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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope the holidays were a season of joy, reflection and anticipation for you and your families. I am invigorated by the opportunities 2003 brings each



of us to care for and share America's national parks. I also hope we always remember those who have died in the line of duty. In December, we were saddened by the loss of Katmai ranger and pilot Tom O'Hara to an aviation accident.

As you know, I want to nurture partnerships to help us fulfill our mission. Toward that goal, we will soon hire two new associate directors—one for Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation and another for Visitor and Resource Protection or "Chief Ranger." If the new titles seem long, it is because we chose clarity over simplicity. I think it's important that our friends and colleagues understand what these people do.

Our new chief ranger will tackle the tough visitor and resource protection issues required in these times. The associate director for partnerships has a full agenda, too. The help and support of our friends is essential to park and program management and we've made a strong commitment to include them. I look forward to updating you on our upcoming partnership conference in November. The new associate will set the course. Our opportunities are limitless.

And, we have good examples of creative visionaries. Dayton Aviation National Historical Park and Wright Brothers National Memorial recently launched the NPS's yearlong celebration of the Centennial of Flight—the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' landmark success at Kitty Hawk. It was exciting to be there. I was also fortunate to help kickoff the Corps of Discovery II, marking the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, at Monticello. Corps II will show the triumphs and travails of those early explorers.

We're also embarking on African American History Month, a time when we highlight the experiences and contributions of the African-American community. The NPS is proud to be working with the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to make possible a museum that will honor the legacy of African Americans. We're hopeful that the commission's report this April will generate the support needed to move the museum from idea to action.

I hope that no matter where you live, no matter what your job, you find yourself continually astounded by the places we care for and by the importance of our work to the world. I am looking forward to continuing our work together. Happy New Year!

—Fran P. Mainella

A Grand Opening at Dayton Aviation



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: LIEUTENANT GENERAL REYNOLDS, General Lyles, Congressman Regula, Judge Rice, Secretary Norton, Stephen Wright, Congressman Hobson, Director Mainella and a representative for Governor Taft in front of the Wright Memorial following the grand opening ceremony for the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center.

Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP celebrated the grand opening of the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center and the 99th anniversary of

the Wright brothers' first powered flight on Dec. 17, 2002. Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton presented the keynote address. Other dignitaries

included NPS Director Fran Mainella; Lieutenant General Richard Reynolds, commander, Aeronautical Systems Center for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; Ohio Representative David Hobson; Judge Walter Rice, chairman of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission; and Stephen Wright, great-grand-nephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

The Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center kicked off Dayton, Ohio's Centennial of Flight celebration. The center's exhibits will focus on the Wright brothers' development of the world's first practical airplane in 1904 and 1905, their subsequent successes and their return to the "flying field" from 1910 to 1915 to operate a school of aviation and to test the new planes being produced by the Wright Company. The exhibit gallery will also detail the transition of the Wright brothers' flying field into Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, establishing a living legacy of the Wright brothers' accomplishments and demonstrating how air-force research has realized their and other early aviators' goals.

CW Battlefield Latest Addition to System

Over a century's effort to save Civil War sites in Virginia's Northern Shenandoah Valley was rewarded recently when the bill creating Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP, as the 388th and newest unit of the National Park System, was signed into law by President George W. Bush.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Belle Grove Incorporated, the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation and Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation already own nearly a third of the land inside the park boundary. Each will continue to own, operate and manage their sites within the park. The National Park Service will join with these partner organizations to enhance and expand upon their ongoing interpretation and preservation efforts. In addition, the park will work closely with the neighboring gateway communities of Strasburg and Middletown and the

tri-counties of Frederick, Shenandoah and Warren.

The NPS is authorized to acquire the remaining property from willing landowners to complete preservation of the site. It may also purchase conservation easements adjacent to the park boundary and acquire land outside the park's boundaries for visitor and administrative facilities.

The Battle of Cedar Creek was a major victory for Union forces. It was the final clash of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley campaign and a turning point in the Civil War. The outcome of the battle is credited with the ultimate re-election of President Lincoln and for ending the career of Confederate General Jubal Early.

General Philip Sheridan used the manor house on Belle Grove Plantation as his headquarters during the battle. The house was built by Isaac Hite, a Revolutionary War patriot married to the sister of Presi-

dent James Madison. The house has remained virtually unchanged since it was built in 1797.

Other important stories include that of Native American sites, a pioneer French and Indian War-era homestead, a plantation built and run by African-American slaves and the role of caves and caverns in and around Cedar Creek as part of the Underground Railroad.

The historical importance of the area first received national recognition in 1969 when it was designated a National Historic Landmark. It was later included in the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.

This is the second site added to the System in 2002. In late September, the Flight 93 National Memorial was created to honor those who gave their lives to thwart a planned attack on the Nation's Capital on Sept. 11, 2001. It is located at the crash site in Somerset County, PA.

The Path Toward Interpretive Excellence

By Gloria Updike, Shenandoah NP

The quiet girl exploring the historic lodge after the tour seemed interested, but I was surprised by what she said next. "I didn't think I'd learn anything new. I've been on this tour every year and thought I'd be bored," she began. What would follow an opening like that? "But you really made me feel what it was like here in those days. I could imagine being the woman who owned the lodge. I finally understand why it was so special to them, why they wanted it to be a national park." So, I had connected after all!

Helping visitors connect with the resource is a significant result the NPS is realizing through its Interpretive Development Plan (IDP). In 2001, I became one of the first to be certified in all ten

IDP modules, which we are using at Shenandoah NP to raise the standard for our interpretation, operations and professional skills.

Why Complete the IDP?

As an experienced interpreter, I wasn't required to complete the IDP, but saw value in the materials. I knew I could interpret, but becoming a certified interpretive professional would say something definitive about the quality of my work. There were things I wanted to learn and to prove to myself, and the IDP was a path to a higher level of interpretation. Its high standards became a motivating challenge and an opportunity to demonstrate competence at my new park. In the Leadership module, for example, to document effective guidance I analyzed how I

coached and trained my new staff, both what I did well and how I could improve.

Freeman Tilden in his book *Interpreting Our Heritage* maintained that "you have only to attend some of the worse performances in interpretation to wish heartily that there were some teachable principles, and perhaps some schools for interpreters." The IDP helps interpreters reach Tilden's goals of relating to visitors' experiences, promoting provocation rather than simple facts and revealing meanings and relationships.

By applying theory to actual tours and projects, the IDP's concepts became immediately relevant, and the flexibility in methodology fit my needs. For the Interpretive Writing module, I improved my writing skills by working with editor

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Focus on the Parks

• On Sept. 28 **Padre Island NS** celebrated its 40th birthday. Padre Island NS is the longest remaining stretch of undeveloped barrier island and is a wilderness oasis for 27 threatened and endangered species, including the Kemp's ridley sea turtle, Piping Plover and Texas indigo snake. The parkland provides important habitat to numerous migratory birds as well as recreational and educational experiences for hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

• A new exhibit featuring the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was recently dedicated and opened at **Bandelier NM**. Members of the Albuquerque Chapter of the CCC Alumni joined in the dedication at the park visitor center. The CCC was an important part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal effort to defeat the Great Depression of the 1930's. Established in 1933, the CCC employed over three million of America's youth and built a foundation for many of this country's national recreation areas. The alumni at the dedication remembered working on construction projects that today are part of Bandelier NM's visitor center and administrative headquarters. They remembered the friendships they made and the five-dollar-a-month paychecks. The CCC was known as the "Tree

Army" and planted trees, built roads, constructed lodges, fought fires and much more. The exhibit is open to the public and can be viewed at the visitor center of Bandelier NM in Los Alamos, NM. For more information about the exhibit, contact the park at (505) 672-3861, ext. 517.

• A gathering of classic yachts, music and festivities marked the return of the Sausalito-built *Merry Bear* to the San Francisco Bay's water on Nov. 2. This 23-foot "Bear Boat #1" (the prototype of 69 Bear class sloops) was restored by volunteers and staff at **San Francisco Maritime NHP**. "From high school kids just learning how to work a chisel, to retired carpenters in their seventies, the *Bear Boat* has been a learning challenge and a true labor of love for over 40 different, very dedicated folks," said park assistant curator John Muir. Economically built, stable and seaworthy, the *Merry Bear* epitomizes depression-era, west coast yacht design. After the Nunes shipyard released their exclusive rights to the design in 1938, a groundswell of interest led to the Bears becoming the largest one-design class on San Francisco Bay by the 1950's. All of the *Merry Bear*'s full-length, white oak frames were replaced and a new set of floor timbers, keel bolts and deck beams were installed. Her deck's tongue-and-groove Douglas fir has been freshly covered in Irish felt and canvas and a steam-bent oak transom now gleams under many coats of varnish. By exhibiting the boat in-water at Hyde Street Pier and participating in Bay regattas and boat shows, the park hopes to pass on early San Francisco yachting skills, traditions and history to a new generation.

• Four members of the senior staff of Balaton-Uplands National Park in Hungary toured **Olympic NP** in October, learning first-hand about park management in the United States. Balaton-Uplands is Olympic's sister park, located in the western region of Hungary. As sister parks, Balaton-Uplands and Olympic have a special agreement to exchange training opportunities and technical information aimed at improving international relations and management of protected natural and cultural areas. Visiting Olympic were Bela Kovacs, director of Balaton-Uplands NP; Dr. Annamaria Kopek, chief of education and tourism; Jozsef Fischer, chief ranger and Anna Knauer, tour supervisor. The group visited many of the park's popular visitor destinations, including Hurricane Ridge, Lake Crescent and Kalaloch, as well as some of the lesser-known areas such as the Queets. Olympic NP Supt. David Morris visited Balaton-Uplands NP last May. "I learned a great deal from my visit to Hungary and am delighted to host Balaton-Uplands' senior staff this week," he said. "Though our two parks are far apart, we have many similarities in the types of resources we protect and challenges we face." The NPS has established sister park relationships with over 20 national parks and protected areas in other countries. These relationships encourage information sharing and direct park-to-park contacts, primarily through the use of improved telecommunications technologies.



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THE "WHISKEYTOWN PROSPECTORS" from Whiskeytown National Recreation Area at the "Relay for Life" fundraiser in Redding, CA.

In June, **Whiskeytown NRA** employees, families and friends gathered a team to compete for the first time against 90 other teams in the American Cancer Society's 24-hour fundraiser, "Relay for Life," in Redding, CA. The event conflicted with fire season and a third of the 20-member team was unexpectedly called the day of the event to respond to local fires. Nonetheless, the remaining "Whiskeytown Prospectors" put out in a big way to claim the three-foot-tall trophy for best team.

Dubbed "the little team that could," they also claimed the best tent site award for decorating their field camp-

site with gold panning equipment, prospecting props, a wooden Whiskey Mine entrance and an educational display of park handouts manned by Park Ranger Clinton Kane in NPS uniform. The Prospectors were also awarded a best team spirit plaque for their enthusiastic cheering for all the other 2,000 participants who raised over \$300,000 to be used to help cancer patients in the Redding area.

The "little team that could" wants to issue a challenge to other national parks to step-up to this cause in your area. They suggest you turn feelings of fear into a positive experience through action and join the American Cancer Society's Relay in your area. ■

• A 100-year-old eastern box turtle was discovered Sept. 16 at the William Floyd Estate, a mainland unit of **Fire Island NS**. The box turtle was a study specimen of renowned naturalist John Treadwell "J.T." Nichols, who is credited with discovering the homing instincts and the home range of box turtles. Working cooperatively with the NPS, researchers from the Wildlife Conservation Society found the centenarian turtle during a biological inventory of the park. The inventory was funded in part by the Natural Resource Challenge, a multi-year effort by the NPS to document the presence, abundance and distribution of species in the National Park System. The turtle, known as JN21/21, has survived hurricanes and fires, but what concerns the NPS is the turtle's ability to survive in habitat surrounded by roads and subdivisions. This underscores the importance of having monitoring programs that look at animal populations and the habitat they are in as the landscape changes.

