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

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## FWS Regional News:

### Washington Office

#### 2011 FWS Cultural Resources course announced

This year the training will be **July 26 – July 28, 2011**  
**Golden, Colorado**

This course offers an overview of cultural resource management issues affecting Fish and Wildlife Service programs. Topics to be covered include compliance with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act and related laws and regulations; law enforcement and protection of archaeological resources; the care and management of historic buildings and structures, etc. The course will have some emphasis on issues relating to the western United States but is not limited to that area.

**Who Should Attend:** Project leaders and their assistants, Regional Office program managers and staff, and other Refuge, Realty or Ecological Services staff involved in management activities affecting the identification and protection of cultural resources.

**Length:** 3 days/ 24 hours (1 college credit available for completing this course.)

#### Objectives:

**Upon completion of the course, the participant will be able to:**

- Identify the steps necessary to comply with historic preservation laws.
- Identify areas requiring cultural resource evaluation when projects are planned.
- Describe the effects of cultural resources

**Cost:** There is no tuition fee for FWS, NPS or BLM personnel. Tuition is \$570 for all other participants.

**To Register:** Department of the Interior employees must apply online through DOI LEARN: <https://doilearn.doi.gov>. Although there is no tuition for NPS and BLM employees, supervisors must select 'credit card' for method of payment and fill in required fields in order to approve request. All other non-DOI applicants should also use this address, but click on the "Public Catalog Login" link. Search on the course code, then click on the course title for class details, then the "Apply" button. Fill out the application, and then click "Submit Order". Note that there is a phone number for submitting credit card information, if desired.

Lodging and classroom information will be provided upon registration for the class.

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The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have commented on the National Wildlife Refuge System vision process document and have noted a lack of presence for cultural resources. Letters from both organizations noted that while they appreciate the efforts of the visioning process, the lack of mention of cultural resources weakens the overall message. It is hoped that suggestions in these letters will be addressed in the final version of the vision document and also in the conference to be held in July.

Kristin Rondeau Guardiola will serve as the FWS Cultural Resources Diversity Intern this spring. Kristin is currently a senior at Arizona State University and will be coming to WO in June to conduct research on the connection between the CCC and the FWS. She will develop self-directed research on the topic that will produce a webpage and publication. Kristin will be at WO until the first week of August 2011.

## Other Agency News

**DOI—GETTYSBURG, Pa** -- Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today that the National Park Service has acquired 95 acres of the former Gettysburg Country Club property to preserve as part of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The former country club land - now known by its historic name, the Emanuel Harman Farm - is where major fighting occurred on the first day of battle on July 1, 1863.

**NPS**— NPS Archeology Program Website has a New Front Page

The NPS Archeology Program has a new front page for the month of April. The page promotes outdoor archeology activities sure to get you moving! Learn about sites in three different states that celebrate Archeology Month in April at [www.nps.gov/archeology/](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/).

Special Agent Todd Swain Represents U.S. at International Conference NPS Special Agent Todd Swain represented the United States at an international conference on protecting cultural resources, held in April at Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico. Mexico's Secretary of Public Education, National Institute of Anthropology and History; Columbia's Foundation of Spanish-American History; and Spain's Agency for International Development and Cooperation organized Primero Seminario Iberoamericano de Periodismo y Patrimonio Cultural. The conference was attended by about 100 people from 11 nations.

The wealth of cultural resources in Mexico and other countries in the Central and South America suffer from ongoing looting and vandalism, and most of the looted objects are marketed in the United States and Europe. Swain presented information about the scope of cultural resource looting in the United States, and the efforts made to combat the trafficking of domestic and international antiquities. He also spoke in a panel discussion concerning the trafficking in the western hemisphere of cultural patrimony.

From the questions posed by the audience (many of whom were reporters), it was clear that the presentations offered new insights about the extent of the looting problems.

The next conference is tentatively scheduled for 2013 in Spain.

NPS Archeology Program Updates Distance Learning Courses on Interpreting Archeology

Does your park have archeological resources? Are you wondering what they all mean, and how they hang together with the interpretive themes of your park? Do site reports and collections seem like impenetrable obstacles to get at the real story behind them? Are you looking to enrich your knowledge with another perspective, and encourage your audiences in the same? If you answered yes to even one of these questions, check out the four courses that support Effective Interpretation of Archeological Resources: The Archeology-Interpretation Shared Competency Course of Study (Module 440). The courses were created by the NPS to encourage archeologists and interpreters to work together to interpret archeological resources to the public. The courses are particularly useful to volunteers in parks, interns, archeologists, interpreters and educators, and cultural resource managers who wish to hone their public interpretation skills. All four courses are available for credit through DOI Learn – just search by the course name in italics below.

