



## Archeology Program

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#### **A New Publication in the *Studies in Archeology and Ethnography* Series**

A new Archeology Program report is available. "A Decade of Study into Repository Fees for Archeological Curation," ([www.nps.gov/archeology/PUBS/studies/STUDY06A.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/PUBS/studies/STUDY06A.htm)) authored by NPS archeologist S. Terry Childs and former NPS intern Seth Kagan, presents the results of a third study investigating fees for the long-term curation of archeological collections charged by non-Federal repositories. Issues examined in the study include the types of repositories that charged fees, how repositories calculated their fees, and how the repositories use the fees collected during 2007/2008. This report also examines trends in the costs of archeological collections management over the last decade, based on informal surveys conducted in 1997/1998, 2000, and 2007/2008. The study builds upon and expands the analysis in an earlier report, "Costs of Curating Archeological Collections: A study of repository fees in 2002 and 1997/98" ([www.nps.gov/archeology/TOOLS/feesStud.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archeology/TOOLS/feesStud.htm)) by S. Terry Childs and Karolyn Kinsey.

*Studies in Archeology & Ethnography* is a series of reports on substantive investigations in public archeology. "A Decade of Study into Repository Fees for Archeological Curation" is the sixth in this series. All are available on the Archeology Program's website.

#### **The National Archeological Database, Reports module has been updated**

The National Archeological Database, Reports module (NADB-R) is an expanded bibliographic inventory of over 350,000 reports on archeological investigation and planning, mostly of limited circulation. The database is managed through a partnership between the NPS Archeology Program and the Center for Advanced Spatial Technology at the University of Arkansas. NADB-R has been updated by the addition of two new fields, "Prepared By" and "Submitted To," which provide new opportunities for searching NADB-Reports. "Prepared By" is the name of the company or organization that undertook the investigation and wrote the report. "Submitted To" is the name of the organization, such as a Federal or state government agency, that contracted for or required the preparation of a particular report. NADB-R can be found on the web at [www.cast.uark.edu/other/nps/nadb/nadb.mul.html](http://www.cast.uark.edu/other/nps/nadb/nadb.mul.html)

#### **Dr. Bennie C. Keel Receives the Southeastern Archaeological Conference's Highest Honors**

Bennie C. Keel, recently retired NPS archeologist and former Departmental Consulting Archeologist, was honored by his peers during the 65th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, held November 12-15, 2008, in Charlotte, NC. At the meeting, Keel received the Conference's Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his long and distinguished career in American archeology and his great influence and impact as a government archeologist for 32 years with the NPS and the Department of the Interior. In a special symposium entitled "The Archaeology of North Carolina" more than a dozen of Keel's colleagues presented 10 papers honoring his lifetime contributions to the field, and to southeastern archeology in particular. For more information about the symposium, see Session 14 in the Conference program at [www.southeasternarchaeology.org/PDF/Preliminary%20program%20SEAC%202008.pdf](http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/PDF/Preliminary%20program%20SEAC%202008.pdf).

#### **NAPA Report on NPS Park Cultural Resource Management**

In early November, the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) released a report entitled "Saving Our Future: A Review of National Park Cultural Resource Programs." The report, written by a

National Academy panel of experts, describes various aspects of the current NPS program for managing cultural resources in the parks. It also presents eighteen recommendations to improve stewardship of cultural resources in national park units. Recommendations address general topics as well as specific activities related to historic structures, archeological sites, museum collections, cultural landscapes, and park histories. The panel identified ways that NPS can improve stewardship of these important national resources by strengthening performance-based management, ensuring park superintendent accountability, increasing flexibility in the use of funds, strengthening national leadership, and seeking additional funds and staff to reduce risks to cultural resources of national significance.

The report is available on the NAPA web site, [www.napawash.org/](http://www.napawash.org/).

### **National Trust for Historic Preservation Honors Mark Michel, Archaeological Conservancy, and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center with Awards**

Every year the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) honors individuals and organizations whose work exemplifies commitment to the preservation of archeological, cultural and historic places, sites, and structures. This year the Trust's Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award, the national preservation movement's highest honor, was presented to Mark Michel, President of the Archaeological Conservancy. In 1980, Mark became the first president of the Archaeological Conservancy, an organization that he had helped found. Since then, he has been an energetic and effective leader in the conservation of archeological sites and the promotion of archeology. The conservancy is the only American nonprofit committed to acquiring, managing, and preserving archeological sites. It owns more than 365 endangered archeological locations. During Michel's tenure, the organization has added regional offices, increased its membership to 23,000, and launched a quarterly magazine *American Archaeology*.

