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New Technical Brief on NPS Archeology Program website

The NPS Archeology Program has published Technical Brief #23: *Archeology and Civic Engagement*, by Barbara Little and Nathaniel Amdur-Clark. Archeology can play a role in efforts to strengthen communities and to promote public dialogue, particularly as archeological projects increasingly involve the communities in which they occur and various stakeholders. This technical brief provides explanations of civic engagement and social capital as well as case studies and suggestions for ways that archeologists can participate in these efforts. Find this and other technical briefs online at www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/techBr/index.htm.

NPS Archeologist Ann Johnson Retires

After almost 32 years of government service Ann Johnson, Yellowstone's acting Chief of Cultural Resources, will retire in January. Her interest in archeology began in her childhood, and she pursued that interest at the University of Montana, where she earned a BA, with a double major in zoology and anthropology, followed by an MA in anthropology. She earned her PhD in anthropology at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Ann's first formal archeology job was in the Colorado State Archeologist' Office, where she worked for two years. Her next position took her to Casper, Wyoming and the BLM. In 1980, she joined the Interagency Archeological Services program of the NPS. Two years later, Ann joined the park program of the Rocky Mountain Region. She oversaw major projects including park-wide archeological inventories of Glacier NP, Theodore Roosevelt NP, and FHWA work on roads in Yellowstone NP. In 1994 the administrative regions were reorganized and clusters were created. At that time, Ann became the Rocky Mountain cluster archeological coordinator, a role she will perform until her retirement.

In 1995, as part of central office downsizing, she moved to Yellowstone NP, where she has worked ever since. Her tenure in Yellowstone marked a 200 percent increase in the number of documented archeological sites. She twice served as acting Chief of Cultural Resources, in 2000 and 2007-2008.

Ann will retire in Kalispell, MT. She plans on taking a few classes at the local community college as she turns her attention from Yellowstone's archeological past to see what the future will bring. Her expertise and dedication will be sorely missed. Her colleagues and friends wish her the very best of retirements!

FWS Archeologist Wins Department Recognition

Debra Corbett, FWS Historic Preservation Officer for Alaska, received one of four *Secretary of the Interior Historic Preservation Awards* from Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. As Alaska's only FWS archeologist, Corbett is responsible for all aspects of the FWS Federal preservation program, including research, identification, protection, coordination with Native villages, and care of museum collections. In 2008, she partnered with more than a dozen organizations, universities, government entities, and tribes to leverage Federal funds for projects.

Corbett helped the search for remains of WWII Japanese soldiers on the Aleutian Islands. She sponsored, with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, a youth Susten Camp to connect Native youngsters with their past and

train them for possible careers in natural and cultural resource management. She promoted research along the Iditarod National Historic Trail and sponsored archeological investigation on the trail.

The Secretary of the Interior Historic Preservation Annual Award Program was created to recognize the outstanding contributions of Federal, State, and Tribal preservation offices, and certified local governments in the area of historic preservation. This is the first year for the annual award program. Corbett was the single winner in the Federal Preservation Office category.

WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Established

On December 5, 2008, President George W. Bush, using the authority of the Antiquities Act, signed a proclamation designating the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The Pacific National Monument adds nine historic sites to the national monuments and memorials representing various aspects of World War II in the Pacific. Five of those sites are in the Pearl Harbor area: the *USS Arizona* Memorial and Visitor Center; the *USS Utah* Memorial; the *USS Oklahoma* Memorial; the six Chief Petty Officer Bungalows on Ford Island; and mooring quays F6, F7, and F8, which constituted part of Battleship Row. The *USS Arizona* and *USS Utah* vessels are not designated as part of the national monument, but are retained by the Department of Defense, through the Department of the Navy, as the final resting place for sailors entombed there.

Three sites are located in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. The first is the crash site of a Consolidated B-24D Liberator bomber – an aircraft of a type that played a highly significant role in World War II – on Atka Island. The second is the site of Japan's occupation of Kiska Island, beginning in June 1942, which marks the northern limit of Japanese forces' expansion in the Pacific. The third Aleutian designation is on Attu Island, the site of the only land battle fought in North America during World War II.

