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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

The first phase of historic restoration for a historic barn at NCTC (reported last issue) is complete. During the winter, NPS staff will be focusing on the next task, restoring foundation windows. The windows will be restored at the Historic Preservation Training Center facility in Frederick Md and will be re-installed on the barn in the Spring.

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>.

NPS—The U.S. National Park Service Museum Management Program is pleased to announce the publication of several new Conserve O Gram technical leaflets on the following topics:

1. How To Select Gloves: An Overview For Collections Staff
2. Care and Identification of Objects Made from Plastic
3. Preparing and Storing Geological Drill Cores
4. Digital Storage Media

The National Park Service [NPS] Conserve O Gram [COGs] series is geared to collections management staff. Leaflets cover a range of collections types, such as archives and manuscripts, ceramics, digital media, fine arts, furniture, leatherwork, natural history collections, photographs, and textiles. The COGs also address specific procedures, techniques and materials on preservation, security, fire and curatorial safety, agents of deterioration, packing and shipping, storage, and disaster preparedness.

The NPS Conserve O Gram series and other NPS museum publications are available for free download at <http://www.nps.gov/history/museum/>

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>.

NEH Grant Competition

The Division of Public Programs, U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) funds humanities projects that are intended for broad public audiences at museums, libraries, historic sites and other historical and cultural organizations.

New application guidelines are now posted on the NEH Web site (www.neh.gov) for our America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Grant Competition. The next two deadlines are January 12, 2011, and August 17, 2011. The grants can be used to support interpretive exhibitions, reading or film discussion series, historic site interpretation, lecture series and symposia, and digital projects. NEH especially encourages projects that offer multiple formats and make creative use of new technology to deliver humanities content. Program officers in the Division of Public Programs are available to assist, whether it is to discuss project ideas or to read a draft of a proposal.

Contact: NEH Division of Public Programs, 202-606-8269

DOI—mural conservation work begins in the Department of the Interior. See <http://www.doi.gov/news/video/Mural-Restoration-at-The-Department-of-the-Interior.cfm> for more information.

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!

NPS Intermountain Region Offers Resource Advising Training

The NPS Intermountain Region is offering Resource Advisor training at two locations in 2011: February 28 – March 1 in Tucson, AZ; and June 29 – 30, Glacier NP, MT. The course provides participants with the framework to serve as Resource Advisors (READs) during emergency responses, including wildland fires and oil spills. READs work with incident commanders and park staff to minimize immediate and short-term adverse impacts resulting from either the incident itself or activities associated with managing the incident. READs are critical as the starting point for identifying needs related to the repair of fire suppression impacts, Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) and Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR).

This course will focus on wildland fire events; course content will be applicable to non-fire emergency responses. Topics will include a wide range of potential impacts of incidents, associated management actions, and suggestions for anticipating post-incident environmental conditions related to natural and cultural resource management.

There is no tuition for this course; home units must cover travel costs. All applications for the Tucson class must be received by COB January 7, 2011. All applications for the Glacier N.P. class must be received by COB April 15, 2011.

Contact: Lisa Hanson, NPS VPR-Fire, 12795 West Alameda Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80228. Fax: 303-969-2037.

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.
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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