



## Archeology Program

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#### **Archeologist Chosen as Glacier NP Superintendent**

Chas Cartwright has been named superintendent of Glacier NP. A native of Detroit, Cartwright graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in anthropology in 1972. Prior to joining the NPS, he worked for the BLM as an archeologist and for the USFS as a fire lookout, river ranger, and firefighter.

Cartwright began his career with the NPS in 1987 at Canyonlands and Arches National Parks and Natural Bridges NM as their first archeologist.

During his 36 years of Federal service, Cartwright has held a number of managerial positions including associate to the NPS Deputy Director. Cartwright currently serves as superintendent at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, where he is responsible for the management of 199,045 acres.

“Chas brings a wealth of in-depth knowledge and broad experience to this vital position,” said Regional Director Mike Snyder. “He is a seasoned superintendent, with a firm commitment to the preservation and protection of park resources, and a keen ability to interact with partners, communities, and Congressional leaders.”

#### **Anthropologist Chosen as Intermountain Region Associate Director**

Laura Joss has been named NPS Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Research for the Intermountain Region. In this capacity, Joss will be responsible for a number of programs involving the management of cultural resources, natural resources, and submerged resources. She also will oversee the cooperative ecosystem studies units.

Joss received a B.A. in anthropology from Indiana University, and an M.A. in history museum studies from SUNY, Cooperstown. She began her NPS career as a volunteer at Mesa Verde NP, and worked as staff or consultant at a number of national parks and museums including Glen Canyon NRA, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS, Big Hole NB, The Indianapolis Children's Museum, New York State Museum, Onondaga Historical Association, Buffalo Museum of Science, New Jersey State Parks, and the John Wesley Powell Museum.

Joss has served as superintendent at Arches NP since 2004, and is deputy superintendent of the Southeast Utah Group. Other positions held by Joss during her tenure with the NPS include superintendent at Fort McHenry NM and Hampton NHS. She served as chief for the branch of cultural resources at Yellowstone NP, staff curator for the former Rocky Mountain Regional Office, and Regional Curator. In this last capacity she provided collection management assistance to 41 national park units within the Rocky Mountain Region.

Joss is expected to begin her new assignment in mid-June.

#### **Ronald Wilson selected as NPS Chief Curator**

Ronald C. Wilson has been chosen as the new Chief Curator and head of the NPS Museum Management program. Wilson has been head of the Department of Interior's Museum program since 1991. In that capacity, he led museum program strategic planning efforts in ten DOI bureaus and offices and developed

agency-wide museum training programs. He worked for NPS from 1991 to 1996, during which time the Interior Museum program was housed within the NPS Museum Management program.

Prior to joining the NPS, Wilson held management positions in several public and university museums in the Southeast, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic states. He holds a B.S. in zoology and an M.S. in environmental and evolutionary biology, both from the University of Kentucky.

As Chief Curator, Wilson will provide national leadership for development and coordination of Servicewide plans, policies, standards, and procedures for managing NPS museum collections. He will also have responsibility for overseeing technical assistance, publications, and professional development pertaining to park museum collections, and for the maintenance of a Servicewide catalog and other statistics on the more than 123 million NPS museum items.

Wilson will assume his new duties on May 11.

### **Passing of Brenda Lanzendorf**

Brenda Lee Lanzendorf, a cultural resource specialist at Biscayne NP died April 15, 2008, after a six month battle with cancer. She was very passionate about her life's work, was highly respected by her colleagues, and was the recipient of numerous awards for her professional achievements.

A former U.S. Airways flight attendant, Brenda changed tracks over a decade ago to follow her dream of becoming an underwater archeologist. A *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of New Hampshire, she went on to Brown University. Brenda began in the NPS as a volunteer student internship at Biscayne NP, after field research in Dry Tortugas NP through the NPS Submerged Resources Center for her M.A. Brenda's thesis work focused on the economic relationship and importance of "wreckers" (early residents who salvaged ships grounded on local reefs) to the development of Florida's maritime industry and development of coastal communities.

In 2003, Brenda was hired by Biscayne NP as an archeologist, one of only five underwater archeologists in the Service. A natural leader with infectious enthusiasm, Brenda taught anyone willing to draw a map, take a photo, or hold a tape measure to understand and appreciate the history in shipwrecks. She developed an innovative program to recruit dive organizations to assist her. Brenda enlisted the aid of dive groups, such as the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society, Coastal and Maritime Archaeology Research group and, most notably, Diving With A Purpose (an organization with affiliate members of the National Association of Black SCUBA Divers), to document and create detailed, geo-referenced site maps of shipwrecks within the park. Her work at Biscayne NP expanded the park's cultural inventory to 44 shipwrecks, over 200 marine casualty sites, and 10 terrestrial sites.

A strong advocate of connecting the public with submerged resources, Brenda was instrumental in establishing the park's Offshore Reefs Archeological District and initiating the Maritime Heritage Trail within Biscayne NP. Both pioneering programs have served as models for other marine parks. She helped create and teach a ground-breaking course for Law Enforcement professionals on underwater archeological crimes.

