



Cumberland Island National Seashore

St. Marys, Georgia



Spring 2006

Message from the Superintendent

This has been a very busy spring season at Cumberland Island National Seashore. Along with an increase in the number of day use visitors and campers, we have had a number of special groups visit the island, as you will see in the following pages.



Pamela Stafford and Steven Stafford, Jr. present Congressman Kingston with a framed poster

On Friday, April 28 Pamela Stafford, Steven Stafford, Jr. and Steven Stafford, Sr. attended the Camden County Rotary meeting, and presented Congressman Jack Kingston with a framed poster

depicting the Stafford Slave Quarters as they existed in 1850. The following day 94 Stafford family members spent the day on Cumberland Island learning about

their heritage and visiting the sites where their ancestors lived and worked. This was the first time most of the descendents had set foot on the island since their ancestors left over 150 years ago.

Cumberland Island also hosted the Southeast Coast Zones Superintendent's meeting. They spent the day on the island and were very impressed with the park's resources, as well as the park staff and volunteers.

I would like to thank the park staff, volunteers, friends, and supporters who make Cumberland Island a really special place.

Jerre Brumbelow
Superintendent



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Attendees of the Southeast Coast Zone Superintendent's meeting

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Family Reunion: 150 Years In The Making

Ninety-four descendents of former Cumberland Island slaves gathered for a family reunion, of sorts, on April 29, 2006, more than 150 years after their family tree began. Arranged by Pamela Stafford, descendents traveled to Cumberland Island National Seashore to learn about their past and to fellowship with those who shared in that past. On the boat ride over to the island, many people in the group met one another for the first time where observations were made of common physical characteristics that members of the family shared who had never met before this trip. In other cases, they were tied not by blood, but by the knowledge that their ancestors were neighbors.

At the top of this family's tree sits Robert Stafford, one of the "most prominent plantation owners of his time" who treated his slaves with "dignity and respect." "Robert Stafford owned as many as 348 slaves and many remained on the island after they were freed." These were the words of Patricia Hooks, Regional Director for the Southeast Region of the National Park Service, as she gave the descendents a history lesson

before sending them to a site on the north end of the island

known as the Stafford Chimneys. Superintendent Jerre Brumbelow also addressing the family said, "this is your heritage; it's something you need to know." These chimneys are all that remain of the slave quarters that once stood on Stafford's plantation some 150 years ago. The Chimneys are considered by archeologists as one of the best-preserved slave settlements in the United States. It is here where the Stafford family lived a dream that most Americans never have the opportunity to experience: the chance to stand where their ancestors worked, played and lived. The Superintendent wishes to thank everyone involved who made this event such a success.



Mabel Stafford stands with family in front of one of the few chimneys that remain standing.



Superintendent Jerre Brumbelow, Southeast Regional Director Patricia Hooks and Pamela Stafford in front of a display that was prepared for the event as well as an artist's rendition of what the Stafford plantation would have looked like circa 1850.



Superintendent Jerre Brumbelow, Bill and Mary May, and Southeast Regional Director Patricia Hooks in front of a Stafford Chimney.



Regional Director Patricia Hooks addresses the descendants before they embarked on their tours.



Stephen Stafford Sr. and Ranger Eric Ulitalo pause to converse at the Stafford Chimney site.

Visit from the National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation held their spring meeting of advisors and partners on Jekyll Island in March. They took a field trip to Cumberland Island on Saturday March 11, and toured Plum Orchard, and Dungeness Historic District, then finished the day in St Marys with a tour of the Bachlott House and Visitor Center. Among the participants was Gene Surber the principal architect for the Waterfront Development, and Bachlott House restoration. This was his first chance to see the finished products, and he, along with the other members of the National Trust group,



Superintendent Jerre Brumbelow converses with (from left to right) D.D. Martin, National Trust Advisor from Alabama, Harry J. Warthen III, National Trust Advisor from Virginia, Bill Kinney, National Trust Advisor from South Carolina, and Bill's wife Peggy Kinney.

was very impressed.

John Hildreth, Regional Director for the Southern Region of the National Trust, and Greg Paxton, President of the Georgia Trust commented that Plum Orchard looked better maintained than at any time in their long association with Park Service's restoration efforts involving Plum Orchard.

Jerre Brumbelow
Superintendent



The advisors and partners of the National Trust for Historic Preservation pause for a picture on the steps of Plum Orchard.

