



# Historical Happenings

*Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

October

## WONDERFUL THINGS

### What's New at HQ?

**African American Museum opened in Washington DC, Fish and Wildlife Service Artifacts featured in a key exhibit.**

The new Smithsonian African American Museum opened on September 24<sup>th</sup>. One of the exhibits features materials recovered from Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The materials are from recent archaeological investigations that focused on how escaped enslaved people eeked out a living in this inhospitable part of the country.

Check out this [link](#) for more information on the archaeological work done in the swamp.

Check this [link](#) for an online interactive tour of the new museum.

### Antiquities Act creates first Atlantic Ocean Marine National Monument

President Obama announced the designation of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument at an ocean conservation meeting in Washington, shortly after issuing a proclamation protecting an area roughly the size of Connecticut that sits 130 miles off the coast of Cape Cod.

In establishing the first U.S. marine national monument in the Atlantic Ocean, the President is protecting an ocean area that harbors whales, puffins, 1,000-year-old corals,

undersea mountains and chasms deeper than the Grand Canyon.

For more information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/15/presidential-proclamation-northeast-canyons-and-seamounts-marine>

### The NHPA is 50!!

It's here! October marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson October 15, 1966.

Check out our new web page commemorating the events and legacy of this watershed event for historic preservation.

<http://www.fws.gov/historicpreservation/NHPA.html>

### FWS Section 106 course

Our next online cultural resources course has been scheduled for **October 3-21, 2016**. You can register via DOI Learn or contact Eugene Marino ([eugene\\_marino@fws.gov](mailto:eugene_marino@fws.gov)) for more information.

## Around the Regions....

### Region 5 (Northeast)

#### Lost Schooner Mayflower home again

Sometime between 1976 and 1999 the Department of the Interior, via the Fish and Wildlife Service, donated a scaled model of the [Schooner Mayflower](#) to the Provincetown Massachusetts Heritage Museum. When the museum closed in 1999, the schooner, along with the other artifacts,



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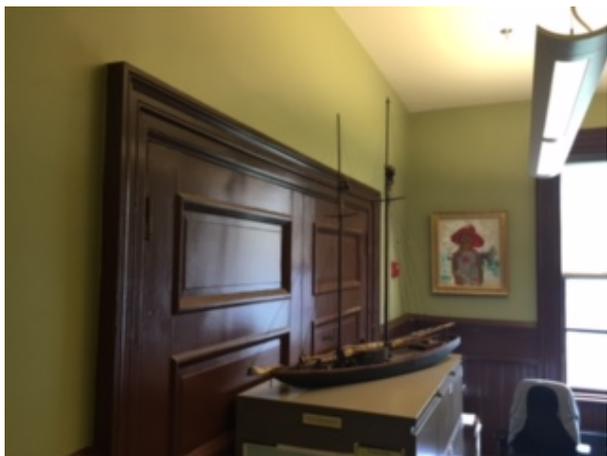


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disappeared into various storage locations and out of the public's memory.

In 2009, the [Provincetown History Preservation Project](#) was conceived by Provincetown citizens concerned with the loss of their history after the closure of the Heritage museum. One of the founder, Doug Johnstone, the Provincetown town clerk, took it upon himself to begin peeking into the dark attics and basements where many of the Heritage museum's treasures had been stored. The goal was to re-display these items throughout buildings in the Town.

In 2012, after locating the Mayflower, its rigging and masts in shambles after almost 13 years in storage, Mr Johnstone undertook the task of restoring it, which he did. Today the Schooner Mayflower is part of an exhibit in the Provincetown Clerk's office. It rejoins the majority of materials from the old Heritage Museum and once again tells its unique story to a new generation.



