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Learn About the ‘Real’ Florida at HBOI’s ‘A Land Remembered’ Event

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (January 15, 2015) – When it comes to Florida history, few books tell the tale like the best-selling novel “A Land Remembered,” written by author Patrick D. Smith. The historical fiction will be brought to life by the author’s son, Rick Smith, on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 5 p.m., when he brings his multimedia show “Florida is a Land Remembered” to FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI).

The event will take place at HBOI’s Johnson Education Center, 5600 U.S. Highway 1 North, in Fort Pierce. Tickets, which include a seated dinner before the show, are \$20 for members of the Friends program and \$30 for nonmembers. Event proceeds will benefit a new ocean exploration exhibit of the *Johnson SeaLink II* and other HBOI undersea artifacts. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 772-242-2559.

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About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:

Founded in 1971, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine education. For more information, visit www.fau.edu/hboi.

About Florida Atlantic University:

Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit www.fau.edu.