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## Bill Baggs/Cape Florida State Park Designated a Network to Freedom Site

State Park celebrates Florida's African-American history and heritage

Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood joined former U.S. Representative Carrie Meek, National Park Service Director Fran Mainella, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Colleen M. Castille, Debra Austin, Chancellor of Colleges and Universities, Florida State Parks Director Mike Bullock, parks staff, volunteers and school students on February 22, at the official designation of the Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park as a national Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Site. The park is the first state park in Florida to receive this honor.

Situated on the southern tip of Key Biscayne, Cape Florida was a secret meeting place and port for runaway slaves and

*Left to Right: Robert Yero, Park Manager, Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park; Glenda E. Hood, Florida Secretary of State; George Jones, Chief, Bureau of Parks District 5; Carrie Meek, Former U.S. Representative; Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service; Mike Bullock, Director, Florida Park Service; Bob Ballard, Deputy Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Colleen M. Castille, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Debra Austin, Chancellor of Colleges and Universities*

Seminole Blacks during the 18th and 19th centuries. Observers described a major exodus of freedom seekers from across Central and North Florida waiting at Cape Florida to rendezvous with sea captains or board dugouts for a passage to safety in the British Bahamas. Cape Florida stands as one of the earliest stations on the national and inter-

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## Bureau Seeks Suggestions

The Bureau of Historic Preservation invites comments and suggestions concerning activities, budget, and priorities for implementing state and federal programs. What key issues should be addressed? What are the technical needs? On which areas of the state or on what type of historic resources should the Bureau focus? Which activities should be continued, discontinued or changed? What funding priorities are recommended?

Send your suggestions in writing to Barbara Mattick, Acting Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, or by e-mail [bmattick@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:bmattick@dos.state.fl.us).

## Florida Historical Commission - November 2004 Meeting

The Florida Historical Commission held their winter quarterly meeting in Tallahassee on November 15 to 18, 2004. At the November 15 business meeting, the Commission discussed several issues:

- Offensive and Derogatory Place Names

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## From the Secretary

### The Celebration of Florida's Spirit Continues

look forward to seeing many of you this April in Tallahassee, as we gather for historic preservation grants review meetings, the joint meeting of the Florida Historical Commission, Florida Folklife Council and Florida Arts Council, and to celebrate Florida Preservation Days and Florida Heritage Month.

It has been an honor for the Department of State to partner again this year with Governor Bush's office and Florida's many cultural and historical organizations, to celebrate the second annual Florida Heritage Month. As a fourth generation Floridian, I am especially proud to be a part of this effort as I value our state's rich and diverse history and culture.

The opening event of Florida Heritage Month took place the morning of March 15 in Tallahassee. We joined Miccosukee Tribe Chairman Billy Cypress in welcoming the public to the dedication of the first of four life-sized bronze figural sculptures to be installed on the grounds of the R.A. Gray building, head-



quarters of the Department of State in Tallahassee. Produced by the team of Bradley Cooley and Bradley Cooley, Jr. of Lamont, the sculpture, "Movin' On", depicts a Miccosukee family of the 1930s. The completed tableau of four sculpture groups will depict native Floridians from different historical eras.

At the Old Capitol in Tallahassee on the morning of April 6, it will be my great pleasure to present the 2005 Great Floridian and Historic Preservation awards. That evening, at the Florida Heritage Month Gala, we will celebrate the designation of the 2005 Florida Folk Heritage award winners, and induct writer, folklorist, and civil rights activist, Stetson Kennedy into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame.

Florida Heritage Month continues through April 15. It is truly a celebration of Florida's spirit. For a schedule of statewide events, please visit [www.floridaheritagemonth.com](http://www.floridaheritagemonth.com).

The celebration of Florida Heritage Month highlights our year-round commitment to working in partnership for the preservation of Florida's vast wealth of historical resources. Your contribution to this effort, along with the many government agencies, organizations, and committed individuals throughout the state, ensures the enrichment of our communities by stimulating their economy through increased tourism, job creation, and attracting new business.

Glenda E. Hood

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national Underground Railroad Network.

In honor of Black History Month, the Florida Memorial College Ambassador Chorus sang the Negro National Anthem, and the Daystar Steel Band provided Bahamian music. The nomination was spearheaded by the Florida Underground Railroad Project, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, commemorating and interpreting Underground Railroad related sites, stories and freedom-seekers in Florida.