• **Glacier NP** is conducting a study of bighorn sheep ecology and conservation through July 1, 2007. Dr. Kim Keating, a conservation biologist formerly stationed at Glacier will lead the five-year study. He is currently assigned to the U.S. Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division, Northern Rocky Mountain Research Center, MSU in Bozeman, MT. The main focus of his study will be in and adjacent to the Many Glacier area of the park. Holm stated, "of the native hoofed mammals (ungulates) now residing in Glacier, bighorn sheep may face the greatest risk of continued decline.

Bighorns occupy grassland habitats, particularly during the critical winter period. Decades of fire suppression have decreased the size of these habitat areas, while disease has caused recurrent catastrophic mortality, made worse by legal and illegal hunting."

• On Nov. 4, Pied Piper Pest Control and its employees were sentenced in U.S. District Court to fines and restitution totaling \$50,000 for violating the Clean Water Act and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. On May 18, 2000, an employee washed the pesticide Prevail, which contains Cypermethrin, into a Pied Piper facility storm drain, which drains into Rock Creek in an industrial area of Silver Spring, MD. The highly toxic pesticide killed fish and invertebrates in the stream, including a six-mile section in **Rock Creek Park**. In addition to the fines and restitution, the judge also suspended the company's license for a total of 18 weeks over the next three years. Each suspension comes at the height of the termite season. The employee was also sentenced to two years probation and six months of home confinement. The investigation was led by EPA special agents. USPP/NCRO Ranger Services Detective Jon Crichfield represented the NPS.

• On Nov. 3, the Staten Island Unit of **Gateway NRA** hosted over 31,000 runners participating in the 2002 New York Marathon. This event, which grows in popularity and size each year, was supported by the NPS rangers and Park Police officers who worked with

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other agencies to ensure that the staging areas for the event were safe, organized and friendly places for the thousands who gathered in preparation for the race.

- The city of Philadelphia symbolically transferred the stewardship of **Washington Square** to the NPS at a ceremony on the historic square on Nov. 11. The symbolic transfer marked the culmination of an agreement signed in 1991 by the city and the DOI. Speakers at the event included Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Sen. Arlen Specter (PA) and NPS NE Regional Director Marie Rust, along with local civic leaders. When the transfer is complete, Independence NHP will be responsible for maintaining, protecting and interpreting Washington Square and its history. Site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution, it is known as a burial ground for American patriots. However, it was also used as a burial ground for victims of the 1793 and 1794 yellow fever epidemics and was an important gathering place for Philadelphia's African-American community in the early 19th century.

- In a ceremony at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum on Oct. 10, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton accepted a gift that will provide for the construction of a full-scale, authentic reproduction of the Wright Flyer. The reproduction of the plane, used during Orville and Wilbur Wright's historic first flight, is being built with funds donated by noted pilot, author and former Learjet President Harry B. Combs. "We are extraordinarily grateful to Mr. Combs for this generous gift," Secretary Norton said. "The Wright Flyer serves as an important reminder of a remarkable benchmark in our nation's aviation history, which inspires all Americans." Planning for the construction of the flyable reproduction started in January 2002, to ensure that it would be ready for the 100th anniversary of flight. The plane will be on permanent display in the visitor center at **Wright Brothers N MEM** starting December 2003. The reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer is under contract with The Discovery of Flight Foundation and is being built by The Wright Experience. Both organizations are located in Warrenton, VA.

- The NPS is working with the Nevada Division of Wildlife to evaluate proposed improvements to the Lake Mead Hatchery, located on the west side of Lake Mead within **Lake Mead NRA**. The hatchery was constructed in 1972, put into production in 1973 and commenced stocking fish in 1974. The hatchery produces an annual average of 500,000 rainbow trout, about half of which are planted in Lakes Mead and Mohave. Under the proposal, the Lake Mead Hatchery will be renovated to upgrade the existing facilities. Included in the proposed project is the installation of new piping, valves and fencing, reconstruction of the hatchery building and settling ponds and construction of three new housing units. The NPS will be analyzing this proposal in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

- President Bush arrived at **Fort McHenry NM & HS** by helicopter in October to attend a function in down-



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: INDEPENDENCE NHP ACTING SUPT. DENNIS Reidenbach, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman and Maintenance Chief Jean Marra stand by a scale model of the wind turbine that provides renewable electricity to Independence National Historical Park.

EPA Administrator Christie Whitman joined the NPS and other officials to announce that the new Liberty Bell Center, currently under construction at **Independence NHP**, will use 100 percent renewable electricity. Renewable energy is generated from less-polluting sources such as wind, solar, water and biomass. During the ceremony, a 200-foot-tall wind turbine at the Green Mountain Energy Wind Farm in western PA was symbolically dedicated to the Liberty Bell to recognize the federal government's purchase of renewable energy.

"Increasing usage of alternative and renewable energy sources is not only an integral part of our energy future, but our environmental future as well," said Whitman. "In order to accomplish this goal, we need the type of environmental leadership on display today by Independence NHP and Green Mountain Energy." Other park buildings using renewable electricity include the Liberty Bell Pavilion, the First Bank of the United States and the maintenance facility. The park currently obtains over 10 percent of its power from renewable sources. ■

town Baltimore. He was greeted by Supt. Laura Joss, given a brief introduction to the park and shook hands with park staff. A total of five helicopters landed on park grounds adjacent to the historic Star Fort. Park staff assisted Secret Service, White House staff and the Marine Corps helicopter support staff in planning for the visit. The motorcade was supported by over 50 Baltimore police officers and firefighters.

- The staff of **Aztec Ruins NM** is interested in obtaining copies of old photographs of the park, specifically taken prior to 1960, that people are willing to share. Views of the exterior and interior of the visitor center, parking lot, picnic area, nearby trading posts, the West and East Ruins and of the surrounding area are needed. Park staff is researching the historic appearance of the park and would like photo documentation of how the park looked in its early days. Contact Tracy Bodnar at (505) 334-6174, ext. 31 for information on how to submit photos.

- Twenty-one picturesque islands and a 12-mile strip of mainland shoreline along the south shore of Lake Superior feature sandstone cliffs, sea caves, pristine beaches, old growth forests, commercial fish camps and six historic light stations. The 1862 Raspberry Island Lighthouse is the most readily accessible and most frequently visited of the lighthouses on **Apostle Island NL**. It is situated where excessive wet weather

and high water levels are causing erosion problems. The park has taken action to regrade the slope of the bank on which it sits to a stable angle and replant the area with vegetation whose root systems will help anchor the soil.

- The 49-foot cabin cruiser *Evening Star* struck Anniversary Reef in **Biscayne NP** on Dec. 4, and sank minutes later. All occupants were safely taken aboard another vessel. Lift bags were employed to float the boat off the reef. About 600 gallons of diesel fuel were removed from the vessel in an effort to minimize the possibility of a fuel spill. Park staff worked with contractors, local salvage companies and the responsible parties to remove the boat from the park. Park biologists will begin an assessment to determine resource damage. The park typically has over 200 documented vessel groundings each year, which pose a serious threat to marine habitat.

- **Kings Mountain NMP** was hit by a major ice storm on Dec. 4. As much as a half-inch of ice formed on trees, causing significant tree damage throughout the park. Park staff spent two days clearing the main and secondary roads of downed trees and debris. The park was without power, telephone service and e-mail for four days.

- On Aug. 21, President Bush signed legislation designating the area within the expanded NPS boundaries of **Craters of the Moon NM** as a national

preserve. The major impact of this legislation, H.R. 601, is that it will now allow for hunting on lands that were closed to this activity by the November 2000 proclamation that added over 600,000 acres to the monument. According to Supt. Jim Morris, "While not many sport hunters venture very far into the lava fields of Craters of the Moon, a fair number do enjoy hunting along the fringes of the lava fields. With the enactment of this legislation, hunters will not be faced with the uncertainty faced last hunting season of not knowing whether the area was open to hunting." The original Craters of the Moon NM, a 53,440-acre area in Butte and Blaine Counties, still remains closed to hunting and to the carrying of firearms.

- **Mount Rainier NP** has one of the most prominent and active mountaineering programs in the U.S. In 2002, over 11,000 climbers attempted to summit the 14,411-foot peak. The park would like to increase the Mountaineering Cost Recovery fee from \$15 per person to \$30 (\$60 for an annual permit). The increase of fees would convert the current nomadic, seasonal workforce to permanent, subject-to-furlough seven-month employment with benefits. This is vital to retain a quality, highly trained and conditioned staff that is intimately familiar with the mountain. The park hopes to have a decision on this increase by the time climbing season starts in 2003.

- On Nov. 20, **Casa Grande Ruins NM** celebrated the grand re-opening of the volunteer campground with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The park relies on volunteers to help with operations during the busy winter season. The improvements made in the campground include adding two cement slabs to expand the available RV spaces, installing lighting at the entrance of the campground, replacing old water lines with a two-inch supply line and adding new pedestals and phone lines at each site. The parking area was then covered with fifty tons of landscape gravel to help reduce blowing dust. The entire project was done "in house" utilizing the hard work and knowledge of the park's maintenance staff with support from the administrative division. Facilities Manager Heber Golden supervised the project with help from Larry Stewart, Nalbert Chavez, Fernando Ortiz and volunteer Jim Creaeger. The project was completed in three months at a total cost of \$21,575. By using NPS employees, the park saved an estimated \$10,000 over contracted costs. Because of the great job and cost savings, Larry, Nalbert, Fernando and Jim were granted "Time-off Awards" by Superintendent Don Spencer.

- The **NPS Fire Management Program Center's** exhibit, "People, Parks and Fire," attracted many of the 1,200 professionals at the 2003 National Interpreters' Workshop in Virginia Beach in November. NPS incident information officers staffed the booth for two long, exciting days. Fire, fire management and fire information were discussed with people from all around the country working in both the private and public sectors. A primary objective of the exhibit was met when almost 50 NPS employees signed up having interest in someday working as incident information officers. If you are curious about the work, check out www.nps.gov/fire/fireinfo/io. ■

Kudos and Awards

• The NPS recently announced the award of additional **NAGPRA grants** to assist museums, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations with implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Repatriation grants were awarded to the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai'i Nei, to support the repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items. Additional funds were also awarded to the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology, which had received partial funding for a NAGPRA consultation project earlier in the fiscal year. In FY 2002, the NPS received 73 NAGPRA grant applications from 46 Indian tribes, 10 Alaska Native villages and corporations and 15 museums, for a total request of approximately \$4.4 million. For more information about these awards, contact Paula Molloy, National NAGPRA Program at (202) 354-2207.

• NPS Director **Fran P. Mainella**, was recently presented the 2002 Walter T. Cox Award recognizing her sustained achievement in public service providing leadership in administration of public lands and for policy formation affecting our natural and cultural resources. "Working with America's national parks and special places is a labor of love," said Mainella. "I deeply appreciate this award, and I share it with the wonderful staff and talented employees of the National Park Service." Clemson University presented

the award to Mainella at the recent Clemson University Environmental Seminar and George B. Hartzog, Jr. lecture. The award is named in honor of Dr. Walter T. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially during his tenure as president of Clemson University and as the director of the Santee Cooper Authority.

• NPS employee **Robert S. Humphreys**, a professional civil engineer with the White House Liaison Office of the NCR, was recently awarded the United States Secret Service Director's Honor Award. The award was given for sustained superior contributions toward the protective and investigate missions of the Secret Service. According to the Secret Service, over the last 25 years, Mr. Humphreys provided repeated engineering and technical assistance to the Presidential Protective Division and the Technical Security Division. This award is the second highest achievement award that the Secret Service issues.

• The Southeast Tourism Society (STS) presented an award to Supt. **Ron Switzer**, Mammoth Cave NP. The Shining Example Award is given to the STS member (individual or organization) that embodies the STS ideals of enthusiasm for the tourism industry in the Southeast—a spirit of cooperation, a strong sense of leadership and involvement, and one that has made an outstanding contribution to the travel industry and the Southeast Tourism Society.