**Figure 1. The Schooner Mayflower, on display again after 13 years in storage.**

*Note: We are still learning more about this model's history and connection to FWS. For more information, contact Eugene Marino ([eugene\\_marino@fws.gov](mailto:eugene_marino@fws.gov)) or Amy Wood ([amy\\_wood@fws.gov](mailto:amy_wood@fws.gov))*

## Other Agency News

### NPS--50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act Toolkit

The National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law October 15, 1966, by Lyndon B. Johnson. To commemorate the anniversary, the NPS has created a NHPA50 Tool-Kit. The toolkit contains a discussion guide, social media plan, and a Jr. Ranger booklet (also shipped to all parks earlier in the year).

Additionally, a grassroots social media movement is developing using the hashtag #hugyourhistory. On or

around October 15, national park staff are encouraged to post to their social media pages a photo of someone hugging a cultural resource that relates to the NHPA. This could be a historic building, a historic landmark, or maybe a maintenance staff person hugging the archeologist monitoring their work as part of Section 106. Gently hug a museum object or battlefield monument. Attempt to hug your trowel without poking your eye out. Stop by your local SHPO or THPO and give them a hug (they probably need it!). The possibilities are endless!

To download the toolkit, go to <https://www.nps.gov/articles/hispresjuniorrranger.htm>

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*Thanks to Karen Mudar at NPS for this information.*

## TRAINING, UPCOMING EVENTS, EDUCATION, AND NEWS

### Advisory Council Offers Training

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Office of Federal Agency Programs has opened registration for Fall 2016 Section 106 Webinar Series. Training includes the beginning level "Defining the Area of Potential Effects," the new intermediate level program on "Preservation Compliance and Property Disposal," and the advanced level "Overview of Program Alternatives."

A small group format of 25 participants allows for student interaction with colleagues and the instructor. Intermediate level programs assume basic familiarity with the Section 106 review process, while advanced topics are designed for experienced users of the regulations. ACHP staff instructors lead these hour-long learning experiences.

A complete list of course dates, program descriptions, and registration instructions are posted on [www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html](http://www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html).

Spaces remain in fall offerings of the ACHP classroom courses for those seeking more comprehensive Section 106 training. "Section 106 Essentials" will be offered in Washington, DC on **October 4-5** and in Houston, Texas on **November 15-16** (an Allied Event with NTHP PastForward Conference).

Course details and the full season calendar are available at [www.achp.gov/106select.html](http://www.achp.gov/106select.html).

Contact: Reid Nelson, [webinar@achp.gov](mailto:webinar@achp.gov).

### Historic Windows: Managing for Preservation, Maintenance, and Energy Conservation



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**Mount Vernon, VA—November 1-2, 2016**

Historic windows are both critical components of a building's weather envelope and valuable character-defining features worth retaining for architectural and environmental reasons. Learn about the rich history and variety of wood, steel, and aluminum windows and construction methodology. Explore the maintenance and rehabilitation techniques that allow windows to have long and sustainable service lives. Review energy conservation and economic issues as factors facing managers in the restore-or-replace debate and regulations relating to preservation of these assets. Read full agenda. [www.npi.org/sem-wdw.html](http://www.npi.org/sem-wdw.html)

**Historic Bridges: Management, Regulations, and Rehabilitation****Richmond, VA—November 16-17, 2016**

Historic bridges represent a significant inventory of America's engineering heritage. Learn bridge typology and history. Discuss impacts on resources, avoidance of adverse effects, and alternatives and solutions. Explore how a collaborative team approach to rehabilitation projects benefits the regulatory and design process through interactive exercises. Discuss rehabilitation techniques that will meet engineering and historic standards. Review how to successfully navigate the requirements of the NEPA, Section 106, and Section 4(f) processes. Read full agenda. [www.npi.org/sem-bridge.html](http://www.npi.org/sem-bridge.html)

Register. [www.npi.org/register.html](http://www.npi.org/register.html)

**Metal Detecting for Archeologists**

The NPS National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), the Friends of NCPTT, Connor Consulting and the LAMAR Institute will offer a course on metal-detecting for archeologists, **November 18 - 20, 2016**. Metal detector applications and use generally have become accepted in historical archeology, but it is clear that few professional and student archeologists have received training in metal detector capabilities or use. Instructors are professional archeologists, many well-known for their work in using metal detectors on military and domestic sites.

