



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.

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FWS Regional News:

Washington

Our 2010 Cultural Resources annual report is complete and is available via pdf at <http://www.fws.gov/HistoricPreservation/> under New Publications

Printed copies will be available soon.

Region 3

Volunteers honored for saving the Bertrand collection

Desoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge staff hosted a celebration to thank the many volunteers who helped build levees, pack artifacts and perform countless other tasks during the flood. Following a picnic lunch, refuge manager Tom Cox told the volunteers their efforts saved the refuge \$27 million in costs and preserved a national treasure.

He said the cost estimate is a result of discussions with engineers working with other companies early on as to what the costs of restoring the infrastructure would be if the water was as high as predicted. Cox said museum specialists estimated the Bertrand collection would take anywhere from three weeks to six months to evacuate. With the help of more than 100 volunteers, the collection was packed up and removed in a week. That collection would not have survived," Cox told the volunteers, had it not been evacuated. Even though the floodwaters never entered the main floor, the museum could not have maintained the climate necessary to preserve some of the artifacts.

He said that the efforts of everyone this summer to save the refuge is evidence that this truly is, "Your national wildlife refuge." None of this would have been even remotely possible without your help."

Region 4

NPS-Historic Preservation Training Center has conducted, via contract, a historic structure condition assessment for the Mount Zion Church, a NR-listed building located on the Big Sandy Unit of the Tennessee NWR.

A final report is due in early October. Intent of the work was to provide FWS a more comprehensive idea of structural and maintenance issues, prioritized list, and cost estimates so that we can work with the local community and the Refuge's Friends Group on stabilizing the building and ensuring its longevity. The original (a log structure) was standing during the Civil War - Nathan Bedford Forrest & his troops ran past it prior to their attack on Union troops and ships at Johnsonville.



Mt. Zion Church, Tennessee NWR

Region 6

On the evening of October 28, 2011 archeologist Barry G. Williams accepted the National Register of Historic Places Award for the Service from architectural historian Lorna Meidinger at the 23rd Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History. The award was for the Lower Souris National Wildlife Refuge (J. Clark Salyer) Airplane Hangar's placement on the National Register on September 20, 2011. The hangar was one of eight sites in North Dakota listed for the past year.



FWS Archaeologist Barry Williams accepts the NRHP award from Lorna Meidinger

The single airplane hangar is a small T-shaped, rigid-frame metal structure fabricated by the Butler Manufacturing Company. It sits just south of the J. Clark headquarters in McHenry County, North Dakota. The hangar was erected in April of 1947. It is significant for its historical association with wildlife conservation in North Dakota and its architecture as an intact example of a Butler T-shaped, single plane, rounded-arch hangar.



Lower Souris National Wildlife Refuge (J. Clark Salyer) Airplane Hangar newly listed to the National Register of Historic Places

Other Agency News

NPS—Today history was made. Using the Antiquities Act for the first time in his presidency, President Obama proclaimed Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia, our country's newest national monument. This proclamation is the culmination of years of advocacy. Rich in history, this former Army base is now the newest unit of our National Park System. [Please take a moment to thank the president for his historic action.](#)

Fort Monroe and the Old Point Comfort Peninsula are national treasures that encapsulate many critical milestones in our nation's history. The first documented Africans in Virginia were traded for food by Dutch sailors there in 1619. The star fort was built in the 1800s with construction overseen by Robert E. Lee. At Fort Monroe, Edgar Allen Poe wrote "Annabel Lee" while serving in the military here; both Chief Blackhawk and Jefferson Davis were imprisoned within its walls; and Harriet Tubman nursed the sick at the fort's hospital.

During the Civil War, Union-controlled Fort Monroe became known as Freedom's Fortress. When Confederate General Charles Mallory sent an emissary to seek the return of three enslaved African Americans who had escaped to the fort in search of freedom, Union General Benjamin Butler declared the men "contraband of war" and refused. The three men were soon followed by thousands, beginning an exodus for freedom that continued throughout the Civil War.

Legislative News

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky) are working together to bundle the 12 appropriations bills into as many as four packages, which has set the stage for the Senate to pass the first minibus — which combines the Agriculture spending bill (HR 2112) with the Commerce-Justice-Science (S. 1572) and Transportation-HUD (S. 1596) appropriations measures. When the Senate returns next week from its recess it will resume consideration of the first 'minibus' which will include another harmful Transportation Enhancements (TE) amendment to be offered by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) to redirect TE funding towards bridge repair. TE funding represents the largest source of federal funding for historic preservation and has recently come under legislative attack. In addition, the Senate will be ready to put together a second mini-bus package, which might be built around the Energy-Water bill (HR 2354) and could include the Senate-passed F'12 Interior bill, which includes higher funding levels for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and restoration of Save America's Treasures (SAT) funding.

Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

MANAGING MUSEUM PROPERTY

sponsored by the Interior Museum Program,
Department of the Interior and the Western
Archeological and Conservation Center, National Park
Service Tucson, AZ

December 5-9, 2011

To register or for more information contact:
Roger Durham at 202-254-5523 or email at
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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
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No classes listed

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