Brenda also worked closely with the South Florida Community Partners organization in developing a National Register and State nomination for the Lancelot Jones family properties on Elliott Key, part of Biscayne NP. The Jones family were early African American settlers and were influential in the development of the Coconut Grove-Homestead areas. She was instrumental in developing critical cooperation and understanding with the Florida Keys NMS about protection and preservation of maritime

casualty sites, working closely with the sanctuary to document shipwrecks and prehistoric archeological sites. Brenda was also deeply involved in the research of the Miami Circle and the Virginia Key Beach National Register nomination. Her last efforts included the development of an annotated history of maritime casualties of Biscayne that will be published as *A Shipwreck Study of Biscayne National Park: 500 years of Biscayne's Maritime History*.

Her impressive achievements during her short tenure at Biscayne NP are a monument to Brenda's dedication to the NPS. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and colleagues.

### **Passing of Bruce Anderson**

Bruce A. Anderson, former Southwest Region archeologist, passed away on April 8, 2008, in Crawford, Colorado. He was 68 years old. Bruce received both B.A. and M.A. degrees in anthropology from the University of Colorado/Boulder. He began doctoral work at Washington State University before accepting a position as archeologist with the NPS in 1972.

Though he worked and resided in Santa Fe during most of his career, Bruce traveled far and wide, working on archeological projects and detail assignments from Hawaii to Washington, D.C., and from El Salvador to Colorado. His major career accomplishment was a seven-season field survey project at Wupatki NM. In 1991, he transferred to Wupatki NM and spent the remaining four years of his career as the park resources management specialist. Bruce retired in 1995 after 23 years of service.

Bruce is survived by his life partner Jan S. Ryan. Bruce met Jan in 1983 at Wupatki NM, where she was a Ranger, and they married in 1985. Their careers took them to separate areas, but when Jan retired in 1999, they moved to Crawford, Colorado.

### **Bill Butler Retires**

Bill Butler, Park Archeologist for Rocky Mountain NP will retire in May. Bill grew up in southern California and received an Associate of Arts degree from El Camino College before joining the Armed Services. After returning from Viet Nam, he finished a B.A. and M.A. at California State University, Long Beach, and a Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. Bill began his career with the NPS as a seasonal archeologist at Mesa Verde NP in 1971. In 1976 he joined the NPS Interagency Archeological Services, Denver. In 1995 he became the first Park Archeologist at Rocky Mountains NP.

As the park archeologist, Bill prepared over 60 CRM survey reports for the park and for NPS-sponsored work throughout the western and midwestern U.S. He has over 50 publications on topics such as atlatl physics, Prohibition, tool kits, architectural change, ceramics, basketry, faunal analysis, burial practices, geophysics, wickiups, taxonomy, sawmills, archeological education, railroads, historic and prehistoric archeology, and cultural resource management. He has made over 50 professional presentations and has organized or presented in many symposia. He is also an Associate Professor at the University of Northern Colorado.

Bill's colleagues and friends wish him all the best in his retirement.

### **Applications Solicited for FY2009 Albright-Wirth Grant Program**

The Albright-Wirth Grant Program grants to NPS employees (individuals and groups of three or more, including U.S. Park Police) to advance career goals. Applicants can use their imaginations to make career-enhancing dreams a reality. In FY2008, the program awarded grants to NPS employees to do many things, including:

- Learn a new trade
- Write a book
- Mentor someone

- Create a diversity program
- Expand partnerships
- Change career paths
- Learn a language
- Build a website
- Go on a detail
- Conduct research at another park
- Develop leadership skills

Applications for an Albright Wirth grant are being accepted through May 9, 2008. Funding can be used through FY 2009. The grant application form is accessible at [mylearning.nps.gov/awgrant](http://mylearning.nps.gov/awgrant) .

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### **DOI and NPS to provide training in Managing Museum Property**

The Interior Museum Program, Department of the Interior (DOI), and the Maxwell Museum will co-sponsor *Managing Museum Property* in Albuquerque, NM. This five day (36 hour) course provides training in the fundamentals of managing museum property. The training is designed for Federal property managers, interpreters, historians, archeologists, natural history specialists, and other resource specialists with museum responsibilities, as well as staff in repositories that manage Federal collections. Topics include:

- An overview of the DOI Museum Program and the Office of Property and Acquisition Management
- How Museum Collections Support DOI and Bureau Missions
- Identifying Museum Property
- Managing Archive Collections
- Guidance on Reporting Requirements
- Scope of Collections Statements
- Museum Documentation (Accessioning, Cataloging, Loans)
- Museum Collection Preservation
- Exhibiting and Storing Museum Property
- Museum Protection (Fire Protection, Security, and Emergency Management)
- Working with non-Federal repositories
- Ideas on how to use museum collections

The class will be held June 23-27, 2008. There is no tuition for this training event. Additional information and an application can be found at the Interior Museum Program website at [www.doi.gov/museum/classroom.html](http://www.doi.gov/museum/classroom.html). The application deadline is June 6, 2008.