Classroom portion will be held at the New Ebenezer Retreat and Conference Center, Rincon, Georgia. Classes will be held in the Mildred Kessler Building. The field portion of the training will be held on the site of the New Ebenezer Revolutionary War defenses.

Cost is \$300.00

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**Upcoming FWS Events**

The Pacific Region is gearing up for the 75th Commemoration of

the Battle of Midway in June 2017. An interactive website, social media campaign and an event are being planned to commemorate the Battle of Midway and to honor those who served at this critical turning point of the War in the Pacific during WWII. The ceremony and associated outreach will be focused on the history and importance of the Battle of Midway, what it means today, as well as for the future.

If you or anyone you know has any resources (memorabilia, images, etc) associated with the BOM, or know of a BOM veteran who might be willing to be interviewed, or if you have any suggestions regarding the type of information you'd like to see in a website that is designed to promote understanding of the human experience at BOM and generate interest in the June 4, 2017 event, please contact [virginia\\_parks@fws.gov](mailto:virginia_parks@fws.gov).

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

H.R. 1493-Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act  
Sponsor-Rep. Engel (D-NY)  
Status-signed into law May 9 (PL 114-151)

This important law, which SAA and other preservation groups strongly support, gives the President the authority to impose emergency restrictions on the importation of Syrian cultural materials. It also expresses the sense of Congress that the President should an interagency committee to coordinate the government's efforts to protect international cultural property.

H.R. 1541-PRISM Act

Sponsor-Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ)

Status-pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
The Preservation Research at Institutions Serving Minorities (PRISM) Act would amend the NHPA to give colleges and universities with large numbers of Hispanic students the ability to tap into a grant program that provides students with the opportunity to participate in historic and cultural resources preservation projects. The new grants would be for Hispanic Serving Institutions, where Hispanic students make up 25% or more of the school's full-time undergraduate enrollment. H.R. 1541 passed the House on November 30. A Senate companion bill (S. 805) is pending before that chamber's Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1806-America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015

Sponsor-Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)

Status-passed House 5/20/15; pending before the Senate Commerce Committee

In reauthorizing the National Science Foundation, H.R. 1806 would break with tradition and allocate funding on a directorate-by-directorate basis. In doing so, the bill would also make a 45% cut to the Directorate of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE), which includes archaeological research. H.R. 1806 is opposed by the administration. Prior to debate in the House, SAA and groups representing nearly every scientific organization and research university in the country urged Members of Congress to vote "no." In the end, the measure passed 217-205. SAA will continue to vigorously oppose the bill in the Senate, which is expected to consider its own version.

H.R. 2285-Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act

Sponsor-Rep. Keating (D-MA)

Status-pending before House Ways and Means Committee

This measure would coordinate the activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to prevent stolen and illicitly-excavated cultural objects from entering the United



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States, in part through increased training for ICE and CBP personnel. It would also support the investigation and prosecution of individuals involved in the trafficking of antiquities, in an effort to break the link between this activity and the funding of terrorist and criminal organizations.

H.R. 2817-National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 2015  
Sponsor-Rep. Turner (R-OH)  
Status-pending before the House Natural Resources Committee  
The bill would reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund through 2025 at \$150 million per year. SAA and other preservation groups will work for the enactment of this important legislation. A related bill, S. 2012, was approved by the Senate on April 20. That measure would permanently reauthorize the HPF (see below). Authorization for the HPF expired on September 30, 2015. A hearing was held in the House Natural Resources Committee on February 11. On March 22, 93 Members of Congress sent a letter to House appropriators requesting \$87.4 million for the HPF, the same amount contained in President Obama's budget for FY2017.

