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Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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.

FWS Regional News:

Washington Office

FWS Cultural Resources will co-sponsor a Cultural Resources Diversity Intern this spring. The internship will be funded in part by the National Park Service who will supply an intern with a cultural resources background. The intern will be located at the WO and will be looking at collections management needs for the FWS as well as doing research on FWS history collections.

Other Agency News

ACHP—The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently released a draft update of the LEED rating system, and the ACHP would like to encourage federal agencies to comment on the draft's implications for the preservation of historic properties. Since many federal agencies are utilizing the LEED rating system, the proposed revisions will have direct impacts on agency stewardship of historic buildings.

The LEED green building rating system promotes sustainable building design, construction, and operation. Rehabilitation and operation of historic buildings can be certified under the current version of LEED, but there is room for improvement in how LEED addresses reuse of existing buildings. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has identified several areas of the proposed LEED update where positive changes are proposed or opportunities exist to recommend such changes (see <http://blog.preservationnation.org/2010/12/17/preservationists-let-e2%80%99s-mobilize-comment-on-the-next-version-of-leed/>).

The USGBC is accepting comments on the new draft rating system through January 14, 2011. (A second public comment period is scheduled for the summer of 2011 following release of a revised draft.) Full information on the draft update to the LEED rating system and how to comment is available at <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=2360>.

BLM—

SUMMER 2011 STUDENT INTERNSHIPS AT THE BLM-ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER DOLORES, COLORADO

The Anasazi Heritage Center (AHC) offers student internships in:

- [Collections Management](#)
- [Visitor Services](#)

Background:

The Anasazi Heritage Center includes a main archaeology gallery with artifact exhibits, a replica pit house, touchable and hands-on exhibits, computer-based explorations, a gallery for temporary exhibitions, a movie theater, a room for special educational programs, and a 100 seat theater. On the museum grounds are two 12th century archaeological sites (the Dominguez and Escalante Pueblos) and nature walk through pinon-juniper woodland to a 360° view of the surrounding region (Mesa Verde, La Plata Mountains, Dolores River Valley, and Sleeping Ute Mountain). The AHC staff also manages a library, a conservation laboratory, and over 3.5 million artifacts, samples, and original documents.

To apply:

Applications for both internships described below must be received by April 15, 2011. The availability of internship opportunities depends on AHC logistical requirements, available funding, and current project needs. Internship start and end dates are flexible and last for 8 to 12 consecutive weeks. There is no specific form to be completed; applicants should e-mail a letter of interest specifying which internship you are applying for and a resume in MS Word or Adobe PDF format to: t2murphy@blm.gov

Preliminary inquiries on availability may be made to the Internship Coordinator by phone at (70) 882-5643 or by e-mail at t2murphy@blm.gov.

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Role for Archeology in NPS Response to Climate Change Archeological resources and research figure significantly in the NPS

Climate Change Response Strategy, released in September 2010. The strategy provides direction for addressing the impacts of climate change in national parks. Archeological activities can contribute to all four of the integrated components of the response: science, adaptation, mitigation, and communication.

Science: Archeological data and models have already provided long term perspectives on climate change, especially in the Southwest, contributing to climate change science. Archeological efforts in parks continue to inventory and monitor archeological resources, providing data for assessing climate change.

Adaptation: This information will be critical to scenario planning and management decisions that guide adaptive actions within the NPS. The Climate Change Response Strategy specifically calls for expansion of the NPS capacity to conduct inventory and monitoring of archeological resources on park lands.

Mitigation: Archeologists can also contribute to mitigation, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, by developing ways to collect data remotely, and by planning field work more carefully, and, when feasible, telecommuting.

Communication: Through leading by example, archeologists directly contribute to the final component

to the response strategy. Archeological interpretation is an excellent venue for messages to the public about climate change, its causes and effects, and responsibilities for mitigation and adaptation.

The full report can be accessed at www.nature.nps.gov/climatechange/index.cfm

Indigenous Cultural Landscapes, Trail Planning, and Land Conservation in the Chesapeake Bay The Chesapeake Bay Program, a unique regional partnership that has led and directed the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983, called together a focus group of partners to refine the concept of indigenous cultural landscapes and begin an evaluation process for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

The trail's management plan recognizes indigenous cultural landscapes as a crucial trail-related resource and the importance of these landscapes to Chesapeake land conservation efforts. It specifies that cultural landscapes along the trail be identified, protected, and highlighted for trail visitor opportunities. Archeological research can contribute to the identification of cultural landscapes.

Participants began clarifying this concept and its attributes, and initiating the participation of American Indian descendent communities and implementation of the concept in trail planning. NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources Stephanie Toothman, and Northeast Region Ethnography Program Manager Chuck Smythe participated in the meeting, led by Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network superintendent John Maounis. Group members included representatives from Maryland DNR, Pennsylvania Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Maryland SHPO, Virginia Council on Indians, Piscataway Indian Nation, Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, and John Smith Trail's Advisory Council chair John Reynolds.

For more information about the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT, go to www.smithtrail.net. To read the comprehensive management plan for the trail, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cajo>. For more information about the Federal strategy addressing President Obama's executive order for the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, visit <http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net>.

DOI—the Interior Museum Property Program launched its "Basics of Museum Collection Care" course this week. An online course available through DOI Learn. For non-DOI employees, see this link <http://www.doi.gov/doilearn/nondoilearners.cfm>

This course is designed for non-museum experts and builds upon the Museum Program's first online course,

“Introduction to Managing Museum Collections” that was released in 2009.

Legislative News

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

Florida DEP's webinar on Damage Assessment of Submerged Cultural Resources, it can be downloaded at <http://www.submergedlandsconference.com/>

National Trust for Historic Preservation Issues Call for Nominations for the 2011 National Preservation Awards

Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the best of preservation by presenting [National Preservation Awards](#) to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate excellence in historic preservation.

We invite you to [nominate](#) a deserving individual, organization, agency, or project for a National Preservation Award. The nomination deadline for all awards is February 17, 2011.

In 2011 we are pleased to announce that we will be selecting the first American Express Aspire awardee. This award will recognize an emerging leader in preservation. Other awards include the Trustees' Awards, National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award, National Trust/HUD Secretary's Award, the Peter H. Brink Award for Individual Achievement, and the National Preservation Honor Awards. Those nominations not selected to receive a

special category award will automatically be considered for an Honor Award.

Go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/awards> to access the 2011 nomination information and view video highlights of last year's award winners. **The entire application must be completed online.**

If you have questions or need additional information about the awards or the nomination process, please call 202.588.6315 or e-mail awards@nthp.org. We look forward to receiving your nomination. Spread the word!

National Park Service's 2011 Archeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2011 workshop on archeological prospection techniques entitled Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century will be held May 23-27, 2011, at the Palo Alto Battlefield NHP, Brownsville, Texas. This will be the twenty-first year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archeological resources across this nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field.

The field exercises will take place at the site of Fort Brown on the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas South most College campuses in Brownsville. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the Palo Alto Battlefield NHP and the NPS Midwest Archeological Center.

Application forms are available at www.nps.gov/history/mwac.
Contact: Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, NPS, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873: tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141.

NCSHPO—Meeting March 7-9, 2011 see <http://www.ncshpo.org/meetings/index.htm> for more information.

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

