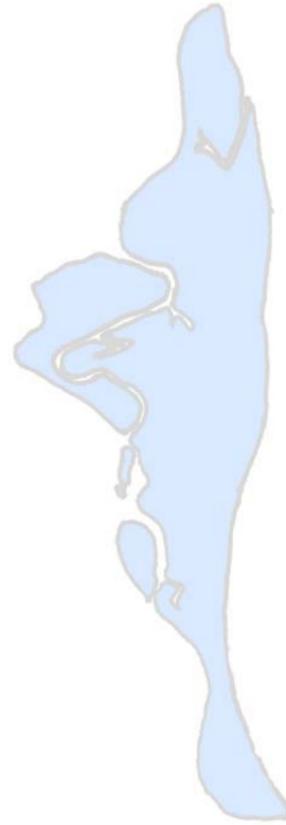




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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

YCC Class of 2010

By JUSTIN HELTON

Out of 72 applicants to this year's Cumberland Island National Seashore's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), six were selected. Those lucky six include Brett Goebel, Tori McKinney, Carly Osborn, Steban Sainz, Jordan Taylor and Zachary Yommer. All of this year's class attends school at Camden County High School, and they are led by YCC Crew Leader Willie Woods.



2010 YCC Crew from left to right: Brett Goebel, Jordan Taylor, Zachary Yommer, Crew Leader Willie Woods, Steban Sainz, Carly Osborn, and Tori McKinney

The Youth Conservation Corps is a summer employment program for young males and females from all segments of



YCC Orientation

society, who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects on public lands. The YCC program is administered in accordance with Public Law 93-408. The organization and management of individual YCC projects are governed by program objectives, budget limitations, and guidelines established by the National Park Service.

Young men and women, 15 through 18 years of age, who are citizens of the United States are eligible for participation in the YCC program without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. Each student must possess a social security card, birth certificate and have a work permit. The YCC objective is to further the development of the United States' youth, and, in so doing, prepare them for the ultimate responsibility of maintaining and managing these resources for the American people.

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Several Snowy Egrets, a Great White Egret and a Woodstork rest in a tree at Plum Orchard. (NPS Photo)

Letter From The Superintendent

By FRED BOYLES

On a recent trip to Washington, DC, I had the special honor to meet and get to know Ethelynn and Bill Stuckey. Bill served as the Congressman from the 8th Congressional District of Georgia 40 years ago. Most notably Congressman Stuckey introduced and shepherded through the House of Representatives the legislation that created Cumberland Island National Seashore. That was no easy process. In the ten years that he served as a member of Congress (1967 – 1977) it took five years to get the bill passed and signed by the President. It should be noted that thanks to Bill, the park has the original bill signed by President Nixon (along with the pen he signed it with) in the park's museum collection. Bill said that passage of the Cumberland bill was one of two accomplishments that he was most proud of during his tenure in the Congress. Any guesses what might be the other one?

were more intense than the issues we struggle with today. But thanks to visionaries like Congressman Stuckey, George Hartzhog, Stuart Udall, Joe Graves and many others, the American people own the most pristine seashore on the Atlantic coast that offers a wonderful experience to 70,000+ visitors a year. Their vision is our charge as we move forward through the complexities of: motorized tours to the north end, wilderness management, expiring retained rights, determining the use of those properties and many other issues that face the park. In our short visit, Bill and Ethelynn inspired me not to lose sight of the lofty goals of balancing preservation of this amazing resource while allowing for its enjoyment.

Bill shared with me stories of his frequent trips to the Island, negotiations with the Interior Department, discussions with land owners and the roles of different groups that had a stake in the planned park. I was impressed by how precarious the process was and how easily it could have all failed and there never would have been a National Seashore. We take that for granted today. The controversies of saving Cumberland Island



Fred Boyles
Superintendent

Stafford Family Reunion

By FRED BOYLES

The Stafford Family Reunion is becoming a biennial Cumberland Island tradition. On Saturday, May 8th, descendants from the Stafford plantation on Cumberland Island came from all over the country to view their ancestral roots. Led by Pamela Stafford of Detroit, Michigan, the group toured the barrier Island to see the physical remains and resources of their family's roots. Park Rangers and Volunteers spent the day touring them in the areas known as the Settlement, Plum Orchard and the Cumberland Wharf, all of which are sites that had meaningful connections to their personal history.



