



## Archeology Program

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### **NEW BOOK PUBLISHED ON THE CURATION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS**

*Our Collective Responsibility: The Ethics and Practice of Archaeological Collections Stewardship* is the newest book on the curation of archeological collections in the United States. It is edited by Dr. S. Terry Childs of the National Park Service's Archeology and Ethnography Program and published by the Society for American Archaeology. The book collects articles on ethical issues concerning the stewardship of archeological collections and offers very practical examples of collections management and care. In particular, articles cover project budgeting for curation, the long-term preservation of archival and digital records, access and use of collections, Native American issues, and collection rehabilitation.

### **JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK ANNUAL COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

Joshua Tree National Park, in partnership with the Joshua Tree National Park Association and with generous financial support from the Lee Family Foundation, has issued a call for proposals to scientists from cultural and natural resource disciplines to promote field research at Joshua Tree National Park. A grant of up to \$12,000 is possible. This is the third annual call for the park Science Grant program. Proposals are welcome from scientists representing government agencies, universities, museums, the private sector, and non-affiliated qualified individual researchers. Proposals will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of individuals with expertise in natural and cultural resources and the field of education. Depending on the proposals received, it is possible that more than one research project may be funded. Completed proposals are due back to the park by July 23, 2004.

To request a copy of the application instructions and guidelines contact Joe Zarki, Chief of Interpretation & Education, Joshua Tree National Park at [joe\\_zarki@nps.gov](mailto:joe_zarki@nps.gov) or 760-367-5520.

### **LA CASA DE ROBINSON**

The Archeology and Ethnography program is pleased to announce the launch of the first Spanish version of a feature in its online "Discover Archeology" series <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/PUBLIC/discover.htm>>. *La casa de Robinson: un retrato de la herencia afro-americana* was translated by the NPS Spanish Colonial Research Center. This feature explores how archeological research, architectural studies, and oral history reveal new insights into the changing lifeways of free African Americans. Within Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Robinson House survived in spite of the first and second battles of Manassas. As African Americans, the Robinson family found themselves embroiled in the struggles of the nation before and after that war. Follow the links from the A&E home page at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/>.

El Programa de Arqueología y Etnografía se complace en anunciarles que el rasgo web *La casa de Robinson: Un retrato de la herencia afro-americana* está ahora disponible en español. Dentro del Parque del Campo de Batalla Nacional Manassas, la casa de Robinson sobrevivió a pesar de la primera y la segunda batalla de Manassas. Como afro-americanos, los miembros de la familia Robinson se encontraron involucrados en las luchas de la nación antes y después de la guerra. Visite <http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/> para conocer cómo las investigaciones arqueológicas, los estudios arquitectónicos y la historia oral nos permiten comprender mejor los cambios en el estilo de vida de los afro-americanos libres.

### **SAA AND NPS CULTURAL RESOURCES HONOR PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDEE**

On July 12, 2004, Paula J. Desio, Deputy General Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission, received the 2004 Public Service Award from the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). Ms. Desio received the award for her efforts to improve legal protection of the nation's cultural resources through the development of U.S. Sentencing Guideline 2B1.5, which became effective on November 1, 2002. Use of the guideline will result in increased sentences for violations of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and other Federal statutes protecting cultural heritage resources. The award was presented during a ceremony and reception at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC sponsored by the Archeology and Ethnography Program, SAA, and the U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites. NPS Chief Archeologist Francis P. McManamon provided remarks and introduced several speakers, including Janet Snyder Matthews, NPS associate director for cultural resources.

### **NEW TECHNICAL BRIEF LAUNCHED**

The Archeology and Ethnography Program launched the latest in its series of online Technical Briefs. Technical Brief #18, "Protecting Archeological Sites on Eroding Shorelines: A Hay Bales Approach" by Robert M. Thorne, is available at <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/pubs/techbr/TCH18A.htm>>. Dr. Thorne is an authority on site stabilization and preservation who describes an inexpensive, yet effective method to preserve archeological sites along lakeshores through the use of hay bales. More Technical Briefs offering alternative treatments to preserve and protect archeological sites, as well as information about archeological contracting, collections management, public outreach and education, and other important topics can be found at <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/pubs/techbr/>>.