



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:

Headquarters

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.

Protecting the Nation's Wildlife Resources Man Pleads Guilty in Ivory Smuggling Case



A Texas man faces up to one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine after being caught by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents trying to smuggle elephant ivory carvings

from the United States. The illegal international trade in ivory is pushing the African elephant closer towards extinction. Photo Caption: The illegal ivory trade is putting elephant populations at risk of extinction. Credit: Gary M. Stolz / USFWS

Promoting Global Wildlife Conservation New York Antiques Dealer Sentenced for Rhino Horn Trafficking



A New York antiques dealer, who was arrested in the initial nationwide "takedown" of Operation Crash last February and who subsequently pleaded guilty to Federal felony violations, was sentenced to serve six

months in Federal prison and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine to the Lacey Act Reward Account and \$18,000 to the Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund. He also forfeited four rhino head mounts, six black rhino horns, and numerous carved and partially carved real and fake rhino horns seized by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Photo Caption: Operation Crash is an ongoing Service Office of Law Enforcement investigation of the black market rhino trade. Credit: Karl Stromayer / USFWS

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

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 for March—Experienced Section 106 practitioners will benefit from this opportunity to explore the steps necessary to make a reasonable effort to identify historic properties for a specific undertaking and to carry out such identification efforts in good faith. Join Program Analyst and Archaeologist Tom McCulloch

and NRCS Liaison/Attorney Advisor Kelly Fanizzo to learn about this regulatory standard while practicing its application to case scenarios.

[An Overview of Program Alternatives](#)

Advanced level

1 hour, same course offered each of dates below

Tuesday, 3/19/13 11:00 a.m. EDT

Thursday, 3/21/13 2:00 p.m. EDT

FACULTY

All webinars are taught by ACHP staff instructors with practical experience in Section 106 review and in developing program improvements.

COST

Registration is \$50 per participant, per webinar. Pay online with a credit card by clicking on the course title above.

CANCELLATIONS

Registration fees are non-refundable, but another person may take your place if we are notified in advance. Please contact us at least 24 hours before the webinar start time to arrange a substitution.

Questions? Contact us at webinar@achp.gov.

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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,

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

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

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Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and News

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