Park Ranger Ron Crawford and Curator John Mitchell share stories of the Stafford Plantation at the grave site of Robert Stafford to family descendants.

The most significant tour stop was the area known as the Stafford Chimneys. The Chimneys are all that remain of the slave quarters from the plantation of Robert Stafford that dates to the antebellum period. Slaves tended the fields of Sea Island cotton on Cumberland before and during the Civil War. Robert Stafford and his mistress, Zabelle, had children that were sent to Connecticut to be educated and some of their descendants were among those who visited the seashore this year. The tour of the Stafford Chimneys included a presentation of the plans of the park to preserve the historic resources including recent stabilization projects.

This was the third visit of the Stafford family to Cumberland Island in six years. Pamela Stafford helped unite the family through their common heritage, but also initiated contact with the National Park Service once she learned of their family's history on the Island.

New Research Released

By MARY R. BULLARD

In early June 2010, a paper entitled A THATCHED CABIN ON CUMBERLAND ISLAND, GEORGIA, by Mary R. Bullard, will be published on-line in the June newsletter of a network called ADAN. The paper contains a rare image of a black meeting-house at Brickhill landing upon Cumberland Island, probably photographed in 1858. You can read the paper online by going to the ADAN website. The Newsletter will appear in early June 2010.

ADAN stands for African Diaspora Archaeological Network. Find its website through GOOGLE and navigate to June 2010 Newsletter, where you'll be able to navigate easily to "Mary R. Bullard" or to "A Thatched Cabin." Or you can go directly to <http://www.diaspora.uiuc.edu/newsletter.html>

The African Diaspora Archaeology Network works to provide a focal point for archaeological and historical studies of African diasporas, with news, current research, information and links to other web resources related to the archaeology and history of descendants of African peoples. The Newsletter is published quarterly, in March, June, September, and December.

It is a stereoview of an unusual cabin, whose only identification was "Cumberland Island, Camden County" in handwriting. The photograph is from the Collections of the New-York Historical Society in Manhattan and is published with permission.



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Hints from Helton

By JUSTIN HELTON

Mandatory Training

If you have not already done so, please log on to DOI Learn and take the Federal Information Systems Security Awareness + Privacy and Records Management course. The three required trainings of years past have been combined into one training in order to streamline the process and make it easier for the trainee. This course must be completed by all employees who have a network ID by **June 30th** otherwise your credentials will be revoked and you will be unable to use an NPS computer. Your compliance with this initiative is greatly appreciated.

Island Power Outages

As many of you who work on the Island know, we tend to have our fair share of thunderstorms during the Spring and Summer seasons. I would like to ask all who are working on the Island during these thunderstorms to help me in preserving the battery life of our Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) units. When the power goes out on the Island, and **only** when the power goes out, please power down the UPS units and unplug them from the wall. If left on during a power outage, these units continue to operate off of their internal battery until the battery is completely depleted. By powering down the units, you will preserve the battery life of the unit and in turn, save the park money. After powering down the units, unplug the UPS unit from the receptacle to protect the connected equipment from any lightning strikes or electrical surges. Once the power is restored, all UPS units may be plugged back in and powered on. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Quote Corner

"Try not to become a man of success but a man of value."

-Albert Einstein

Upcoming TELnet Courses

June 17th
1:00-3:00pm ET
Course Code: N/A
Last Day to Register: June 16th

"Introduction to Evaluation of Interpretation and Education" (1 of 3 in a series)

This series is sponsored by the National Park Service's National Education Council and presented by the Education Evaluation Coordination Team. The series is cosponsored and presented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center, Division of Education Outreach. Immediately following the broadcast, you may join in on a conference call for questions and further discussion. Call number: 877-960-2885, Passcode: 6760910. DOI Learn search term: Education and Outreach Broadcasts.

June 30th
12:30-3:30pm ET
Course Code: NPS-ADM6645
Last Day to Register: June 29th, 12PMET

"Financial Assistance-Cost Sharing 101 "Cost Sharing for Beginners"

This training shall provide participants with an understanding of the different authorities that require costs sharing and when they apply. In addition, this training will provide guidance on what can be used as cost share when awarding agreements and how to administer the cooperative agreements that include cost share.

