

Centro Neotropico Sarapiquí

- " dedicated to indigenous people
- " batellanas manuscript - 208 plants and their uses
- " largest on-site museum in the tropics
- " pre-Colombian times = before 1492
- " 70 tombs from pre-Colombian times
- " water, mts, sand = part of Culu
- " born from the com and will go back to it
- " humans not more important than plants and animals
- " Votos - Amazon society - women took male roles (doctors, ect.), had up to 5 husbands, disappeared 16th century
- " Molecus - Votos bad people - lived above here
- " research is being done to find out more
- " Costa Rica = cultural and biological bridge
- " Guanacaste communicated with Maya
- " Caribbean coast communicates with S. America
- " built settlements with stones and wood
 - " Guayabo = urban society
 - " calçadas = walkways with flat stones - up to 60 km and 24 ft. wide
 - " built homes on mounds - important people and casiki (chief) had biggest mounds
 - " had statues to represent warriors, fertility
 - " conical roof represented universe - pot on top = sun
 - " experimental anthropology - build house
 - " matate = grinding stone
 - " chocolate = food of the gods (only for upper class)
 - " bows made from heart of palm
 - " blow pipe to blow darts
 - " vines tied things together
 - " 35 years = life expectancy
 - " walls made of cane to let smoke out
 - " holes in ceiling = stars in universe
 - " tombs - will take 6 years to excavate all 70
 - " 10-12 tombs/year
 - " 12 are now excavated
 - " 108 stone markings
 - " box tombs - made with river stones
 - " people buried with valuables
 - " corn seeds ½ size - if enough DNA, we can grow
 - " tombs of children with false tombs covering
 - " about 400 ceramics found by Dec.
 - " ceramics depict animals
 - " petroglyphs