H.R. 3114-Army Corps of Engineers Veterans Curation Training Act  
Sponsor-Rep. Napolitano (D-CA)  
Status-passed by the full House; pending before full Senate  
This bill would reauthorize the Army Corps of Engineers veterans' curation program. Under this initiative, the Corps trains active duty and veteran armed forces personnel in curation and historic preservation techniques, in part through cataloguing the Corps' enormous number of archaeological materials. The bill would authorize a total of \$35 million for the program through 2020. The ACOE Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections received SAA's 2016 Award for Excellence in Curation, Collections Management, and Collections-based Research and Education.

H.R. 4680-National Park Centennial Act  
Sponsor-Rep. Bishop (R-UT)  
Status-pending before full House  
This bill, which was approved by the House Resources Committee on March 20, would create the "National Park Centennial Challenge Fund" to "finance signature projects and programs to enhance the National Park System (NPS)" as it reaches its centennial in 2016. It would also amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to increase the age limit (to 30) for participants in the Public Lands Corps. A related bill, S. 2257, is pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4909-National Defense Authorization Act of 2016  
Sponsor-Rep. Thornberry (R-TX)  
Status-passed full House May 18  
This legislation would establish the framework for defense operations in 2017. In what is becoming a predictable event, the House Armed Services Committee, in its consideration of the bill on April 28, included a provision (known as the Military LAND language) that would amend the National Historic Preservation Act to: 1) require the Secretary of the Interior to notify certain congressional committees if federal property is being considered for the National Register of Historic Places, or for designation as a National Historic Landmark, or for inclusion on the World Heritage List; 2) allow managers of federal lands containing historic resources to object to their inclusion in the National Register or designation as National Historic Landmarks on national security grounds; and 3) create a process by which federal lands managers could de-list properties from the Register. The Senate version, S. 2943, which is pending before that body, does not contain this provision. As in previous years, SAA, along with the National Trust, the American Cultural Resources Association, NCSHPO and SHA, will work to ensure that the Military LANDS provision is excluded from the final NDAA law.

S. 1979-Bring the Ancient One Home Act of 2015  
Sponsor-Sen. Murray (D-WA)

Status-added to S. 2848; pending before the full Senate

The measure was added as an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (S. 2848) during the Environment and Public Works Committee's consideration of the latter bill. It would direct the Army Corps of Engineers, within 90 days of enactment, to transfer the remains known as the Kennewick Man to the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation for the purposes of repatriating the remains to claimant tribes. The legislation would waive all other provisions of law, including NAGPRA. In related news, recently completed genetic testing and skeletal analyses have led the Army Corps to conclude that the Kennewick remains are related to modern Native American tribes, thus starting the process for returning the materials to claimant tribes.

S. 2012-the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015  
Sponsor-Sen. Murkowski (R-AK)  
Status-passed by the Senate April 20  
This bill would provide for a permanent reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Authorization for the HPF expired at the end of September 2015. Permanent authorization of the HPF is a leading goal of SAA and other preservation groups, and all will work to ensure that this measure is included in a final energy policy bill, which must now be negotiated between the two chambers.

S. 2242-Save Oak Flat Act of 2015  
Sponsor-Sen. Sanders (D-VT)  
Status-pending before Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
This measure would repeal the portion of the 2015 Defense Authorization Act requiring the exchange of land in Arizona between the Department of Agriculture and Resolution Copper Mining (RC). Under the terms of the exchange, the Secretary of Agriculture must convey the previously protected land known as Oak Flat to RC for mining operations no later than 60 days after the publication of the final Environmental Impact Statement. Thus, the swap will take place regardless of the findings of the review process, even if the mine would have drastic adverse impacts on environmental and cultural resources. SAA, local tribes, and numerous other groups strongly opposed the land exchange at the time, and will support S. 2242.

***Thanks to Terry Childs (DOI) and Karen Mudar (NPS) for news stories and other contributions for this issue of HH.***

## VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Check for more news soon!



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