The last of the nine designations is the Tule Lake Segregation Center National Historic Landmark and nearby Camp Tule Lake in California. The center and the camp were both used to house Japanese-Americans relocated from the west coast of the United States.

The Secretary of the Interior will manage the monument through the NPS and the FWS, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, to implement the purposes of this proclamation. The NPS will generally administer the national monument, except that the FWS will administer the portions of the national monument that are within a national wildlife refuge. To read the entire proclamation, go to www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2008/12/20081205-2.html

Centennial of Wheeler National Monument

Wheeler NM, now known as Wheeler Geologic Area, was established through proclamation by President Theodore Roosevelt on December 7, 1908, using the presidential authority provided by the Antiquities Act. The monument was named in honor of Captain George Wheeler, cartographer and leader of the Wheeler Survey, one of the major geologic surveys of the western U.S. in the late nineteenth century. The Wheeler Survey was carried out between 1872 and 1879 and was merged into the U.S. Geologic Survey. The monument designation protected striking geologic formations in Colorado. The moderately coarse volcanic tuff that makes up the surface layer of the area was blown into the atmosphere by the explosion of the La Garita Caldera. The solidified volcanic ash eroded into a series of domes, spires, caves, ledges, pinnacles, ravines, and balanced rocks.

The monument was transferred to the USFS and was renamed the Wheeler Geologic Area; today it is part of the La Garita Wilderness, in Rio Grande NF. The wilderness lies within the traditional territory of the Ute Indians. The high elevations were home to deer, elk, and mountain sheep, which were hunted by members of Ute bands. Plant resources not available at lower elevations were also important.

Archeological sites associated with Ute occupations, as well as earlier habitations, attest to the continued significance of the region to Native Americans.

For more information about the Antiquities Act, go to

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/Antiquities/index.htm

For more information about Rio Grande NF, go to www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/

Corps of Engineers (COE) Forensic Archeology Team in Iraq

The January 2009 issue of *Archaeology* features an extensive article by Heather Pringle about special archeological and physical anthropological investigations by the COE into Saddam Hussein's campaign against Kurds in northern Iraq in the late 1980s. The field and laboratory studies of mass graves provided the detailed record needed in order to convict Hussein and senior officials of charges of genocide. COE archeologist Sonny Trimble assembled and led the team which used archeological methodology to locate and carefully excavate human remains from mass graves in the deserts from Muthanna Province. Paul Rubenstein, COE Historic Preservation Officer, supervised the team's forensic laboratory in Baghdad where much of the detailed analysis was accomplished. Forensic examination and physical anthropology revealed that the victims, primarily women and children, were gunned down while standing, many blindfolded with hands bound, in a shallow pit.

Trimble provided over four hours of testimony during Hussein's trial about the results of their investigations that aided prosecutors in efforts to obtain convictions. In addition to compiling evidence to convict Hussein, Trimble and his colleagues ensured that the remains of Kurdish victims of the genocide were returned to the Kurdish regional government, in Erbil, for reburial. The forensic archeology team also proposed to create a slide presentation of clothing that victims had worn, to be shown to people in Kurdish communities so that family members may identify items of home made clothing and learn the fate of missing relatives. To read the entire article, go to www.archaeology.org/0901/etc/iraq.html

NPS 2009 Archeological Propection Workshop

Current Archeological Propection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century, the NPS 2009 workshop on archeological propection techniques, will be held May 18-22, 2009, at the NPS National Center for Preservation Technology and Training in Natchitoches, LA. This will be the nineteenth year of the workshop, dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archeological resources. The workshop includes lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with hands-on use of the equipment in the field. The field exercises will take place at the Los Adaes State Historic Site, site of the capital of the Spanish province of Texas between 1719 and 1772. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the NPS, COE, Los Adaes State Historic Site, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

Application forms are available at www.nps.gov/history/mwac/

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants Available

The NPS invites proposals for FY 2009 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grants. NAGPRA is a Federal law that provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Two types of grants are available. Consultation/Documentation Grants are awarded annually and range from \$5,000 to \$90,000. Applications are due by March 2, 2009. Repatriation Grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded on an ongoing basis, October through June 2009.