BIG FISH STORY



Steve McCarver, of Kingsland, GA, caught a 73 lbs. Black Drum on March 27, 2006 off of the North Jetties of Cumberland Island. Steve fought the fish for 45 minutes before wrestling it aboard.

BIRD SAVE

On Friday, February 10, a Northern Gannet was reported injured on the beach by VIP David Yemm.



Pauline Wentworth receives the bird from David Yemm

beach by VIP David Yemm. Ranger George Lewis reported the injury to DNR, who was very interested in

the bird. So George and David caught the bird and acting Chief Ranger Eric Ulitalo authorized the boat, driven by Pauline Wentworth, to come and retrieve the bird. Once on the mainland, the bird was handed over to a DNR officer at the visitor's center.

Rotary Club International Students

On March 17-19, 23 international college students from all over the world, including New Zealand, Scotland, Sweden, Finland, Montserrat, Estonia, Honduras, Finland, Hungary, Brazil, and El Salvador, enjoyed a day at Cumberland Island, with a guided tour by the NPS.

The students visited Cumberland Island as a part of a Conclave weekend, which means that the students were invited to visit a Georgia Rotary Club for an educational and fun weekend. Georgia Rotary Clubs sponsor students recommended by a Rotary Club in their home country. Students become adopted members of a Georgia "host family", but live on-campus at the school they attend.



Foreign exchange students display their fingers stained with purple ink in support of PolioPlus, the Rotary International Program to eradicate polio through the vaccination of at-risk children world-wide.



Franklin L. Kane
Secretary of the Interior, 1913-1920

“First, that the national parks must be maintained in absolutely unimpaired form for the use of future generations as well as those of our own time; second, that they are set apart for the use, observation, health, and pleasure of the people; and third, that the national interest must dictate all decisions affecting public or private enterprise in the parks.”

-Franklin K. Lane



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Weekend For Wildlife Fundraiser

Each year Cumberland Island NS and Greyfield Inn supports Georgia DNR's Weekend for Wildlife. While most of the event takes place on Jekyll Island, an excursion to Cumberland Island NS is one of the many activities offered to the participants. Stacia Hendricks, Naturalist for Sea Island Company, accompanies the participants and tells them the island story. This was the 18th Annual fundraiser for DNR's nongame wildlife program. According to Stacia it was a huge success. More than \$715,000 was raised at the 2006 Weekend for Wildlife. This is their biggest year yet. This amount includes more than \$500,000 in corporate sponsorship which is also a record. Funds from this year's corporate sponsorship are being directed toward endangered habitats such as the sandhill areas of the state.



Above is a photo of the participants and below is a list of their names(not in order of the photo).
Jill Jinks, Paige Shaw, Bob and Judy Norman, Diane and Carter Koart, Jim and Lori Kilberg, Matt and Abby Echols, Paul and Gloria Neuda, George Anne Inglis, Henry Powell, Gary and Lila Teal, Beverly Allen, Ronnie and Kay Jowers, Jean McGriff, Stacia Hendricks and Diana Swann.

12.5 Mile Run on Cumberland Island

On April 8, sixty energetic runners participated in the second annual RUN WILD on Cumberland Island. This 12.5 mile adventure run began with an official start by Dennis Parsons and then took runners on a very scenic course throughout the island, starting at Sea Camp, heading down the River Trail to Dungeness, out the boardwalk to the beach, back up to Sea Camp, north on the Parallel Trail to the Pratts Trail, out to the Main Road, north to the Stafford House where they turned around and ran all the way back down the Main Road to finish at Sea Camp. The day was beautiful, with warm temperatures, and many wild horses came out to cheer the runners on. After the run, all participants were treated to a picnic lunch courtesy of the Greyfield Inn, and then were given an education presentation and slide show from Park Ranger Rene Noe. Runners ranging from 12-70 years old came from all over including Jacksonville, Fernandina, Atlanta, St. Simons, Brunswick, and even Pittsburgh. For many, this was their first encounter at Cumberland Island, and they appreciated the unspoiled trails, beach, sites, wildlife and the rich history that the island offers. This event was a fundraiser for Girls on the Run of NE Florida, a local nonprofit organization for young girls which combines running with important life lessons that build self-esteem and healthy lifestyles. Girls on the Run is currently working with 240 girls this season of all backgrounds, including many disadvantaged girls, and they are all getting ready for their first 5K at the end of April. Thank you to Cumberland Island for your support!



