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The new Project Archaeology website is up and running! Derrick Baldwin, Project Archaeology's Web Administrator, has tackled the task of putting together a working website to serve our Coordinators and the general public.

Derrick has drawn from some designs originally conceptualized by Jennifer Woodcock. He has streamlined and organized a lot of information, and has worked technical magic to make our website come to fruition.

The site has information about the program and how it works, contact information of our Coordinators, links to our partners, special information for teachers, and a calendar of upcoming events. Coordinators have a special login section dedicated just for them, with information about ordering books and merchandise and our archived newsletters.

We'd love to hear your responses!

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★ News Flashes from around the USA ★

Megg Heath (HQ) and Pat Blevins (NH) hosted a **Facilitator Training** at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, June 29- July 1, 2004. Sixteen new Facilitators were trained. Great job!

For the second consecutive year, Fran Philipek (WA/OR) and Megg Heath (HQ) held an **Educators' Workshop** in conjunction with the Archaeology Channel's annual Archaeological Film Festival in Eugene, Oregon, July 13-15. Participants were wowed by the workshop and by the films about archaeology and other cultures.

Jeanne Moe (HQ) is just back from a meeting with MaryAnn Davis (ID) and others who are diligently working on their Project Archaeology state supplement.

Do you have a news brief to share? Call Suzanne Parker at 970-882-5619 or write to [suzanne\\_parker@co.blm.gov](mailto:suzanne_parker@co.blm.gov).

## From the Director's Desk



Jeanne Moe

Summer is always a busy time for archaeologists. Hope you are all having a great one.

### Electronic Inquiry Packets

The Pawnee Earthlodge inquiry packet is coming together. We certainly have learned a lot through this pilot project. For example, we have learned that we need to produce high quality pdf files for teachers to download from the web or CD-Rom as well as the interactive pieces for students to use directly. We have produced some drafts but aren't quite ready to share them broadly yet.

### NEH Grant

I regret to inform you that we did not receive the National Endowment for the Humanities Exemplary Education Project grant that we applied for in 2002. We received verbal notice that we were in the "winner's circle" back in March 2003, but that the application was receiving further review. Late this spring we learned that we were not eligible for the grant because of "federal (Bureau of Land Management) involvement" in the program.

Needless to say, we are very disappointed that we were determined ineligible after the application was submitted and reviewed. We certainly asked if there would be any problem given BLM's involvement in the program before submitting and were assured by program officers that we should apply. We are currently researching other avenues for funding Project Archaeology at the national level and have found several promising foundations. We will submit several grant proposals as soon as we can.

Onward and upward!

*Jeanne*

*Discover the Past—Shape the Future*

## Project Archaeology People

### Crystal Alegria, New Staff Member

Crystal Bauer Alegria joined National Headquarters staff on July 1, 2004, as the new Project Coordinator and Research Assistant. Crystal received a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a Master's degree in history at Montana State University. She has been working in southern California for the last seven years for Wells Fargo Historical Museums and a variety of other historical organizations. Her broad mix of experience in historical interpretation, fundraising, coordinating educational events, and managing organizations and volunteers, make her an excellent choice for the varied jobs she will be doing as Project Coordinator.



Crystal Alegria

Crystal will be doing a little of everything: researching archaeological and historical data for the new curriculum, pulling together information for inquiry packets, helping coordinate events such as workshops and conferences, and developing a new program brochure. When we get a little further down the line, she may help with some fundraising and helping to coordinate the Network.

"I am excited to be part of Project Archaeology," Crystal says, "and I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you soon."

We are thrilled to have Crystal on the Project Archaeology team. Give her a call at 406-994-6925 and say hello.

### In Transition: Suzanne Parker



Suzanne Parker

Suzanne Parker, our National Network Coordinator, is taking on a new role within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Suzanne has been asked to coordinate BLM's multi-year celebration of the centennial of the Antiquities Act of 1906. She will continue with her present Project Archaeology duties for the near future while she adds in the new project.

The BLM is using this milestone anniversary to renew the successful *Adventures in the Past* program in order to highlight archaeological, paleontological, and historical sites on BLM lands and to expand the constituency for stewardship of these heritage resources. Four main program areas— Heritage Education, Research & Collections, Recreation, and Volunteers— will be emphasized. BLM plans to showcase Project Archaeology during the celebration.

This is an exciting opportunity for Suzanne and for Project Archaeology. We'll keep you posted regarding new developments. In the meantime, contact Suzanne at 970-882-5619 with any questions about *Adventures in the Past* or BLM's 2006 Antiquities Centennial.

### Farewell to Jennifer Woodcock

Our previous Research Assistant, Jennifer Woodcock, has moved on to the Native American Studies department at Montana State University. She is completing her Master's degree and has been teaching some of their introductory classes. We hear that she is doing great things, as usual. Jennifer can still be reached at [jwoodcock@montana.edu](mailto:jwoodcock@montana.edu).

## Funding Tip:

### Community Foundations

There are over 600 community foundations throughout the United States. Most of them are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their areas of coverage and fund a wide variety of projects from improving restroom facilities to bringing Shakespeare to rural schools.

The Council on Foundations provides information on most of the local community foundations around the country. To learn more about community foundations and to find appropriate organizations in your area, visit the Council on Foundations website at [www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org) and go to "Tools." Find the Community Foundation Locator and click for a map of the country and links to your local foundations.

Many of these foundations may well be interested in funding Project Archaeology programs and various related projects including development of supplementary materials, consultation with Native American groups, or teacher workshops.

## A Report from Iowa...

The Office of the State Archaeologist—University of Iowa (OSA—UI) recently organized a visit from Alicia Stewart, Education Manager for the Indiana State Museum and Project Archaeology Coordinator for Indiana. Iowa has been preparing to introduce Project Archaeology via the efforts of Shirley Schermer and Lynn Alex, Project Archaeology "NATS" for Iowa. Alicia visited Iowa City May 10-11, 2004, and presented an overview of Project Archaeology in Indiana to Iowa's State Archaeologist Dr. Elizabeth Pauls, and OSA—UI's Education Committee. Alicia's presentation and responses to questions from the committee should encourage Iowa's efforts to implement Project Archaeology in the near future. Members of the Education Committee may visit Indiana in June or July 2004 for a first-hand look at a Project Archaeology workshop. Iowa would recommend that states considering implementation of Project Archaeology invite a nearby coordinator to visit and discuss the program.

--Lynn Alex



2004 Project WET Annual Conference Group Shot

Jeanne Moe and Suzanne Parker attended the Project WET Annual conference held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming May 22-25. Not only did we enjoy the great dynamic of Project WET's terrific network, we got a lot of great ideas from them for our future conferences!

## The Birthday Gang

July 17--Mary Anne Davis (ID) July 29-- Nancy Hawkins (LA) August 11--Erwin Neighbors (MO)  
August 12-- Jeanne Moe (HQ) August 30--Linda Derry (AL)

If you are a Cancer, Leo, or Virgo and your birthday isn't listed here, let us know!  
Happy Birthday!