

**Don't miss two opportunities to hear world renowned
Archaeologist/Anthropologist Dr. Tom Dillehay!**

He will be speaking twice in Vero Beach

March 30, 2019

Two different presentations at Two different locations

Provided by the Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee



Saturday, March 30

**“Sacred Memories and Landscapes: The Ethnoarchaeology of Living Mounds among
the Mapuche of Chile”**

10 a.m.

The Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach

Free admission

The Mapuche are indigenous people of Chile, Argentina, and Patagonia who make up 80% of the indigenous population in Chile. They are agriculturists with a complex cosmology and religious system and long history of struggle to maintain their cultural heritage and identity. They are the only undefeated indigenous people in South America today, having maintained their independence for over 300 years.

Dr. Dillehay is Rebecca Webb Wilson University Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Religion, and Culture, and Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies in the Department of Anthropology at Vanderbilt University, and has studied the Mapuche for 30 years.

His talk will focus on the challenges to their traditional culture, commitment to their cosmology and life styles, and the impact of modernization and globalization. Their mounds are a key component to their cultural survival along with their relationship to the land.

“The Mapuche see land as their history. They read it much like an encyclopedia of their history and what they have symbolically etched across that landscape and the form of ceremonial fields, earthen mounds, old burial grounds. Where they live today as well they have names for the volcanoes and mountains, objects that are animated and carry ancestors’ spirits and guardian spirits of the individual.” - Tom Dillehay

Also Saturday, March 30

“A View of the First Peopling of the New World from South of the Rio Grande”

7:00 p.m.

The Emerson Center, 1590 27th Ave., Vero Beach

Free Admission

Did the earliest people living in the Americas arrive on foot following herds of big game animals across the Bering strait into North America ? Or might they have come by sea, navigating down the Pacific coast ? Were these earliest people the Clovis people ?

An archaeological site in southern Chile, Monte Verde, has changed our understanding of how and when the first Americans arrived, and helped confirm that Clovis culture does not represent the earliest inhabitants of the Americas.

Archaeologist Dr. Tom Dillehay began excavating at Monte Verde in 1977 and conducted studies there for more than 25 years. He will be speaking on evidence indicating people lived in communities a thousand years before Clovis culture and thousands of miles south of Vero.

You won’t want to miss this fascinating talk by a major contributor to the field of the earliest Americans.