



# Archeology Program

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### Passing of Former National Park Service Director, Roger Kennedy

Roger Kennedy, former NPS Director passed away on September 30, 2011 at the age of 85. Kennedy served as director from June 1, 1993, to March 29, 1997. While in office, he made sure that parks mattered to everyone and fulfilled their potential as instructional tools. He shaped and implemented a major restructuring of the Service, yet also defended the national park system from changes that would have undermined its ability to tell multiple sides of the American story. He presided over the creation of eight new parks and led the establishment of a NPS presence in the emerging domain of the World Wide Web.

“Roger Kennedy was a Renaissance man,” said NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “He led our agency effectively and passionately during a difficult time. Roger made it possible for everyone to have a stake in the national parks, and he made the NPS part of school curriculums throughout the nation. He also had the good sense to anticipate the importance of the Internet and utilized it to make the parks more accessible to everyone. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues.”

### Archeology Program Completes Study of NPS Civic Engagement

The study and analysis, *Principles of Successful Civic Engagement in the National Park Service*, is the latest installment in the Studies in Archeology and Ethnography page on the Archeology Program’s website. This report documents 15 case studies from around the National Park Service that communicate the breadth and variability of civic engagement throughout the agency. These case studies were systematically collected and thoroughly analyzed for commonalities that would shed light on why these examples were successful. Analysis showed that core to successful civic engagement was a set of several interdependent principles with which practitioners approached their projects. These principles include: trust; relationships, active listening; transparency; open communication; understanding communities, and; divers opinions. To read the report, please visit this link: <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/PUBS/studies/index.htm>  
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### NPS Archeology Program Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month honors the rich cultural heritage of peoples of Spanish, Hispanic, and Latino origin. Archeological sites reveal many different aspects of Hispanic heritage, from early exploration and commerce on the high seas to the building of mission churches and much more. Hernando de Soto's expedition put him into contact with Native Americans along the Mississippi River. Spanish missionaries established missions to Christianize the Native American populations and make them Spanish citizens, as at Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, Tumacácori National Historical Park, and San Antonio Missions. Learn how representatives of both the U.S. National Park Service and the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia in Mexico are working together to preserve and protect these extraordinary places and to make them available for visitors. Shipwrecks from Spanish traders, travelers, and soldiers are another part of the archeological story. Sunken ships remain in the waters at Dry Tortugas, Point Reyes National Seashore, and throughout Florida. The visitor center at Assateague Island National Seashore displays artifacts from Spanish Royal Naval ships that wrecked off the coast. Learn more at <http://www.nps.gov/archeology> and <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/months/index.htm>

## **ARPA Prosecution Results In Guilty Plea at New River Gorge National River**

On Wednesday, August 24th, Randy Hamm of Fayetteville, West Virginia, pled guilty to a single count misdemeanor violation of the Archeological Resource Protection Act before a Federal magistrate. Hamm's plea stemmed from an ARPA investigation that began in January 2010 and culminated in Hamm being caught digging in a site in April. The crime scene was processed by rangers, who documented a total of 16 dig areas, the product of two days worth of digging and sifting. Hundreds more artifacts were recovered from loose piles of disturbed soil at the sites. A damage assessment compiled by the park placed the archeological value and cost of restoration and repair at over \$46,000. Sentencing is scheduled for November and Hamm is expected to receive a term of probation pursuant to a Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure rule (11(c)(1)(c)) which was agreed upon as a component of the plea agreement. This is first ARPA conviction in the history of the park and the first in the Southern District of West Virginia. Ranger Frank Sellers led the investigation.  
Jeff West, Chief Ranger – New River Gorge National River

## **Secretary of the Interior honors Bureau of Land Management's *Project Archaeology***

On September 21, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar presented his "Partners in Conservation" Awards to a number of outstanding conservation partnerships. Included in those honored was the Bureau of Land Management's *Project Archaeology*.

