



Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.

Issues are also available on the USFWS Cultural Resources website <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>. Submissions are encouraged and can be made via email. Please contact Eugene Marino at Eugene_Marino@fws.gov for submission guidelines.

Wonderful Things
A look at FWS Museum Property

DC Booth National Historic Fish Hatchery works to preserve its museum collections.

The Retiree’s Association of the US Fish and Wildlife Service recently funded two projects at DC Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives, Spearfish, SD. Using retiree money, a paid intern will spend the summer cataloging some of the photographic collection at DC Booth. Roughly estimated, only 2% of the hatcheries estimated 10,000 prints, negatives, and slides have been cataloged. Very few have been digitized. Without cataloging, this material is difficult for researchers to use. Cataloging will provide information on subject, date, location, etc. and will provide a searchable database in ICMS. More precise information on the size of the collection will be obtained. Storage of materials will be improved. Although the summer will not be long enough to complete cataloging, we hope to make noticeable progress!

The second project funded the purchase of some “extra” US Bureau of Fisheries china. This will help with the production of a traveling fisheries exhibit with real objects, not just copies of photographs and documents. Sturdy, duplicate objects are being selected from the museum collection that can be safely packed and shipped along with text and photos. This exhibit will be available for fisheries events, retiree meetings, centennials, workshops, etc. around the country. A draft exhibit was used at the World Aquaculture 2010 in San Diego in early March and was well received. For more information contact Randi Smith@fws.gov

FWS Regional News:
Washington Office

WO Staff delivered a presentation at the Wage Grade Academy at NCTC in late July. Following the lecture, participants undertook a brief examination of the historic bank barn located on the campus (figures 1 and 2). Students completed an assessment form and

discussed maintenance needs for historic buildings. For more information contact Eugene Marino



Figure 1 Students examining the historic barn at NCTC

Region 1

Finley National Wildlife Refuge will be the location of the next Preservation Training Workshop. The workshop will be held August 16-20 and will teach FWS WG staff techniques for addressing maintenance needs for historic buildings. For more information contact Eugene Marino at 703-358-2173 or LouAnn Speulda-Drews at 775-861-6335

Region 4

Rick Kanaski has been designated our Oil Spill point of contact for cultural resources. Rick has been instrumental in developing the FWS component for the oil spill interagency workgroup for cultural resources and for working with assessment teams.

Other Agency News

National NAGPRA—The GAO report on federal agency NAGPRA compliance is now available for review at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-768>

Federal agencies will be meeting to discuss the report and to develop an annual report for NAGPRA—one of the recommendations noted in the GAO report.

NPS—is now issuing a link to its weekly National Register listings. Check out newly listed properties here <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm>

Two Sentenced for Looting Two apprehended in a Federal illegal artifacts-trafficking sting were sentenced on felony charges on July 7, 2010. U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball sentenced Moab resident Brent Bullock, 62, to five years' probation. Kimball sentenced Moab resident Tammy Shumway, 40, to time served — about three weeks in June 2009 — plus 36 months' supervised release, starting with six months of home confinement. The two were caught in a 2½-year probe into the theft and sale of artifacts across the Four Corners region that led to dozens of indictments in Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Bullock and Shumway each pleaded guilty in March to two felonies and faced maximum potential fines of \$500,000 and up to 10 years in prison.

Bullock admitted he sold a blanket scrap, a digging tool and a fire board to undercover operative Ted Gardiner and offered to sell ceramic figurines, all of which were stolen from public land. Shumway introduced the two men, brokered a \$3,300 sale and received \$330 for her service. Shumway has a drug-related criminal record and served prison time for credit-card fraud. She is the widow of Earl Shumway who served time for looting graves for artifacts to sell in the 1990s.

During the investigation, the U.S. Attorney for Utah, the FBI and the Bureau of Land Management used information gathered by Gardiner, a Salt Lake County resident and former antiquities dealer who went undercover wearing an audiovisual recording device.

NPS Special Agent Reports on Agency Museum Theft

In an article in the NPS newsletter National Catalog/ICMS News "Keeping What We Have and Recovering What is Missing, A Preliminary Examination of Museum Theft in the NPS" Special Agent Todd Swain reported on the security of agency museums. To keep the project within reasonable parameters, he limited his study to historic or prehistoric items that were taken from NPS curatorial facilities, visitor centers, and historic structures. Using data compiled from NPS Morning Reports, missing firearm data, and stolen art data, Swain contacted parks where items were stolen. Follow-up questions included where

items were taken from, how they had been taken, and whether they had been recovered. Despite repeated calls and e-mails to both museum curators and law enforcement Swain received limited responses to requests for information, as park staff were very busy with other duties. In most cases, there was no one currently on the staff that had been at the park at the time of the theft.