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### **Cultural Resource Training Courses**

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) has announced cultural resource training courses to take place over the next six months.

#### ***Nondestructive Evaluation Methods for Historic Structures***

***Charleston, NC, May 16-17, 2008***

NCPTT partners with the Associate for Preservation Technology (APT) to present nondestructive evaluation methods for historic structures. The workshop provides guidance for professionals and students in the use of diagnostic nondestructive testing for historic assessing structures. It is intended for technically oriented graduate and practicing engineers, architects, preservation consultants, and contractors.

[www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/2008-APT-Workshop-Preservation-Engineering.aspx](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/2008-APT-Workshop-Preservation-Engineering.aspx)

***Cemetery Basics Workshop***  
***Morris, IL, May 17, 2008***

NCPTT partners with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to present this workshop. Topics include documentation, condition assessment, material identification, preservation of grave surrounds, and cleaning techniques (including hands-on experience). Registration is \$20 per person and lunch is provided. This three hour workshop is restricted to 40 participants, so early registration is important.

[www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/Cemetery-Basics-Workshop-Morris-Illinois.aspx](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/Cemetery-Basics-Workshop-Morris-Illinois.aspx)

***Cemetery Landscape Preservation Workshop***  
***Natchitoches, LA, September 16-17, 2008***

Vegetation management is essential to preserve the character of historic cemeteries and for the protection of historic features. Too often, proper maintenance of historic vegetation is neglected. Infrequent and improper maintenance can irreversibly damage historic vegetation, monuments, fencing, and other site furnishings. Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop in a historic American cemetery to learn the basics of cemetery landscape maintenance.

[www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/2008-Cemetery-Landscape-Preservation-Workshop.aspx](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/2008-Cemetery-Landscape-Preservation-Workshop.aspx)

***Archeology: Prospection in Depth 2008***  
***San Francisco, CA, September 16-20, 2008***

NCPTT is partnering with the Presidio Trust to host a workshop on geophysical prospection in archaeology, to take place at El Presidio de San Francisco. The workshop will feature portable XRF training for field chemistry surveys, along with ground penetrating radar, electrical resistivity/conductivity, and other key techniques. This unique course combines ground-truthing with traditional geophysics training to emphasize data collection techniques and interpretation. "Prospection in Depth is open to archaeologists, resource managers and other professionals seeking experience in remote sensing. The course fee, \$399, includes lodging at the Presidio's historic barracks. Up to 30 applicants will be accepted.

[www.ncptt.nps.gov/Archeology-and-Collections/Prospection-in-Depth.aspx](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/Archeology-and-Collections/Prospection-in-Depth.aspx)

***Cemetery Monument Conservation Workshop***  
***New London, Connecticut, October 7-9, 2008***

This intense three day hands-on workshop will take place at the Ancient Burial Ground, one of the oldest cemeteries in New England, in partnership with the City of New London. This workshop will cover the topics of documentation, condition assessment, cleaning techniques, adhesive repair, patch fill, reinforced repair, resetting, and consolidation. The workshop will focus on the conservation of slate and brownstone. The workshop cost is \$695 per person and is limited to 32 participants.

[www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/Training/)

Register online for these courses at [www.ncptt.nps.gov/](http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/)

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**Projects in Parks: The Archaeology of Buffalo Soldiers and Apaches in the Southwest**

by Eleanor King, Howard University, Washington, D.C. and Charles Haecker, NPS Heritage Partnerships Program, Santa Fe, New Mexico

In 1996, co-author Haecker made a condition assessment of Pine Springs Camp, Guadalupe Mountains NP and noted that, in addition to materials associated with a military component, artifacts that typify an Apache encampment (e.g., cone tinklers made from strips of tin can) were also present. Two years later Haecker conducted a metal detection survey of this site, which resulted in the identification of two subsurface 19<sup>th</sup> century trash deposits and a cobble-lined cleared area. In 2004, an archaeological survey was initiated to examine Pine Springs Camp in greater detail.

This project was part of the larger Warriors Project sponsored by the NPS. The aim of this ambitious program is to encourage African Americans and American Indians to discuss their mutual past on the frontier. In accordance with these goals, Howard University began partnering with the Mescalero Apache Tribe, NPS, and BLM, to introduce students to archaeology. King and Haecker worked with Howard University graduates and undergraduates, Mescalero and European American high school students, archaeologists from the Mescalero Apache Tribe, a Mexican botanist, Guadalupe Mountains NP staff-volunteers, and volunteers from the local community. The varied backgrounds and life experiences that these individuals shared with each other made for dynamic field seasons and a unique sense of community.

*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](http://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?v=3&prg=279&id=3670](http://inside.nps.gov/waso/custommenu.cfm?v=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.

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