

## The Report from Montreal

We are very appreciative of the eight participants who made it to our meeting just prior to the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting in Montreal. Carol Ellick (AZ/NM), Joelle Clark (AZ), Linda Derry (AL), Tonia Rock (VA), Maureen Malloy (SAA/MD), Peter Feinman (NY), Renata Wolyneć (PA), Dick Boisvert (NH), plus Megg Heath, Jeanne Moe, and Suzanne Parker (HQ) were all in attendance.

We had a very tight schedule and a lot of ground to cover, but we had some great discussions. Our main objectives were to discuss a document described below, discuss the status of the new curriculum guide, and to have time for sharing among the group. It was a lot to do in less than eight hours!

All of the participants had received advance copies of a rough draft of a document that we were calling "bylaws" for national Project Archaeology. Our "bylaws" were essentially drafted from those of Project WET, but our result was a formidable document. Not only did the group determine that "bylaws" are not appropriate for Project Archaeology (we aren't our own 501(c)3), we worked to soften the language, delete or move sections around, and are generally trying to make this document an adequate representation of what is happening at the grassroots level.

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## News Flashes from around the USA

Patrice Junius (MS) has reported that she will be conducting four Project Archaeology teacher trainings in Jackson, Mississippi this summer. Way to go!

Suzanne Parker (HQ) and Mark Henderson of BLM Nevada recently taught a compressed Project Archaeology workshop to a group of Nevada Site Stewards and museum docents at the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada. What a great assembly of volunteers and a wonderful audience for Project Archaeology!

Congratulations to Pat Blevins, who has a new position with the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. She and Dick Boisvert, also of the NHDHR, are working to bring Project Archaeology to New Hampshire and are planning a Facilitator Training sometime this summer. We're happy to see Pat's addition to NH Project Archaeology!

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

It was great to see some of our state coordinators at the SAA Conference in Montreal. We had a small group and short session but we certainly got a lot done. We know you all are busy and we really appreciate your time and effort.

### Curriculum Update

We are working on the prototype for our new national database that will include a series of inquiry packets to enhance the Shelter Unit. We have selected the Pawnee Earthlodge for the pilot project. Once we have developed a template using the earthlodge, we can add other shelter examples from all over the country so teachers can pick and choose according to their location and needs. Some of the examples will be published in the new curriculum guide and all will be available electronically.

We have assembled a team of experts and the earthlodge prototype is progressing nicely. Abe Thompson (see Project Archaeology People section) is helping with basic research, obtaining historic photos, and coordinating the entire project. Warren Pratt, Pawnee educator in Kansas City, Missouri agreed to help us with the sections on Pawnee culture past and present, the spiritual meaning of the earthlodge, and uses of the earthlodge today. Ivy Davis, a graphics designer here in Bozeman, is producing illustrations to show how the earthlodge was constructed. Virginia Wulfkuhle, Kansas State Historical Society archaeologist, is supplying maps, artifact photos, and lots of technical advice.

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## Project Archaeology People: Abe Thompson, New Staff Member

Abe Thompson, an archaeology student at Montana State University, joined our staff in March as a part time research assistant. Abe will be responsible for assembling all the pieces of the new shelter inquiry packets including historic photographs, maps, artifact drawings and photos, original illustrations, text, and audio segments. He is currently finishing his work on the prototype packet for the Pawnee Earthlodge and beginning research on the Crow Tipi.



Abe Thompson

Abe is from Red Lodge, Montana, and is currently a junior at MSU. He is interested in all aspects of archaeology, but is particularly interested in pursuing a career in paleoanthropology.

"Archaeology is crucial to understanding our past," Abe says. "When I was younger, I never had the chance to study the archaeological record and see how important it is to our lives today. I'm excited to get this chance to help portray this information to our youth and be part of the Project Archaeology team!"

We are very happy to have Abe at National Headquarters. He is taking on a lot of new challenges, from finding historic photographs to scanning artifact slides with unfamiliar equipment to finding new consultants. He is doing a great job. Abe can be reached at [akt@montana.edu](mailto:akt@montana.edu) or 406-994-6727.

## Montreal Report (cont.)

The resulting "Guidelines," as we are calling them now, could possibly become the framework for the next incarnation of the *Project Archaeology Primer*. They remain a work in progress. The group that gathered in Montreal will be given an opportunity to review the revised document before it will be posted to the Project Archaeology listserv for open comments.

Jeanne provided us with an update of the curriculum writing process. She especially focused on the pilot Pawnee Earthlodge inquiry packet for the Shelter unit. (See the Director's Desk for further explanation.) It is great to see everyone's hard work coming together.

We had just a little bit of time left to go around the room and share accomplishments and goals for the coming year. From new state handbooks and new state programs, to innovative partnerships, to creative workshop ideas, to outstanding grant applications, there is a lot happening within the Project Archaeology network. All of it depends on the enthusiasm and dedication of our talented colleagues!