Despite the limited data thus far obtained, Swain drew several important conclusions:

- 1) The NPS is missing some very significant items, such as George Washington's eyeglasses, John Muir's pocket watch, and two paintings by William Henry Jackson.
- 2) Historic firearms appear to be the most likely target.
- 3) Many missing items are not reported by curatorial staff to law enforcement in a timely manner, as it is often assumed the items have simply been misplaced and will eventually turn up.

The purpose of the study was not to assign blame, but rather to learn from past events and to recover missing items. If you have any information concerning items that are missing from your park, please contact Swain at (760) 413-8214.

Legislative News

Sens. Harry Reid (D-NV) and Jon Tester (D-MT) have drafted a bill on competitive leasing for wind and solar renewable energy projects on public lands that includes provisions that specifically require federal agencies to avoid archeological sites and national historic landmarks that may be in the right-of-way.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved 302(b) allocations for its subcommittees and included an overall spending cap of \$1.114 trillion on all FY'11 discretionary spending, which was \$14 billion below the President's budget request. The Interior-Environment subcommittee allocation, which funds historic preservation, provided \$32.338 billion for FY'11, which was \$39 million below the President's FY'11 budget request. However, Republican members of the Appropriations Committee pledged to withhold their support for any of the 12 annual appropriations bills unless the overall discretionary spending cap was held at \$ 1.108 trillion. The House adopted a slightly higher spending cap of \$1.121 trillion last month as well as one-year budget resolution to give House appropriators something of a budget blueprint to work with moving forward. However, a year-end, temporary continuing resolution and a lame-duck omnibus spending bill is looking more and more likely after the November election, which creates uncertainty for historic

preservation programs such as Save America's Treasures (SAT), Preserve America, and National Heritage Areas -- which were cut in the President's budget.

Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Archeological Resources Protection Training Program

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents this thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. This premier class is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologist work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

No classes at this time

Other ARPA Training

The three-day class provides training on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution of archeological crimes. Instructors for the class are recognized national experts in this area of law enforcement. Topics covered in the class are:

- Archeological resource crime overview;
- Looting, collecting and trafficking networks;
- ARPA and other Federal and State statutes used to prosecute archeological violation cases;
- Archeological crime investigative methods;
- Archeological damage assessment methods;
- Archeological violation case studies.

An archeological crime scene practical exercise also is included. Class participants will be required to investigate and conduct a damage assessment at a mock archeological crime scene.

For more information, contact Wayne NF Archeologist Ann Cramer (740) 753-0553 or ADIA Archeologist / Owner Martin McAllister (406) 239-1874.

The National NAGPRA Program is entering the second year of its partnership with the National Preservation Institute to provide Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies and interested persons with in-depth training on various NAGPRA implementation issues.

This year we will be offering courses in Providence, RI and Phoenix, AZ. Three courses will be offered - NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation, NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal Register Notices (new) and Writing and Managing a Successful Grant.

This year, we have expanded our scholarship program to include museums with annual operating budgets of under \$250,000 as well as tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. Small museums, tribes or NHOs may apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fees for any of the three classes. In addition, small museums, tribes and NHOs may apply for a travel grant to receive \$500 to go toward the travel costs of attending Writing and Managing a Successful Grant. Travel grants are limited and go quickly so we encourage you to apply soon.

Dates and descriptions for the three classes are below. For further information regarding courses, registration and scholarship/travel grant forms, please visit the National Preservation Institute's website at www.npi.org or visit the National NAGPRA Program's website at www.nps.gov/history/nagpra.

NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation

Review the tools and best practices for determining cultural affiliation as part of the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each Federal agency and museum with control of Native American human remains must culturally affiliate if it can do so on the basis of reasonable belief. Explore NAGPRA requirements, definitions of critical terminology, case studies, consultation, grant assistance, and the review process.

October 4, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal

Register Notices Review the summaries and inventories requirements for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains and cultural items must complete and submit a Summary and/or Inventory to tribes/Native Hawaiian organizations and the National NAGPRA Program. These documents form the basis for writing a Federal Register notice, allowing for repatriation. Discuss NAGPRA requirements and ongoing responsibilities under the

Future Applicability rule (43 CFR 10.13) for Summaries and inventories.

October 5, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

The National NAGPRA Grants Program offers two types of grants to assist museums, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations with the NAGPRA process, from consultations to how to appropriately return human remains and cultural items. Review practical tools and case studies of successful grant applications and projects. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write and manage a successful grant.

October 6-7, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

Friends Group News

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse.

For information on these events take a look at www.plankhouse.org

In their July 20th Board meeting the Friends of the 500th at Canaan Valley NWR restated their goal to assist with the Refuge CCP and to make sure that it considered the cultural resources and history of the area. The group has been instrumental in the development of the CCP and is vigilant to the continued consideration of cultural resources.