

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

Date: 14 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ1	ZZ2/3	A99north	F5	F8
Loci	1276	1219	1226 1257	1226	1243 1275 1277	1238
Baskets	2249	2250	2251 2255	2248	2253 2254 2256	2252
Walls	W575, W1235, W1250, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270, W1272, W1280					
Floors	F1275					

- Continued work on Square ZZ99south
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.005 (paving next to pilaster), 130.433 (top of opus quadratum), 129.964 (NE corner)
 - Ending elevation = 129.303 (top of threshold), 129.740 (average north of W1266)
 - Cut the square in half to focus on the threshold (western half). Reached the threshold which is made of four pieces.
 - Numerous fragments of painted plaster were recovered from the area between the door jambs. We also retrieved another piece of the marble molding (#350).
 - #383 – painted glass stand/base (?) white, silver, red; 5.5cm
- Continued work on Square ZZ1
 - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
 - Starting elevation = 131.603
 - Ending elevation = 131.612 (top of column drum), 131.363 (average fill)

- A column drum of 47cm is in situ in the southern half of the excavation area. Its function is presently uncertain.
 - Continued work on Square ZZ2/3
 - Goal – follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
 - Starting elevation = 131.509 (top of W1270)
 - Ending elevation = 131.075 (average fill south of W1235), 130.853 (average west of W1270), and 131.320 (average east of W1270)
 - Continued to excavate the room east of the chancel.
 - Continued work on Square A99north
 - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 129.455 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”), 129.873 (threshold in W575), 129.861 (average east of W1267)
 - Ending elevation = 129.723 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”), 129.846 (average east of W1267)
 - A large section of mosaic (44 \times 70 cm) was identified in the NW corner of the square. It was tilting at an angle.
 - Continued work on Square F5
 - Goal – investigate unknown area.
 - Starting elevation = 130.107 mud/plaster floor (F1275), 129.884 (average below the floor)
 - Ending elevation = 129.777 (average below the floor), 129.969 (average in south of square)
 - Removed most of F1275 inside W1272 and W1280.
 - A coin (#351) was recovered by sifting the broken mud/plaster floor.
 - The floor-level walls continue down a second course.
 - The fill under the floor was also sifted and we seem to be coming up on another floor.
 - Also recovered were an additional nail (#362 6.5cm), one quarter of a grinding bowl with one handle (#353), a small coin (#355) and fragments and some sort of circular donut weight (#354).
 - Continued work on Square F8
 - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
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- o Starting elevation = 129.126 (average of room in SW corner), 129.292 (average destruction fill)
- o Ending elevation = 129.126 (average of room in SW corner), 128.916 (average destruction fill)
- o Removed heavy fill.
- o May be recovering more of the line of W1250
- o There may also be a wall at the west side of the square running north and south.

Observations

Daily Drawing