• **Ray Collins**, who works as a dis-



Amber Littlejohn

ELEVEN EMPLOYEES COMPLETED THE USDA GRADUATE SCHOOLS 2002 Executive Leadership Program (ELP). Commencement ceremonies for the program were held in August in Baltimore, MD. The year-long program provided the participants with the opportunity to explore management practices within the NPS and other federal agencies. The program is tailored to each participant's developmental needs, focusing on 27 competencies that are recognized as imperative for federal managers to possess. The NPS participants represent career backgrounds in a range of fields. The career growth opportunities they experienced throughout the year included: acting in superintendent positions; working in regional offices and working closely with staff within NPS Washington offices. The program's graduates are picture above—front row, left to right: Jackie McGinty, Gateway NRA; Kym Elder, Frederick Douglass NHS; Karla Norris, Lake Mead NRA; Karen Beck-Herzog, Shenandoah NP; Kathy Langley, White House Visitor Center, President's Park. Back row, left to right: Pete McCarthy, Gateway NRA; Alexcy Romero, Gateway NRA; Bob DeGross, Everglades NP; BJ Dunn, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP; Scott Rector, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS and Michael Evans, MWRO.

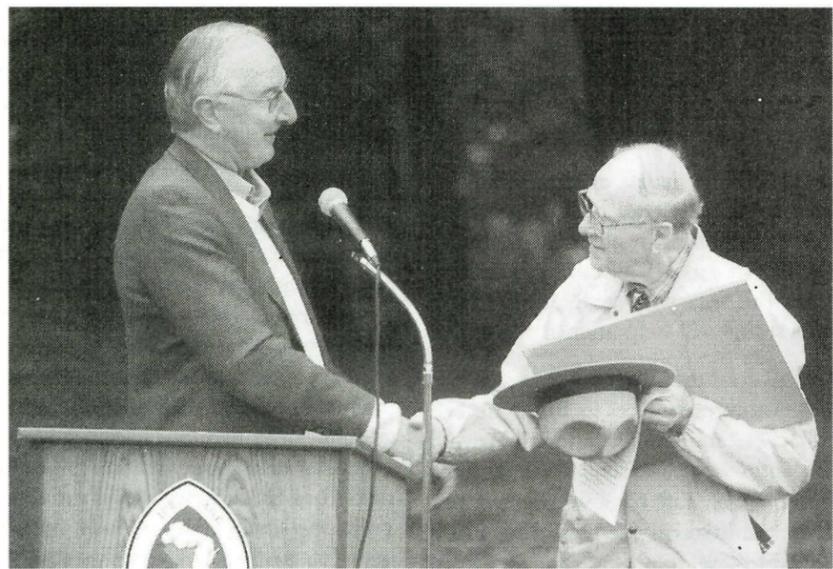
patcher at the Statue of Liberty was honored by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz for his fundraising efforts for Sept. 11 charities. Collins, who was an eyewitness to the Sept. 11 events, lost many of his friends and neighbors in the attack. He wrote a musical tribute to the heroes and in memory of all the victims which he recorded on a self-funded, fundraising CD entitled "From the Ashes."

• **The Four C's Award**—DOI Secretary Norton has made conserving the nation's natural resources one of the Department's top priorities. In doing so, she has introduced an innovative philosophy known as "The Four C's"—Consultation, Cooperation and Communication, all in the service of Conservation. The Secretary is introducing the honorary award to recognize employees or groups of employees who make exceptional contributions to the service of conservation through consultation, cooperation and communication. Overall, nominations for this award must demonstrate excellent communicative relationships with all stakeholders involved in decisions that concern our nation's natural resources, creating win-win situations for stakeholders, as well as for the environment. Nominees must demonstrate balanced working relationships with all stakeholders, including federal, state, tribal and local governments; private landholders; and private sector businesses, enabling the Department to make sustainable, environmentally and economically sound decisions concerning natural resource conservation. Any DOI employee, group or team of employees, at any grade level is eligible. Only one nomination may be submitted by the bureau/office equivalent. The time limit for recognizing an employee or group/team of employees must be within one year of accomplishments. Award presentations will be made by the Secretary in early May of each year during Public Service Recognition Week.

Detailed information about the award can be found at www.doi.gov/news/fourcs.htm. For more information about deadlines or other questions contact the NPS Bureau Awards Coordinator Paula Platz at (202) 354-1979.

• At the statewide conference of social studies professionals held in Greenville, SC, **Cowpens NB's Curriculum Guide** received the "Friends of Social Studies" award on Sept. 20. The award is presented each year on behalf of the membership by the Executive Council of the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies. It recognizes organizations that are committed to social studies education in the state of South Carolina. The guide is the culmination of a two-year effort to develop teacher lesson plans aligned to state curriculum standards in grades three through eight for the two Carolinas in not only social studies, but also language arts, math, geography, science and music. The guides are available to educators specifically in a nine-county-targeted area of the two Carolinas, but are being used in states as far away as California to help teachers educate students about the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution and the Battle of Cowpens.

• **The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program for the Americas** selected eight new Ph.D. students as recipients of its \$78,000 annual scholarships. This year, the program has expanded to include students and research in national parks throughout the Americas. Eligible nations include the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the countries of Central and South America and the of the Caribbean. By providing support to Ph.D. students throughout the region, the program hopes to develop the next generation of scientists working in the fields of conservation, environmental science and national park management. The scholarship program is a collabora-



Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation photo by Tim Malzhan

REGIONAL DIRECTOR BILL SCHENK and former Wisconsin Governor and U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson.

Former Wisconsin Governor and U.S. Senator **Gaylord Nelson** was presented an official park ranger felt hat and certificate naming him an Honorary Park Ranger for his work on behalf of national parks and the environment in a ceremony on Sept. 28. In making the presentation, MW Regional Director William Schenk noted Nelson's many accomplishments in Wisconsin and nationally during his years of public service.

During his tenure in the United States Congress, Senator Nelson played a key role in the creation of every park or area in Wisconsin for which the NPS has administrative responsibility, either directly or in partnership. No such areas existed prior to his Senate tenure, and none

have been authorized since. In addition, Senator Nelson's work to provide permanent protection to the Appalachian Trail led to his authoring and sponsoring legislation that became the National Trails System Act. He was also a leading proponent and cosponsor of legislation that created the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Almost overshadowing these outstanding contributions, however, is Senator Nelson's role as the visionary founder in 1970 of Earth Day, now celebrated each year on April 22. Ice Age and North Country Trails Supt. Tom Gilbert, who submitted the nomination of Senator Nelson and Saint Croix Riverway Supt. Tom Bradley also participated in the ceremony. ■

Kudos and Awards

tion among Canon U.S.A., Inc., the NPS and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The winners for 2002 are: Linda Erica "Rikki" Grober-Dunsmore, University of Florida; Mark Hebblewhite, University of Alberta; Patricia Illoldi, National Autonomous University of Mexico; Jessica Lundquist, University of California, San Diego; Ramona Maraj, University of Calgary; Carolina Laura Morales, Universidad Nacional del Comahue, Argentina; Ashley Morris, University of Florida and Marc Stern, Yale University.

• On Nov. 14, 2002, **Melissa English-Rias**, chief of interpretation, education and cultural resources at Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS was presented the Freeman Tilden Award at the annual NAI workshop for leading a partnership

that made possible the display of "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America."

She received the award for the courage, honesty and sense of responsibility she demonstrated in providing this multi-dimensional public education program. She worked with the staff of Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS and outside partners serving as a catalyst in the presentation of this complex program. The exhibition was a collection of rare photographs, postcards and artifacts documenting the 1880-1960's history of lynching in America. It was the direct result of a partnership between the park, Emory University and the collection owners. On display through Dec. 31, 2002 the exhibit attracted over 150,000 visitors from all walks of life from all over the world. ■

Carter Honored with Nobel Prize

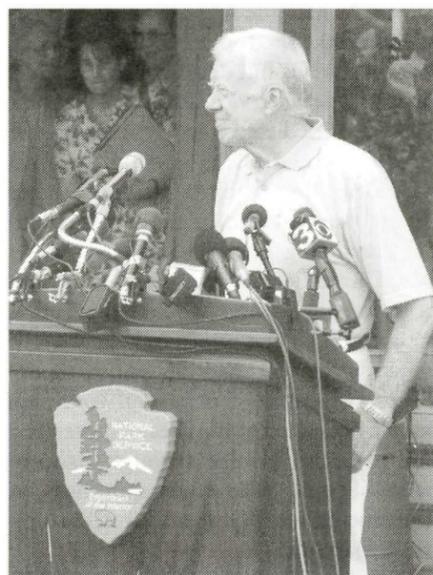
By Pat Aultman, park ranger,
Jimmy Carter NHS

Imagine going to work on an ordinary day and before the coffee is ready, it hits! The namesake of the national historic site where you work has just been named as the recipient of the most honored award in the world. Within the first 30 minutes of your arrival, you learn that at noon there is to be a press conference so that the peanut farmer and peacemaker can express his thanks to those who made it all possible. Media reps start to arrive and satellite trucks line Main Street as camera crews vie for the most advantageous spot. Park maintenance hastily prepares a platform large enough to accommodate visiting VIP's. Oh well, just another day in Plains, GA.

Many changes have taken place in this small town since President Carter ran for the White House. A newly refurbished Main Street houses the Plains Inn and Antique Mall and several other new businesses have joined those occupants who have been around for a while. Carter looked around proudly as he stood before a bank of microphones and spoke of his hometown and lauded the benevolent leadership of the NPS. He shared his recognition with his wife, Rosalynn and the staff of the Carter Center in Atlanta.

The small town took on the look of summer 1976 when thousands of visitors came to catch a glimpse of the man from Plains who wanted to be our president. Now, they wanted to watch and listen as this same man reacted to news of the Nobel Peace Prize. Friends, family, neighbors and admirers showed up. You could feel the crowd's pride in Carter's accomplishment as well as their love for the man.

Also scheduled for that same day was the regular semi-annual meeting of the park's Advisory Commission that would include an afternoon visit with the Carters in their home. This visit provides the commission the opportunity to discuss their deliberations and to present a proposal for the preservation of the rural character of lands in and around Plains. This project would involve a partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL). The group also presented an exciting proposal for the acquisition of a major collection that would enhance the park's museum collection. Also on the agenda was an update on the excursion train run by



President Jimmy Carter speaks to the crowd who gathered in Plains, GA to acknowledge his gratitude for his selection by the Nobel Committee.

Georgia State Parks that will stop in Plains and travel to the outskirts of the town to Archery and the boyhood farm of Jimmy Carter.

Another planned highlight of the day was a small ceremony that ended up not so small. The ceremony was to pay tribute and express gratitude to the Hudson family who worked with the government to acquire an historic piece of property—the Plains Depot. The NPS had worked for 15 years to obtain the Plains Depot, home of the '76 Campaign. This complex land acquisition required a hazardous material cleanup, a federal court case and even an act of Congress to complete. In President Carter's remarks, he praised the Hudson heirs and government staff that worked so tirelessly to make the acquisition possible. The ceremony also sought to commemorate Milton Leander Hudson, one of the town's founders and the person who originally donated the land in 1885 for the railroad and depot.

October 11, 2002 was another day to remember for the citizens of Plains. Once again, the town of 700 people became front-page news as the world officially recognized this great man who used the presidency as a stepping-stone to further achievements.

Imagine coming home from work and realizing that you not only interpret history, but you witness history. Just another day in Plains. ■

Awards Recognize Excellence in Park Preservation Management



Pictured left to right: John Robbins, NPS assistant director for Cultural Resources; Award Winner Paul Haertel; and Randy Biallas, chief historical architect and manager of the Park Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes Program.

Advancing the principles of holistic research, planning and stewardship is key to the long-term preservation of significant historic structures and landscapes in national parks. Those who make this happen—park staff and park partners—are receiving new recognition for their work from the NPS.

