Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 6 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2	C/D2	C4	E0	E5	F4
Loci	L590		L587 L595	L567	L548	L563
Baskets	2051		2049 2053	2052	2048	2050
Walls	W553, W562, W591, W592, W593, W594, W595					
Floors	F544, F589					

- Continued work in Square B2
 - Starting elevation = 129.355
 - o Ending elevation = 129.278
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - o Continued to remove soil from burial area.
 - Fragments of lead were recovered. Extracted a lead corner piece (highly corroded).
 - A clear line is visible distinguishing the remains of the coffin from the remains of bone fragments,
 - In addition to stones on the side, stones under head and foot held sarcophagus above coffin.
 - No major bones have yet been recovered.
- Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
 - o Gauze was glued to a westerly section of F589 in preparation for lifting it.
- Continued work in Square C4
 - Starting elevation = 131.533 for the building; 131.174 for the passageway
 - o Ending elevation = 131.163 for the building
 - o Soil is Horizon B
 - Working "inside" the late building (west of W592 and south of W593); labeled this area L595
 - o Coin (item # 2076 coin) was recovered at 1 meter depth.
 - There is a confusing line of fall west of W592.
- Continued work in Square E0

- Starting elevation = 130.721
- Ending elevation = 130.490 (north street); 130.543 (Northwest corner)
- o Soil is Horizon B
- Worked areas north of the line of the north gate.
- Wall going north from the last column is floating (W594), as were others.
- There are two pavers north of the north gate. The rest of the street is covered in cobbles. There is no paving west of W594.
- o W553 is solidly built and continues to the west.
- Continued work in Square E5
 - Starting elevation = 131.125
 - Ending elevation = 130.617 (street)
 - o Soil is Horizon A
 - Exposed a meter of the street next to the balk.
- Continued work in Square F4
 - Starting elevation = 131.334
 - Ending elevation = 130.854 (north trench); 130.899 (west trench, pot);131.253 (top W562)
 - o Soil is Horizon A
 - Revealed clear connection between W562 and W591. W562 is topped with pavers.
 - Large intact pot within a pot to the west of and next to W591. Will need to open square G4 to retrieve it.

Observations

Evidence of a typical atrium seems to be lacking. Still walls running to the
west of the north gate and the rooms at the south gate suggest something
west of the stylobate.

Daily Drawing



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