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Historical Happenings

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

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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.

Wonderful Things

A look at FWS Museum Property

FWS Museum Property receive needed equipment for 2010

Through funds provided by the Interior Museum Program, the FWS will be purchasing some much needed supplies to better care for its unique museum property collections. Materials range from specialized museum cabinetry to containers for collection, to scanners for photo reproduction. All will greatly assist FWS Museum property staff to better manage these irreplaceable collections. For more information contact Eugene_Marino@fws.gov

In addition, participants also assisted in condition assessments of several other buildings located on the Refuge.

The course is a great partnership between NPS and FWS and offering FWS WG staff not only a chance to receive new training, but also to improve their ability to approach the challenges of preserving a historic structure.

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FWS Regional News:

Region 1

Finley National Wildlife Refuge recently hosted the 2nd Wage Grade Preservation Skills Workshop. The NPS led workshop (held from August 16-20) exposed FWS WG employees to maintenance skills for use on Historic buildings.

During the week long workshop, participants assisted in re-glazing the windows and the re-roofing of a small carriage house adjacent to a historic home located on the Refuge (Figures 1-4). The Refuge intends to use the carriage house as a Visitor information station and getting repairs underway is a first step in that plan.

FWS WG personnel were able to complete a portion of these repairs while at the same time learning some tips on how to handle historic building needs on their own Refuges.



Figure 1. FWS and NPS staff re-shingles the roof of the historic carriage house.



Figure 2. FWS staff learn to re-glaze historic windows during the Preservation skills workshop



Figure 3. Staff complete one side of the roof and continue work on the widow.

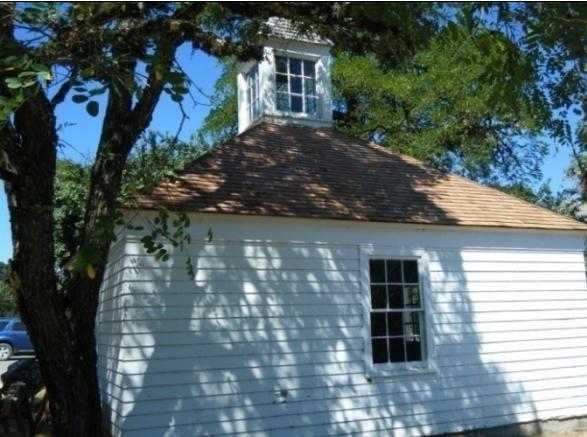


Figure 4. Completed work on the Carriage house.

Region 4

Camp Lawton – August 18 – over 1000 people visited the public viewing of selected artifacts recently discovered on Bo Ginn National Fish Hatchery in Jenkins County, Georgia. On the morning program – Mark Musaus, the Deputy Regional Director for the Southeast Region, Congressman John Barrows, Dr. John Derden, Professor Emeritus of History, East Georgia College, and Dr. Sue Moore, Georgia Southern University (figures 5 and 6).

The 42-acre Civil War site spans Bo Ginn NFH and Magnolia Springs State Park. The site housed approximately 10,000 Union prisoners in October to November, 1864. Sherman forced the Confederacy to evacuate the Camp barely six weeks after its occupation. Until the 2009-2010 GSU investigations, that portion of the Camp located on the Hatchery was virtually invisible.

Upcoming events – exhibit on Camp Lawton focusing on its history, recent excavations, and another opportunity to view some of the recovered artifacts at Georgia Southern University Museum – scheduled for October 10, 2010. Artifacts on loan courtesy of the FWS.

SEAC Annual Meeting, October 27-30, 2010, Lexington, Kentucky – symposium on Camp Lawton Site organized by Kevin Chapman, Master's candidate at GSU; presenters include Dr. David Crass [State Archaeologist], Sue Moore [Archaeologist, GSU], Dan Elliott [Lamar Institute], Matt Luke [GSU], and Rick Kanaski [RHPO/RA-FWS].

Additional information available at www.fws.gov/camplawtonsite/ and www.georgiasouthern.edu/camplawton/. The brochure “The Camp Lawton Archaeological Site, Bo Ginn National Fish Hatchery” can be downloaded as a pdf file on the FWS’s website.



Figure 5. Deputy Southeast Regional Director, Mark Musaus addresses attendees of the Camp Lawton Bo Ginn media event.



Figure 6. Attendees examine sample artifacts recovered from Camp Lawton.