These awards were created by the Park Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes Program. John R. Robbins, NPS assistant director for Cultural Resources and Randy Biallas, chief historical architect and manager of the Park Historic Structures and Cultural Landscapes Program presented the awards in New Orleans at the program's biennial workshop. The recipients of the inaugural awards are:

The park superintendent who best demonstrates the balance of preserving and protecting the historic structures and landscapes of a park in an effort to interpret the historic scene: **Paul Haertel**, former superintendent, Acadia NP.

The Maintenance Worker/Supervisor who best demonstrates the use of the tools and techniques available to preserve and protect an historic structure: **Douglas C. Hicks**, deputy superintendent, Historic Preservation Training Center.

The Maintenance Worker/Supervisor who best demonstrates the use of the tools and techniques available to preserve and protect an historic landscape: **Ron Galente**, park supervisory horticulturist, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites.

The Cultural Landscape Report that best demonstrates through narrative and graphics the use of history, analysis and treatment recommendations: **Weir Farm National Historic Site Cultural Landscape Report Series**.

The Historic Structures Report that best demonstrates through narrative and graphics the use of history, analysis and treatment recommendations to preserve and protect an historic structure: **Wright Brothers National Memorial Visitor Center Historic Structures Report**.

A Special Award to recognize a person, park or publication that embodies a holistic approach to preserving and protecting our structural and landscape heritage: **Michele Hellickson**, superintendent, Petrified Forest NP.

"Recognizing those who commit their careers to the care of the places of our nation's history is an honor. Paul, Doug, Micki and Ron, and the members of the teams that produced the reports for Weir Farm and Wright Brothers exemplify the passion, dedication and professionalism that we all strive to bring to our work. We are proud of them and their accomplishments in carrying out the mission of the National Park Service. These awards are a small way to express the appreciation of not only their colleagues, but of the American people, for their superior stewardship," said Robbins. For more information on the awards, contact Lucy Lawliss, Park Cultural Landscapes Program, or e-mail at lucy_lawliss@nps.gov. ■

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Hugh G. Ball, archeologist, WASO, Oct. 8 after 29 years of service.

Christian C. Bookter, exhibits specialist (restoration), SERO, Oct. 3 after 32 years of service.

Anthony D. Carino, maintenance worker, Castillo De San Marcos NM, Oct. 12 after 12 years of service.

William B. Cass, biological science technician, Biscayne NP, Sept. 30 after 20 years of service.

Larry C. Downing, contract specialist, SERO, Oct. 3 after 35 years.

Henry Espinoza, chief of Project Coordination at Golden Gate NRA since 1999, retired Jan. 3 after 31 years with the NPS. His career began in 1971 with the Western Office of Design and Construction. Shortly after this, the Western Office merged with the Eastern Office of Design and Construction, and the combined offices relocated to Colorado as the Denver Service Center. Thereafter followed 28 years as construction supervisor, designer, contract administrator, chief of construction for the Eastern Team, chief of design for the Western Team and project manager.

He administered major construction projects and the fee demo program at Golden Gate NRA and took several major projects through value analysis and successful approval by the NPS' development advisory board. Henry received a STAR Award in 2001 in recognition of the organization and professionalism that he brought to the park's management of large-scale construction projects. He also received DOI's Unit Award for excellence of service for the branch of design (DSC), a DOI Honor Award for Superior Service, three DSC Special Act Service Awards for excellence of achievement and five DSC Performance Awards during his career.

Robert O. Evans, accountant, WASO, May 31 after over 17 years of service.

Linda Gleason, administrative officer, Great Basin NP, Dec. 7 after 15 years.

After 40 years service, E&AA life member and Acadia Supt. **Paul Haertel** retired on Sept. 30. He and his wife will not be going very far, however. They have decided to stay on Mount Desert Island. Paul spent most of his years in Alaska and says, "we really enjoyed the whole Alaska experience, but Acadia has been the highlight of my career. It is an exceptional place in many ways." Paul received DOI's Meritorious Service Award for his execution of the Beringian Heritage International Park

Project. At Acadia he was instrumental in developing the Island Explorer bus system, which solves many environmental and traffic problems.

Elaine Harmon, curator at Fort Davis NHS for the past 12 years, chose early retirement on Jan. 31, 2002 after 22 years with the NPS. Starting as an NPS volunteer at Roosevelt NHS, Elaine became a museum aid and technician at the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway NRA before transferring to Fort Davis NHS. Her husband, Fred, retired in 1994 from White Sands NM after a 24-year law enforcement career with the NPS. They intend to remain in Fort Davis and can be reached at P.O. Box 520, Fort Davis, TX 79734, phone (915) 426-3164, or by e-mail at eh@overland.net.

Margarito Hinojosa, motor vehicle operator, Padre Island NS, Aug. 27 after 29 years of service.

Julia Holmaas, chief of interpretation and education at Indiana Dunes NL since 1994, retired in early January after 37 years with the NPS. Julia began her career in 1964 as a seasonal naturalist in the National Capital Parks (now NCR) while still a student at Davis and Elkins College. Holmaas landed her first permanent position two years later at Carlsbad Caverns. In 1969 Julia returned east to accept a position at Prince William Forest Park. Six years later she became the chief of interpretation at Rock Creek Park. She spent seventeen years at the Harper's Ferry Center, first as an exhibit planner and staff curator and later as the chief, Branch of Planning, Division of Exhibits.

Noel Inzerille, captain, U.S. Park Police, San Francisco, Nov. 30 after 27 years.

John W. Jackson, Jr., engineering equipment operator supervisor (MVO), George Washington MEM PKWY, Nov. 30 after 32 years of service.

William N. Jackson retired Oct. 31 as superintendent of George Washington Carver NM with 31 years of federal service. He had also worked at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Gateway NRA, Martin Van Buren NHS and Fort Stanwix NM.

Albert Jez, sergeant, U.S. Park Police, Washington, D.C., Nov. 30 after 27 years.

Jimmy W. Johnson, natural resources manager, Cumberland Gap NHP, Nov. 16 after 23 years of service.

Francis A. Medley, Jr., motor vehicle operator, George Washington MEM PKWY, April 16 after eight years.



DAVID MIHALIC

E&AA life member, and Yosemite Supt. **David A. Mihalic** retired Jan. 4. He was asked to take the top job at Great Smoky Mountains NP, but declined. He, with 33 years of federal service, stated, "My career has been dedicated to protecting the nation's special places and the national park idea. After being briefed on the key issues I am to tackle at the Smokies and the conflicting priorities which I would face, I have decided that the best course of action at this time would be to retire. It has been a great honor to have worked in some of our nation's most special places, with some of the most wonderful people dedicated to the idea of preserving our nation's heritage through national parks. People who disparage them as 'bureaucrats' don't know their dedication to the park idea."

Dave also worked in Yellowstone NP, Glacier NP, Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Mammoth Cave NP and WASO. He and his family will move to Missoula, MT.

James Miyamoto, projectionist, USS *Arizona*, Nov. 2 after 25 years.

Thomas Pelling, major, U.S. Park Police, Washington, D.C., Sept. 21 after 27 years of service.

Thomas Peterman, motor vehicle operator, Haleakala NP, Dec. 1 after 21 years of service.

Florissant Fossil Beds NM Supt. **Jean H. Rodeck** (AKA Jean Swearingen) retired Dec. 31. Jean began her NPS career at Rocky Mountain NP in 1955, running a little information space with a cigar box cash register. After a few years as wife and mother she returned to the NPS at Yellowstone, then became Southwest

regional curator, and in 1973 to DSC as interpretive planner. This resulted in a job at Redwood NP implementing some of her planning. Following this she went back to regional curator, this time in Alaska in the Division of Cultural Resources. After 11 years, she found the perfect superintendency at Florissant Fossil Beds NM. Seven wonderful years there adds up to 42 years of dedication to the NPS.

Don Roofner, captain, U.S. Park Police, Seattle, WA, Oct. 5 after 22 years.

John C. Russ, automotive mechanic, George Washington MEM PKWY, Nov. 30 after 31 years of service.

John Schamp, deputy chief, U.S. Park Police, Washington, D.C., Oct. 5 after 33 years of service.

Barry Sulam, architect, Intermountain Support Office, Santa Fe, Aug. 17 after 24 years of service.

Andrew C. Teter, budget analyst, WASO, June 29 after over 37 years.

E&AA life member and San Francisco Maritime NHP Supt. **William G. Thomas** retired Aug. 31. His first assignment to Golden Gate NRA was in 1978.

Gerald "Jerry" Townsend, telecommunications specialist, Alaska Region, retired Sept. 3, with over 35 years of federal service. Jerry started his career in 1966 with the Dept. of Commerce and came to the DOI in 1968. He served as the supervisor of the telecommunications program that supports all areas of telecommunication services for the Alaska Region.

Gary VanHorn, major, U.S. Park Police, Washington, D.C., Sept. 21 after 23 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **William C. Walters**, associate to the Director, WASO, and member of the NLC retired in November. Prior to joining the NPS, Bill was director of State Parks in Indiana for 12 years. He has served as assistant director for National Recreation Programs, WASO and deputy regional director and acting regional director, PWR. Bill was recognized for his work with the Superior Service and Meritorious Service Awards.

Thomas Wilkins, major, U.S. Park Police, NY, Nov. 30 after 27 years of service.

Thomas Woods, private, U.S. Park Police, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2 after 20 years of service. ■

National Park Service Approves Five New 'Arrowhead' Items

Under a special licensing arrangement with the National Park Service, Eastern National makes Arrowhead products available to NPS employees and alumni and to others who play a vital role in NPS programs. The program's goal is to nurture the spirit that is the hallmark of those who have made the National Park Service a leader in the fields of conservation and preservation. All licensed products feature the official NPS Arrowhead logo. Five new items have recently been approved by the NPS Arrowhead committee and are now available from Eastern National:

1. **Pen and Pencil Set:** These ball-

point pen and pencil sets are hand-crafted from solid maple wood with 22-kt. gold-plated trim. The pens have a black ball-point cartridge and are re-fillable with standard Cross®-type refills. Price: \$17.95.

2. **Gold Wafer Seals:** Using these gold-stamped wafer seals is a simple and classic way to seal your envelopes and other correspondence. Each self-adhesive seal is 1.25" diameter, and are packed 52 to a box, four on a sheet. Price: \$6.95.

3. **Men's or Women's Watch:** Timex Expedition® analog watches capture the

authentic spirit of the great American outdoors: rugged, flexible and designed to withstand the rigors of the elements. Features the Indiglo® night-light, water-resistant case, luminescent hands and a three-year battery life. Price for each: \$49.95.

4. **Travel Mug:** This double-wall, stainless steel, 16-oz. travel mug is foam-insulated for optimum heat retention, and boasts a contoured soft-rubber handle. The spill-resistant lid with a thumb-slide closure and double-wall design keeps the lid cool. Price: \$17.95.

5. **Fleece Vest:** The high-quality

Arrowhead Masterfleece is Scotchguard®-coated and features a zipper front, zip-through collar, elastic bottom band and pockets. Made in the USA. Price: \$49.95.

For more information about Arrowhead products, call (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275), or visit the online store at www.ArrowheadStore.com.

Eastern National is a not-for-profit organization providing quality educational products and services to America's national parks and other public trusts. EN operates 130 educational stores in 30 states at national parks and public lands across the country. ■

NPS Family

Daniel Williams, Yosemite administrative assistant, was recently selected by Poets West as a featured reader at the Frye Art Museum in Seattle. On Sept. 1, Daniel read a selection of poems written on a recent journey down the Oregon coastline. After the more formal reading at the Frye, he was one of three featured readers at a Seattle coffeehouse. Daniel, who is with the Maintenance Division in Yosemite, has a master's degree in literature and has taught on the college level. His poems, mostly of the Sierra Nevada and Yosemite, have appeared in many anthologies and small magazines and "seek to define all the small connections between humanity and the natural world." This is Dan's second reading at the Frye where he was selected by a paneled jury.

John Evans (GOGA, JOTR, CANY, DINO) and **David Smith** (JUBA, JOTR, ARCH, CANY, CABR, DINO) are pleased to announce the arrival of their new son, Dante Tilden Smith Evans. Weighing in at 24 pounds, and eleven months of age, one of Dante's first purchases was a Passport To Your National Parks® book, which he plans on filling as his dads move around the U.S. over the next few decades. John left a term position at Alcatraz to accept a promotion as district ranger at Golden Gate.