July 15th
1:00-3:00pm ET
Course Code: N/A
Last Day to Register: July 14th

"Interpretation and Education Evaluation: Getting Started"(2 of 3 in a series)

This series is sponsored by the National Park Service's National Education Council and presented by the Education Evaluation Coordination Team. The series is cosponsored and presented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center, Division of Education Outreach. Immediately following the broadcast, you may join in a conference call for questions and further discussion. Call number 877-960-2885. Passcode: 6760910. DOI Learn search term: Education and Outreach Broadcasts.

July 19th
1:00-3:00pm ET
Course Code: NPS-UNC6300
Last Day to Register: July 18th, 12PMET

"Retirement Planning for New Employees"

This training is designed to enable employees who are just beginning their careers to plan prudently for their retirement. An expert in Federal benefits and a financial planner are the presenters. Discussion includes the importance of planning for retirement from the beginning of a career, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) options, and pitfalls to avoid when investing for retirement.

ADMINISTRATION

Director John Berry of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and U.S. Chief Performance Officer Jeffrey Zients announced a major overhaul of the Federal hiring process, detailing crucial reforms ordered by President Obama on May 11, 2010. This announcement came shortly after President Obama issued a memorandum to Federal agencies directing them to overhaul their hiring procedures within 180 days.

Director Berry said at the announcement event that “President Obama has undertaken a series of reforms today that aren’t so much steps, as leaps forward”. The reforms are to be concrete, broad, and help facilitate the hiring process. They will honor the merit system principles and the sacrifice of the men and women serving our country by preserving their veteran’s preference.

In his memorandum, President Obama directed Federal agencies to:

Dramatically reduce the time between when a job is announced and is filled.

Eliminate essay[s] as an initial application. Essays may still be used later in the process. Under the previous system, if an individual applied for five separate Federal jobs, he or she often needed to complete five separate sets of lengthy essays.

Use shorter, plain-language job announcements

Accept resumes from applicants, instead of requiring them to submit complex applications through outdated systems.

Allow hiring managers to choose from among a group of best qualified candidates, rather than limiting their choice to just three names, through expanded use of ‘category ratings’.

Notify applicants in a timely manner [and at four points in the process] through USAJobs.gov, eliminating the ‘black hole’ that applicants often feel when they get no response to their application.

Submit a hiring and recruitment plan for top talent to OPM by the end of this year.

Additionally, the President directed OPM to:

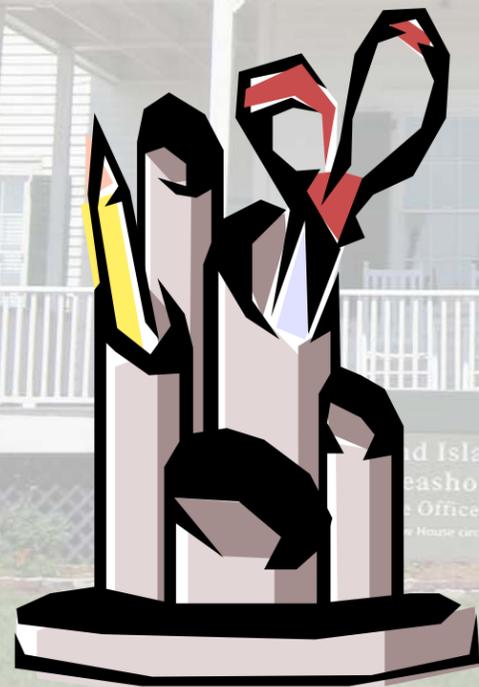
Design a government-wide plan for recruiting and hiring qualified, diverse talent.

Review the Federal Career Intern Program and, within 90 days, offer a recommendation to the President on its future and on providing effective pathways into the Federal service for college students and graduates

Work with agencies to ensure that best practices are being developed and used throughout Government.

For complete details on hiring reform – including additional measures taken by President Obama and the Office of Personnel Management, a Video News Release and webcast of the entire press conference, please visit <http://www.opm.gov/>.