Archeology for Interpreters is aimed at interpreters and educators. It outlines the art and science of archeology, its purposes, methods, and approaches, then puts it all together in a case study. Learn in the process about sensitive interpretations of cultural heritage, resources for more information, and more. Online: [www.nps.gov/archeology/AforI/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/AforI/index.htm) .

Interpretation for Archeologists helps archeologists looking for effective methods to present their findings in ways that grab attention and cultivate stewardship. The course explains the Interpretive Equation, methods of interpretation, and includes case studies and resources. Archeologists will learn how to weave a story out of archeological resources in engaging ways. Online: [www.nps.gov/archeology/lforA/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/lforA/index.htm) .

Study Tour of Archeological Interpretation investigates the interdisciplinary issues faced by archeologists and interpreters while working together to provide effective and accurate interpretation of archeological resources to the public. Each section introduces choices and strategies for interpreting archeology in parks and historic sites. Take a self-guided tour in person or on-line with the course in hand to evaluate the interpretive techniques applied to an archeological resources. Online: [www.nps.gov/archeology/studytour/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/studytour/index.htm) .

Assessment of Archeological Interpretation draws from the earlier courses to create an evaluative framework for your interpretive program. It's a handy way to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the program, and develop ways to improve and polish it.  
Online: [www.nps.gov/archeology/aiassess/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/aiassess/index.htm) .

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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](http://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](http://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

**The Obama Administration released its America's Great Outdoors (AGO) report on February 16<sup>th</sup> but fell short of recommending full funding (\$150 million) for the Historic Preservation Fund.**

The report did recommend full funding (\$900 million) for natural resources conservation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and also made strong statements of support for regionally-based national heritage areas, heritage tourism, and historic battlefield protection. A strong endorsement was also made for the Antiquities Act of 1906 as a tool to “achieve national conservation goals.” Historic Preservation remains in the dialogue of America's Great Outdoors, but it is obvious that the Trust and its advocacy partners need to continue to educate the Administration and advocate for full funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. The Trust will be closely monitoring the Interagency Council for AGO over the next six months to insert the preservation perspective into the discussion of implementation plans, particularly as they relate to saving historic and cultural resources.

## 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.

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. For registration information, please contact FLETC at 912-280-5188 or email [charles.louke@dhs.gov](mailto:charles.louke@dhs.gov)

**August 22-26, 2011 in Fayetteville, North Carolina**

### Resource Advisor Training

The NPS is offering Resource Advisor training at Glacier NP, Montana on June 29 – 30, 2011. This course is intended for natural and cultural resources managers, individuals with natural/cultural background, GIS specialists, compliance, and planning specialists, and fire staff. It provides participants with the framework to serve as Resource Advisors (READs) during emergency responses, including wildland fires. 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).

The course will focus on wildland fire events; course content will also 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.

All applications must be received by COB April 15, 2011. There is no tuition, but home units must cover travel costs.

Contact: Lisa Hanson, NPS VPR-Fire, (303) 969-2918.

### **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](http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac).

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FCC is hosting a Section 106 training on June 21, 2011.

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The National Preservation Institute, a nonprofit organization founded in 1980, educates those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of our cultural heritage. The 2011 National Preservation Institute seminar schedule is available online at [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org). The 2011 NPI News Release includes the

calendar and seminar descriptions - [www.npi.org/NewsRelease2011.pdf](http://www.npi.org/NewsRelease2011.pdf).

Advance registration rate available through April 15, 2011 in cooperation with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Landscape Preservation: Advanced Tools for Managing Change Mount Vernon, VA — May 24-25, 2011

In this advanced landscape preservation seminar, explore the sometimes conflicting issues that direct the process of change and decision making for challenging landscapes. Review the practice and discuss the implications of inventorying, evaluating, treating, and maintaining landscape resources. Identify tools and techniques for managing change when difficult issues affect the process. Understand the philosophical foundations for making sound, educated decisions about the preservation and long-term management of historic and cultural landscapes. An agenda is available online at [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

Instructor. Nancy J. Brown, ASLA, historical landscape architect, experience with National Park Service, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, and University of Virginia; currently at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; specialist in cultural landscapes and Section 106

AIA/CES and LA/CES. This seminar meets the criteria for programs in the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects Continuing Education Systems. AIA and ASLA members will receive 6 learning units each day.

Registration. A registration form is available online at [www.npi.org/register.html](http://www.npi.org/register.html). The advance registration rate is available through April 15—\$450 (2 days). The regular registration rate after that date is \$500.

Questions? Please contact us. Thank you.

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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](http://www.plankhouse.org)