Participants of the 2006 "Run Wild"

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Fire Training

On a great spring day in April the annual wildland fire refresher training was held. A fire crew from Okefenokee led the training reviewing fire safety, deploying fire shelters and operating the fire engines. Park employees attending the training were Rene Noe, Eric Ulitalo, George Lewis and Dennis Parsons. The Oke fire fighters were also given an orientation of the island. This will greatly enhance situational awareness when they arrive on the island to fight a fire.

Structural fire training was also held in April. The first Thursday of each month Cumberland Island VFD meets and practices with the equipment and discusses current issues. This month compatibility and standardization of stand pipe connections and the accessibility of the fire engines on the main road were discussed. Several of the stand pipes on the south end were visited to insure compatibility. The VFD will continue to work north checking stand pipes especially the ones near residences. Thank you to all those attending the training and giving their time, energy and assistance to the volunteer fire department.



Two of the four fire trucks used to combat fire on the island.

-Dennis Parsons
Chief Ranger

First Coast Cruise Club

The First Coast Cruise Club of Jacksonville visits Cumberland Island NS. On March 18, 2006 the boating club cruised from Jacksonville, FL to the Dungeness Dock on Cumberland Island. They tied up to the public side of the dock and enjoyed a Ranger led tour. On the tour they experienced the natural and cultural wonders of the island. The group again boarded their boats and traveled up the intercoastal waterway and Brickhill River to Plum Orchard. Park volunteers Bernie and Mary met the group and gave them a tour of the mansion. Below is a note from Carolyn Cantrell one of the group's organizers.



First Coast Cruise Club in front of Dungeness Ruins

This is a quick note of thank you for arranging a very memorable trip for our boating group. First Coast Cruise Club is an organization for all boating enthusiasts in the Northeast Florida area that are able to enjoy a full calendar of planned day and overnight trips throughout the area. The trip to Cumberland was for some their first time participating in a club event. I know I speak for the entire group that everyone was more than pleased with all aspects of the trip and how accommodating the park service and volunteers were.

What always seems to amaze people that are new to the area is that Cumberland Island is such a magical and special place that you don't have to go far to enjoy. And enjoy we did! Bernie and his wife Mary conducted a wonderful tour of the Plum Orchard property. It was very well done and informative. Everyone left there with a great understanding and appreciation for the history of the mansion. I know we all look forward to another trip up there in the future.

-Carolyn Cantrell

FIELD TRIP!

These photos are of a group of St. Marys shop owners, tourism employees, residents and visiting guests from Prince Edward Island, Canada, that were taken on Cumberland Island on April 21, 2006. Sincere gratitude to Superintendent **Jerre Brumbelow** for support of this field trip and to Chief Ranger **Dennis Parsons**, Automotive Mechanic **Brian Wentworth** and Resources Manager **John Fry** for their invaluable assistance. Of course, without the help of Purchasing Agent **Larry Pilcher**, the trip would have been impossible – thanks, Larry! When asked their highlight of the day, the overwhelming consensus of the group was that it was the superb interpretive tour of Plum Orchard given by Interpretive Park Ranger **Rene Noe**; Kudos Rene!

-Julie Meeks
Administrative Officer

Under the Cumberland Island Oaks



From left: Nancy Anderson, Catherine Nesbitt, Flo MacSwain, Linda Love, Julie Meeks, Patsy Scott, Teddy Lockhart, Larry Pilcher, Martha McGhin, Ann Herring, and Julie Banks

Picnic at Plum

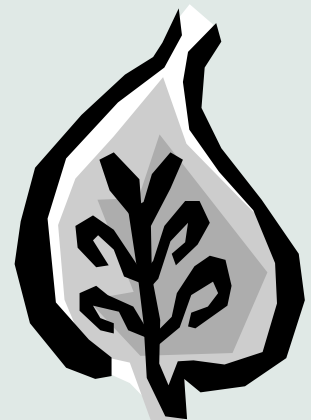
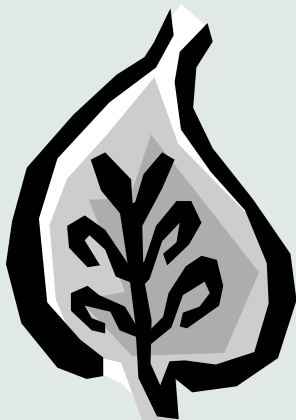


Ann Herring, Linda Love, Teddy Lockhart, Martha McGhin, Julie Banks, Patsy Scott, Flo MacSwain, and Nancy Anderson.