Applications are available online at www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants. For more information about the grants program, see the online brochure at www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/GRANTS/GrantsBROCHUREupdated2007.pdf
Contact: NAGPRA_Grants@nps.gov; (202) 354-2203.

2009 Summer Employment Opportunities with HABS/HAER/HALS

HABS/HAER/HALS Internships, 2009

The NPS Heritage Documentation Programs (Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey) seeks applications from qualified individuals for summer employment documenting historic sites and structures of architectural, engineering and landscape significance throughout the country. Duties involve on-site field work and the preparation of measured and interpretive drawings and written historical reports for the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection of the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress. Projects last twelve weeks, beginning in May/June 2009. Salaries range from approximately \$6,000 to approximately \$11,000 for the summer, depending on job responsibility, locality of the project, and level of experience. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applications are due by February 17, 2009 (postmark date).

Application forms and detailed information can be found at www.nps.gov/history/hdp/jobs/summer.htm
Visit the HABS/HAER/HALS Collection at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml/hhhome.html>

Maritime Documentation Internship, 2009

The Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) announce the Maritime Documentation Internship 2009. The internship will permit a student or recent graduate of architecture or history, interested in maritime preservation, to work on a HAER maritime documentation project. The selected recipient will receive a stipend of approximately \$7,000 and will work with a HAER team for 12 weeks during the summer. The internship will require research and writing or measuring and drafting of historic maritime resources. Applications are due by February 1, 2009 (postmark date).

Application forms and detailed information can be found at www.nps.gov/history/hdp/jobs/maritime.htm
Contact: Todd Croteau (202) 354-2167.

Contact for additional information regarding any of the Heritage Documentation Programs Summer 2009 Employment Opportunities: Judy Davis (202) 354-2135 HDP_Summer_Program_Admin@nps.gov

Nominations Open for 2009 National Trust Awards

Each year the National Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates the best of preservation by presenting National Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations whose contributions demonstrate excellence in historic preservation. The Trust seeks nominations of deserving individuals, organizations, agencies, and projects for a National Preservation Award. The postmark deadline for all award nominations, including the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award, Trustees' Award, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award, National Trust/HUD Secretary's Award, and National Preservation Honor Awards, is March 2, 2009. Those nominations not selected to receive a Trustees', ACHP, or HUD Award will automatically be considered for an Honor Award.

To download the 2009 Nomination brochure and view video highlights of last years award winners, go to www.preservationnation.org/take-action/awards/. The nomination form can be completed electronically but must be submitted by mail.

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Tony Hillerman Dies

Tony Hillerman died on October 26, 2008, at the age of 83. Hillerman wrote more than 30 books, but his 18 books of detective fiction set in the American Southwest are the best known. Mysteries featuring Navajo Tribal policemen Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn and Sergeant Jim Chee earned him such literary honors as the Mystery Writers of America's Grand Master Award.

In March, 1990, Hillerman was awarded the Department of Interior's Public Service Award by then-Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr., a fellow New Mexican. The award recognized Hillerman's books, in particular *Thief of Time*, which raised public consciousness about the damage and destruction caused by the looting of archeological sites. Lujan used the occasion of the award presentation to describe his own plans for fighting looting and improving the care of public archeological resources. He announced the National Strategy for Federal Archeology, which since then has been endorsed and updated by succeeding Secretaries.

Hillerman was a second-generation German farm boy who grew up in Sacred Heart, a small Catholic community in Oklahoma. Most of his friends were Pottawatomie and Seminole Indians with whom he attended primary school. He briefly attended college in Oklahoma before enlisting in the Army. He landed at Normandy on D-Day with the 103rd Infantry Division and was severely wounded in battle at Alsace, France. Hillerman's decorations included the Silver Star. He received his BA from the University of Oklahoma and wrote advertising copy for Purina Pig Chow before working as a newspaper reporter and editor in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Hillerman returned to school in 1963 – despite having six children to support – and received his MA in English literature from the University of New Mexico. He worked in the university president's office and taught journalism until 1987.

