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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON & ARCHAEO-LINK AMERICAS
WITH THE MUSTIQUE COMPANY AND THE MUSTIQUE MUSEUM

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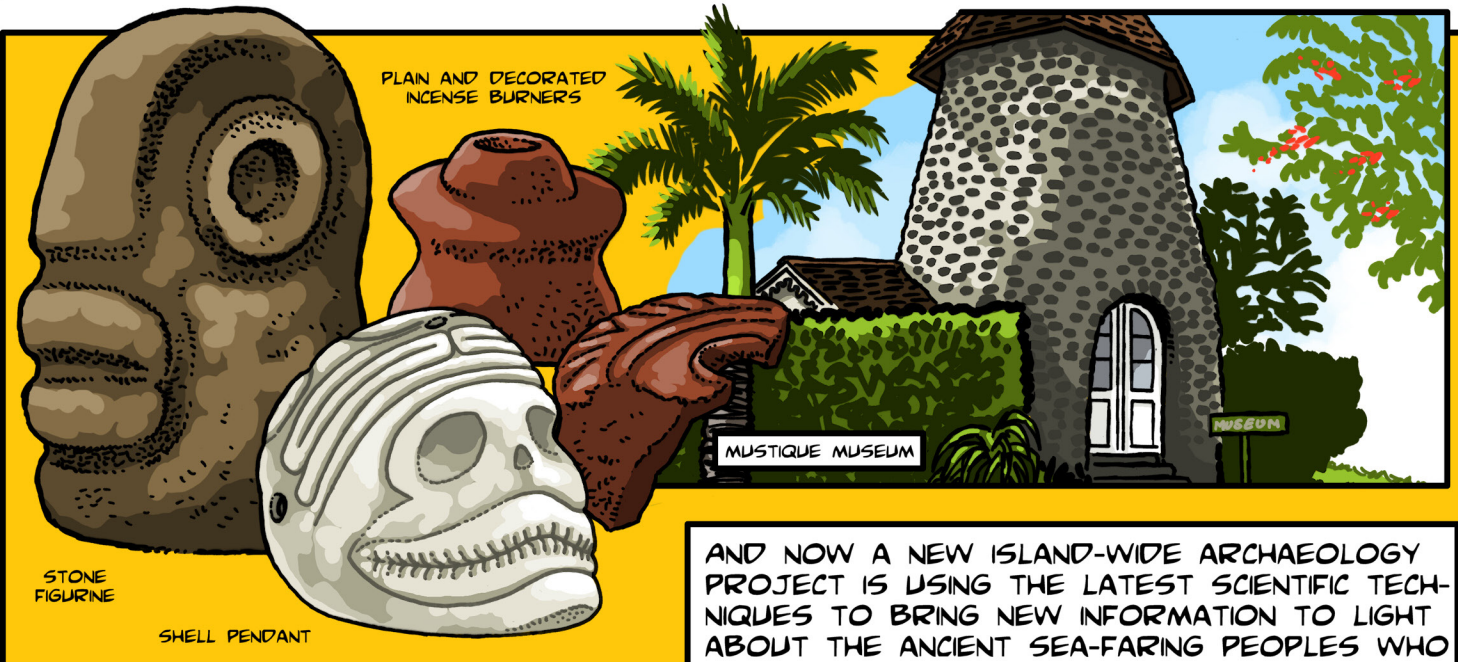


MUSTIQUE HAS A UNIQUE AND ANCIENT HISTORY. THERE ARE AMERINDIAN FIND SITES LOCATED ACROSS THE ISLAND.



SOME ARE ALMOST 1,500 YEARS OLD.

THE REMAINS THAT ANCIENT AMERINDIAN PEOPLES LEFT BEHIND - THEIR POTTERY, SHELL TOOLS AND DECORATIVE AND CEREMONIAL OBJECTS OF STONE, SHELL AND CERAMIC - TELL US MUCH ABOUT THE LIVES OF MUSTIQUE'S ANCIENT INHABITANTS. THE MUSTIQUE MUSEUM HOUSES AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF THESE UNIQUE ARTEFACTS.



PLAIN AND DECORATED
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MUSTIQUE MUSEUM

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AND NOW A NEW ISLAND-WIDE ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT IS USING THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUES TO BRING NEW INFORMATION TO LIGHT ABOUT THE ANCIENT SEA-FARING PEOPLES WHO LIVED ON MUSTIQUE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM LEAD BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON - WITH THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF MUSTIQUE HOME-OWNERS AND THE MUSTIQUE MUSEUM - IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND EXCAVATION AT SELECTED COASTAL AND INLAND SITES.

