An assemblage of artifacts and records dating to the 1560s offers compelling evidence of a Spanish settlement in western North Carolina — known as Fort San Juan — that predates Sir Walter Raleigh’s Roanoke Colony by two decades. Meet the archaeologists who are still uncovering this lost chapter in the history of the Carolinas.

**Wednesday, January 30, 6–8 p.m.**
**North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**
**Downtown Raleigh**

6 p.m. **Museum Natural Treasures Gallery**
Tapas reception honoring archaeologists involved in the discovery.
Artifacts from Fort San Juan and Santa Elena (South Carolina site) on display.

6:45 p.m. **Museum Auditorium**
Archaeologists David Moore, Robin Beck, Chris Rodning and Chester DePratter will describe the ongoing work at Fort San Juan and the significance of Spanish exploration in the Carolinas.

7:30 p.m. **Museum Auditorium**
Preview presentation of Exploring North Carolina: “The First, Lost Colony”

Space is limited.
Please make reservations by email at museum.reservations@ncmail.net or by phone at 919-733-7450 x303 by January 24, 2008.