Hillerman's mystery books celebrate Native American culture while highlighting some of the contemporary tensions between modern society and traditional ways. Although archeologists and museum curators sometimes squirm at his characterization of their professions, Hillerman wrote books that were hard to put down. We will miss the further adventures of Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn.

To read more about the National Strategy for Federal Archeology, go to www.nps.gov/history/archeology/tools/natlstrg.htm

Message from Editorial and Production Staff of Archeology E-Gram

The Archeology E-Gram endeavors to provide timely and useful information about archeological training, educational resources, and events related to the Federal government. This year, we've continued our series of profiles of national monuments that are celebrating their centennials, and periodically include information about sources of funding for archeological activities. If readers have suggestions about other topics or resources to feature, please let us know! Contact the editor, Karen Mudar, with your suggestions.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone who contributed to the Archeology E-Gram. The production and editorial staff of the Archeology E-Gram hope that you have found the newsletter useful and wish you and your families all the best for the holidays and for the coming year. Be safe, conserve energy, and don't drive while using a cell phone!

Projects in Parks: List of all PiP Reports Projects in Parks: List of all PiP Reports

"Projects in Parks" was inaugurated in the Archeology E-Gram in July 2005. Since then, more than 40 authors have taken E-Gram readers from Alaska to the Virgin Islands as they explore archeological resources in our national parks. This year we were pleased to work with NPS archeologist Jeremy Moss to present a three part series on Tumacacori NHS.

To date, a total of 36 “Projects in Parks” reports have been presented through the E-Gram. We present here a list of 31 and their URLs. These reports are also available through the “Research in the Parks” webpage at www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npsites.htm. We encourage parks to link these reports to their web pages. Congratulations and thanks to the authors who worked with us to bring information about NPS archeology projects to our readers during 2008!

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| Assateague NS
Virginia | Spain loans artifacts to Assateague Island National Seashore
by Karen Mudar
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/assateague.htm |
| Buffalo NR
Arkansas | Archeological Resource Protection at Buffalo National River
by Cavin Clark
www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/egram/0708.pdf (Scroll down to find story.) |
| C&O Canal NHP
Maryland | Stratified Prehistoric Archeological sites in C&O Canal NHP
by Stuart J. Fiedel and Stephen R. Potter
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/cnoCanal.htm |
| Canaveral NS
Florida | In Search of Lost Frenchmen: Archeological Investigations at Canaveral NS
by David M. Brewer and Elizabeth Horvath
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/canaveral.htm |
| Cape Krusenstern
NM
Alaska | Cape Krusenstern Beach Ridge Complex Survey
by Christopher Young
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/capeKrusenstern.htm |
| Chaco Culture NHP
New Mexico | Chaco Culture NHP Intentional Site Reburial Program
by Dabney Ford, Martha Demas, Neville Agnew, Robert Blanchette, Shin Maekawa, Michael Romero Taylor, and Katherine Dowdy
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/chacoReburial.htm |
| Chaco Culture NHP
New Mexico | Chaco Culture NHP and University of Virginia collaborate on the Chaco Digital Initiative
by Karen Mudar, with contributions from the Chaco Digital Initiative website
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/chaco.htm |
| Colonial NHP
Virginia | Underwater Survey at Colonial NHP
by Andrew Veech
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/jamestown.htm |
| Fort Union NHS | Politics of the Fur Trade: Clay Tobacco Pipes at Fort Union, North Dakota
by J. Byron Sudbury and William J. Hunt Jr.
http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/fortUnion.htm |
| Fort Vancouver
NHS
Washington | Ceramic Analysis at Fort Vancouver NHS
by Robert J. Cromwell
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/FOVACeramics.htm |
| Gates of the Arctic
NP & P | Archiving Archeological Records in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve
by Jeff Rasic and Karen Mudar |

www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/egram/0805.pdf (Scroll down to find story.)

