



Archeology Program

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May 2009 Archeology E-Gram

Registration Open for Pecos Conference

The Pecos Conference will be held at the Cortez Cultural Center, Cortez, CO, August 6-9. The conference was initiated at Pecos, NM, in 1927 by A. V. Kidder for the sharing of information about Southwestern archeological research. Ever since, with the exception of a ten-year hiatus, it has been held annually at various Southwest locations. This will be the 72nd meeting for professional and avocational archeologists and the interested general public to present papers and recent Southwestern archeological research.

For more information and to register, go to <http://pecos.cortezculturalcenter.org/index.shtml>

Katherine Slick Named New Executive Director of US/ICOMOS

Katherine Slick has been named the next Executive Director of US/ICOMOS. She will take over the position held for fourteen years by Gustavo Araoz, who was elected last October as the first American President of ICOMOS. Slick comes to US/ICOMOS after serving as SHPO and Historic Preservation Division (HPD) Director for the State of New Mexico since 2003. Over the last six years, HPD has added more than 100 cultural properties to the State Register, involved dozens of communities in the annual celebration of Heritage Preservation Month and increased the scope of its granting activities. During her tenure, Slick worked with the BLM and the NPS on a potential World Heritage nomination and a multi-property nomination of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro to the National Register of Historic Places.

US/ICOMOS is a not-for-profit organization, and the American component of ICOMOS, the international membership organization composed of more than 130 National Committees of practitioners and supporters of heritage conservation throughout the world. As one of the largest and most active of the National Committees of ICOMOS, US/ICOMOS is the principal venue for ensuring that American accomplishments in heritage conservation are known and shared worldwide, as well as keeping the American preservation community informed of conservation achievements and needs in other countries.

Nominations Open for the NPS Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award

Nominations are open for the NPS Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for 2008. The Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award recognizes expertise and outstanding contributions to cultural resource stewardship and management by NPS employees. Offered annually, the award is given in three categories—one for a park superintendent, one for a facility maintenance specialist, and one for a cultural resource specialist. The award aims to encourage creativity in cultural resource stewardship and management practices and projects, particularly those that may serve as examples or models for programs service-wide.

Nominees must be current, full-time permanent NPS employees who have made outstanding contributions to cultural resource stewardship and management during the award year. Grade and length of service are not factors in the selection of recipients. Winners of regional Appleman-Judd-Lewis awards are eligible for these national awards. Recipients of the national awards will each receive an engraved award and \$2,500 at a special ceremony on or near the anniversary of the NPS, August 25.

This award was originally established in 1970 to honor Roy E. Appleman, a highly respected NPS historian who started to work for the NPS in July 1935 and retired as Chief of the Washington Office

Branch of Park History Studies in July 1970. In 1979, Henry A. Judd's name was added to the award upon his retirement as Chief Historical Architect to recognize his long-term efforts to preserve park historic structures. In 2006, Ralph H. Lewis' name was added to honor and commemorate his pioneering contributions to museum management within the NPS and to the museum profession at large.

Nominations are due to the Associate Director, Cultural Resources by July 10, 2009.

FLETC Archeological Resources Protection Training

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents a thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. Archeological Resources Protection Training is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologists work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

This class is open to all sworn law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and Federal archeologists. To register please contact your agency's training representative at FLETC.

Dates:

- September 14-18, 2009 – Department of the Navy, Jacksonville, FL (XP-ARPTP-903)
- September 21-25, 2009 - San Juan Public Lands Center, Durango, CO (XP-ARPTP-904)
- October 19-23, 2009 - Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Bayfield, WI (XP-ARPTP-101)
- November 02-06, 2009 - Jean Lafitte NHP&P, New Orleans, LA (XP-ARPTP-102)

Contact: FLETC Senior Instructor Charles Louke, (912)280-5188

Badlands NP Program with Pine Ridge Reservation Rockyford School Students

Students from Rockyford Elementary School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation came to Badlands NP to set up a Lakota style tipi on May 6, 2009. With Park Ranger Ellen Conroy, twenty-five 7th grade students from the science and social studies classes participated in the event. The students carried the poles and canvas to the tipi location, set up and raised the tripod and arranged the remaining poles before setting the canvas in place. During the lesson, the students learned the steps of setting up a tipi in the Lakota style.

Place and Native Voice Website Launched

The University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs has launched a website for the Place and Native Voice (PNV) Project. The PNV Project trains Native American Indian students whose family, clan, or tribe has a traditional cultural or historical relationship with NPS facilities in the Intermountain West as cultural resource interpreters. The website includes an overview of the program and interpretive materials produced by the American Indian students who have participated in the project.

The PNV project is a co-creation of The University of Colorado Denver's School of Public Affairs and the NPS. Continued funding for the PNV Project comes from the Rocky Mountain CESU and from the Intermountain Regional Headquarters of the NPS.

To visit the website, go to <http://www.placeandnativevoice.org/>

James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation Grants Available

The James Marston Fitch Charitable Foundation will award research grants of up to \$25,000 to mid-career professionals who have an academic background, professional experience, and an established identity in historic preservation or related fields including, architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, environmental planning, architectural history, and the decorative arts. While not explicitly listed, archeology may be pertinent to a research project in any of these fields.

The Foundation will also grant the Richard L. Blinder Award, a biennial award of up to \$15,000 for the best proposal exploring the preservation of an existing structure, complex of buildings, or genre of building type for use for a cultural purpose.

To learn more about both awards, go to www.fitchfoundation.org

National Historic Landmarks Grant Program

The National Park Foundation is offering national historic landmark grants to encourage parks to undertake documentation of new properties that may be eligible for recognition or to update the documentation of existing National Historic Landmark and National Register properties. This new or updated documentation will provide an important tool for guiding preservation decisions and developing new interpretive programming. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Please see the RFP for directions on how to use the online application. The deadline is August 1st.

The application is online and can be found at

https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_328/?SA=SNA&FID=35009

New PBS Television Series Focuses on Archeology

The Public Broadcasting Corporation will premier a television series devoted on archeology on July 8, 2009. Time Team America, based on a popular British program, will travel to five archeological sites in the U.S. and give viewers a glimpse of excavation and analytical methods of archeology.

Programs:

- July 8 - The lost colony at Roanoke Island, Fort Raleigh, NC
- July 15 - North America's first human inhabitants, Topper, SC
- July 22 - The first American town founded by a freed slave, New Philadelphia, IL
- July 29 - Where the Fremont Indians lived 1,000 years ago, Range Creek, UT
- August 5 - Site of a real Wild West cavalry fort, Fort James, SD

Projects in Parks: Projects in Parks Needs You!

Have you conducted an interesting archeology-related project in a national park that you would like others to know about, or know someone who has? One way to tell people about your project is through the Archeology E-gram. Send a description (up to 500 words) of your project, an abstract, one or two photographs, and any website links that you'd like distributed to dca@nps.gov. The photos should be in .jpg format, at least 800 x 600 at 72 dpi (1200 x 1600 at 150 dpi is preferred); don't forget to include captions and credits. We'll put your abstract in the Archeology E-gram, and the full text and photos on the NPS Archeology Program website. Any interpretation, conservation, education, or research projects in parks that pertain to archeology are welcome.

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. The *Archeology E-Gram* is available on the *News and Links* page www.nps.gov/archeology/public/news.htm on the Archeology Program web site.

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.