All Kinds of Ruins at Dungeness



Catherine Nesbitt, Nancy Anderson, Flo MacSwain, Linda Love, Julie Meeks, Martha McGhin, Patsy Scott, Teddy Lockhart, Ann Herring and Julie Banks





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Daughters of the American Revolution



Major General Nathaniel Greene

Every year on the third Monday in April, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honor Patriot's Day by visiting the grave sites of various Revolutionary War patriots. This year, the chapters of Amelia Island and Camden County visited Cumberland Island National Seashore to honor patriots Major General Nathaniel Greene and General Henry Lee III. The Daughters' festivities for the day included a trolley tour of St. Marys, a tour of the Cumberland Island National



General Henry Lee III

Seashore Museum with Interpretation provided by Visitor Use Assistant Pauline Wentworth, a special presentation by Curator John Mitchell, and a tour of the Cumberland Island Visitor Center.



Browsing the museum.



Part of Lucy C. Carnegie's wedding dress.



From left: Carolyne Rudd, Jane Collins and Faith Varrasse look through a display case in the museum.



A special tour of museum items not on display.



The Amelia Island Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and guests.



Curator John Mitchell displays the wedding dress of Lucy C. Carnegie.

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During the annual “Spring Break” period, we often picture hordes of college students converging on the beaches and the bars to “party on dudes”. But, that is not always the case. Take for instance



Alternative Spring Break students with Ranger Eric Ulitalo

the “Alternative Spring Break” programs offered by a number of colleges throughout the United States. These programs foster the development of service and stewardship for our National Park System. Cumberland Island has been fortunate to be a host site for these ASB programs for many years. This year a total of 30 students & team leaders from Boston University, University of New Hampshire and University of Wisconsin-Madison came during a three week period to provide service and promote stewardship.

These students cleared a total of 6 miles of wire fence from designated Wilderness areas. To quote

one of the students: “This proved to be no easy task, considering the undergrowth was so dense, fence posts were completely blocked from view and passages were blocked by dense undergrowth.” Removal of these old fence lines were a high priority this year because they presented an unsightly image in the Wilderness areas and they provided a significant threat to island wildlife. Island Volunteer Bernie Huber provided GPS coordinates and locations of fence lines which proved to be very helpful. Park Rangers Eric Ulitalo, George Lewis and Rene Noe assisted the groups by providing tools, logistics, and information about the islands cultural and natural history.

Additionally ASB students assisted with beach-clean-up, cleaned the hunt camp area where they camped, and assisted archeologists with other island projects. Though they worked long and hard hours, each crew was able to have a day off to rent bicycles, hike, explore the island and just have fun. The students of course endured cuts, mosquitoes, ticks, sunburn, fatigue, and “more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches than anyone should endure”. But they all say it was worth it just to know that they helped restore some of Cumberland’s natural, pristine beauty.



Students removed 6 miles of fencing from designated Wilderness

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INTERVIEW!

For many years, there has been a quiet dedicated presence contributing immeasurable time, and talent. This presence is none-other than Joyce Hulbirt (formerly Seward). Joyce has volunteered with the National Park Service since 1991, serving at not only Cumberland Island, but also Andersonville; where she worked with video oral histories, served as park librarian, and assisted in interpretive and public relations venues; at Tonto National Monument she served as a visitor contact person and monitored natural and cultural sites for ongoing resource preservation; Big Cypress National Preserve enjoyed her presence in various aspects of interpretation; at



Joyce and Joe Hulbirt

Cape Hatteras National Seashore she assisted with clerical work and visitor contact; and her significant accomplishments at Isle Royale include extensive inventory and cataloging of library collections including books, videos, slides etc, and creating an interpretive training booklet for staff. Joyce has received numerous letters of recognition from all of these parks, as well as letters from the Chief Historian of the National Park Service, the Chief of the Southeast Archeological Center, and the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace museum.