Both would love to hear from their NPS friends and can be reached at djand-tori@aol.com or at home (510) 530-6371 or via the mail at 3416 Rhoda Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602.

People who lived in Apache, Navajo, Coconino or Yavapai counties in Arizona for two years during the period from Jan. 21, 1951 to Oct. 31, 1958, or for the period beginning on June 30, 1962 and ending on July 31, 1962, and who have been diagnosed with certain types of cancer may be entitled to compensation. They, and people who lived in southern Utah and parts of Nevada, are classified as "downwinders" during the nuclear testing in Nevada. (Also, it should be noted that certain uranium mine workers have an entitlement if they have been diagnosed with certain cancers or conditions.) For more information about this program, go to the following Department of Justice Web site: www.usdoj.gov/civil/torts/cost/reca/index.htm. If you know of anyone who may qualify for this compensation, please share the information with them. ■

Send us your stuff! We welcome news and photos about yourself and our NPS family members. See page 12 for mailing and telephone information.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Celebrate Ohio's Bicentennial at the 2003 Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series—every Friday in February and March, Cuyahoga Valley NP presents the 2003 Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series. The series brings experts in their fields to Cuyahoga Valley NP to tell stories of exploration, discuss new discoveries of the underground world, tell tales of great people and great deeds and explore the natural and cultural world. All programs are held at Happy Days Visitor Center at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 6 to 12. Call (216) 524-1497 for further information.

Fourth Annual Perspectives Program Series at Olympic NP—runs the second Tuesday of each month through April. The series explores the diversity of Olympic NP and the surrounding region. All programs take place at the Olympic NP Visitor Center. All are offered free of charge and will begin at 7 p.m. Call (360) 565-3005 for more information.

Gettysburg NMP and Eastern National announce the fourth annual Women's History Symposium—March 7 through 9, entitled "A House Divided: The Ordeal of Disunion." The decision to join the rebellion or defend the Union was personal for each soldier,

but the consequences of that decision went beyond the soldier to his family and to his community. Registration is \$95, payable to Eastern National. Deadline to register is March 1, 2003. For more information or to register, contact Terry Latschar at (717) 334-1124, ext. 432, or Becky Lyons, ext. 430.

Wind Cave NP celebrates the 100th anniversary of its establishment in 2003. Designated a national park by President Theodore Roosevelt on Jan. 9, 1903, the park was the first area set aside to preserve and protect a cave system. Throughout the year, the visitor center will display special centennial exhibits. A Centennial Weekend will take place on June 13 through 15 consisting of reunion activities, guest speakers, cultural demonstrations, art show and dinner. The park would like to include past employees and friends in the celebration. For more information, or to register for the reunion, please contact Tom Farrell, at Tom_Farrell@nps.gov or (605) 745-4600.

Lyndon B. Johnson Ranch Roundup—April 26, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fun for all ages on a real working cattle ranch. Activities include roping, chuck wagon set up, rope making and branding. For more information call (830) 868-7128, ext. 244. ■

Alumni News

Sheila Miller sent us the following story about a recent trip to Italy. "Ah, la dolce vita! It was off to Italy for three weeks for Jim and Pat Coleman and Joe and Sheila Miller last April. The four of us flew into Rome, where we spent a week seeing the sights of the eternal city...the Spanish Steps, the Vatican, the Borghese Gallery, gellato and the best pizza on the planet.

"After bidding farewell to Rome, it was off to Tuscany for six days. Castellina in Chianti was the location of the rental villa that served as home base, while the rental car got a workout driving from Sienna to Florence to the coast, to Pisa and just up the road for the fantastic local food. Did we mention that we loved the food in Italy?

"Then it was Venice on the agenda for two nights. Torrential rain didn't dampen our spirits. We then headed to Lake Como for two delightful days. At the suggestion of the innkeepers a quick day trip to Switzerland was made, which included a ferry ride, a very thrilling bus ride, a train ride and finally a gorgeous hydrofoil ride back up Lake Como. The final destination of the trip was Milan. And then back to the United States.

"A wonderful time was had by all four of the happy travelers and we would highly recommend Italy as a travel destination to any and all. Ciao!"

Bruce J. and Leila "Lee" Miller of Pleasant Hill, TN wrote to tell the *Arrowhead* about their golden wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Nov. 23 with a renewal of vows ceremony at the Crossville First United Methodist

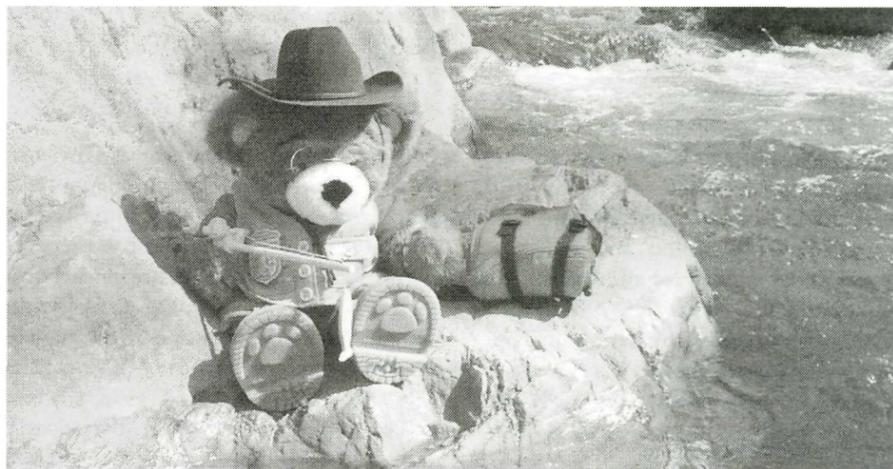
Church. A reception was held following the service. All five of the Miller children and spouses were in attendance as well as 11 of 18 grandchildren.

For the past six summers the Millers have been volunteer hosts at the Museum of the National Park Ranger at Yellowstone. They recommend it for recent retirees and say this is a wonderful way to spend a few weeks serving in the "first national park."

A Yellowstone Opportunity—From late May to late September, former or current NPS employees can volunteer (two to four weeks) to staff the Museum of the National Park Ranger. Housed in a 1908 T-shaped log building near the Norris Campground and overlooking green grassy meadows with bison and/or elk—it is a wonderful kind of place to spend 32 hours per week. Volunteers wear a NPS volunteer shirt and cap, while greeting the visiting public. Housing is provided. For further information contact Ranger Brian Suderman, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone NP, WY 82190, or call (307) 344-2255 by March 1 if you're interested.

Alumni Question: Life Member **Dick Rayner** and retirees in the Fort Collins, CO area wonder if the *Arrowhead* could publish a list of dates for parks having reunions. He points out that a number of people in the Fort Collins area who worked as park seasonals are also interested in having this information. Good idea Dick. Therefore, the *Arrowhead* requests that superintendents and their staff forward this information and the editor will put it into print. ■

Cross-Country Adventure Marks the Centennial of the Teddy Bear



Parker the bear fishes during his visit to Grand Canyon National Park.

When President Theodore Roosevelt left for a five-day hunting trip in Mississippi in 1902, he had no idea that the excursion would result in the creation of one of the world's most popular children's toys. After he refused to shoot a captive bear, the story attracted national attention and inspired two Brooklyn shopkeepers to make the first soft bear toys. In honor of the president whose actions gave them the idea, they called it "Teddy's Bear." It was an immediate success and although the name has changed slightly over the years, the popularity of the teddy bear has not waned.

The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS is marking the teddy bear's 100th anniversary with a variety of events, including an exhibit entitled "From Teddy's Bear to the Teddy Bear: Celebrating the 100th Birthday of an American Icon" that runs through March 30. In addition the site also launched a fun program that involves parks from all over the country called the Traveling Teddy Bears Program.

Designed to simultaneously honor Theodore Roosevelt's commitment to the NPS and his unwitting role in the development of one of the world's favorite toys, the program consists of two very personable (and somewhat mischievous) teddy bears who are visiting nearly 40 national parks. Donated by the Build-A-Bear Workshop, the teddy bears are appropriately named "Nat" and "Parker." They have been on the road since May 2002 and will continue until March 2003. With help from park rangers, each bear is keeping a photographic and written record of what he sees and does. The postcards and digital photos that Nat and Parker have sent back to Buffalo are so wonderful that a Web page has been created to keep everyone up-to-date on their adventures; check it out at: www.nps.gov/thri/natandparker.htm.

For more info. about the Traveling Teddy Bears Program, contact Lenora Henson at (716) 884-0095 or at Lenora_Henson@partner.nps.gov. ■

Requiescat in Pace

Retiree **George J. Ahles**, 64, Oct. 22, of cancer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, began his career at Fort Stanwix NM and finished his career at Appomattox Court House NHP where he worked from 1984 through 2002 in the maintenance division. A talented gardener, he developed an active interest in historic gardening while at Appomattox. He is survived by his wife Charlotte, two daughters, Lynda Ahles of VA and Patricia Slaughter of MI and son Mark Ahles of TX. Condolences may be sent to his wife Charlotte Ahles at Route 5, Box 424, Appomattox, VA 24522.

E&AA Life Member **Wayne B. Cone**, 76, Sept. 27 at home in Santa Fe, NM. Survivors include his wife Ollie and two sons; Reed (Michelle) of Littleton, CO and Jay of Sun Valley, ID. After graduation from high school, Wayne joined the army and spent two years in Italy. After his return home, he attended Colorado A&M College and received a degree in forest recreation. His career spanned more than three decades beginning as a seasonal ranger in Grand Teton NP, to his retirement in 1981 as associate regional director, Southwest Region. His NPS career involved many different parks and offices, including Grand Teton, Rocky Mountain, Carlsbad Caverns, Dinosaur, Badlands, Curecanti and WASO. Along with superintendencies at Albright Training Center, Redwood NP and Yosemite NP, he had assignments in foreign countries, providing advice and assistance to parks in Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union, Pakistan, India and Egypt. He was honored with DOI's Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service awards.

Following Wayne's retirement in 1981, he and Ollie spent much of their time in Borrego Springs, CA. There he enjoyed working as a volunteer at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. By 2002 they made plans to move back to Santa Fe permanently. Ollie will make her home in Santa Fe. Her address is: 2010 Zozobra Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87505-6100. Donations in Wayne's memory may be made to: Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, P.O. Box 310, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-0310.

Bernice "Bee" G. (Bridwell) Cook, 88, Nov. 28, at a Tucson nursing home, due to heart failure. She was preceded in death by husband John O.; her parents Edward F. and Lizzie Mary (Nelson) Bridwell; her brothers John and Edward; and sisters Josephine Cook and Leah Adams. Bee was born April 23, 1914 in Westmorland, KS and moved to Arizona at an early age. She attended Glendale High School, where as a young woman she was an excellent athlete. She married John O. Cook on June 1, 1935 and they made their home at Grand Canyon, AZ where John was employed by the NPS. During his career she was a homemaker and school secretary as they traveled throughout Arizona with assignments that included Montezuma Castle and Well, Wupatki and Sunset Crater NMs and Saguaro NP. They later moved to Chickamauga-Chattanooga NMP and finished their career in Santa Fe, NM. After retirement, she and John moved to Tucson. She is survived by her sons John E. Cook (NPS retired) of Page, AZ and Theodore Cook of Henderson, NV;

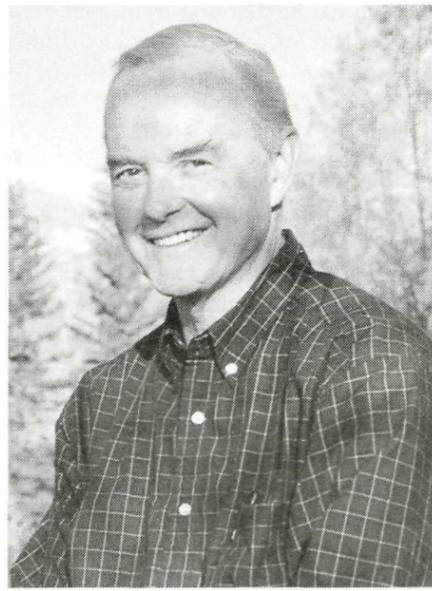
granddaughter Kayci Cook Collins (currently the NPS Alaska desk officer, WASO of Takoma Park, MD); grandson John Cook, Kingsport, TN and two great-grandchildren.

