

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 13 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ1	ZZ2/3	A99north	F5	F8
Loci	1226 1276	1226	1226	1226	1243 1275	1238
Baskets	2242 2246	None collected	2241	2243	2244 2247	2245
Walls	W569, W575, W1235, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270					
Floors	F1275					

- Continued work on Square ZZ99south
  - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
  - Starting elevation = 130.196 (average north of wall), 130.195 (average south of the wall), 130.593 (top of W1266)
  - Ending elevation = 130.005 (paving next to pilaster), 130.433 (top of opus quadratum), 129.964 (NE corner)
  - The doorway in W1266 is quite wide. Initially there was a passageway 2.10m wide. It was then closed by a doorway 1.62m wide with a door 1.73m wide. The westerly section of W1266 is opus quadratum and is 0.705 m wide.
  - The north side of W1266 has two layers of plaster visible.
  - A nail (#348) and a section of an imported shell (abalone) were recovered from the fill between the door jambs.
  - Retrieved a section of marble molding (#349) from the fill with a hole (for hanging?) in back.
- Opened Square ZZ1
  - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
  - Starting elevation = 131.853
  - Ending elevation = 131.603
  - Removed surface fill
- Continued work on Square ZZ2/3

- Goal – follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
  - Starting elevation = 131.563
  - Ending elevation = 131.509 (top of W1270)
  - Continued to reveal the north to south wall (W1270). It is well build and has a consistent flat top.
  - At the south end of W1270 where it abuts W1235 is (surprisingly) a door jamb the exterior of which faces west. The jamb indicates that the complex continues to the east.
  - The cistern in A2 was refilled with fill from the room east of the apse.
  - Continued work on Square A99north
    - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
    - Starting elevation = 129.904 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”)
    - Ending elevation = 129.455 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”), 129.873 (threshold in W575), 129.861 (average east of W1267)
    - Levelled the street area and removed destruction fill from the top of walls,
    - Defined more clearly the pilaster on the East side of W1267 in the NE corner of the square. It too is plastered.
    - More nails were recovered near the north doorway of W575 (#343 13.5cm and #344 15.5cm), and more tesserae to the west of that wall.
  - Continued work on Square F5
    - Goal – investigate unknown area.
    - Starting elevation = 130.330
    - Ending elevation = 130.107 mud/plaster floor (F1275), 129.884 (average below the floor)
    - Exposed to the level of the mud/plaster floor (F1275).
    - #345 2cm coin found on floor.
    - #346 – 7cm nail
    - #347 – 7 cm nail
    - Discovered a series of three walls the tops of which aligned with the floor
      - One runs parallel to and is slightly exposed under the south side of W569
      - One is parallel to the street about 2m west
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- One is parallel to W569 in the south part of the square.

We presume these are part of a pre-existing building. The area is rich in small finds including a coin at floor level.

- Continued work on Square F8
  - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
  - Starting elevation = 129.262 (average destruction fill), 129.442 (average of room in SW corner).
  - Ending elevation = 129.126 (average of room in SW corner), 129.292 (average destruction fill)
  - Continued to remove destruction fill from the plaza area and from the room in the SW corner
  - #382 fragment of weight(?), white, 6cm

Observations

Daily Drawing

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