Joyce has passionately and persistently shared her time and talents in so many ways on Cumberland Island. In her many terms as a volunteer with Cumberland Island Joyce has performed curatorial work with the park museum collection, cleaning, cataloging, and archiving the collections, done conservation work on artifacts, facilitated and assisted in public interpretive programs, performed cleaning duties on historic structures, compiled research and created training information manual for volunteers and staff, been on the front line of public relations, worked with numerous Elder Hostel and other special interest groups, served as a role model and mentor for new volunteers, and conducted an extensive one year long oral history project for the park, interviewing over 100 family members and residents related to Cumberland Island History. Joyce has graced us with her presence and left us with her contributions. All in all, her contributions of time, talent and hours are truly immeasurable. Her love for this island, her respect for the history, and her quiet dedicated commitment to this special place will not go forgotten.

-Ginger Hollingsworth-Cox

Maintenance Division



A bridge inspection team from the Federal Highway Administration performed routine cyclic inspections on four wood timber bridges on Cumberland Island in March 2006. The inspection team reports no significant changes in the structural condition since the last inspection.

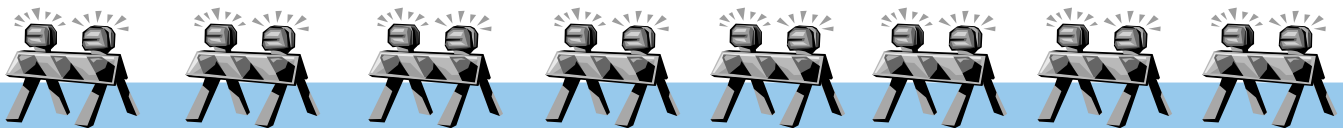


Stafford Beach House is gradually coming back together. Inmates continue to assist us when they can; helping the maintenance crew restore the Historic Structure. Materials used are what was left over from the bridge and boardwalk projects.



Fred Forbes and Mickey Bosworth continue tackling red cedar wood shingle problems that we face in historic construction. The wagon shed roof pictured here is being replaced after only twenty years of service. Constant shade, higher humidities and termites minimize the life cycle of the shingles.

-David Casey, Facility Manager



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Local Instructs Class



Jeff Lewis' Arborist Training Class

Maintenance Mechanic Jeff Lewis participated as an instructor for the Arborist Training Program's field project at Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreation River during the week of April 30 - May 5, 2006. Thanks to his skills and expertise, they were able to provide participants with instruction in *Proper Tree Felling Techniques* and a review of *Chainsaw Safety & Operation*. In addition to 128 hours of educational instruction that was provided, they were able to remove 75 trees from the (dry-laid stone) retaining wall along the D&H Canal towpath that threatened the stability of the historic structure. Thanks to Jeff's efforts, participants were able to develop a skill that will carry them forward with their careers and some much needed stabilization work was accomplished for the park.

BERT RHYNE'S RETIREMENT

April 17, 2006

After nearly 14 years with the National Park Service and Cumberland Island National Seashore, Bert Rhyne has retired. His first assignment on Cumberland began in February of 1976. In addition to his official tenure, Bert contributed thousands of volunteer hours to the park through the years.



Jerre Brumbelow and Bert share a comical moment.

Bert has come to be a Cumberland Island institution. His passion and outstanding character have been tremendous assets to the park. His wealth of knowledge relative to the island's cultural and natural history literally make him a library of information, and he delivers that information in an eloquent, captivating nature. Bert is also known for his focused, hard work. Whether working alone, with a team, or leading a crew his pace never waivers. Combining that ethic with his knowledge and personality, Bert became an inspiration particularly with interns, volunteers, and work crews. Respected by Superintendents and co-workers alike, he has been sought out regularly for his expertise and straight



Bert's cake.

forward approach. Likewise, if ever help was needed to get a job done, Bert was the man to go to.

In his retirement Bert plans to spend more time with his family, especially his grandchildren in Asheville, North Carolina, where he and his wife Gina recently purchased a home. He will be sorely missed around Cumberland Island and is someone you just cannot replace. During his career Bert was an individual who could and would do it all; one of the "old-time Rangers" we aspire to be.



David Casey presents Bert with an Arrowhead plaque.

John Fry
Resource Manager

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Horse Count

The 2006 Annual Horse Count was held on Cumberland Island over the March 24-26 weekend, with 32 volunteers and staff participating. Consistent with the preceding three years, the same set of methods and transects were implemented this spring. Building on previous counts, the existing standards were established in 2003 and will continue to be used over the long term. While it is virtually impossible to count every horse on the island during a 2-day census, applying the same protocols from year to year will provide information on the long-term trends in the population. Having a strong core of volunteers helps to provide reliability and such a group has developed over the past several years. The “regulars” roll in from as far away as Minnesota, New Jersey, Maryland, and Kentucky.

