

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season

Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 30 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99west
Loci	1276
Baskets	2307
Walls	W1266, W1267
Floors	F1294

- Continued work on Square ZZ99
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Ending elevation = 128.554 (opus sectile floor next to steps), 128.486 (same floor next to collapse)
 - Rest of fill removed from corner of room.
 - There is a plastered bench about 50cm deep and 55cm tall bordering the west and the south part of the SW corner of the room.
 - Two larger stone slabs on the floor (F1294) next to the opus sectile (on the west) suggest that water at one time flowed from the channel over the bench and onto the floor (pool?)
 - The western bench runs from the SW corner to the pilaster in W1267. From the pilaster, a stylobate runs to the east on which a column base sits visible in the balk. As a consequence, we assume that we have exposed the SW corner of a large room. Its function is uncertain, as is its significance for the urban monastery theory tentatively posited for the interpretation of this site.
 - The floor was cleaned and photographed, and then recovered.
- Mosaics covered with sand and dirt. Chancel covered with dirt.
- Site bordered with fencing (and stones near pits).
- Final cleaning and photography

Observations

Daily Drawing