Every year, *Project Archaeology* uses a collaborative network of state and regional programs to provide educational materials and professional development opportunities to nearly 10,000 classroom teachers and informal educators nationwide. Sponsored by the BLM and Montana State University, Project Archaeology annually engages an estimated 210,000 students in cultural resource stewardship education in classrooms, museums, visitor centers, and in America's great outdoors. Visit Project Archeology's home on the web at: <http://www.projectarchaeology.org/>

## **National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center to Offer Prescribed Fire Workshop for Resource Specialists**

**December 4-9, 2011**

The National Fire Plan and the Healthy Forest Initiative have tasked land management agencies with implementing assertive fuels management programs. As a result, these agencies are conducting unit-wide fuels management planning and implementation projects. To effectively execute development and achievement of these projects requires an interdisciplinary approach. It is imperative that Resource Specialists and Fire personnel work together to accomplish positive results with prescribed fire. This one-week workshop is structured to give Resource Specialists 4+ days of experience with successful fuels management programs and several experienced fire managers in the Southeast. During the week, Resource Specialists will have the opportunity to apply prescribed fire and interact with highly skilled practitioners and specialists. More information is available at: [http://www.fws.gov/fire/pftc/training\\_opportunities.shtml#ResourceSpecialists](http://www.fws.gov/fire/pftc/training_opportunities.shtml#ResourceSpecialists)

## **Compliance Archeology at Saratoga National Historical Park**

Archeologists are conducting a two-year survey and excavation project along a portion of the upper Hudson River near the site of the Revolutionary War site of the Battle of Saratoga, now Saratoga NHP. The work is being conducted as part of an EPA –ordered cleanup of PCBs in the river. The Associated

Press reports that the project has the support of local historians, who citing previous dredging-related damage to a portion of the 18th century Fort Edward as a reason for caution. Read more: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Dig-under-way-at-historic-Saratoga-battlefield-2188054.php#ixzz1ZGgaOySB>

### **New exhibit at MNA features Grand Canyon Archeology**

Between 2006 and 2009, the National Park Service and the Museum of Northern Arizona completed the largest excavation and research project in Grand Canyon National Park in nearly 40 years. Archeologists investigated nine sites along the Colorado River, revealing important stories about the lives of prehistoric people who made the Grand Canyon their home.

A new exhibit, *Grand Archeology: Excavation and Discovery along the Colorado River*, tells the stories of the people that lived at these sites and the process of research that lead to their discovery. The exhibit includes 24 large prehistoric artifacts, including pots, metates, bowls, jars and stone tools, plus numerous small projectile points, beads, pendants, gaming pieces and other artifacts from the excavation sites. Also included are excavation equipment, a 16-minute video by Tom Bartels, 23 text panels, and 20 fine art photographic prints by Flagstaff adventure photographer Dawn Kish, who traveled with the archaeologists to the Canyon floor and along the Colorado River corridor. There is also a hands-on, science-based excavation experience for kids.

<http://www.musnaz.org/exhibits/grandarchaeology/index.shtml>

### **Projects in Parks:**

#### **Archeological Research at Salt River Bay NHP& EP, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands**

The National Park Service and South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA), University of South Carolina (USC) the conducted an archeological field school at the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve (NHP &EP), St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, from May 5-June 4, 2011. Students from USC and the University of Virgin Islands (UVI), led by David Goldstein (SCIAA) and NPS archeologist Meredith Hardy, conducted excavations at a prehistoric village that dates to ca. A.D. 400-600. Greg Brooks and Bekka Larson conducted geomorphological research. Ethnography students, led by Elizabeth Rezende (UVI), collected oral histories from local residents of Salt River Bay and across the island.

Students applied a two-fold approach for anthropological field skills. They learned both archeological (survey and excavation) and ethnographic field methods (oral history and archival study), to collect field data on a nearly 1,500-year old archeological site, and to develop oral history data regarding historic land use on the island. Learn more at: <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/npSites/saltRiverBay.htm>

*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 NPS 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 <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/public/news.htm> on the NPS Archeology Program web site.

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