Coastal Carolina University's Center for Archaeology and Anthropology recently completed an archaeological field school along the Pee Dee River (figure 7). The students, under the supervision of Dr. Cheryl Ward, tested 38GE560, a 18th century slave settlement and a 19th – early 20th century African American tenant farm site located at Yauhannah Bluff near Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge's recently completed Visitor Center.



Figure 7. Archaeologists from Coastal Carolina University at work on Waccamaw NWR

MS Canyon 252 Oil Spill Update

August 20, 2010, New Orleans – Historic Preservation Stakeholders and Trustees Meeting - with the capping of the Deepwater Horizon well, move into a new phase of response, clean-up, and injury assessment. 30 historic properties have been directly impacted by oil; 2 archaeological sites impacted by response-related activities. Area of potential effect has narrowed; the Incident Command Post in Miami has been mothballed. Baseline inventories have essentially been completed for most of the affected areas of the Gulf Coast, including Delta, Grand Bay, and Bon Secour NWRs. Follow-up assessments of historic properties with those segments under the control of the ICPs in Houma, Louisiana and Mobile, Alabama are underway.

Ethnographic investigations focusing on the identification of Tribal and American traditional cultural properties and traditional use resource areas are being conducted under the direction of Dr. Dana Lee, a cultural anthropologist at Earthsearch. This research can be equated with the initial baseline inventories of other historic property types, such as archaeological sites, historic structures, and wrecks.

Representatives from the Mississippi Band of Choctaws, the Jena Band of Choctaws, the Choctaw Nation, the Chitimacha Tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Poarch Band of Creeks, and Thlophlocco Tribal Town participated in the meeting. Among their concerns were the need for formal government-to-government consultation, sharing of and access to collected cultural resource data, inclusion of tribal monitors on SCAT and clean-up teams, and securing site locational³ data. Meeting between tribal leaders and the USCG, the designated lead federal agency, tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2010.

Participants tasked to formally define the APE, identification of direct and indirect effects to different historic property types, appropriate treatment and restoration strategies, and expected outcomes or end products.

Other Agency News

NPS—is now issuing a link to its weekly National Register listings. Check out newly listed properties here <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm>

Fossil Day Preparations Underway

October 13 will be the First Annual National Fossil Day. NPS and other federal agencies, including FWS, will be partnering to draw attention to paleontological resources that are recovered from federal lands.

NPS Special Agent Reports on Agency Museum Theft

In an article in the NPS newsletter National Catalog/ICMS News "Keeping What We Have and Recovering What is Missing, A Preliminary Examination of Museum Theft in the NPS" Special Agent Todd Swain reported on the security of agency museums. To keep the project within reasonable parameters, he limited his study to historic or prehistoric items that were taken from NPS curatorial facilities, visitor centers, and historic structures. Using data compiled from NPS Morning Reports, missing firearm data, and stolen art data, Swain contacted parks where items were stolen. Follow-up questions included where items were taken from, how they had been taken, and whether they had been recovered. Despite repeated calls and e-mails to both museum curators and law enforcement Swain received limited responses to requests for information, as park staff were very busy with other duties. In most cases, there was no one currently on the staff that had been at the park at the time of the theft.

Despite the limited data thus far obtained, Swain drew several important conclusions:

- 1) The NPS is missing some very significant items, such as George Washington's eyeglasses, John Muir's pocket watch, and two paintings by William Henry Jackson.
- 2) Historic firearms appear to be the most likely target.
- 3) Many missing items are not reported by curatorial staff to law enforcement in a timely manner, as it is often assumed the items have simply been misplaced and will eventually turn up.

The purpose of the study was not to assign blame, but rather to learn from past events and to recover missing items. If you have any information concerning items that are missing from your park, please contact Swain at (760) 413-8214.

New THPO announced

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ACHP—Releases its new edition of the Section 106 Citizen's guide. It is now on the ACHP and Preserve America homepages (top story) as well as in our online publications library <http://www.achp.gov/pubs.html> as a downloadable PDF.

