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Archeology Program adds African Burial Ground NM Profile to website
The Archeology Program has added the newly-established African Burial Ground NM to the growing list of national monument profiles on the program website. President Bush established the African Burial Ground NM on February 27, 2006, under the authority of the Antiquities Act. In the proclamation, President Bush said, “African Burial Ground National Monument will promote understanding of related resources, encourage continuing research, and present interpretive opportunities and programs for visitors to better understand and honor the culture and vital contributions of generations of Africans and Americans of African descent to our Nation.” Learn more about the African Burial Ground at www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/profileAfricanBurialGround.htm.

Archeology Program Antiquities Act webpage reviewed by Archaeology Magazine
Mark Rose, executive and online editor of Archaeology Magazine, praises the NPS Archeology Program web feature “Antiquities Act 1906-2006” in an online review on March 14, 2006. He notes the “clean simple design, with clear navigation,” calling the feature “a mini-gateway to the Antiquities Act and the National Monuments that presidents have created using [the Act].” The web feature includes profiles of national monuments created by the Antiquities Act, information about the passage of the Act, links to Antiquities Act information on other web sites, information about commemorative activities, and more. The entire review is available at www.archaeology.org/online/reviews/act1906/web.html. The “Antiquities Act 1906-2006” webpage is available at http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/index.htm.

Correction to February Archeology E-Gram
The February 2006 issue of the Archeology E-Gram reported that President Theodore Roosevelt designated the Mount Olympus National Monument in 1910. The monument was actually designated in 1909 as part of the larger Olympic Forest Reserve. President Wilson reduced the size of the monument from its original 610,000 to 300,000 acres. The National Monument became part of the National Park Service in 1933. In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation creating Olympic National Park, which was enlarged in 1953 to include a strip of rugged coast. Learn more about Mount Olympus NM (now Olympic NP) at http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/profileOlympic.htm.

Effigy Mounds NM Case Study Added to Archeology Program Distance Learning Course
Ranger Merle Frommelt and Chief Ranger Ken Block, Effigy Mounds NM, have contributed a new case study to the “Interpretation for Archeologists” distance learning course case study gallery. In the study, Frommelt describes some of the ways that Effigy Mounds NM assists teachers in interpreting American Indian culture and midwestern cultural landscapes for students (www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/IforA/caseEffigy.htm). The Archeology Program welcomes new examples of effective interpretation of archeological resources to the “Interpretation for Archeologists” case study gallery. Those interested in submitting a case study should see "Submit your own story" in the left-hand navigation column for the map in Section 7, “Use What You Know” www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/IforA/nationalMap.htm.
NPS hosting Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement Class
The NPS Submerged Resources Center, the NOAA Marine Sanctuary Program, and Archaeological Resource Investigations (ARI) are co-sponsoring Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement Class, in Florida. The class will be held May 15-19, 2006, at Biscayne NP. Submerged Cultural Resources Law Enforcement provides training on all aspects of the investigation and prosecution of archeological crimes involving submerged cultural resources. It is open to all government law enforcement officers, archeologists, and prosecuting attorneys assigned to management units or jurisdictions that include submerged cultural resources. There will be no scuba diving during this class, but there will be snorkeling. Participants should contact NPS Class Coordinator Larry Murphy by April 14, 2006, to reserve a space.

NPS hosting Section 106 Training in Nebraska
The NPS Midwest Archeological Center, the Nebraska State Historical Society, Archeology Division, and the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office are co-sponsoring Section 106: An Introduction, offered by the National Preservation Institute (NPI). The class will be held May 23-25, 2006, in Lincoln, NE. Section 106: An Introduction provides the basics of project review and emphasizes practical applications. Recent changes in regulations, and review coordination with EPA will be discussed. The instructor for this class is Allyson Brooks. Registration materials are online at www.npi.org/register.html.

NPS Hosts Teacher Training at Independence NHP
The Summer Institute for Teachers is going to be held at Independence NHP on July 17-21, 2006. This workshop will enable 4th-8th grade teachers to understand daily life and diversity in 18th century Philadelphia. Topics covered will include archeology, Benjamin Franklin, yellow fever, religion, and Philadelphia as the Capital of the United States. This workshop will prepare teachers to use historic sites and primary source documents to enhance teaching and to gain a better understanding of what it was like to be a part of Philadelphia in the 18th century. Participating teachers will receive a $300 stipend, books, and other teaching resource materials on daily life and diversity in 18th century Philadelphia. Continuing education credits for Pennsylvania (Act 48) and New Jersey teachers will also be provided. For applications and detailed information on institute programs, visit the Education Programs page at www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm or www.independenceparkinstitute.com. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2006.

NPS Archeologist Roger Kelly Retires
Roger E. Kelly, Senior Archeologist, retired on September 2, 2005, after 31 years with the NPS. After receiving his Ph.D. in Archeology from the University of Arizona, Roger began his Federal career as an Archeologist at the Arizona Archeological Center, Tucson, AZ, in 1973. In 1974, he moved to the Historic Preservation Office of the Western Regional Office, San Francisco, CA.

Rogers achievements include authorship of the Overviews and Assessments for Golden Gate NP and Cabrillo NM. He also compiled and edited the Native American Repatriation Program Review: Pacific West Region, NPS (2004). He received a number of NPS grants, including two NPS Cultural Resource Training Initiative grants, for a Public Workshop on Mohave Desert Cultural Resource Preservation; and for “Shores of Time: Submerged Historic and Indigenous Resources in the Pacific Rim Region.” Roger was the recipient of two National Park Foundation Albright-Worth Career Development grants, to visit national parks in British Columbia regarding Park Systems and First Nations; and to attend the Annual Conference of Australasian Society for Historical and Maritime Archeology in Adelaide, South Australia.
Roger received numerous awards during his career, including several Special Achievement Awards; an EO Award for serving as EO Committee Chairperson; a Special Performance Award for Project Leadership while the Principle Investigator for the Drakes Bay Maritime Archeology Survey; a Secretarial Unit Award for Multiyear Archeological Compliance Program Performance; a Regional Director’s EEO Award for Committee Chair leadership; an Outstanding Achievement Award, for NAGPRA Program Establishment; and numerous Performance Awards.

Roger has also been recognized by his peers and associates outside the NPS. He received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe Land Restoration Study; an Innovative Management Laboratory “Silver Hammer” Award (Desert in Managers’ Group) from Vice-President’s Office; and a Society for California Archeology Presidential Commendation for planning and co-chairing the “Millennium Conference” in Barstow, CA.

Roger served as an editorial advisor for the NPS CRM Magazine for 10 years (1993-2002) and contributed several articles to that publication. He edited and published On the Shores of Time in 2001. Also in 2004, he authored “American’s World War II Home Front Heritage” published in the CRM Journal. Over the years, he has supervised and mentored a dozen academic interns from three San Francisco Bay Area universities.

Although Roger is retiring from the NPS, he is now starting a new phase of his career with a private archeological firm. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the NPS.

Projects in Parks: Katmai NP&P Excavates Site Threatened by Erosion
In 2004, archeologists at Katmai NP&P conducted an intensive survey and testing program at a multi-component habitation site on the Alagnak River. Excavations into large, deep houses, one which was dated to AD 200, revealed new information about house construction, subsistence, and village organization. NPS employees who can access the NPS intranet may learn more about this project by going to Projects in Parks 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. To contribute project information, contact Karen Mudar, karen_mudar@nps.gov

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