

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2013 – 14th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 24 July 2013 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ39	DQ39		
Loci	2126	2127		
Baskets	3176	3177		
Walls 1298, 1915, 1917				
Floors 2128				

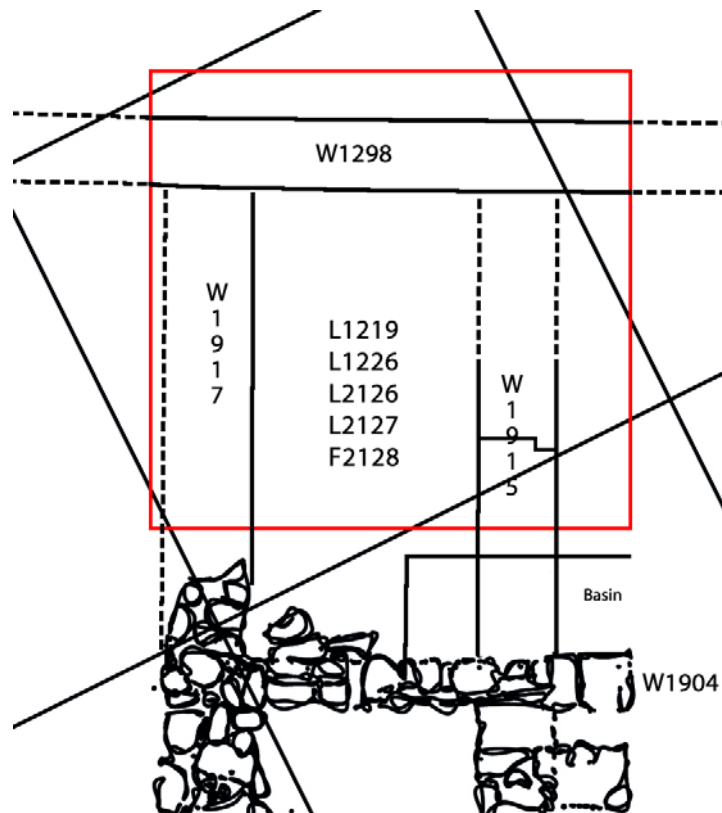
### 1. Continued work in DQ39

- a. Goal = to identify the SE corner of the HTyche
- b. Basket = 3176, 3177
- c. Starting elevation = 131.54
- d. Ending elevation = 131.08
- e. Soil = horizon B
- f. Pottery shards increased dramatically as we approached floor. Created a new locus.
- g. An upside down intact pot is next to the north wall. Established a new locus (3177) at the level of the pot above the floor
- h. Began to clear the floor (F2128) from west to east. Floor is constructed of flat irregularly shaped basalt stones.
- i. The threshold stones north of the plastered basin seem intentional.
- j. A double headed ax (missing one of the heads) was recovered near the fixture along with a large shell (Red Sea?)
- k. The foundation course of the south wall (W1915) of the peristyle house appeared east of the fixture. A threshold is *in situ*, indicating that there was a door to the south.
- l. Tomorrow we will recover the pot and follow the south wall (W1915) to the east wall.

<b>Item Number</b>	785
<b>Category</b>	sea shell
<b>Material</b>	calcium
<b>Shape</b>	curved shell
<b>State of Preservation</b>	Nearly complete
<b>Width</b>	65.0
<b>Length</b>	155.0
<b>DepthThickness</b>	65.0

**Elevation** 131.1  
**From East** 0.5  
**From North** 5  
**To be Drawn** Yes  
**Description** shell from Red Sea, indicating importation

**Item Number** 786  
**Category** Metal  
**Material** iron  
**Shape** double bladed ax  
**State of Preservation** More than half  
**Width** 16.0  
**Length** 21.0  
**DepthThickness** 2.5  
**Elevation** 131.1  
**From East** 0.5  
**From North** 5  
**To be Drawn** Yes  
**Description** one of the blades is almost entirely gone



2. Cleaned and photographed the Beta building
3. Made profile measurement of cistern in peristyle court

- a. Identified ceramic pipe that brought water from the north to the cistern
- b. Two basalt beam are used on the east and one on the west to form the opening and to hold up the paving