

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 9 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A4	C4	C5	F0	F0	E8	A3
Loci	L1219	L1215	L503	L563	L1228	L548	L1219
Baskets	2138	2139	2144	2140	2142	2141	2143
Walls	W553, W1229						
Floors							

- Continued work in Square F0
 - Starting elevation = average north side of wall = 131.234; average of the wall = 131.404; average south side of wall = 131.146
 - Ending elevation = average level south of wall = 130.994; step level south side of wall = 130.908; wall (W553) = 131.318; average level northeast side of wall = 130.819; average level northwest side of wall = 130.849
 - Soil is horizon A
 - W553 does proceed west through the square.
 - No wall going south has yet to be discovered.
 - There is a wall, it seems, going north from W553 about 55cm west of the east balk.
 - A fragment of acanthus leaf was recovered north of the wall.
 - To the south of W563 and at a depth of about 15cm, we recovered a 2.86 m iron rake consisting of one long piece of metal folded in half and bolted 24 times. All material above the level of the bar is considered suspect and contaminated.
 - A small step (?) was uncovered on the east side of the square abutting the south side of W563.
 - The extent and size of W553 is uncertain.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 129.50
 - Ending elevation = same
 - Soil is Horizon B

- Finished leveling the square.
 - Some of the street pavers are missing, especially in the southern half of the square.
 - Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Cleaning and drawing continue. West of the south stylobate, the black border band was made visible (3 squares wide). In the same section, two more left-handed swastikas can now be seen in the floor (F589)
 - Continued work in C5
 - Starting elevation = 132.034
 - Ending elevation = average level east of W1229 = 131.778; average level west of W1229 = 132.049
 - Soil is horizon A
 - A north-south wall (W1229) is emerging continuing the line of W559 with a slight slant to the west.
 - The wall is quite clear on the east side.
 - Horizon A soil removed east of W1229
 - Resumed work in C4
 - Starting elevation = 131.138
 - Ending elevation = 130.913
 - Only fill recovered
 - Continued work in Square A4
 - Starting elevation = 132.915
 - Ending elevation = 132.879
 - Soil is horizon A
 - Continued to remove Horizon A soil for the westerly three meters of the square
 - Nothing but loose fill to a meter from the northern square boundary.
 - Began work on Square A3
 - Starting elevation = 133.31
 - Ending elevation = 132.879 in excavated area
 - Soil is Horizon A.
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- An East-west wall or structure may be emerging at the point of excavation progress.

Observations

Daily Drawing

