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*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](mailto:Eugene_Marino@fws.gov) for submission guidelines*

## FWS Regional News:

### Headquarters

The myRefuge app for iOS device is a year old! In the past year it has been downloaded by over 4000 outdoor recreation enthusiasts. The app is now free for life!  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/myrefuge-maps-information/id482928719>

The next Wage Grade Preservation Skill Workshop is available in DOI Learn  
<https://gm2.geolearning.com/geonext/doi/scheduledclassdetails4enroll.geo?&id=147399>

The class is scheduled for June 10-14 at Sand Lake NWR, SD. For more information or to register, please contact John Blitch at 703-358-2109 or Wade Briggs at 605-697-2503.

### Region 5

#### Patuxent Research Refuge Historic Preservation Efforts Honored by the State of Maryland

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has selected 10 projects, organizations, and individuals as the recipients of the 2013 Maryland Preservation Awards. The awards, presented annually by MHT's Board of Trustees, are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation and heritage education projects in Maryland.

Established in 1936 by Executive Order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Patuxent Research Refuge is the Nation's only National Wildlife Refuge established to support wildlife research. Today,

most of the research on the refuge is conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey through the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Currently 12, 841 acres, the property was recently the subject of a Facilities Modernization Plan which encompassed the unavoidable demolition of approximately 80 buildings – including both historic and non historic structures - as part of its implementation. Since this undertaking had an adverse effect on historic properties, a Memorandum of Agreement was negotiated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, the Maryland Historical Trust, and other consulting parties. While the Agreement required various standard historic property recordation, protection, and avoidance provisions, what is most notable about the outcome of this project are the substantive public interpretation programs that emerged.

These programs, accessible at the newly completed National Wildlife Visitor Center, include a video, exhibit, guided tours, and brochure that tell the story of both the natural and cultural significance of the property and its development over time. In the case of the Patuxent Research Refuge project, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey demonstrated outstanding stewardship by enthusiastically embracing the opportunity to expand their mission beyond natural resource interests. As a result of their efforts, visitors to the Refuge are now invited to recognize the cultural values of the property and are engaged in exploring and understanding the site's history and development over time.

### Region 6

Here is a great article about the Whaley Homestead, an 1885 frontier homestead located on Lee Metcalf NWR, in Montana. Thanks to Brant Loflin for passing it along.

[http://www.ravallirepublic.com/lifestyles/blife/article\\_b272c2de-6806-11e2-a4b1-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.ravallirepublic.com/lifestyles/blife/article_b272c2de-6806-11e2-a4b1-0019bb2963f4.html)

## Other Agency News

**ACHP**—The Office of Federal Agency Programs is pleased to announce the continuation of our Section 106 Webinar Series. Join ACHP staff instructors for hour-long interactive learning experiences about current topics in Section 106 review. Program offerings include topics of interest to all knowledge levels, from those new to the regulatory process to experienced practitioners.

Webinars resume in February with a second chance to take advantage of a popular program from our first series. "Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Identification Standard in Section 106 Review" will be reprised on February 7 and 12. "An Overview of Program Alternatives" returns this March 19 and 21. Details and registration instructions are available at [www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html](http://www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html). Two new webinar topics will debut in April and May, so please bookmark this page and check for updates in March.

### **NPS—NPS Launches New Cultural Landscapes Webpage**

The NPS Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Science and the Park Cultural Landscapes program recently launched the first park cultural landscapes website. The site answers basic questions about cultural landscapes and serves as a gateway for more in-depth discoveries. The website includes links to preservation briefs, National Register bulletins, Landscape Lines, and other important cultural landscapes guidance documents. Climate change and sustainability are included, and cultural landscape case studies for both are currently being developed.

The site also provides feature stories on cultural landscapes in NPS units, key people related to landscapes, and public versions of selected cultural landscape inventories (CLI's). Over the next year, additional stories and CLI's will be made publically available, so check back often.

As a companion to the webpage, the NPS Park Cultural Landscapes Program has also created a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPSCLP>. Check it out for weekly features, announcements and quizzes, and be sure to "like" the program.

To visit the website, go to [http://www.nps.gov/cultural\\_landscapes](http://www.nps.gov/cultural_landscapes),

### **NPS Archeology Program Posts More Webinars on Current Topics in Archeology**

The NPS Archeology Program has posted webcasts from an on-going webinar lecture series devoted to dissemination of information about current research in archeology. The newest postings are

**History in Bits and Pieces: The Battle of Cedar Creek** by Clarence R. Geier, James Madison University. Geier and students have documented evidence of the Civil War Union encampment of the Cedar Creek Battlefield, interpreted parts of the battle flow, and reconstructed the cultural setting. This presentation discusses approaches used in analyzing battlefield remains; methods and procedures used to study the land involved; and the results gained from the application of the layers of field research.

**The Windover Site—Voices from the Past** by Glen H. Doran, Chairman, Florida State University. The Windover cemetery in Brevard County, Florida, has yielded preserved organics including woven materials, antler tools, wood bottle gourds, food remains, and bone tools with 168 burials dating in excess of 7,000 radiocarbon years. Previous topics include recent developments in our understanding of Native American colonization of the New World to archeological investigations of World War II Japanese internment camps.

To listen to the webcasts, go to <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/tools/webinars.htm>

**FHWA—Webinar Title: Planning and Environmental Linkages for Historic Preservation**  
**Date: February 13, 2013**  
**Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST**

The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Project Development and Environmental Review will host a webinar on February 13 from 1 – 2:30 EST to present results of a recent nationwide study to identify best practices for integrating planning and environmental review for projects affecting historic resources. These best practices include programmatic agreements, historic property databases, statewide management plans for historic bridges, and staff liaison programs with State Historic Preservation Offices. During this webinar, we will highlight selected case studies and the benefits, challenges, and critical factors for success associated with these case studies. We will also take questions from webinar participants.

The webinar is designed for FHWA, State DOTs, and local transportation organization engineering, planning, environmental, and historic preservation staffs; State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices; private sector transportation, environmental, and historic preservation firms; and state and local historic preservation organizations that partner with transportation agencies. Webinar presenters will include the SRI Foundation authors of the "Planning and Environmental

Linkages for Historic Preservation” study, and State DOT and local transportation agency staff who created and implemented the highlighted case studies.

Registration for the webinar is now available at:

<https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/viewconference.aspx?webconfid=25423>

## Legislative News

## Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and News

### NPS Archeology Program Sponsors Webinars on Current Topics in Archeology

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### National Park Service’s 2013 Archeological Prospection Workshop

The NPS 2013 workshop on archeological prospection techniques, “Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century” will be held May 13-17 at the Cedar Point Biological Station near Ogallala, Nebraska. This will be the twenty-second 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 archaeological 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 Alkali Station near Paxton, Nebraska. Alkali Station was a major trail facility used by travelers on the Oregon and California trails,

the Pony Express, the transcontinental telegraph, and the frontier army.

Co-sponsors for the workshop include the NPS Midwest Archeological Center, the Lute Family, and the University of Nebraska’s Cedar Point Biological Station. There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Lodging will be at the Cedar Point Biological Station.

For further information, 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; fax: (402) 437-5098. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center’s website at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/>.

### 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.

This 37-hour course is taught by accomplished instructors who are nationally-recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. Enrollment is limited to federal or state law enforcement officers, archeologists and prosecutors.

The next course is: TBA

## Volunteers and Friends News

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse. For information on these events take a look at [www.plankhouse.org](http://www.plankhouse.org)