Guadalupe
Mountains NP

The Archeology of Buffalo Soldiers and Apaches in the Southwest
by Eleanor King

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/guadalupeMts.htm

Harpers Ferry NHP
West Virginia

Archeology at the U.S. Armory, Harpers Ferry NHP
by Andrew Lee

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/harpersFerry.htm

Independence NHP
Pennsylvania

Independence NHP Archeology at Franklin Court
by Patrice L. Jeppson

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/franklinCourt.htm

Katmai NP & P
Alaska

Brooks River Cutbank Project
by Barbara Bundy

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/brooksRiverCutbank.htm

Katmai NP & P
Alaska

Katmai NP&P Archeologists Excavate Alagnak Village
by Barbara Bundy

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/alagnak.htm

Kings Mountain
NMP
South Carolina

Battlefield Archeology at Kings Mountain NMP, South Carolina
by John E. Cornelison Jr. and George S. Smith

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/kingsMtn.htm

Klondike Gold
Rush HNP

Thirty Years of Historical Archeology in Skagway, Alaska
by Becky M. Saleeby

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/skagway.htm

Monocacy NB
Maryland

The Middle Ford Ferry Tavern Project, Monocacy NB
by Joy Beasley

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/monocacyTavern.htm

Nicodemus NHS
Kansas

“Wake Nicodemus:” African American Settlement on the Plains of Kansas
by Margaret Wood

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/nicodemus.htm

North Cascades NP
Washington

High Elevation Archeological Survey in Pacific Northwest Mountain Ranges
by Greg Burtchard, Bob Mierendorf, and Dave Conca

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/highElevationSurvey.htm

Point Reyes NS

The Archeology of Sixteenth-Century Cross-Cultural Encounters in Point Reyes National Seashore
by Matthew A. Russell

<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/pointReyes.htm>

Rock Creek
Park
Washington, DC

Archeology and History in Rock Creek Park
by John Bedell

www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/rockCreek.htm

- Sand Creek
Massacre NHS **Multiple Lines of Evidence: Searching for the Sand Creek Massacre Site**
by Alexa Roberts
<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/sandCreek.htm>
- Sitka NHP
Alaska **Sitka National Historical Park Survey**
by Kristen and Gene Griffin
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/sitka.htm
- Tumacacori NHS **Of Adobe, Lime, and Cement: The Preservation History of the San José de Tumacacori Mission Church (Part I- The Fabric)**
by Jeremy Moss
<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/tumacacori1.htm>
- Tumacacori NHS **Of Adobe, Lime, and Cement: The Preservation History of the San José de Tumacacori Mission Church (Part II - Structures)**
by Jeremy Moss
<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/tumacacori2.htm>
- Tumacacori NHS **Of Adobe, Lime, and Cement: The Preservation History of the San José de Tumacacori Mission Church (Part III – Garden and Orchard)**
by Jeremy Moss
<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/SITES/npSites/tumacacori3.htm>
- Virgin Islands NP
Virgin Islands **Making Contact with the Archeological Record: Identifying Contact Period Sites on St. John USVI**
by Holly Norton and Ken Wild
www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/stJohn.htm
- Virgin Islands NP
Virgin Islands **Virgin Islands HP Hosts International Internship Program**
by Ken Wild
www.nps.gov/archeology/pubs/egram/0704.pdf (Scroll down to find story.)
- Yellowstone NP
Montana **The Montana-Yellowstone Archeological Project: 2007 Field Season**
by Douglas McDonald
<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/yellowstone.htm>

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Projects in Parks is a feature of the *Archeology E-Gram* that informs others about archeology-related projects in national parks. Prospective authors should review information about submitting photographs on the *Projects in Parks* webpage on InsideNPS. The full reports are available on the *Projects in Parks* web page inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm?lv=3&prg=279&id=3670 on InsideNPS or through individual issues of the *Archeology E-Gram* on the on the *News and Links* page <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/public/news.htm> on the Archeology Program web site.

Contact: dca@nps.gov to contribute news items, stories for “Projects in Parks,” and to subscribe.