

ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

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This month the Collections team is highlighting another piece of pottery we don't often see in the lab space. Fort Drum Incised or Ticked Rim pottery originates from South Florida (Florida Museum). Found on the Big Cypress Reservation, like our previously highlighted pottery piece from March, the Fort Drum series can also be made from sand, causing it to be very fragile. This particular series of pottery decoration can vary as well. The tick marks can also appear horizontally or parallel to the rim of the vessel. Surprisingly, in this case, the archaeology team found not one but four pieces of this pottery (right). We've highlighted the largest piece below.



The Fort Drum ticked rim style is part of the Glades series of pottery. It dates back to AD 500-700. With the same temper (sand) and paste characteristics as all Glades series pottery, these pieces, collected in 2011, are all gritty with a sand-paper like texture. This Glades series type falls within the initial development of the pottery types called Glades I. The decoration consists of rows of vertical or diagonal short incised lines on the outside edge or just below the rim of the vessel. Unfortunately, the pieces in this sample are very fragile and have lost all of their rims.



To learn more about Fort Drum Incised Ticked Rim pottery, or any pottery types found in the Southeast region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia), check out the Florida Museum Ceramic Technology lab.

<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/ceramiclab/>

Be sure to look out for our final rare pottery piece in this series later this year!

