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Archeology Program launches new webpages

The Archeology Program is pleased to announce “*The Public Benefits of Archeology*” <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/INDEX.HTM>>, which offers different segments of the public a unique perspective on their professions and daily lives. This webpage offers a start to educators, museum professionals, community planners, forensic specialists, historians, and ecologists who might not ordinarily think about archeology as a resource. Through narrative scenarios, case studies, and additional reading, visitors to the webpage can learn about ways that archeology can benefit them.

Two new webpages for public and professional audiences discuss federal laws pertaining to archeology. *Archeology Law and Ethics* <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/publicLaw.htm>> explains, without jargon, important information that the public needs to know before visiting federal lands that have archeological resources. *Archeology Laws: A Guide for Professionals* <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/tools/laws/index.htm>> gathers significant statutes and explanatory articles together to guide professionals through the laws in a non-technical manner.

Scottish colleague visits Cultural Resource programs

Dr. Ian Baxter, Lecturer in Heritage/Tourism (Division of Management), Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, and Associate Director of the Caledonian Heritage Futures Network, presented “Developments in Heritage Management in the UK and Scotland” on May 3, 2005, at 1201 Eye Street. Dr. Baxter is researching the development of historic environment auditing and heritage policy in western European nations and the U.S. He visited the U.S. on a 2 week study tour to examine the role of the NPS in cultural resource management, and to examine American approaches to teaching and researching about cultural heritage management. Dr. Baxter met with representatives of the following programs: Social Science, Archeology, Heritage Areas, and the National Register of Historic Places.

AAM session on the centennials of the Antiquities Act and AAM

A session entitled *Common Ground: AAM and Antiquities Act—1906-2006 and Beyond* was held at the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums (AAM) in Indianapolis on May 3, 2005. The AAM and the Antiquities Act, both created in 1906, share a common goal of properly caring for archeological collections

The Antiquities Act and subsequent federal and state legislation led to various relationships among museum professionals, archeologists, anthropologists, Native peoples, and the general public. We need to focus these relationships on the proper curation and interpretation of the shared cultural heritage of the country. The centennials of the Antiquities Act and the AAM offer an opportunity to discuss issues of concern to all openly and in a productive environment, and to affirm commitments to proper curation and interpretations of our shared heritage. The two centennials offer a time to reflect on the accomplishments and changes in the past 100 years; to assess the current status of archeological collections management and public interpretation; and to challenge ourselves to leave a legacy that resolves today’s pressing issues.

The session focused on the historical connections between the Antiquities Act and proponents of American museums and the current challenges facing archeologists and museum experts. Presenters examined developments throughout the 20th century and considered needs to meet 21st century challenges. The session was organized by Ann Hitchcock, Chief Curator, National Park Service, who also chaired the session and made introductory remarks. Other presenters included: Marjorie Schwarzer, Associate Professor, Department of Museum Studies, John F. Kennedy University; Frank McManamon, Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Department of the Interior, and Chief Archeologist, National Park Service; Joe E. Watkins, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico; and Robert Breunig, Director, Museum of Northern Arizona. Abstracts for the individual presentations will be posted on the Antiquities Act webpage of the NPS Archeology Program website.

Sentencing in ARPA Case, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park

On August 14, 2004, Kevin Patterson was apprehended while relic hunting in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Battlefield by NPS Ranger Ryan Levins. Patterson had 10 Civil War era artifacts, a metal detector, and digging equipment in his possession. Rangers identified a total of 12 separate sites that Patterson had excavated. An archeological damage assessment was conducted, which placed the archeological value at \$6,147.14 and the cost of restoration and repair at \$2,506.25. The commercial value of the artifacts was placed at \$20. Patterson pled guilty to a misdemeanor ARPA violation on March 7, 2005, in federal district court, Alexandria, VA. He was sentenced to a year of limited probation. Patterson is to pay the park \$1,597.00 in restitution. He has also purchased advertising in a local newspaper to publish a looting prevention message.

USFWS Cultural Resources program website

The new US Fish and Wildlife Service Cultural Resources program website was launched in March 2005. The site offers information on many facets of the cultural resources program at USFWS, as well as archiving past issues of *Historical Happenings*. Visit the site at <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>.

Archeology E-Gram, distributed via e-mail on a regular basis, includes announcements about news, new publications, training opportunities, national and regional meetings, and other important goings-on related to public archeology in the National Park Service and other public agencies. Recipients are encouraged to forward *Archeology E-Grams* to colleagues and relevant mailing lists and new subscribers are accepted. Contact Martha Graham, Archeology Program, NPS, at (202) 354-2110, martha_graham@nps.gov.