The NTHP also bestowed a National Preservation Honor Award on the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, located in Cortez, Colorado. The award recognizes the center's programs which actively engage people of all ages in archeological research, using these experiences and other aspects of its archeological research program to educate the public about the importance of preserving these important cultural resources. Since its founding in 1983, the center has been dedicated to teaching, preserving, and understanding the rich history of the ancestral Puebloan people who inhabited the northern Southwest in ancient times. More details of these and other NTHP awards are available at: [www.perservationnation.org/take-action/awards/2008-national-preservation-awards](http://www.perservationnation.org/take-action/awards/2008-national-preservation-awards).

### **NPS Units Participate in Archeology Month Events**

#### ***Palo Alto Battlefield NHS***

Palo Alto Battlefield NHS hosted the second annual international Rio Grande Delta Archeology Fair in October to kick off Texas Archeology Month. The park co-sponsored this event with the Historic Brownsville Museum. Museums and organizations from the U.S. and Mexico, including the Brownsville Heritage Complex, the Children's Museum of Brownsville, El Museo Casamata, El Museo de Agarismo, and the U.S. FWS, also participated in the fair.

The archeology fair provided opportunities to learn about archeology and local archeological resources and to instill a sense of shared stewardship and the value of resource preservation. Visitors learned about the region's archeological and natural resources, saw living history demonstrations, and learned about archeological excavation, battlefield archeology survey skills, and the value of archeology and resource conservation.

The park's living history corps, the Chaparral Company, provided U.S.-Mexican War period (1846-1848) impressions of U.S. artillery soldiers, Mexican infantry soldiers, civilian tejanos and Texas rangers, as well as demonstrations on how the armaments worked and fired. Over 800 visitors attended the event.

### ***Northeast Museum Services Center***

The Northeast Museum Services Center held a workshop on "Identifying Historic Ceramics" on October 25, 2008, during Massachusetts Archeology Month. Using lecture materials and hands-on exercises, the workshop highlighted the most common ceramics found in archeological contexts and provided information on identifying and dating historic ceramics. Participants learned about some of the most significant types of ceramic artifacts recovered from archeological sites in the Northeast with practical demonstrations utilizing archeological collections from Minute Man NHP and other NPS archeological collections dating to the 17th-20th century.

The workshop was attended by the general public and NPS curatorial staff from Adams NHP and Minute Man NHP. For a copy of the lecture materials, contact Alicia Paresi Friedman, 617-242-5613 x225

### **NPS Signs Programmatic Agreement**

On November 14th, the NPS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers signed a new programmatic agreement for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This agreement updates the 1995 programmatic agreement to add streamlined compliance with Section 106 and consultation with tribes. Also included is a commitment from the NPS to create and provide training for superintendents and staff who deal with Section 106 compliance.

To read the programmatic agreement, go to <http://www.achp.gov/news11-14b.html>.

### **Colorado Plateau CESU Welcomes New NPS Research Coordinator**

Dr. Judy Bischoff joined the Colorado Plateau CESU as the NPS Research Coordinator in October. Bischoff came to the CP-CESU from the USFWS where she was Chief of the Branch of Analytical Methods. Prior to her three-year stint at the USFWS, Judy worked at the NPS Harpers Ferry Center for seven years as a conservation scientist for cultural resources. In addition to having worked for the Federal government for over 10 years, Judy taught the science curriculum in the graduate art conservation program at the State University of New York, College at Buffalo, for four years. Judy has her Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Connecticut.

### **Two Indicted for Stolen Native American Artifacts**

A father and son pleaded not guilty on November 4, 2008, to allegedly removing archeological artifacts from public lands. Donald Woodworth Parker, 69, and Steven Woodworth Parker, 42, were arraigned in Federal Court in Sacramento. The Parkers allegedly unlawfully collected Native American projectile points, stone tools, bifaces, and flaked or ground stone from public and private lands in Nevada. The indictment charges the Parkers with conspiracy, unlawful transportation of archaeological resources removed from public lands, unlawful interstate transportation of archaeological resources removed in violation of state law, and possession of stolen property. The two men face a potential prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of up to \$850,000. The case is a result of an investigation by the BLM, the NPS, the U.S. FWS and the Sacramento County Parks Department.

### **Projects in Parks: Of Adobe, Lime, and Cement: The Preservation History of the San José de Tumacácori Mission Church – Part 3** by Jeremy Moss

The year 2008 marks the centennial of the establishment of Tumacácori National Monument in southern Arizona. The theme of Tumacácori's centennial celebration is "One Hundred Years of Preservation and Stewardship," in recognition of the preservation specialists, archeologists, historians, interpreters, masons, and maintenance workers who have strived to preserve the mission for future generations. Keeping with this theme, this third article by Jeremy Moss examines the garden and orchards of Tumacácori.

Archeological excavations of the remnants of the walls provide context, and historical records and oral histories provide clues to re-establish flora from the Spanish occupation.

*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?lv=3&prg=279&id=3670](http://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.

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