Ersom Allen "Curly" Cunningham, 81, Longmont, CO, due to complications from a fall. Curly started his 35-year NPS career in 1937 as a young man in the Civilian Conservation Corps working in Rocky Mountain NP. After serving in WWII he returned to Rocky Mountain with his wife Lillian Pepler Cunningham, where he worked until 1956. Working in the various fields of maintenance, building and roads, he served at Lake Mead NRA, Death Valley NM, Glacier NP and Ozark NSR from which he retired in 1975. He was always proud of his contributions to the park areas where he worked, adding electricity to some, waterlines to others and building bridges where needed. Anyone who knew him, knew he was a true jack-of-all-trades. He is survived by his wife Lillian Cunningham of Longmont, CO; son Allen of Tucson, AZ; daughter Janet Graham of Columbia Falls, MT; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Eliot Davis, 95, Sept. 15. Eliot joined the Service at Battlefield Monument in Fredericksburg, VA in 1939, then transferred to Grand Teton as district ranger. He served in the army during WWII training African-American combat troops. After the war he returned to the Tetons, later serving at Isle Royal, Grand Portage, Yellowstone and then to superintendent of Fort Vancouver where he remained until retiring in 1972. For enhancing the historical programs of the NPS, he was awarded DOI's Meritorious Service Award. He is survived by his wife Katherine, a life member of E&AA.

Park Ranger **Jermaine Antonio Dossie**, 22, Nov. 13 from apparent cardiac arrest. Jermaine was employed at Natchez Trace PKWY as a law enforcement park ranger. He had recently completed his seasonal training at Colorado Northwestern Community College. He started his career with the NPS on June 3, 2002. He was hired as a student career employee program participant. Jermaine was a graduate of Jackson State University with a degree in criminal justice and was pursuing a master's degree. He is survived by his mother Sonya Globe, sister Timeshia Globe, half-sisters Tabitha and Kenyatta Brownley and his father Derrick Brownley.

E&AA Life Member **Boyd (Quincy B.) Evison**, 69, Oct. 4, at his daughter's home in California, of cancer. Boyd was born in Washington, D.C., when his father Herb served in WASO. He was a graduate of Colorado State University, with a BS degree in forestry and wildlife management and a master's degree in environmental communications from the University of Wisconsin. He began working seasonally with the NPS as a fire control aide in Grand Teton NP. In 1960 he became a permanent park ranger in Petrified Forest NP, subsequently serving in Lake Meade NRA and Hot Springs NP, before being accepted into the DOI's Management Development Program. With many other field and training center assignments and WASO/Departmental assignments he earned a reputation as a superb speechwriter. His was a voice



BOYD EVISON

sometimes non-traditional and bold—which impressed many future generation employees who were exposed to his articulate vision for the place of parks in the nation. During his service, Evison received DOI's Superior Service Award, Special Achievement Award and the Meritorious Service Award. He retired in 1994 as superintendent of Grand Canyon. However, the lure of Jackson Hole and the Grand Tetons drew him back. Boyd applied for and was chosen by the board of Grand Teton Natural History Association as its executive director for the past three years.

His survivors include his wife Barbara, son Chris (Lauren), daughter Kathleen Katz (Randy) and two grandchildren. Barbara can be reached c/o Randy and Kathy Katz, 615 Walden Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Grand Teton NP, the Evison family and the Grand Teton Natural History Association have established the Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship to encourage scientific and conservation-related research in Grand Teton and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Fellowship donations may be made to the Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, Grand Teton Natural History Association, P.O. Box 170, Moose, WY 83012.

E&AA Member **Nellie Jones Fagergren**, 87, July 19, in St. George, UT. She was the widow of Fred C. Fagergren, former regional director who predeceased her in 1970. She raised their five children while living in Bryce Canyon, Zion, Mesa Verde, Petrified Forest and Grand Teton NPs. When Fred became the regional



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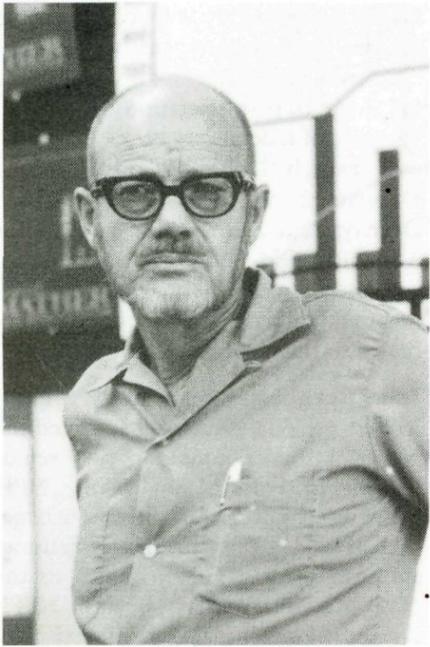
director of the Midwest Region in 1966 they moved to Omaha NE, where she lived until just before her death. She is survived by three of her children: E&AA Life Member Fred J. Fagergren (Donna) of Santa Clara, UT, Peter J. Fagergren (Sheri) of Patagonia, AZ and Carol Fagergren of Cottonwood, AZ, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

E&AA Member **Ruben O. Hart**, 84, Nov. 1, in Kalispell, MT. A native of Montana, he graduated from the University of Idaho. He married Marcy Hoover who predeceased him in 1982. In February 1997, he and Peg Oehrtman were married in Glacier NP on a frozen Lake McDonald. Ruben served as chief park ranger at Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain, Everglades, Mount Rainier and Glacier NPs. Ruben is survived by his wife Peg of Kalispell; daughter, Sheila Wells and her husband Sherril, of Roseburg, OR; son Keith Hart of Missoula, MT and 18 grandchildren. Also, two stepsons, Karl (Pam) of Kalispell and Paul Oehrtman (Sandy) of Napoleon, OH and 10 grandchildren. Peg suggests that memorial contributions in Ruben's name may be made to The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, E&AA, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Shenandoah NP roads and trails Facility Manager **Chester Mikus**, 51, Nov. 24, of cancer, at the University of Virginia Hospital. His career in the NPS spanned 25 years. He started as a temporary maintenance worker at Grand Canyon, then went on to permanent positions at Glen Canyon NRA, Assateague Island NS and Independence NHP. Chester was known as an excellent leader who approached his job with gusto, a can-do attitude and a sense of humor. His involvement with the Service extended beyond his regular duties. As a member of the Northeast Region's Incident Management Team, he provided logistics support for many significant events including Hurricane Andrew, the 1997 Yosemite flood and the 2001 New River Gorge flood. He is survived by his wife Kathy, son Casey, 13 and daughter Colleen, 11. Donations can be made to a scholarship fund set up for Casey and Colleen. Checks, payable to Shenandoah NP Association, can be mailed to 3655 Highway 211, East, Luray, VA 22835. Please indicate the purpose of the check in the memo section. Condolences may be sent to the family at 4849 U.S. Highway 340, Shenandoah, VA 22849.

Long-time E&AA Life Member **Ray Nelson**, 85, Nov. 28, in Friendship, ME. After graduation from the University of Maine with a degree in forestry, Ray served in WWII with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in North Africa and the South Pacific. His public service career began with the California State Parks. In 1950 he joined the NPS as a Sequoia/Kings Canyon park ranger. His interests in the environment and talents in interpretation took him to Lassen Volcanic and Mammoth Cave, followed by superintendencies at Pea Ridge and Grand Portage. Ray joined the Mather Training Center in 1966 and with the help of Director Hartzog and Freeman Tilden he selected an instructional and administrative staff to convey the vital message of environmental responsibility. The training was new and inspired hundreds of employees. He left the training

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RAY NELSON

center in 1970 and retired from WASO in 1971. Ray is survived by Linda, his wife of 60 years, his son Philip of Durham, NC and two grandchildren. Donations in Ray Nelson's memory may be made to the Friendship United Methodist Church, Friendship, ME 04547.

Katmai NP & PRES Ranger/Pilot **Thomas P. O'Hara**, 41, Dec. 20, when his plane went down east of Upper Ugashik Lake. His passenger, Corey Adler, 30, a biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, survived the crash and was hospitalized in stable condition. The two flew out of King Salmon on Dec. 19 to conduct a moose tracking survey in Alaska Peninsula NWR. When they failed to return, the Rescue Coordination Center dispatched air rescue. They were found late afternoon on Dec. 20. Tom logged over 11,000 hours as a pilot in command, had a dozen years of service as a commercial pilot in the Bristol area and had provided aerial support for Katmai and Lake Clark NP's, Alagnak Wild River, Aniakchak NM and other DOI agencies. Tom is survived by his wife Lucy and their three young children. His family asks that donations be made in lieu of flowers to a memorial fund in Tom's name for his children. Donations can be made to Tom O'Hara Memorial Fund, Wells Fargo, King Salmon Alaska Branch, P.O. Box 458, King Salmon, AK 99613, Account #5198027038. Letters of condolence can be sent to Lucy O'Hara, P.O. Box 252, King Salmon, AK 99613.

David A. Richie, 70, Dec. 20, of cancer, at home in Hampstead, NC. In 1974 David became deputy regional director of the NPS Northeast Regional Office. In this capacity, he worked to protect the Appalachian Trail from potential threats and had a substantial role in protecting the trail from commercial development and highway construction. In 1978 the trail was 2,100 miles long. It was at this time that Congress began appropriating money to buy a narrow corridor of land along its length. The area is now almost entirely protected by the corridor. David's survivors include his wife Catherine; daughter Deborah Oberbillig of Missoula, MT; two sons, Robert, of Takoma Park, MD and David, Jr., of Fort Collins, CO; and five grandchildren.

Elvin Houston Rogers, 34, Dec 22, in a motorcycle accident near Tubac, AZ. He was the son of Peggy F. Thompson of Amarillo, TX and Jerry L. Rogers of Santa Fe, NM. Houston was born December 10, 1968 in Arlington, VA. He was a Cum Laude graduate in 1995 from Virginia Commonwealth University. Early childhood experience in West Texas on the Bridwell Ranch, which was managed by his grandfather; and one particularly inspiring professor at VCU, motivated him to study archeology and to obtain a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Wyoming in 2000. Houston was in the early stages of a promising career with the NPS, from which his father had retired in 2000. He had participated in an archeological study of the diet of 19th-century enlisted men at Fort Laramie, worked for the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and participated in the archeological survey at Pecos NHP. At the time of his death he was an archeologist in the Vanishing Treasures Program at Tumacacori NHP where he was developing a method for documenting preservation work done on adobe ruins and monitoring the effects of new construction on archeological resources.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by their spouses, Nancy M. Burgas and David Thompson; a sister and brother-in-law Tiana and Dale Conklin of Leesburg, VA; brother Jeffrey M. Rogers and companion Lesley D. Arnott of Ashburn, VA; grandmother Hazel Sifford of Amarillo; five nephews and a niece. Donations in Houston's memory may be addressed to the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance, P.O. Box 2490, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2490.

E&AA Member **Diane Silich**, 40, July 24, after a lengthy cancer illness. She began her NPS career at Indiana Dunes NL in 1995 as a park dispatcher and was promoted to the supervisory dispatcher. She was single and an avid sportswoman. She is survived by her father.