Legislative News

Sens. Harry Reid (D-NV) and Jon Tester (D-MT) have drafted a bill on competitive leasing for wind and solar renewable energy projects on public lands that includes provisions that specifically require federal agencies to avoid archeological sites and national historic landmarks that may be in the right-of-way.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved 302(b) allocations for its subcommittees and included an overall spending cap of \$1.114 trillion on all FY'11 discretionary spending, which was \$14 billion below the President's budget request. The Interior-Environment subcommittee allocation, which funds historic preservation, provided \$32.338 billion for FY'11, which was \$39 million below the President's FY'11 budget request. However, Republican members of the Appropriations Committee pledged to withhold their support for any of the 12 annual appropriations bills unless the overall discretionary spending cap was held at \$ 1.108 trillion. The House adopted a slightly higher spending cap of \$1.121 trillion last month as well as one-year budget resolution to give House appropriators something of a budget blueprint to work with moving forward. However, a year-end, temporary continuing resolution and a lame-duck omnibus spending bill is looking more and more likely after the November election, which creates uncertainty for historic preservation programs such as Save America's Treasures (SAT), Preserve America, and National Heritage Areas -- which were cut in the President's budget.

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.

No classes at this time

Other ARPA Training

The three-day class provides training on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution of archeological crimes. Instructors for the class are recognized national experts in this area of law enforcement. Topics covered in the class are:

Archeological resource crime overview;
Looting, collecting and trafficking networks;
ARPA and other Federal and State statutes used to prosecute archeological violation cases;
Archeological crime investigative methods;
Archeological damage assessment methods;
Archeological violation case studies.

An archeological crime scene practical exercise also is included. Class participants will be required to investigate and conduct a damage assessment at a mock archeological crime scene.

For more information, contact Wayne NF Archeologist Ann Cramer (740) 753-0553 or ADIA Archeologist / Owner Martin McAllister (406) 239-1874.

The National NAGPRA Program is entering the second year of its partnership with the National Preservation Institute to provide Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies and interested persons with in-depth training on various NAGPRA implementation issues.

This year we will be offering courses in Providence, RI and Phoenix, AZ. Three courses will be offered - NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation, NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal Register Notices (new) and Writing and Managing a Successful Grant.

This year, we have expanded our scholarship program to include museums with annual operating budgets of under \$250,000 as well as tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. Small museums, tribes or NHOs may apply for a scholarship to cover the registration fees for any of the three classes. In addition, small museums, tribes and NHOs may apply for a travel grant to receive \$500 to go toward the travel costs of attending Writing and Managing a Successful Grant. Travel grants are limited and go quickly so we encourage you to apply soon.

Dates and descriptions for the three classes are below. For further information regarding courses, registration and scholarship/travel grant forms, please visit the National Preservation Institute's website at www.npi.org or visit the National NAGPRA Program's website at www.nps.gov/history/nagpra.

NAGPRA: Determining Cultural Affiliation

Review the tools and best practices for determining cultural affiliation as part of the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each Federal agency and museum with control of Native American human remains must culturally affiliate if it can do so on the basis of reasonable belief. Explore NAGPRA requirements, definitions of critical terminology, case studies, consultation, grant assistance, and the review process.

October 4, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Summaries, Inventories and Federal

Register Notices Review the summaries and inventories requirements for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Each federal agency and museum with control over Native American human remains and cultural items must complete and submit a Summary and/or Inventory to tribes/Native Hawaiian organizations and the National NAGPRA Program. These documents form the basis for writing a Federal Register notice, allowing for repatriation. Discuss NAGPRA requirements and ongoing responsibilities under the Future Applicability rule (43 CFR 10.13) for Summaries and inventories.

October 5, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

NAGPRA: Writing and Managing a Successful Grant

The National NAGPRA Grants Program offers two types of grants to assist museums, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations with the NAGPRA process, from consultations to how to appropriately return human remains and cultural items. Review practical tools and case studies of successful grant applications and projects. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write and manage a successful grant.

October 6-7, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

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

In their July 20th Board meeting the Friends of the 500th at Canaan Valley NWR restated their goal to assist with the Refuge CCP and to make sure that it considered

the cultural resources and history of the area. The group has been instrumental in the development of the CCP and is vigilant to the continued consideration of cultural resources.

Award Announced

**Society for History in the Federal Government
Invites Nominations For the
2011 John Wesley Powell Prize
(Historical Display Projects)**

The John Wesley Powell Prize alternates annually in recognizing excellence in the fields of historic preservation and historical displays. In 2011, the prize will be awarded to either an individual or to

principal collaborators for a single major historical display project completed in 2009 or 2010. The award for historical display is given for any form of interpretive historical presentation including, but not limited to, museum exhibits, historical films, CDs, websites, or multi-media displays.

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