## Director's Desk (cont.)

Mark Freeman, a computer expert from Lynchburg, Virginia is putting the whole package together electronically. Mark will animate the illustrations to show the relationship between the archaeological remains and the structure that once covered it.

It's really exciting to watch it all come together. We think it will help kids understand some archaeological processes and give them an opportunity to do some investigations using primary data. We still have a little ways to go, but we hope to have something to show you very soon.

### Education Session at the 2005 SAAs

Eleanor King, professor of archaeology at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and I are planning a Public Education Committee sponsored session at the 2005 Society for American Archaeology meetings in Salt Lake City. Our goal is to highlight the results of our education efforts over the last 20 years; a section on the contributions of Project Archaeology will be included. Eleanor is a Project Archaeology facilitator in Pennsylvania and has helped us develop the new curriculum.

Onward and upward!

*Jeanne*

As always, it was terrific to see you and we hope to see many additional smiling faces at the Annual Coordinators' Conference in Indiana this October!



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## Something Big is Brewing in New Mexico!

The SRI Foundation and BLM New Mexico have correlated new materials to *Intrigue of the Past* and *Discovering Archaeology in New Mexico*.

The “Grand Adventure! El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Royal Road from Mexico City to Santa Fe” is an educational unit that focuses on travel and trade on the Camino Real. The unit contains extensive background information for teachers, four lessons, and some visual images. The lesson plans have been correlated to the New Mexico Educational Benchmarks and Standards. All materials contained in the unit have been produced in English and Spanish.

The unit has been produced on a CD-ROM in PDF format and will be posted on BLM and SRI Foundation Web pages in the near future. Three Camino Real workshops are planned for 2005. The hope is to offer one workshop at El Rancho de los Golondrines near Santa Fe, New Mexico; one at the International Camino Real Heritage Center, Socorro, New Mexico; and one at an institution in Chihuahua, Mexico. Workshop participants will spend one day working with lessons from *Intrigue of the Past* and the second day working with the Camino Real materials.

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Cover art for the new CD-Rom



Pam Wheat-Stranahan (L) accepts her award from SAA President Lynne Sebastian.

## Pam Wheat-Stranahan: SAA Award Recipient and Long Time Project Archaeology Supporter

We are so pleased that Texas's own Pam Wheat-Stranahan was selected by the Society for American Archaeology to receive the 2004 'Excellence in Public Education Award'. The award is conferred to individuals or institutions for outstanding achievements related to the sharing of archaeological knowledge and preservation issues with the public. According to the SAA's press release regarding the award, "For 25 years Pam has been a champion for public education about archaeological resources in Texas and on the national level."

Pam participated in our Midwestern Region Curriculum Development workshop at the Great Basin Environmental Education Center in Utah and has worked long and hard to establish a Project Archaeology program in Texas. We are very proud of Pam and happy to include her in the Project Archaeology family!



This Issue's Spotlight is On:



## KENTUCKY

Kentucky's Project Archaeology program is housed at the Kentucky Archaeological Survey (KAS), which is jointly administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council and the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology. Gwynn Henderson, who is an archaeologist and the Education Coordinator for KAS, is the State Coordinator for PA in Kentucky. KAS was formed in 1995, and almost immediately they began using Project Archaeology materials for their outreach efforts.

Gwynn recently reported that KAS was approached by the Kentucky Arts Council to participate in an upcoming Rock Castle County festival. The Arts Council wants to add more authenticity to their history presentations at the festival and include Native perspectives.

Among other things, Gwynn and her colleagues will use the "Experimental Archaeology: Making Cordage" lesson with the kids attending the fair. She said, "It never ceases to amaze me how many different contexts there are in which these lessons can be used." Gwynn is great at adapting lessons from *Intrigue* to suit the needs of Kentucky teachers and students. Great job, Gwynn!



LaDonna Brown, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, shares with Kentucky workshop participants one Native group's views on site protection and preservation.

Visit the Kentucky Archaeological Survey's Project Archaeology website at [http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/khc/project\\_arch.htm](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/khc/project_arch.htm)

### Corrections

In the previous issue of Network News, we neglected to include the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in our list of sponsors for the Native American Educators curriculum development workshop held in October in Flagstaff, AZ. Jon Czaplicki at the BOR Regional Office in Phoenix, AZ has been a long time supporter of our efforts to include Native American educators. We apologize for the oversight. Thanks to Jon and the BOR for their financial assistance; we couldn't have done it without you!

Additionally, the Lumme tribe identified in the previous newsletter should have read the Lumbe tribe. Sorry. —Ed.

### The Birthday Gang

May 19—Dorothy Krass (DC)  
June 23—Gwynn Henderson (KY)

If you are a Taurus, Gemini, or Cancer born in May or June and your birthday isn't listed here, let us know!

Happy Birthday to you!

### Hosting Workshops Any Time Soon?

Have you been in the news lately? Did we miss your birthday? Do you have an event or accomplishment to share? Send an e-mail about it to [suzanne\\_parker@co.blm.gov](mailto:suzanne_parker@co.blm.gov) for inclusion in subsequent issues of Network News.