John Thomas "Tom" Tankersley, 49, Nov. 9, after a short illness. Tom was born in New Orleans, LA and grew up in Williamsburg, VA. After attending college at Virginia Commonwealth University, he joined the NPS and worked in various parks in Virginia. In addition, he served as a park ranger in Philadelphia, New Orleans and Yellowstone. He was most recently an interpretive planner at the Harpers Ferry Center. During his middle and high school years, he was an active member of the Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps. This experience fostered his love for history, music and culture, which shaped the course of his life. He is survived by his wife Linda and daughter Erin. The family requests that donations be made to the "Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern Virginia," 406 Oakmeads Crescent, Suite 201, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Jesse "Jess" David Terrill, 90, Dec. 27, retired maintenance supervisor at Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, at his residence in Buffalo, KY.

John Henry Trimble, 76, Sept. 20 at his home in Fruita, CO. He entered the military at the age of 17 and served in the European and South Pacific Theaters. After WWII, he served in the Occupational Forces in Germany until

he was discharged in 1946. In 1954 John began his NPS career at Badlands NP. He transferred to the Colorado NM in 1968, retiring in 1985. His wife Eva and 10 children survive him. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grand Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

E&AA Life Member **Carl W. Walden**, 78, Nov. 2, in Norris City, IL. Carl was in the U.S. Navy in WWII. His first permanent job was as a laborer in the Everglades. Other assignments included Fort Jefferson and Cumberland Island, where he set up the first YCC camp. He retired in 1980 from Everglades as maintenance foreman. Wife Peggy worked as a park technician until Carl retired. After retirement he worked as a caretaker for the Rockefeller family on Cumberland Island.

Alaska SO Contracting Officer **Bob Weiser**, 60, and his wife Donna, 56, Oct. 12, in a traffic accident. They were driving south to the Kenai Peninsula when another driver crossed into their lane and collided head-on with their vehicle. Both died at the scene. Bob and Donna planned on retiring within the month. Bob had worked for the NPS since 1994, after working for both the air force and British Petroleum. They are survived by their children, grandchildren and several siblings.

L.B. "Tex" Worley, 92, Nov. 22, in Carlsbad, NM. He was a park ranger from 1935 until he retired in 1953, serving as a motorcycle ranger in Yellowstone NP, a ranger at Grand Canyon NP and as chief park ranger at Carlsbad Caverns NP. Worley was a geologist and left the NPS to work for IMC Potash Company in Carlsbad, NM. In 1970 Tex became the first superintendent of the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park in Carlsbad. His wife, Tennyne Maye, predeceased him in 1999. He is survived by sons Morris Worley (Sue) of Carlsbad, NM and Kemble Worley (Marvene) of Tucson, AZ, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the E&AA or the Landsun Homes Caring Hands Fund, 2002 Westridge Road, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

Follow-up on Kris Eggle Homicide:

A superseding indictment was filed in federal court in Arizona on Oct. 16, charging Dionisio Ramirez-Lopez on 10 counts—one count of being an alien in possession of ammunition, one count of being an alien in possession of a firearm, one count of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, one count of assault with intent to commit murder, three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and three counts of discharging a firearm during a crime of violence. Ramirez-Lopez was an associate of Panfilo Murillo Aguilar, the man who shot and killed ranger Kris Eggle of Organ Pipe Cactus NM. Aguilar was subsequently shot and killed by Mexican officers. Ramirez-Lopez was originally indicted on just three charges, but a superseding indictment was expected once investigators obtained further information. The trial began Dec. 17. The joint investigation by the FBI and NPS continues. ■

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Virgin Islands NP Releases Draft Plan for Sustained Reduction of Non-Native Wild Hogs

Virgin Islands NP Supt. John H. King announced a 42-day public review of the Draft Sustained Reduction Plan for Non-native Wild Hogs Within Virgin Islands NP Environmental Assessment (EA), which ended Nov. 22, 2002.

The purpose of this Assessment is to evaluate impacts from undertaking a control program for non-native wild hogs within Virgin Islands NP. By reducing their populations inside the park, adverse impacts to visitors, residents, natural, cultural and aquatic resources would decrease. Wild hogs have established breeding populations in many areas and all habitat types of the Virgin Islands NP. Their effect on park resources are multifaceted and result from their movements, habitat utilization and food habits. Of greatest concern are the destructive effect hogs have on natural ecosystems and native components of these ecosystems. The destructive rooting and wallowing by hogs affect the aesthetic and wilderness values of the park and negatively affect the fauna of the park through predation, habitat alteration and competition for food.

If approved, the proposed reduction program would be accomplished in three phases over three to four years.

Air Quality in National Parks

In September Director Fran Mainella announced that the findings of a 10-year study show air quality is improving or remaining stable in more than half of the national parks monitored.

"The report shows that in most parks, air quality exceeds standards set by the EPA to protect public health and welfare," Mainella said. "Our findings also show that some parks occasionally experience pristine air quality conditions, unaffected by air pollution."

The NPS has been studying air quality in parks for more than 20 years and currently is conducting monitoring activities in 60 NPS areas. The NPS air quality monitoring program provides information on ozone levels, acid rain and visibility impairment in parks.

From 1990 through 1999, of the 28 parks that were monitored for visibility, 22 had improving visibility conditions on the clearest days. Acid rain monitoring was conducted in 29 parks; the primary components of acid rain are sulfates and nitrates. Twenty-five parks are showing a decrease in sulfate levels, while 14 show a decrease in nitrate levels. Fourteen parks showed lower levels of both sulphates and nitrates. Ground-level ozone concentrations were monitored at 32 parks and the results indicate that ozone levels in eight parks are improving, while levels were degrading in 16 parks.

Under the Clean Air Act, park managers have a responsibility to protect air quality related values.

In 1977, Congress established a national goal of remedying any existing and preventing any future human-caused visibility impairment in most of the largest national parks. Unfortunately, air pollution currently impairs visibility to some degree in every national park. The best visibility occurs in Denali NP, and in an area centered around Great Basin NP. The worst visibility occurs in eastern parks such as Mammoth Cave NP; Shenandoah NP and Great Smoky Mountains NP. ■

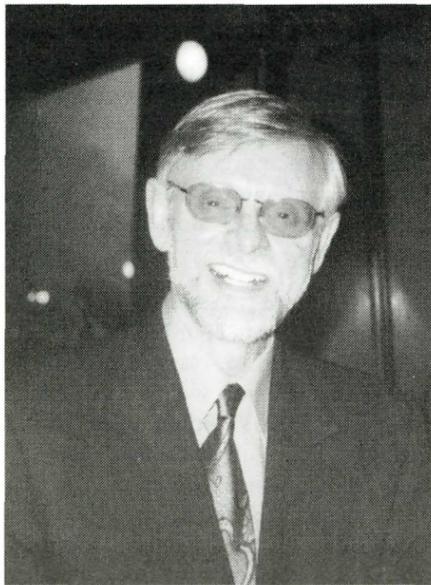
New Places & Faces

Margaret Ainflie, from Fish and Wildlife Service, to resource technician, New River Gorge NR.

Jerry Belson, from NPS Southeast regional director, to Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment as a top advisor for the National Park Foundation's African-American Experience program. In his IPA position, Belson works with the private, non-profit National Park Foundation on projects dealing with African-American history and cultural preservation programs.

Scott J. Bentley, from chief ranger/chief of operations, Oklahoma City N MEM, to superintendent, George Washington Carver NM.

Debbie Bird, from chief ranger, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, to superintendent, Lake Roosevelt NRA.



BOB CIRESE

ment analyst, Business Management Division, Golden Gate NRA.

D'Andrea Jackson-Coleman, from park ranger (interpretation), NCP-Central, to program assistant, Office of Secretary of Interior-MIB, External and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Judy Cordova, from superintendent, Petroglyph NM, to IMRO, Santa Fe, Long Distance Trails Office.

Debbie Darden, from chief resource planning, Gettysburg NMP, to deputy superintendent, resource and project management, New River Gorge NR.

Herb Dawson, from restoration of historic structures for the state of Montana, to cultural resources staff, Yellowstone NP.

Dr. James H. Gramann of Texas A&M University has been selected as visiting chief social scientist for the NPS. Gramann assumed a two-year appointment with the NPS on Oct. 1. He is responsible for leading and directing the social science activities, including research, technical assistance to parks and liaison with other federal agencies' social science

programs and the social science community. Gramann has held joint appointments with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and the department of rural sociology since 1983. He briefly served as a regional research sociologist in 1990-1991 with the NPS's former southwestern and western regions.

Dan Greenblatt, from assistant district interpreter, Island in the Sky, Canyonlands NP, to assistant north district naturalist, Grand Teton NP.

Jim Johnson, from site manager, Eisenhower NHS, to one-year appointment as chief of resource planning, Gettysburg NMP.

Nancy Kaufman, from Fish and Wildlife Service, to acting superintendent, Petroglyph NM.

Laura Lusk, from lead summer seasonal interpretive park ranger, Devils Tower NM, to assistant district interpreter, Canyonlands NP, Needles District.

Dr. Gary Machlis to NPS visiting senior scientist and national coordinator of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Network. Dr. Machlis assumed his new duties on Oct. 1. As visiting senior scientist Dr. Machlis provides guidance to the NPS on a variety of scientific matters. As the CESU national coordinator he leads an innovative partnership between 13 federal agencies and over 100 universities and minority-serving institutions. Dr. Machlis is a professor of forest resources and sociology in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho.

Lisa Mendelson to associate to the Director. She began her tenure in the associate to the Director position following the retirement of Bill Walters in November. Since 1997 she has served as special assistant for Partnerships at

NCP-Central where she served on the senior management team and was responsible for managing projects in the full range of park operations. With over 12 years of federal service in the executive branch including posts at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the General Services Administration. She brings a substantial amount of national program management and field program execution experience to the position

John Reynolds, the former NPS Pacific West regional director, has joined the National Park Foundation as a senior fellow. As senior fellow at the NPF, John will focus his attention on issues such as land acquisition and fundraising, and will serve as a key liaison to the NPS. He will also participate in NPF's Program Planning Process, working to shape the new grantmaking areas for the foundation. Reynolds, who retired in August 2002, has an NPS resume that spans four decades, and numerous parks and other assignments.

Kate Richardson, from asst. superintendent, Prince William Forest Park, to superintendent, San Francisco Maritime NHP.

Curtis L. Sauer, from chief ranger, Olympic NP, to acting superintendent, Joshua Tree NP.

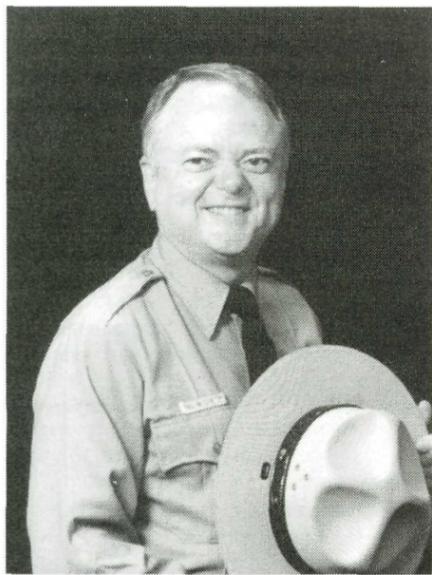
Bill Schenk, from regional director, Midwest Region, to regional director, Southeast Region.

Richard Segars, from architect, Gettysburg NMP, to architect, New River Gorge NR.

Mike Tollefson, from superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to superintendent, Yosemite NP.

Tom Ulrich, from supervisory park ranger, Florissant Fossil Beds NM, to asst. superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL.

Lila Walker, from administrative officer, Big Thicket N PRES, to administrative officer, New River Gorge NR. ■



PAUL CHATTEY

Paul W. Chattey, from architectural historian, Hawaii Volcanoes NP, to architectural historian, Yosemite NP.

Bob Cirese, from appraiser, Pacific Land Resources Program Center, Pacific West Region, to business manage-

The Path Toward Interpretive Excellence

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and park volunteer Joanne Amberson before submitting a sales-item booklet that helps visitors appreciate the restoration of a national historic landmark. The personal attention allowed me to transform my writing from informational to interpretive. Conversely, for the Research Liaison module, I documented my already strong research skills with a previously compiled bibliography for the park's Comprehensive Interpretive Plan. The IDP confirmed my work's strengths, boosting my confidence.

