieces of uncertain dating.
 - Item: 520. Description: two (2) pieces of cornice (piece 1: two ribs, more prominent 28-35 cm long x 11.5 cm wide x 6 cm high; piece 2: two ribs, worn. 17-21 cm long x 10 cm wide x 4 cm high) discovered 200 cm south of w1266, 408 cm east of w1267, 225 cm from surface.