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New lesson plan on web page

The latest addition to the Teaching with Historic Places series is, *Tonto National Monument: Saving a National Treasure*. In this lesson, which benefited from extensive comments and support from park staff, students learn about one of the nation's most important conservation laws--the Antiquities Act of 1906. Passage of the Act preserved important cultural sites such as Tonto National Monument, which preserves remnants of the Salado culture settlements that date to a time prior to European contact. The lesson plan is online at:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/125tonto/>.

Visit Archeology Guide

In support of *Preserve America* and widespread interest in heritage tourism, the Archeology Program has added a guide to visiting archeological places across the nation. *Visit Archeology* www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/visit/index.htm includes links to museums, national parks, state parks, and historical societies that involve archeology in telling our diverse local and national history. The page includes two sections: a national map, with links to museums' and parks' archeological sites or themes throughout the U.S.; and a guide to locations, museums, and parks along the northeast coast that are linked to the 1604-1607 French explorations described by Samuel de Champlain in his *Journals*. Additional sections of the guide are being developed, including archeology of American cities and African American sites.

Two Archeologists Receive Albright-Wirth Grants

Jeff Burton (WACC) and Meredith Hardy (SEAC) were among 26 NPS employees awarded Albright-Wirth grants for FY2006. Burton will use his grant to research and produce a popular guide of World War II Japanese-American relocation sites. Hardy plans to use her grant to inventory, analyze, and interpret archeological materials from the Salt River site, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands that were excavated in 1951.

The Albright-Wirth Grant program, an endowment jointly managed by the NPS and the National Park Foundation, promotes professional career development through an annual grants competition. Seasonal, intermittent, term, subject-to-furlough, as well as permanent employees can receive up to \$5,000 to assist in the achievement of career goals. NPS employees may apply through the My Learning Manager website

http://mylearning/cfdocs/mlm_custom/SSO/login.cfm).

NPS Special Agent publishes article in SAA Archeological Record

Todd Swain, NPS Special Agent and Case Agent for Operation Indian Rocks ARPA Task Force, and Tim Canaday, BLM archeologist (former NPS archeologist), published "Operation Indian Rocks, Conducting Interagency ARPA investigations" in the September 2005 issue of the SAA Archeological Record (Volume 5, No.4 www.saa.org/publications/thesaaarchrec/index.html). In addition to documenting the history of a case involving the apprehension and prosecution of five individuals who had removed artifacts from federal lands, the article provides much useful information for agency officials responsible for carrying out archeological resource protection on public lands.

In February 2005 Interior Department Secretary Norton presented the Conservation Service Award to Swain and other members of the task force for investigating and prosecuting a looting ring that stole artifacts from archeological sites. Law enforcement recovered more than 11,000 artifacts and convicted the defendants under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. NPS employees can learn more about the case and link to a newspaper article by Swain in the February 2005 Archeology E-Gram, archived on the Archeology E-Gram webpage on Inside NPS.

Archeology Program updates information

The Archeology program has updated the links and information in the *Research in the Parks* webpage: www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npsites.htm. “*Edgar Lee Hewett and the political process*,” www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/antiq/index.htm also has been added to the Antiquities Act Centennial pages www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/Antiquities/about.htm. Author Ray Thompson presents a detailed and fascinating view into the final stages of gestation of the legal foundation for public archeology and historic preservation in the United States. Thompson shows that Hewett's familiarity with local concerns about federal land management in the Southwest, as well as his growing scholarly status and involvement in professional organizations, enabled him to serve as midwife in the final push to enact the Antiquities Act. On the main page for the Antiquities Act of 1906-2006 centennial commemoration at www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/index.htm, you'll find more about the significance of the Act for archeology and for the American public, and continuing efforts to protect archeological heritage. The site also includes an interactive map of National Monuments and a calendar of events related to the centennial.

Meeting Scheduled at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, December, 2005

An open meeting during the AAA annual meeting in Washington, DC, will provide an opportunity for discussion of possible plans for commemoration of Antiquities Act in 2006 and, in particular, during the AAA annual meeting. The planning meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2005, from 12:15-1:30 in the Delaware-B room of the Marriott hotel and is open to all conference attendees. Topics addressed at commemorative events held earlier include: the intent of the act, and the ways that the deliberate choices of terminology affected its implementation; the cultural, economic, and political factors that influenced the act's passage as the first national law protecting archaeological resources and one of the most important conservation acts ever enacted; and the use of the act's authority to establish significant national monuments. The associated papers and panel summaries are available on the Archeology Program's Antiquities Act Centennial webpage www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/Antiquities/centennial.htm.

Projects in Parks: Documenting Tlingit, Russian, and American History at Sitka National Historical Park

Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska, preserves a variety of historical resources, including the site of the landmark 1804 Battle of Sitka between the *Kiks.ádi* Tlingit and Russian fur traders intent on colonization. The site remains a place of historical significance for the Tlingit people today. This past summer the park began a four-year archeological survey funded through the Systemwide Archeological Inventory Program (SAIP) to identify and document the full range of sites in the park, with special interest in locations and structures associated with the 1804 battle. The NPS Midwest Archeological Center is conducting the survey with an experienced team of archeologists skilled in remote sensing and battlefield archeology. Initial survey has located evidence of the battle, subsurface anomalies that may represent Russian homesteads, and possible

Tlingit fishing stations and habitations. NPS employees can learn more about this project by going to the Archeology E-Gram: Projects in Parks webpage on Inside NPS.

“Projects in Parks” is a new feature of the Archeology E-Gram that serves to inform others of interesting archeology-related projects in a national park. To contribute a news item, contact **Karen Mudar**, karen_mudar@nps.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. Past issues of the Archeology E-Gram are available on the Archeology E-Gram webpage, accessed through the Archeology homepage, on Inside NPS. Contact Karen Mudar, Archeology Program, NPS, at (202) 354-2103, karen_mudar@nps.gov.