Getting Started

I originally worried that if I wasn't certified in a module on the first attempt, I'd be exposed as professionally unworthy. For the Education Program module, for instance, my lesson plan outlined inspiring intangible connections, but with 50 first graders, would the videotape show the same stirring concepts I envisioned? In this case it did, but in modules such as the Short Talk, I didn't initially succeed. Nevertheless, the certifiers provided the personalized advice I needed for eventual

mastery. Their suggestions for better engaging my audience greatly impacted my visitors' interest. Consequently, most of my resubmissions became excellent examples for others. That's what the IDP is designed for: interpretive growth toward ultimate professionalism.

Completing the certification projects also encouraged support from colleagues. As I experimented with ways to create meanings in the Illustrated Program module, my husband Warne Nelson, who runs Shenandoah's Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, provided me with antlers, bones, seven-foot-high wooden bears, furry puppets and staff to run the video camera. The certification process has opened a dialogue about interpretation among staff park-wide, in which we share site-specific interpretive ideas and applications. At Dickey Ridge we encouraged the staff to watch my programs. This helped them learn, and by asking for their opinions, I got useful feedback.

Moving the Profession Forward

In the entry levels, the IDP aims to improve field interpretation. The upper

levels lead through management components such as leadership, event coordination, research and media planning. Like graduate coursework, they require reflective thinking and coordination with colleagues. In the Interpretive Planning module, I analyzed my planning of the park's Hoover Days. This increased my familiarity with strategic planning and large-scale event coordination skills.

Most importantly, as I completed portions of the IDP, I became a better role model and mentor for my staff, who are also working toward certification. The IDP is a positive tool for improvement no matter how many years of experience you've chalked up. It's a challenge to interpreters who may think they have nothing more to learn. And the time and effort involved in certification and setting higher standards are an investment for visitors.

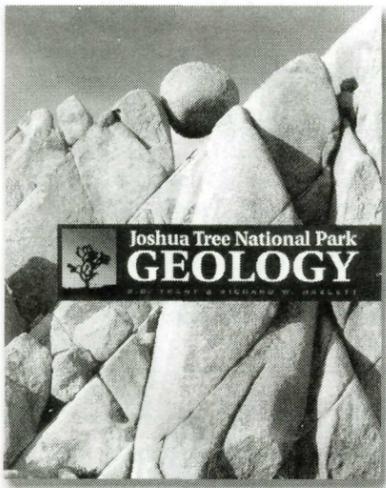
In Shenandoah, our interpretation was already good, but as we incorporated IDP ideas, visitors began making more personally meaningful connections. In meeting the rubrics for IDP

certification, we've discovered creative ways to make quality connections.

The future of our profession is our own responsibility and the path to interpretive excellence is challenging. Based on outcomes we're seeing, the IDP can help us raise the bar.

Last summer, on a hike that I knew well, I field audited a colleague. Like the girl on the historic lodge tour, I didn't expect to learn anything new. Nevertheless, as wilderness educator Laura Cheek led us to Rose River's quiet groves and remote waterfalls, she challenged us to explore our perceptions of wilderness and preservation. Between quotes from Leopold, Muir and Thoreau, she kept me intrigued for three whole hours. I see these mountains every day, yet Laura found something that tugged at my heartstrings. The visitors' appreciative smiles and spirited philosophical conversations revealed their own connections. I recalled the old days when quality was measured by the plants we could identify or historical chronologies we could recite. Laura's hike was an example of how far we've come. ■

Off the Press



Joshua Tree National Park Geology

By D.D. Trent and Richard W. Hazlett
Published by Joshua Tree National Park Association, 2002
64 pp; \$9.95

Joshua Tree National Park Geology is a thorough, up-to-date explanation of the forces that helped shape the amazing natural architecture of this multifaceted park. D.D. Trent and Richard W. Hazlett have traced the evolution of this desert landscape through a rich narrative that serves both newly inquisitive visitors as well as students of natural history. Full-color photographs and instructive graphic illustrations along with geologic maps create visual references that fully engage the reader.

Joshua Tree NP encompasses two deserts. The Colorado occupies the eastern half of the park and the higher Mojave, the western half. Known for its fascinating rockscape, Joshua Tree is truly a wonderland for hikers, rock climbers and lovers of geology.

The book traces the origin of the complex terrain found in Joshua Tree over a two-billion-year period in a systematic discussion of events and constant processes that collided, scraped, crumpled, squeezed, melted and shook the land into its present form. Concise descriptions of the combination of factors that formed these distinctive features are explained stage-by-stage.

Joshua Tree National Park Geology may be purchased through the Joshua Tree National Park Association, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277, (760) 367-5525 or their Web site at www.joshuatree.org.

Guide Book for the Tourist and Traveler over the Valley Railway!

By John S. Reese
Published by Kent State University Press
128 pp; \$9.95

An historic guidebook for the Valley Railway has been reprinted and is now available to the public. The Valley Railway ran between Cleveland, Akron and Canton beginning in

1880 and is now the route of Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

The guidebook features vivid descriptions of the landscape and communities, as well as numerous advertisements for merchants and businesses then found along the line. The book is truly a snapshot of the Cuyahoga Valley and surrounding cities in the late 19th century. The reprint also features a new introduction that provides a history of the rail line.

The Valley Railway provided an important passenger rail link among Cleveland, Akron and Canton and access to the coal fields in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties that supplied growing industries in the cities. It remained an independent line until the 1890's when the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad took over its operation. Passenger and freight service then continued along the route until the 1960's. Since the mid-1970's, visitors to Cuyahoga Valley NP have enjoyed excursions offered by Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on the historic railroad line.

Kent State University Press published the reprint in cooperation with Cuyahoga Valley NP and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. It is available for sale at bookstores within CVNP at the following locations: Canal Visitor Center, Boston Store, Peninsula Depot and Happy Days Visitor Center. For bookstore information call (800) 445-9667. ■

Web Sites of Interest

•Ever wondered what happened to the gun that John Wilkes Booth used to kill President Lincoln? How about George Washington Carver's peanut products? The answers to these and a million other questions about where to find the tangible pieces of our history are in the museum collections of the NPS. With over 96 million objects, specimens and archival documents in more than 320 park units, the NPS maintains one of the largest museum collections in the nation. And finding out what's there just got easier. In addition to visiting the NPS Web site www.cr.nps.gov, virtual visitors and researchers can now go to the newly enhanced and re-designed, multi-agency Web site www.recreation.gov managed by the DOI.

•Looking for a superb reference work? Visit the electronic library of online books about the NPS at www.cr.nps.gov/history. Almost every aspect of the National Park System is covered: administrative histories, historic resource studies, historic structure reports, classic history studies, national historic landmarks, park science and natural resources management, individual park histories, general publications and much more. This site is designed to provide a convenient, user-friendly general reference library. More than 250 publications and articles are now online. ■

NPS Friends



British and American re-enactors meet for a commemorative ceremony at the Breyman Redoubt for the Saratoga NHP remembrance event.

Remembrance at Saratoga National Historical Park

On Sept. 27 through 29, Saratoga NHP marked the 225th anniversary of the victorious battles fought here that changed the course of the war for American independence. Students took part in 18th-century activities as 300 re-enactors depicted life in the British and American armies for more than 4,000 visitors. Visitors mingled with re-enactors and strolled through camps to witness historic weapons firing and tactics, medical practices, domestic arts and music by the Fort Ticonderoga Fife and Drums Corps.

From its conception, Saratoga's Remembrance was envisioned as an interpretive and commemorative event. Four hundred fourth-grade students from Stillwater and Schuylerville Central

Schools were engaged by re-enactors providing a first-hand look at life during the Revolutionary War on Sept. 27. The following evening, 200 British and American re-enactors commemorated the American victory of Oct. 7, 1777, concluding the program with a poignant candlelight ceremony in honor of those who died here.

Saratoga's event was one of the highlights in a region-wide celebration with many partners to commemorate the anniversary by retracing British General John Burgoyne's invasion from Canada in 1777. The park coordinated with hundreds of historical organizations, museums, state and other national parks to organize and promote a full season of events along the Champlain, Hudson and Mohawk River corridors. One hundred fifty thousand brochures and

5,000 poster brochures were distributed throughout New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Special "pull-out" sections were produced by area newspapers and a dedicated Web site provided in-depth information about the events.

A testament to the success of the partnership's goal to heighten awareness of our revolutionary heritage was evidenced by a veteran re-enactor who stated that in this special year, questions from visitors were the most insightful and knowledgeable he had heard in his 30-year career. The partnership, known as Three Valleys to Freedom, plans to continue its work by promoting sites and events that preserve and interpret our shared colonial and revolutionary history in the Champlain, Hudson and Mohawk Valleys.

Girl Scout Lives the Dream

Sixteen-year-old Girl Scout Lena Jones, a high school junior, concluded her summer as a volunteer at the Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS in downtown Atlanta, where she educated and inspired visitors at America's national landmark dedicated to the civil rights leader. Lena's enthusiasm and dedication prompted park officials to hire her for the 2002/2003 school year as a national park guide, working part-time on weekends and during school breaks.

Lena's community service efforts stem from the newly inaugurated "National Park Guide Opportunity," an initiative created by Americans for National Parks and Girl Scouts of the USA to engage and enhance Girl Scouts' understanding of the natural and cultural resources that the nation's nearly 400 national parks protect.

"Dr. King is an inspiration to all peo-

ple, regardless of age, gender or race," said Lena. "I can't think of a better way to spend my time outside of school than to learn about Dr. King and share what I have learned with others." Lena enjoyed her volunteer experience so much that she exceeded the program requirement of 25 hours and contributed more than 80 hours of community service to the park.

"Even at a young age, Lena embodies the spirit of commitment and service that Dr. King exemplified," said Melissa English-Rias, the park's chief of interpretation, education and cultural resources. "The founding organizations have produced an outstanding program, allowing Girl Scouts to connect directly with the people and places that make America special. The program also provides a sound approach for exposing youth to careers within the NPS."

"Building public support for our national parks is critical to ensuring the health of these majestic places," said Jennifer S. Coken, national campaign director, Americans for National Parks. Olympic NP, also participated in the new program. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Craig Ackerman, Liz Allen, Steve Bonner, Benton Clary, Vernon Cody, John Elks, Millan Galland, Laura Michele Lusk, Rick Merryman, Pete Milovcich, Walter Morey, Ralph Ragan, Eric Rudolph, Wendy Schumacher, Craig Thatcher, Allen Vaira, Peggy Walden and Ian Williams.

2003-2004 Membership Directory

If your listing in the 2002-2003 Directory is correct, there is no need to resubmit this information and it will remain the same in the new directory. I give the E&AA permission to publish the information that I provide below in the membership directory. I understand that if I provide no information, only my name will be listed. Please print or type. Updates, additions and changes to your membership listing must be submitted by Aug. 22, 2003. This directory is for E&AA Members only.

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Home phone: _____

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Park or office where I work or retired from: _____

Title: _____

Year retired (if applicable): _____

I am a(n) Annual Member Life Member

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or e-mailed to JenniferA@eandaa.org. Photographs are welcomed. On the back of the photograph please identify who is in the photo, who took the photo, and a SASE if you would like the photo returned. Please include, if possible, a summary of the event at

which the photo was taken, news release or other important information. We will use as many submissions as possible on a space-available basis. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue

Deadline for the next issue is Friday, March 7. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900, ext. 136.

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addition, there is now a no interest five-year repayment policy. Loan applications for dependent children and grandchildren are due May 1, 2003. For further information or an application visit www.eandaa.org or contact Bonnie Stetson at BonnieS@eandaa.org, or (215) 283-6900, ext. 131.

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Southwest: Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, photo by Richard Maxwell
Rocky Mountain: Wind Cave NP, NPS photo by Doug Buehler
Western: Manzanar NHS, photo by Robin Clark (pictured above)
Pacific Northwest: City of Rocks N RES, NPS photo
The National stamp features Saguaro NP, photo by Ronald G. Warfield.