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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 second module of the Cultural Resources On-line Training Series has been launched. It is available at <https://doilearn.doi.gov/>. This first module presents an overview of cultural resources laws and regulations. For more information contact Eugene Marino.

Washington Office—Plans are underway for the 2007 Cultural Resource course. The course will be held at NCTC the week of August 13th and will be aimed at project leaders and refuge managers. Regions 4 and 5 are coordinating the effort. For more information contact Eugene Marino.

Region 5— Back to Patuxent after 37 Years

Patuxent Research Refuge received an interesting call recently from a fellow in Fairfax who had discovered items which had been loaned from Patuxent in 1970. He found them in a storage unit he had just rented, and has since shipped them to us.

The items include a framed letter with two whooping crane feathers - one adult and one juvenile (Figure 1). The letter is dated March 3, 1970, and is signed by E.H. Dustman (who was Director of Patuxent, 1963-1972. According to Dr. Matt Perry of the Research Center, Dr. Dustman will be 90 on May 5th and lives in VA .)

Although many of us worked for the Service in 1970, and may not consider ourselves antiques (yet), the letter is yellowed with age and has the appearance something quite old. The letterhead is of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. It is addressed to Mr. Rod

Kreger of the General Services Administration with text as follows:

"As requested, we are assigning to you on loan two molted whooping crane feathers for display and educational purposes. The tawny feather is from a five-month old chick which will become predominantly white by the end of its first year of life. The white feather is from an adult-plumaged whooping crane. Both cranes are located at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center where they are being held for propagation and restoration of wild populations of whooping cranes."

It is interesting how these items made their way back "home" after over 37 years. It is testimony to the fact that values and honesty still mean something to some people such as the individual who took the time to track us down and to package and mail these artifacts back to us. And, from the comments from several with whom I've shared this story, this little bit of Patuxent history is still meaningful and appreciated.

The framed feathers will soon be sent to Mark Madison, FWS Historian at NCTC who will treat them to get rid of the "bugs" which appear to be invading. The final disposition of the frame has yet to be determined. Thanks to Nell Baldacchino of Patuxent for this piece. Any comments, please contact Nell at Nell_Baldacchino@fws.gov



Figure 1. Framed feathers recently returned to Patuxent Research Refuge after 37 years.

Other Agency News

National NAGPRA—Final Rule adds 43 CFR Part 10.13, Future Applicability. The new regulatory language was issued on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 54 beginning on page 13184. Specifies requirements for all New discoveries (after the NAGPRA prescribed dates).

October 15-16, 2007: [Review Committee Meeting coming to Phoenix, AZ](#)

ACHP—WASHINGTON, D.C.— Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of Preserve America, today announced and presented the 2007 Preserve America Presidential Awards at a White House Rose Garden ceremony. This is the highest national award for historic preservation achievement.

In the Heritage Tourism category, the two winners are:

- USS *Midway* Museum: San Diego, California
- Natchitoches-Cane River Region Heritage Tourism: Louisiana

In the Private Preservation category, the two winners are:

- The History Channel, Save Our History: Nationwide and New York City
- Downtown St. Louis Revitalization: Missouri

Legislative News

Historic Preservation Funding Gets Boost in Supplemental Appropriations Bill and House Interior Subcommittee Mark Up

Federal funding for historic preservation received a major boost on two fronts this week as Congress prepared to leave for the Memorial Day Recess. First, Democratic leaders decided this week to drop any binding withdrawal dates and benchmarks from the Iraq war supplemental (HR 2206) bill in order to meet their goal of sending the president a veto-proof bill before the Memorial Day Recess. Domestic spending priorities and hurricane assistance — which included \$10 million in preservation disaster assistance grants for historic properties in Louisiana damaged by Hurricane Katrina — were included in a separate amendment to the bill that was approved before final passage in the House and Senate. The bill will now be sent to the President for signature. Secondly, the House Subcommittee on Interior and Environment marked up the FY'08 Interior Appropriations bill on Wednesday and increased funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) by a substantial margin over FY'07 funding levels. The HPF increases included: + \$8.8 million for State Preservation Offices, + 2.519 million for Tribal Preservation Offices, + \$11.9 million for Save America's Treasures, and + \$5.0 million for Preserve America.

HR 554 and S 320 Paleontological Resources Preservation Act have been introduced in their respective houses. Bill language is similar to past versions, but does include a new allowance for 'casual collecting' on Federal lands. See <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=s110-320> for a full text version of both bills.

Training News

New Technical Brief on Archeological Damage Assessment Archeological Resource Damage Assessment: Legal Basis and Methods," by Martin E. McAllister, is now online on the Archeology Program website as Technical Brief #20:<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/techBr/tch20.htm>.

This technical brief describes and explains the archeological resource damage assessment process, including the legal basis and procedures for field damage assessment, value and cost determinations, and report preparation. Archeologists involved in ARPA investigations must fully understand the archeological resource damage assessment process and how to carry it out correctly because the credibility of such damage assessments directly affects the outcome of these cases and the criminal or civil penalties imposed.

FLETC—Archaeological Resources Protection Training Program
Baca National Wildlife Refuge
Alamosa Colorado
August 20-24, 2007
Contact Charles Louke for more information 912-280-5188

Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA and ICCROM;
Diagnostic Imaging and Photo-documentation of
Archaeological and Cultural Materials; Rome, Italy;
June 8-22. Application deadline: March 16.
<http://www.ioa.ucla.edu/ICCROM.php>

ADC50 2007 SUMMER MEETING—Roads, Railroads and Ruins: Navigating Historic Preservation in Transportation Projects Flagstaff, Arizona JULY 22-25, 2007

Roads, Railroads and Ruins: Navigating Historic Preservation in Transportation Projects, the summer meetings of the Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation (ADC50), will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona July 22 – 25, 2007 at the Radisson Resort. Topics will include road maintenance issues, consultation, historic road protocols, and programmatic agreements. If you would like to contribute a presentation or organize a session, please contact [Johna Hutira](#).

Registration for the summer meeting is now open! You can download the DOC form [here](#).

Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Requests for Information