

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

Date: 19 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	XX/YY0	F10
Loci	1907	1930	1928
Baskets	2444	2445	1931
Walls	1892, 1298		
Floors	1934		

1) Northeast Zone

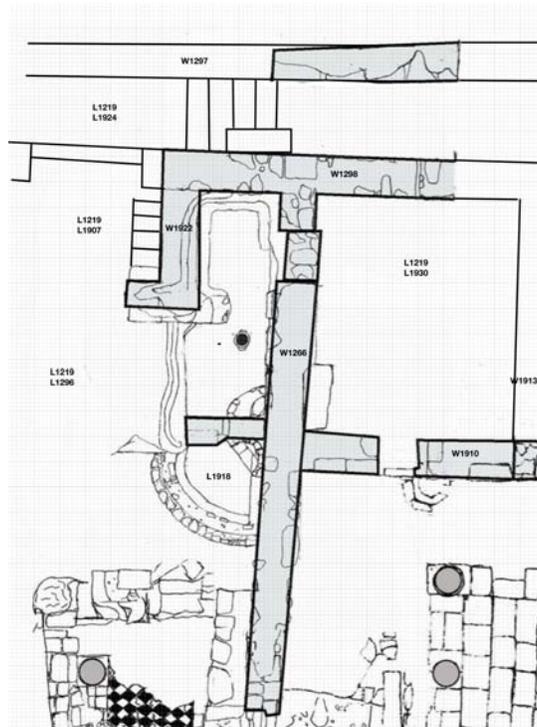
a) Continued work in Square XX99.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2444 (Large pieces of Beisan jars and gritty cooking ware; Gaza AMP; lamp; 400 CE- 600 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.54 (areas higher due to slough from tractor activity)
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.17
- v) Soil is Horizon B
- vi) Re-exposed threshold and discovered a mosaic floor going west from threshold (129.17). The step by the fountain is 129.13.
- vii) To the north are two columns next to each other. One is a broken monolithic column sitting on its base.
- viii) Next to it to the east is a limestone column drum or two.
- ix) An inscription in *tabula ansata* was discovered just inside the threshold facing those entering through the threshold. The Greek is ΕΥΤΥΧΩΣ / ΤΩ ΚΤΗΣΤΗ. The omegas are lower case formed large.

b) Continued work in Square XX/yy0.

- i) Goal = Excavate NE hall of peristyle court
- ii) Basket = 2445 (Large pieces of Beisan jars; gritty cooking ware; pipe fragments; 500 CE – 600 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 130.07
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.85

- v) Soil is Horizon B.
 - vi) A catch basin was identified next to W1298.
 - vii) #572 seems to be glass from a candelabra; Light blue-green color; Stem length: 5 cm; Stem width: 2 cm; Cup is about 1/4 intact; Length from rim to the bend: 4 cm; Length from bend to the stem: 3 cm
 - viii) A hairpin or needle was retrieved at floor level. (#580 Purplish core with a green (copper) coating around it; One end is blunt and the other looks like it was recently broken; Length: 8 cm; Thickness: .3 cm)
 - ix) A garbage pit was excavated in the SW part of the room, including some plastic, and a rusted Gerry can. Soil is dark black.
 - x) Three floors have been identified. An upper plaster floor is visible in the southern half of the threshold and in the SW corner (elevation 130.14). A middle layer of mud/plaster is a second floor (elevation 129.97). The original floor is mosaic (elevation 129.85). It was discovered east of the threshold and may be fragmentary.
- c) Conservation work continued on the fountain and walls in YY99 and ZZ99.



2) Southwest Zone

- a) Continued work in Square F10.
- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
 - ii) Basket = 2446 (Large pieces of Beisan jars; gritty cooking ware (R with L.1928); Residual 1 BG; 500 CE – 700 CE)
 - iii) Starting elevation = 128.24
 - iv) Ending elevation = 128.11
 - v) Soil is Horizon C.
 - vi) Removed fill over stone floor (F1934) in F10, beginning at the threshold (elevation 128.11). Stone floor is uneven (128.13 to 127.99)
 - vii) Many nail fragments were retrieved (#570 2.5 cm; #574 6.6 cm to bend, 3.7 cm to end; #575 9.5 cm head to bend, 2.2 cm bend to tip; #577 4.3 cm; #578 6.6cm; #579 5.5 cm; #581 head to bend is 6 cm, bend to tip is 4 cm; #593 Head to bend is 3.5 cm, bent to tip 1.5cm).
 - viii)#571 may be a game piece (A small smoothed white stone, roughly pebble size; Length: 1 cm x 1.2 cm, Width: 6 cm)
 - ix) #576 is an iron eye (Length: 9 cm; Width at top of eye: 5.5 cm; Width at short side of eye: 3 cm; Thickness: 1.8 cm)
 - x) The northern section of the floor appears to be a stylobate and is on a line with W1892 (and walls of other buildings to the west). It may have formed the back line of the colonnade on the north side of the street.

