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Updates to the Archeology Program Antiquities Act Centennial 1906-2006 web pages

Updated information about commemorative activities and several new national monument profiles have been added to the Antiquities Act Centennial web page (www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities): Sitka NM, Alaska (1910); Grand Canyon NM (1908), Papago Saguaro NM (1914), and Walnut Canyon NM (1915), Arizona; and Colorado NM (1911), Colorado. Papago Saguaro NM was abolished in 1930 and is now a city park in Phoenix. The profiles describe the monuments and quote visitors' impressions of these extraordinary places. June 8, 2006, is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Act by President Theodore Roosevelt, thus establishing the first general legal protection of cultural and natural resources in the United States.

NPS Archeological Sites Working Group meets

The Archeological Sites Working Group, a servicewide panel of NPS archeologists, superintendents, management consultants, and Park Facilities Maintenance Division representatives are meeting on May 16-19, 2006, to continue development of asset management tools for maintained archeological sites. "Maintained archeological sites" are that that require maintenance such as conservation, stabilization, repair, documentation of modifications, and other treatments. The working group is focusing on developing asset specification templates, inspection guidance, cost calculators for replacing or repairing materials in kind, and other business practices for the Facility Maintenance Software System (FMSS). Another key goal is to maximize information sharing between the National Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS) and the FMSS. It is anticipated that the management tools will be tested in several national park units with archeological sites.

Antiquities Act Exhibit Opens at the Department of the Interior Museum

An exhibit at the DOI Museum, Main Interior Building, Washington DC, entitled "The Antiquities Act of 1906 and the National Park Service: A Century of Archeology, Conservation, and Preservation" highlights the role of the NPS in protecting cultural and natural resources identified in the Act. The exhibit displays artifacts and historical photographs from national monuments. Debra Berke of the DOI Museum is the curator of the exhibit; Teresa Moyer, a consultant with the Archeology Program played a central role in assembling the exhibited artifacts and natural resource samples, and in developing the exhibit texts.

The exhibit was made possible through generous assistance from many people, including Christine Czazasty, Devils Tower NM; Bruce A. Weisman, Mount Rushmore National Memorial; Tom Durant, Harpers Ferry Center; Kim E. Beckwith, Western Archeological and Conservation Center; Richard Vernon and Bridget Beers, Southeast Archeological Center; Nancy J. Russell, Everglades NP; Michael T. Glore, Katmai NP&P; Karen Hughes, John H. Schroeder, and Randall Skeirik, Montezuma Castle NM and Tuzigoot NM; Jeff Bradybaugh, Leslie Newkirk, and Tom Haraden, Zion NP; Mark Madison, NCTC; David Winchester, Casa Grande NM; Chris Moore, New York Public Library; Mia Monroe and staff, Muir Woods NM.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Thursday, June 7, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Interior Museum at 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required and may be placed by telephoning (202) 208-4659.

Joshua Tree NP Park Ranger and Special Agent Receives Harry Yount Award

Todd Swain, Park Ranger and Special Agent at Joshua Tree NP, received the 2006 Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in “rangering.” For more than a decade, Todd has been the highest rated instructor of resource protection courses for archeologists, paleontologists, tactical teams, superintendents, U.S. attorneys, and park rangers in basic and advanced courses. He created an advanced resource protection course which brings together professional disciplines within land management agencies to protect natural and cultural resources. Todd has been one of the principle developers and leaders in the joint Department of Justice and the NPS course “Overview of Resource Protection Crimes.” This course has been invaluable in gaining support for resource protection from U.S. attorneys nationwide. Todd has also worked closely with the FBI’s Art Crimes Team.

Named after Harry Yount, who is generally given credit for being the first park ranger, the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award is the hallmark of recognition for a NPS park ranger. The prestigious award is presented annually by the NPS. The peer-nominated award not only seeks to recognize and honor outstanding rangers, but to encourage high standards of performance; foster an especially responsive attitude toward public service; enhance the public’s appreciation of the park ranger profession; and further the art and science of “rangering.”

WACC Archeologist Receives Appleman-Judd Award

Jeff Burton, archeologist at the NPS Western Archeological and Conservation Center, is the recipient of the 2005 Roy E. Appleman-Henry A. Judd Award. The award recognizes Jeff’s efforts to preserve and interpret resources associated with the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, particularly for archeological work at Manzanar NHS and Minidoka Internment NM, for preparing a National Historic Landmark nomination for the Tule Lake Segregation center, and for co-authoring the NHL theme study “Japanese Americans in World War II.” The Appleman-Judd award was created to recognize expertise and foster creativity in cultural resource management practices and projects—particularly those that may serve as examples or models for programs servicewide.

SEAC Archeologist Receives Sequoia Award

John Jameson, Jr., senior archeologist at the NPS Southeast Archeological Center is the recipient of a 2005 Sequoia Award. Up to five awards are presented annually for outstanding contributions to the interpretive profession. The award recognizes John’s dedication to the interpretation of archeological resources, and to the NPS interpretation and education program. The Sequoia Award was created to recognize individuals whose efforts have resulted in exceptional and lasting improvements to the interpretive profession.

Projects in Parks: Independence NHP Archeology at Franklin Court

As part of the commemorations for the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, on January 17, 1706, the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Consortium, in cooperation with Independence NHP, commissioned an assessment of the archeology conducted at the site of Franklin’s Philadelphia home, Franklin Court. The resources utilized include excavation documentation and collections, and interpretive material that had been developed by the park over the past several decades. The archaeological assessment, supported three commemoration programmatic initiatives: an international loan exhibition “*Benjamin Franklin, In Search of a Better World*,” a Frankliniana database, and educational outreach materials disseminated over the Internet (www.benfranklin300.org). The archeological study constitutes part of a legacy contribution to Independence NHP by the Tercentenary Consortium in honor of Franklin. The author of the study, Patrice Jeppson, re-interpreted previously identified artifacts, identified new

sources of information, and identified previously overlooked artifacts within the collections to provide a richer and more textualized understanding of Franklin's role in transforming 18th century society and culture.

NPS employees who can access the NPS intranet can learn more about this project by going to **Projects in Parks** <<http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm?lv=3&prg=279&id=3670>> on InsideNPS.

"Projects in Parks" is a feature of the *Archeology E-Gram* that serves to inform others of interesting archeology-related projects in a national park. Past reports are available on the *Projects in Parks* webpage, accessed through the Archeology homepage, on InsideNPS.

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 InsideNPS. Contact Karen Mudar, Archeology Program, NPS, at (202) 354-2103, karen_mudar@nps.gov to contribute news items, stories for "Projects in Parks," and to subscribe.