

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2011 – 12th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 6 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	XX0	E9	E10	F10
Loci	1924	1219	1925	1925	1925
Baskets	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398
Walls	1288				
Floors					

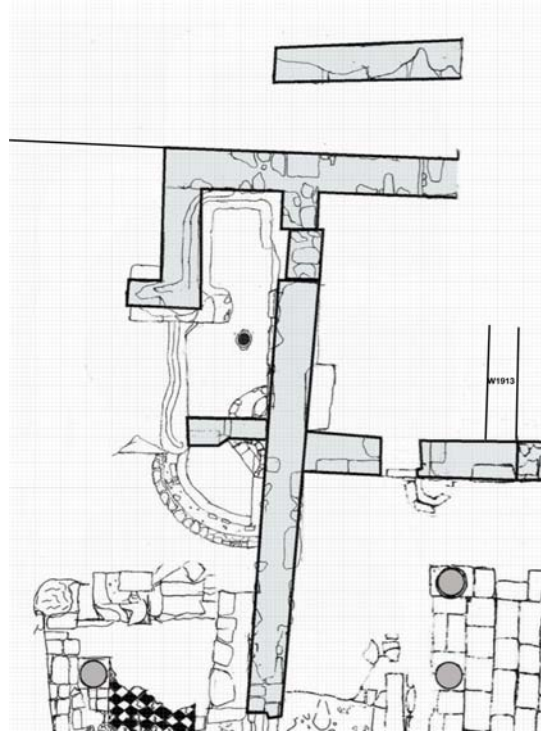
1) Northeast Zone

a) Continued work in Square XX99.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2394
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.54
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.17 (low) 131.68 (high)
- v) Soil is Horizon B
- vi) Exposed the top of a lintel stone *in situ* (148 x 50 x 25 cm), providing an entrance into the garden.
- vii) Lowered the level of the small Cardo
- viii) Identified two fragments of an arch (#294 and #)

b) Began work in Square XXO.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the
- ii) Basket = 2395
- iii) Starting elevation = 132.08
- iv) Ending elevation = 131.63
- v) Soil is tractor fill
- vi) Identified continuing sides of Cardo 4N
- vii) Clearing a depth of about .5 m.



c) Southwest Zone

- i) Continued work in Square E9/10.
- ii) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- iii) Basket = 2396 (Little pottery; some Beisan jars, 400 CE to 700 CE)
- iv) Basket = 2397 (Beisan jars; Indicative Wares AMP; 450 CE - 700 CE?)
- v) Starting elevation = 129.37
- vi) Ending elevation = 129.19
- vii) Soil is Horizon B
- viii) Identified the SE interior corner of Building Alpha. The surviving elevation of W1888 is 129.10
- ix) Interior wall is of poor quality to the east. It may be a floating wall, built into the ruins.
- x) Removed a slotted column drum (# 520, 35 cm diameter, 67 cm tall), a byzantine capital (# 521; total height: 45 cm; base diameter: 33 cm; top dimensions: 46 cm x 46 cm), and a short column drum with a slot (#523; height: 46 cm; diameter: 36 cm) from the fill.

d) Continued work in Square F10.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- ii) Basket = 2398 (Beisan jars and cooking pots; 400 CE? To 700 CE?)
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.59
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.35
- v) Soil is Horizon A changing to B
- vi) Lowered level and squared up area.
- vii) Removed a column with plain capital from the fill (# 522; height: 71 cm; base diameter: 47 cm; column diameter: 36 cm)