CREATING NEW DIGITAL SURVEYS OF ANCIENT ARTEFACTS AND SITES...



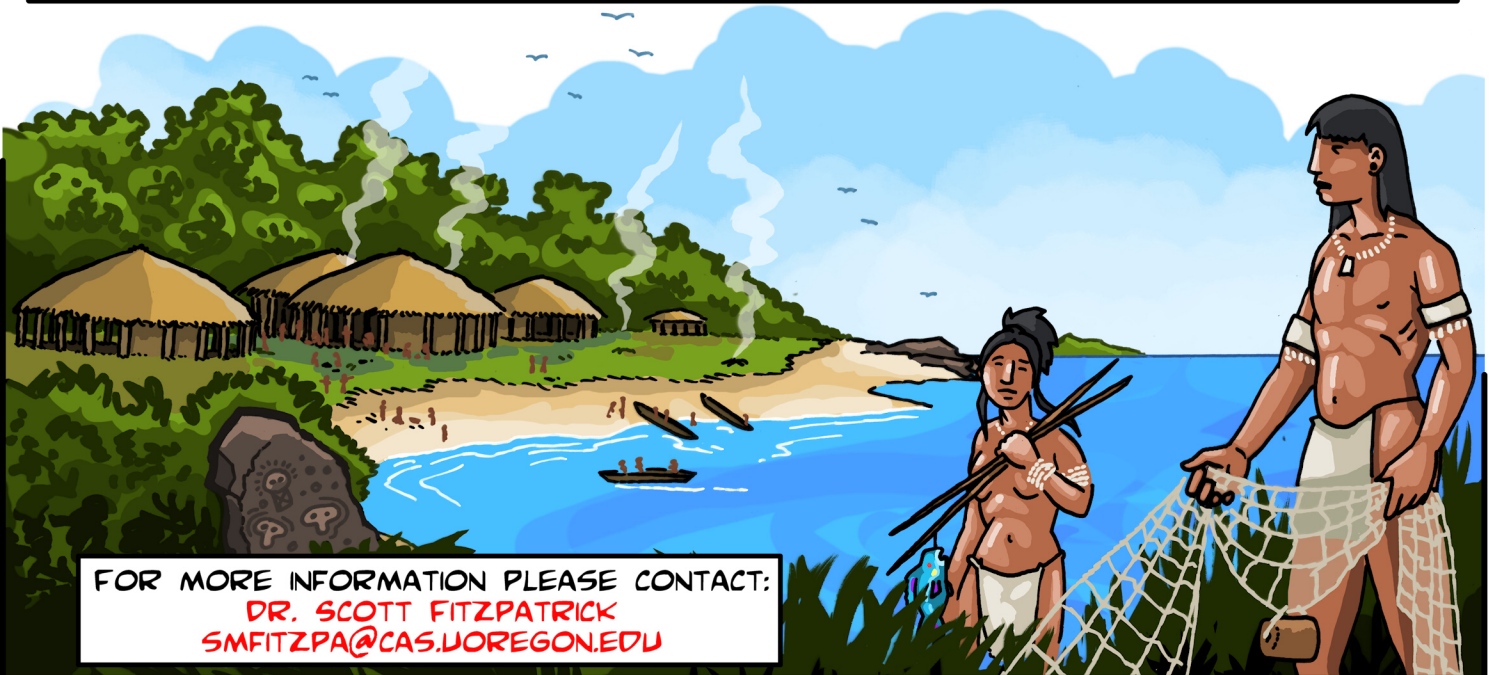
... USING TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS GROUND PENETRATING RADAR...



... AND COLLECTING NEW CARBON-14 DATING AND ANCIENT DNA SAMPLES FROM EXCAVATIONS.



THE AIM OF THE MUSTIQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT IS TO RESEARCH, INVESTIGATE AND PRESERVE THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF AMERINDIAN SETTLEMENT ON THE ISLAND PRIOR TO EUROPEAN CONTACT. THROUGH THE SURVEY, RECORDING AND EXCAVATION OF PRE-COLUMBIAN SITES ON MUSTIQUE, THE PAST CULTURAL LIFEWAYS OF NATIVE INHABITANTS CAN BE ILLUMINATED AND PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.



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