Until next time... Julie Meeks



Boat Training

By FRED BOYLES

The park recently conducted the Department of the Interior's Motorboat Operator Certification Course. The course is generally offered once yearly with the overall goal of ensuring safe and enjoyable boating for employees who operate boats as a part of their official duties. The course was attended by two Cumberland Island employees: Superintendent Fred Boyles and SCA Intern Paula Messing, two from the Southeast Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network and two employees from Fort Caroline and Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. Certified Instructors Brian Wentworth, Wayne Lagasse and Dennis Parsons taught the course. Thanks to good teaching, all students passed with flying colors!



Captain Paula Messing



Instructor Brian Wentworth orientates students to the various parts of a boat.

McKinnon Map Restored

By FRED BOYLES

I recently had the special experience on a visit to Atlanta of seeing the original 1802 McKinnon map of Cumberland Island. The map has been recently restored by the Georgia Department of Archives and History, located just south of Atlanta, in Morrow. The map will be on display at the Archives starting June 22nd through the summer. The costly restoration was funded thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (www.fogah.org).

An article written in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* in 1993 by Mary Bullard documents the history of the map and its significance. The map was done by John McKinnon to determine land ownership for the heirs of Nathaniel Greene at the request of Phaeneas Miller. The map divides the lands up by their use between the Greene heirs and the heirs of Thomas Lynch.

Looking at the map I was struck by several observations. First, the term map denotes a technical drawing. The McKinnon drawing is more of a work of art than a map. The beauty of the drawing is striking. Another observation is its size. The drawing is nine feet



The McKinnon Map in the process of being preserved.



Fred Boyles observing the McKinnon Map

long. A third thought is how little Cumberland has changed since 1802. I have always heard that Georgia's barrier Islands experience minimal geological change. Many attribute this to the “Georgia bight”. This map confirms this over the course of 200+ years in that it appears identical to the overall land form of Cumberland today. Finally, I am struck by the power of historic objects or artifacts. Objects can link us to the past in a special way.

If you are in Atlanta this summer, please stop by the Georgia State Archives building. It's located south of the airport, near state highway 54 or Jonesboro Road. Their web site can give you more details about the exhibition. www.sos.ga.gov/archives/

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

2010 Turtle Techs Have Arrived

By DOUG HOFFMAN

The Cumberland Island sea turtle interns have arrived for the summer nesting season. Stacey Weinstock arrived on May 19 and Amanda Smith arrived on May 20. Stacey is currently attending Virginia Polytechnic and State University (Virginia Tech) and is majoring in Wildlife Management. Go Hokies! Amanda recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison with a major in Zoology. Go Badgers! Both interns are looking forward to gaining some practical field experience in the fields of conservation biology and wildlife management. The girls got a full dose of the sea turtle project on their first day of work together, assisting the park's biologist with 8 new loggerhead sea turtle nests and 2 loggerhead strandings. Please welcome them to the park when you see them.



CUIS sea turtle interns Amanda Smith (left) and Stacey Weinstock (right) relocate a loggerhead nest that was in danger of being lost to high tides.

USDA To Assist Park With Feral Hog Project

By DOUG HOFFMAN

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services division will be assisting CUIS with feral hog management efforts this summer. The park entered into an interagency agreement with USDA to provide additional assistance to the current year-round efforts to maintain the hog population at minimal levels. USDA assigned Matt Ondovchik, a Wildlife Technician to the project which will run from May through August. A second individual, either a technician or biologist, may assist at times during the project. Efforts will be directed from the southern boundary of the Wilderness Area northward to Burbank and Long Points. USDA personnel have already visited the island and have been briefed on private property boundaries and safety issues. The park's biologist will continue to conduct hog control efforts throughout the entire island, focusing mainly on the beach this summer with night-time efforts to remove hogs threatening sea turtle nests.

Any questions regarding the hog project should be directed to the park's biologist.

Eagle Scout Project

By JOHN FRY



Mitchell Cross, a Boy Scout with Troop 226 in Camden County, took on a demanding Eagle Scout project on Cumberland Island to restore wetland processes in a Sweetwater Lakes segment that is traversed by South Cut Trail. His task was to replace three culverts along a trail causeway that had failed and in turn impeded water flow in the adjacent wetlands. Mitchell designed the culvert and headwall layout for the site and then prefabricated the structures for assembly in the field. In early May and again in early June, he pulled together 10 to 17 volunteers from his Scout Troop and Venturing Crew to remove the defective units and install the new culverts and headwalls. Because the site is located in the Cumberland Island Wilderness all materials were carried in by hand and all on site work was done using hand tools. Derelict materials and debris were also packed out on foot. Hauling, excavation, assembly, backfilling, and grading were done over two very hot and humid days that at times included wet and muddy conditions. The crews put in eleven hour days to get the job done. Mitchell and his team did an excellent job and the conditions for flow are drastically improved for the associated wetlands.



