Hippos (Sussita) 2016 – 17th Season Daily Log and Drawing

Date: 7 July 2016_____ Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DP44	DP45	DRDQ40	
Loci	2147	2145	2134	
Baskets	3445	3446	3444	
Walls				
Floors				

1. Continued work in DP44

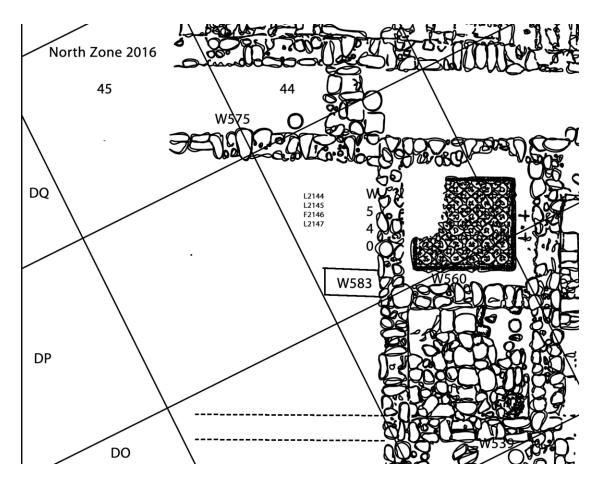
- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = 3445
- c. Starting elevation = 130.07 and low (probe) 129.61
- d. Ending elevation = 129.50 (stone floor), 129.79 (average)
- e. Soil = more granularity and many tesserae
- f. Comments
 - Recovered many tersserae fragments from approx. 129.79. As these are at a level significantly above the floor, they probably come from a collapse of a mosaic floor from the second story
 - ii. Apparently there was an inscription on the floor in a circular disk. We recovered two letters: an epsilon and a theta (?). The epsilon concluded a line at the top of the disk.
 - iii. Bent nail 6.5 cm (#823)



2. Continued work in DP45

- g. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- h. Basket = 3446
- i. Starting elevation = 130.20
- j. Ending elevation = 129.79
- k. Soil = subsoil (2nd layer)
- I. Comments
 - i. Approaching the final soil layer
 - ii. Some tesserae recovered.
 - iii. Nail fragment #822





3. Continued work in DRDQ40

- a. Goal = complete the excavation of the easterly storage room, east of the window wall W2132.
- b. Basket = 3444
- c. Starting elevation = 131.02
- d. Ending elevation = 130.78 (floor), 130.93 (average of the remaining fill)
- e. Soil = destruction fill
- f. Comments
 - i. Floor of irregular flat stones with a downward slope from east to west with a 15 cm gap before the window wall
 - ii. Two small coins and a circular metal band were recovered near the floor
 - 1. #821
 - 2. #824

- iii. Recovered a narrow metal band (partial) that is 8cm long and .3 cm wide. Likely decorative as too light to be function. May be an earring. (#825)
- iv. We will sift the remaining soils for additional small finds.

