

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

Date: 19 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ0west	ZZ1west	ZZ4west	F8
Loci	1219 1226	1226	1219	1243
Baskets	2272 2274	2271	2270	2273
Walls	W575, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270, W1285, W1286			
Floors				

- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
 - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
 - Starting elevation = 130.944
 - Ending elevation = 130.610
 - Lowered level of fill, mostly soil and small rocks
 - The wall with ZZ1 looks less pronounced from the north
 - A broken marble column shaft is appearing in the fill. There is a round hole of 10+ cm horizontal through the center of the shaft.
 - #381 –architectural fragment of marble, rectangular, squared on three corners and rounded on one.
- Continued work on Square ZZ1west
 - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
 - Starting elevation = 130.830
 - Ending elevation = 130.284
 - Heavy destruction fill
 - Some architectural items in fill (drum and byzantine capital)
- Continued work in ZZ4west
 - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
 - Starting elevation = 132.421

- Ending elevation = 132.395
- Reduced rest of the half square to a common level about .25m above expected level of the wall
- Continued work on Square F8
 - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
 - Starting elevation = 128.828 (average SW room), 128.668 (paving estimate – stick too short)
 - Ending elevation = 128.61 (paving)
 - Finished clearing and cleaning small room
 - Paving of plaza was removed to set threshold, walls, and pedestals of small room. Room begins 4.75m from cardo 2 north. The west wall (W1285) is another 2.07 m west.
 - The bench/sleeping platform(?) is the east/west width of the room (1.70m). At the west end it is 60cm wide; and the east end it is 75cm wide.
 - The two pedestals on the west side of the small room are 70cm apart. The southerly pedestal is 0.70m (e/w) x 1.06m x 1.75m high. The northerly pedestal is 0.82m (e/w) x 0.90m x 1.75m high.
 - 0.70 north of the room, another wall (W1286) proceeds west from W1285. It is 0.60m wide.
 - #380 architectural fragment(?) with finely shaped conical hole
- Uncovered the chancel and began to uncover the north aisle of the domus in preparation for scanning.

Observations

Daily Drawing