Mitchell Cross works on his Eagle Scout project with his father, Don Cross.

Maintenance Division

By CARL DAVID

Expanding Exposure

The park is now being viewed at Exit 1, in St. Marys, at the Georgia Welcome Center. There was assistance, from all divisions, to purchase a Scrolling Picture Frame and install about 100 pictures. This frame will increase the exposure of the island to the public and increase the interest and possibly the visitation. There are approximately 10,000 visitors a day, according to the Welcome Center. We are also working on a more detailed and informative sign, to be mounted at the main entrance door, at the Georgia Welcome Center. These visual displays will most definitely impact the park in a positive way. Thanks to all.

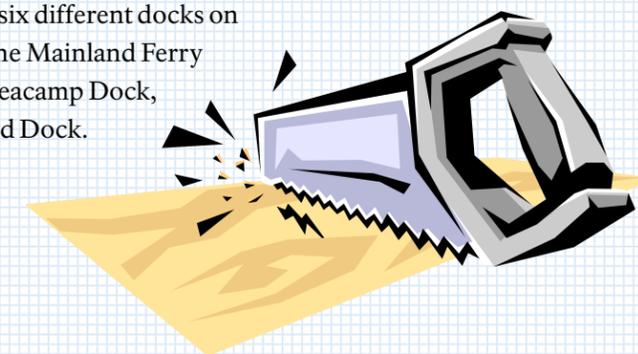


The digital picture frame is hung to the right of a Georgia map at the Georgia Welcome Center.

Solar Light Project



There were six (6) solar lights installed at six different docks on the island and mainland. The docks are the Mainland Ferry Dock and Fuel Dock, Dungeness Dock, Seacamp Dock, Old House Creek Dock and Plum Orchard Dock. This project will not only lower our utility costs but will also make the park's carbon footprint smaller.



Stafford Chimneys



The park will be doing an emergency repair to the wood lintel, on chimney # 7. The mortar joints and bricks are failing around the lintel, which supports the massive over mantel. When the lintel is no longer supporting the over mantel, the weight is too great and it begins to sag and over time will collapse. This is evident on many of the collapsed chimneys. This repair will hopefully preserve this chimney for many years to come. In addition to this repair, the park is in the process of determining an approach that will properly address some of the other chimneys' deterioration issues and preserve them into the future.

2010-2011 Hunts

By DENNIS PARSONS

Cumberland Island National Seashore is announcing on-line registration for the 2010-2011 managed hunts. The park will begin accepting registrations at 8:00 AM on July 1, 2010 and continues until the quotas have been reached. Hunters may participate in four of the hunts plus the adult/child hunt.

The registration process will be first come first served. The hunt fee is \$35.00 per hunt per hunter. Payment is required at the time of registration. The fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable. When a particular hunt quota is full, registration for that hunt will be closed. Hunters can register as individuals or as a group. A group consists of five members plus the group lead. Standby hunters are no longer being accepted.

Registration begins 8:00 AM July 1, 2010, please go to www.pay.gov and type "Cumberland" in the search box located on the left hand side of the screen under the section entitled "Find Public Forms". From the search results, select "Cumberland Island Managed Hunt" and follow the onscreen instructions to complete registration.

Transportation: Transportation to Cumberland Island is by passenger ferry or private boat. The passenger ferry departs from the National Park Service dock in St Marys at 10:00AM on Sunday. The return ferry departs Plum Orchard dock at 10:30 AM on Thursday. The round trip fare is \$30.00. Reservations for the ferry must be made when you receive your hunt confirmation. The reservation number is 877-860-6787 or 912-882-4335. Small boat charters are no longer available. No other charter or water taxi operators are authorized to operate to the seashore.

Private boaters must check-in at Plum Orchard Hunt Camp. Private boats must be beached or stream anchored. Private boats may use Plum Orchard dock to load/unload gear but are not allowed to dock overnight.