As in the past, the volunteers gathered in St. Marys on Friday afternoon and the horse count got

underway that evening with a review session on the island. Saturday’s rounds covered Stafford Field on north to Long Point, with teams canvassing the area on foot over 13 routes (or transects). Saturday evening was highlighted by the traditional “Brats and Bubbas Barbecue”.

The census work was completed on Sunday with seven more routes taking in the remainder of the island south of Stafford Field. The final count is noted in the adjacent table



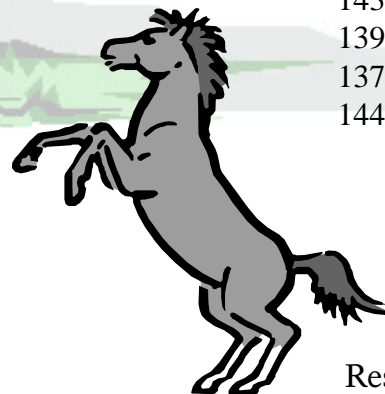
Resource Manager John Fry, along with daughter Jessica Fry and volunteer Allissa Rose, observe a passing stallion during this year's horse count.

along with the numbers from previous years which utilized the same protocols. It should be emphasized that this is not the total number of horses on the island but, rather the numbers seen during the respective counts. Population trends should also not be assumed, as more analysis and years of data are needed before a valid assessment can be made.



2006 Horse Count Volunteers

YEAR	HORSES TALLIED
2006	143
2005	139
2004	137
2003	144



John Fry
Resource Manager

Park Personnel Meets President



Administrative Assistant Justin Helton recently had the opportunity to meet the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. The opportunity presented itself while Justin attended Facility Management Software System training at Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

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February 14, 2006

Mr. Jerre Brumbelow, Superintendent
Ms. Julie Meeks, Administrative Assistant
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Dear Jerre & Julie,

On behalf of the City of St. Marys, thank you for taking the Historic Preservation, Land Trust, and Georgia Department of Economic Development Visitors to Cumberland Island.

The Cumberland Island experience was the highlight of their visit. They will go back and share these fond memories with other friends and co-workers in Atlanta.

The City of St. Marys appreciates your active role in making our City and Camden County a unique and wonderful place to visit and live.

Sincerely,

Janet Brinko, Director
St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau

Southeast Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network Welcomes Two New Faces



Tony Curtis recently joined the Southeast Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network as their Remote Sensing Specialist, stationed at Cumberland Island. Tony was previously the Regulatory Office Chief in the Frisco Colorado Regulatory Office of the Corps of Engineers. Tony is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist, and has been involved in numerous biological studies including the National Wetland Inventory and National Vegetation Classification System. Tony's career has included employment with several land trusts including The Nature Conservancy, and ten years as a Naval Officer.



Emily Davie moved here recently to join the National Park Service Southeast Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network as a Student Conservation Association intern. She grew up in a small northeastern California town and attended the University of California at Davis where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Biology with an emphasis in General Botany. For the next year she will be working with the network implementing various monitoring protocols at different parks up and down the southeast coast.

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Administration

Retirement Hint

Retirement processing is speeding up. The Office of Personnel Management says it has improved the speed of its processing of retirement benefit applications, cutting the claims processing times for FERS to 93 days and 80 days for CSRS applicants. So, if you are planning to retire and want your benefits to continue in a timely manner, you will need to submit your completed retirement package to SER about three months before the appointed departure date.

Roth IRA

The Thrift Savings Plan has said it is not offering a Roth [k] option and that it will not seek permission from Congress to offer one.

Silver Linings

The price of silver rose by 27% last year and several indicators point to continued strength, i.e., limited supplies, increased demand, industrial use, etc.

Training

Administrative Assistant **Justin Helton** attended *Facility Management Systems Software* training at the Jimmy Carter NHS the week of March 20. Purchasing Agent **Larry Pilcher** attended *Concession Training* in Page, Arizona at the Glen Canyon NRA the week of April 3.

