

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

Date: 20 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ0west	ZZ1west	ZZ4west	F8
Loci	1226	1226	1219 1226	Surface
Baskets	2275	2276	2277 2278	
Walls	W1230, W1236, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1270			
Floors				

- Continued work on Square ZZ0west
  - Goal – Investigate paving near threshold in W1266
  - Starting elevation = 130.610
  - Ending elevation = 130.451
  - Lowered the level of the destruction fill
  - Smaller marble Corinthian capital appearing in the fill (cp. a similar one found last year in this same area)
  - Two different marble columns in fill (one with hole)
  - Column drum in situ in the balk opposite a pilaster (elevation 130.890).  
Column in ZZ1 is also opposite a pilaster
- Continued work on Square ZZ1west
  - Goal – examine area north of W1261 and the fixture tentatively identified as a robbed staircase.
  - Starting elevation = 130.284
  - Ending elevation = 129.982 (floor)
  - Removed fill and began exposing flagstone floor from the west. Evidence of plaster over the flagstones. Some pieces are robbed out.
- Continued work in ZZ4west
  - Goal – follow W1270 and excavate room east of “street”
  - Starting elevation = 132.395

- Ending elevation = 132.174 (top of W1270)
- Seem to be revealing the top of W1270. But about 2/3 of the way through the square to the south W1270 seems to disappear. And there may be a pilaster or short wall on the west face. We note that the later W1236 cut into and destroyed part of W1230.
- 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 elevations
 

Large Paver next to South Wall	128.736
Floor of Small Room	128.590
Threshold to small room	128.754
Threshold btwn pedestals in small room (stair?)	128.775
Average Plaza	128.619
West Threshold of Plaza	128.744
Paver West Side of West Threshold	128.412
Inscription	128.601
Paver at Column in corner of small room	128.605
Top of Column in NE corner of small room	129.523
NW corner of south pedestal	130.285
  - In the second row of pavers east of the west threshold is an inscription. It is roughly centered on the plaza but off center to the south of the threshold. Our initial assumption is that the stone is in secondary use. Its first line reads ΑΓΑΘΗΤΥΧΗ (“Good fortune”).
- Completed work on the north aisle and removed soil and cloth form nave.

Observations

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Daily Drawing