Check-in: check-in is mandatory and begins on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Plum Orchard Hunt Camp. All hunters are required to present their hunting license and identification.

Hunting License: A Georgia Big Game License is required for hunting deer and hog in addition to a regular GA Hunting License or a Primitive Weapons License (if using primitive weapons).

Go to www.nps.gov/cuis for further hunt information or www.gohuntgeorgia.com for license or weapon information. Additional information may be obtained by writing to: Hunts, Cumberland Island National Seashore, 101 Wheeler St, St. Marys, GA 31558, phone 912-882-4336-275 or FAX 912-882-6284.

2010-2011 HUNT DATES

Archery	October 25, 26, 27	125	Hog and Deer	14 and over
Primitive Weapons	November 15, 16, 17	100	Hog and Deer	14 and over
Primitive Weapons	December 13, 14, 15	100	Hog and Deer	14 and over
Adult/Child*	December 19, 20, 21	50	Hog and Deer	12 - 16
Modern Weapons	January 10, 11, 12	100	Hog only	14 and over
Modern Weapons	January 24, 25, 26	100	Hog only	14 and over

Adult/Child – An adult must accompany the child at all times; only the child can hunt.

Children under age 16 must be accompanied by and be under direct adult supervision to hunt any game.



Bachlott House Receives Loving Care

By DOUG HOFFMAN



Students from left to right: Blake Chester, Bethanee Collins, Brett Goebel and Mac Macguire

Karyn Chester, 4 students volunteered their time on a weekend to plant new flowers and shrubs in the bed. The flowerbed was originally established in 2008 by Ms. Chester and some of her students under direction of the park's Resource Management Division.

In May, members of the Camden County High School FFA chapter provided some much-needed revitalization of the Batchlott House flowerbed. Under direction of CCHS teacher/advisor

Spring/Summer Night-time Beach Driving

By DOUG HOFFMAN

May 1st marked the beginning of the spring/summer night beach driving regulations. The Georgia Shoreline Protection Act prohibits driving on the beach at night from May 1st through October 31st. Specifically stated: "Beach driving ... shall be restricted to daylight hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset),..." The purpose of this regulation is to provide further protection to nesting sea turtles, shorebirds, and other marine life.



Work Day at Stafford Chimneys

By FRED BOYLES

The park's Maintenance, Resource Management staffs and the YCC crew put in a long day to clean up debris at the Stafford Chimneys. The work concentrated on the north side of the historic area. Several dead trees and live trees that threatened the historic chimneys were removed and hauled off. Good burning wood was cut, split and hauled to the campground at Sea Camp. The park's new dump truck came in handy along with the backhoe that could lift large pieces of wood and limbs. A total of 130 hours of work went into the project but there is still more to be done.

The park has identified several projects to help stabilize the chimneys. Dead trees that could fall and knock down a chimney were identified for removal as the highest priority. Vines and other vegetation that grow on the chimneys and whose roots grow into the mortar joints are being sprayed with herbicide. Further work will be determined once a prescription can be developed for each chimney.



Workers from all divisions logged a total of 130 hours removing threats to the Stafford Chimneys.

Primitive Skills Demonstrations

By GINGER HOLLINGSWORTH-COX

Primitive skills demonstrations were shared with both teachers and park visitors through two activities. Maintenance Mechanic Richard Hagford demonstrated the skill of creating “Tabby”. Coquina and Tabby are local materials used for building. Coquina is a conglomerate of petrified shell that had to be cut from reefs and used in construction. Tabby is a man-made material also used for construction. Rick first acquired “fired” oyster shell from a neighboring park, though we sometimes “fire” on site. Firing shell means that empty oyster shells are heated to an extremely high temperature (app 1600 degrees F) which softens the shell and allows it to release it’s calcium carbonate. The fired shell is then put in a trough and mixed with an almost equal amount of hot water, which causes a reaction in the “fired” shell, and the mixture begins boiling rapidly. Rick then uses a hoe to blend this mixture, while adding small amounts of clean sand, and crushed raw oyster shell. This is then poured into the mold where it will “cure” for 24-48 hours. Presto, there you have a “tabby” brick. This skill was used frequently to provide for building materials during the colonial period and plantation period. The material was available, quick setting and made use of available labor. Even today, tabby is made and used for local architectural elements although often employs the use of concrete instead of lime. Cumberland Island Historic Structures show elements of both early and late tabby construction and the use of all materials, including concrete, lime and coquina.