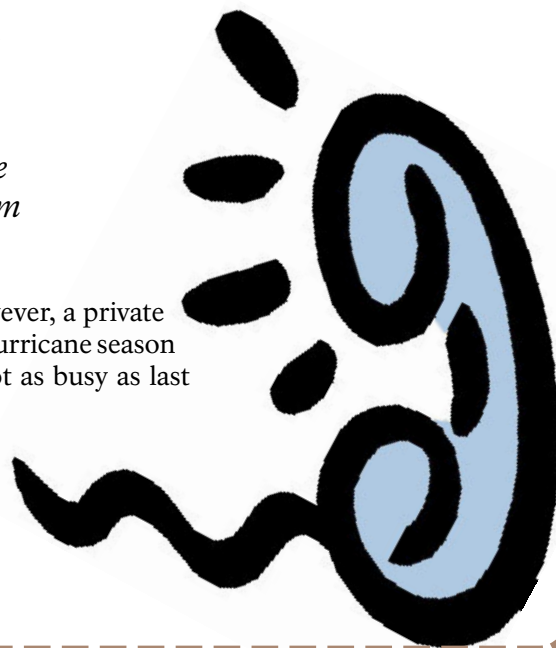
Hurricane Names for 2006

The names for the 2006 hurricane season are:

<i>Alberto</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
<i>Beryl</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Chris</i>	<i>Nadine</i>
<i>Debby</i>	<i>Oscar</i>
<i>Ernesto</i>	<i>Patty</i>
<i>Florence</i>	<i>Rafael</i>
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Sandy</i>
<i>Helene</i>	<i>Tony</i>
<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Valerie</i>
<i>Joyce</i>	<i>William</i>
<i>Kirk</i>	

Let's all hope they stay out at sea! However, a private forecaster has predicted that this year's hurricane season will be more active than normal but not as busy as last year's.

Until next time.....
Julie



Hints from Helton

Password Problems

I have had numerous employees approach me about getting their network account unlocked due to either a forgotten or mistyped password. Although I do not mind remedying the situation, it would save everyone time if certain preventative steps were taken.

1. If you have trouble remembering your password, write it down so that you may refer to it when needed.
2. If you must write your password down, make sure you store it in a safe place where no one can locate it but you. Try to avoid obvious places such as the back of your mousepad, a sheet in your desk drawer, a card in your rolodex, etc.
3. Typically, you are prompted to change your passwords every 90 days. Make sure to update your password list when changes are made.
4. Do not give your password to anyone, under any circumstances. Anything that is done on your account is your responsibility.

FY06 IT Security Awareness Training

The NPS Director's memo announcing the FY06 IT Security Awareness Training was recently released. Please refer to the email that was sent out on April 26th. It explains the appropriate steps needed to take the training. This training is mandatory for all NPS employees and must be completed no later than June 30th.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Justin Helton
Administrative Assistant

Quote Corner:

Put your heart, mind, intellect and soul even to your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.

-Swammi Sivananda

Upcoming TELNPS Courses:

May 25th
10:00-12:00pmET or 2:00-4:00pmET

"A Supervisor's Guide to Workers' Compensation: Fact and Fiction"

Course Code: RSK6211
Last Day to Register: May 18
This workshop provides NPS supervisors with an understanding of workers' compensation and how to correctly handle workers' compensation issues at their park/site.

June 1st
9:30-12:00pmET or 1:30-4:00pmET

"First Line Supervisor Safety Responsibility"

Course Code: RSK6390
Last Day to Register: May 25
This course will outline the safety responsibilities that a first line supervisor has for their employees. Students will be given tools to help them provide a safe work environment.

June 6th
10:00-12:00pmET or 2:00-4:00pm

"Safety Responsibilities for Employees: Safety is Everyone's Job!"

Course Code: RSK6400
Last Day to Register: May 31
The course outlines the responsibilities employees have, to provide a safe workplace.

June 8th
1:00-2:30pmET

"DOI Ethics Annual Training"

Course Code: ADM6601
Last Day to Register: June 7
Ethics Officials will discuss the Conflict of Interest Statutes, Executive Order 12674, and Political Activity(the Hatch Act).

June 13th
1:00-4:00pmET

"Introduction to Practical Records Management in the National Park Service"

Course Code: ADM6622
Last Day to Register: June 5
We plan to cover record keeping terms and definitions, record dispositions, various schedules, and how to manage electronic records in addition to converting records from one media to another (such as imaging and microfilming.).

June 20th
12:00-4:00pmET

"Prepare and Present an Effective Interpretive Talk"

Course Code: INT6103
Last Day to Register: June 13
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