Maintenance Mechanic Richard Hagford demonstrates the skill of creating “Tabby”



Park Volunteer Stan Mills shares his passion for primitive skills with a demonstration of flint knapping.

Park Volunteer Stan Mills shares his passion for primitive skills with a demonstration of flint knapping. Early native islanders made use of local coastal materials such as shell, clay and animal bones for most of their hunting and sustenance needs. However, just a few hundred miles inland (in what is now North Georgia) one can find flint, chert and other materials which were fashioned into spear points, atlatl’s, and arrowheads. Extensive trade networks among coastal and inland natives saw trading of shell tools, shellfish, baskets, clay containers, as well as chert and flint for tools and weapons. Flint knapping is a very specialized skill because the correct shape, type and density of the stone is very important. How it is actually “worked” or “knapped” depends on what the finished product needed to be. Larger spear points would be shaped and fastened to a sturdy, straight stick for throwing short distances for large prey. Smaller prey such as deer and rabbits could be hunted with a bow and “arrow”(a smaller point fastened to a smaller stick). Off pieces were used to scrape hides, work pottery or light fires.



Teachers enjoyed hands-on-learning with a variety of activity-based lessons.

Teacher Workshop

By GINGER HOLLINGSWORTH-COX

Florida Archaeology Network’s (FAN) NE Regional Director Sarah Miller and Outreach Coordinator Emily Graft-Weiss, prepared and presented a fabulous workshop for local and regional educators. Highlights were lesson plans related to building long range understanding of concepts related to archeology and protection and stewardship of archeological resources. Teachers enjoyed hands-on-learning with a variety of activity-based lessons. In addition, the staff from FAN provided excellent teacher manuals and resources which can be reproduced and used in the classroom.

The Battle at Point Peter

By GINGER HOLLINGSWORTH-COX

Over Memorial Day weekend, Brockington and Associates’ staff archeologists, Patricia Stallings and Patrick Severts, came to the park to share their knowledge about the War of 1812 site recently discovered at Point Peter. Visitors enjoyed an opportunity to learn more about their findings, methods, and preservation efforts. For more information about the War of 1812 Point Peter site, please visit our mainland museum which is open from 1pm-4pm Tuesday through Saturday, or visit our web site at www.nps.gov/cuis or www.brockington.org.



Brockington and Associates staff archeologists Patricia Stallings and Patrick Severts share their knowledge about the site of Point Peter.



Interpretive Ranger Ginger Hollingsworth-Cox, Historian Michael Higgins and students marvel at the Point Peter diorama.

In addition, local collector *Al Virgin* shared his knowledge and interesting artifacts for this event as well as a visit to the museum by 5th grade Challenge students from Mary Lee Clark and St. Marys Elementary School. The class is doing a unit on the 1812 story and under the leadership of Historian and Technical Advisor Michael Higgins they have created an excellent view of the battle at Point Peter through a diorama which will soon be on exhibit in the museum.

Teacher Ranger Teacher & Scholars and Stewards Programs

By GINGER HOLLINGSWORTH-COX

Cumberland Island National Seashore is an educator’s resource and a student’s outdoor classroom. This year students and teachers will be even more involved through two great programs which integrate teachers into park operations and programs, and then the teachers carry their experiences back into the classroom.

The Teacher Ranger Teacher program has been funded through the National Park Service, and the park has hired Camden Middle School Science Teacher Penny Chauncey. Ms. Chauncey will work with the park staff to complete and market to the schools “Discovery Kits” which highlight the natural and cultural significance of this great coastal treasure. Throughout the school year she will be working on grants to further educational field trips and virtual web based activities as well.

The Scholars and Stewards program was funded through a grant with the National Park Foundation, and will support engaging high school youth in service learning opportunities. A team of teachers, park staff and students will be working together to support students being involved in museum archives, collections and visitor services, as well as creating lesson plans and activities for elementary and middle schools who visit the mainland museum.

Both programs will meet the National Park Service initiatives of engaging youth in our National Parks, fostering a stewardship ethic for our nation’s treasures, and providing education and employment benefits for the future generations of America.



Teacher Ranger Teacher employee Penny Chauncey.