Honored as one of the "Top 10 Beaches in the U.S.", Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park attracted more than 850,000 visitors last year. Named after the late Miami newspaper editor who championed the area for a state park, Cape Florida is part of a large barrier island ecosystem.

## Florida Historical Commission - November 2004 Meeting

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Act – The 2004 Florida Legislature passed a measure requiring the Florida Department of State to query Florida's municipalities, counties and state agencies to ascertain whether names of sites, streets, or other locations might be considered offensive to ethnic or religious groups. Letters were sent to all of Florida's 408 municipalities, 67 counties and state agencies by the Division of Historical Resources asking them to identify names that were candidates for a change and recommending replacement names. The Commission voted to accept the recommendations submitted for name changes.

- Secretary of State's Historic Preservation Awards - The awards are presented annually during Florida Historic Preservation Week in conjunction with the Florida Heritage Month Gala. The Florida Historical Commission established a subcommittee to make recommendations for award winners.

- Division of Historical Resources Updates - The Commission received updates from Division Director Frederick Gaske on the impact of the four hurricanes on the state's historical resources and the Division's damage assistance programs; the Governor's proposed State Symbols Designation Policy; and the "Preserve America" program.

- Report on Legislative Issues – The Commission received a report from Malinda Horton, Executive Director of the Florida Association of Museums, regard-

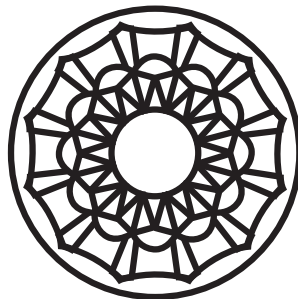
ing the upcoming session of the Florida Legislature and on preservation issues to be addressed in the 2005 session.

- Cultural & Historical Program Issues – The Commission received reports from Karin Stanford of the Museum of Florida History on Social Studies education programs; Dr. Ryan Wheeler of the Bureau of Archaeological Research on archeological issues; Robert Taylor of the Bureau of Historic Preservation on preservation grant program activities; and Dr. Marion Smith and Chip Birdsong of the Florida Master Site File on their programs and activities.

The Florida Historical Commission continued their meeting on November 16-18 with the review and ranking of 127 Special Category Historic Preservation Grant Program applications, representing funding assistance requests totaling approximately \$34 million. After the ranking was completed, the Commission recommended to the Secretary of State that 47 of the projects with a total funding request of \$12.5 million be forwarded to the 2005 Legislature to be considered for funding.

## Governor Appoints Ernestine Ray to Florida Historical Commission

Ms. Ernestine Ray, curator of the Old Dillard Museum in Fort Lauderdale, was appointed to the Florida Historical Commission in October, 2004, by Florida Governor Jeb Bush, to replace outgoing commissioner, Althemes Barnes. Ray is President and Founder of Ancestral Legacies, Inc., a non-profit educational and cultural organization. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of International Educators, the American Association of Museums, the National Art Education Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Ray has a Master's degree in Audiology and a Master's degree in Adult Education both from City University of New York. Her appointment to the Florida Historical Commission is October 25, 2004 through June 30, 2008.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION DAY 2005

### April 5 and 6 - Tallahassee

The 23rd annual Preservation Day activities sponsored by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation will take place in Tallahassee on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6.

**Tuesday, April 5**  
**3 – 4 p.m.**  
**Tour of the New Capitol**

**5:30 – 7 p.m.**  
**Opening Reception**

**Wednesday, April 6**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Advocacy Breakfast**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Legislative Briefing Session**

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## President Signs Castillo de San Marcos Preservation Act Into Law

On December 23, 2004, President George W. Bush signed into law a bill that authorizes federal funding for preservation of St. Augustine's Castillo de San Marcos and the construction of a visitor center. The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act was sponsored by Rep. John Mica, (R-Winter Park).

The Act authorizes federal funding for preservation of the Castillo, expansion of the park areas around it, and construction of a visitor and education center. In March, when the National Park Service compiles a management plan for the project, Mica plans to seek funds to begin the project in late 2005. Mica said the passage of the bill is probably the "most significant" action related to the Castillo since Congress made it a National Monument in 1924. Built by the Spanish between 1672 and 1695, the Castillo is the oldest existing permanent seacoast fortification in the continental United States.

For more information, please visit [www.house.gov/mica/projenvcastillo.htm](http://www.house.gov/mica/projenvcastillo.htm).

## Florida Communities Encouraged To Seek Preserve America Designation in 2005

The *Preserve America* White House initiative encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our cultural and natural heritage. Designation as a *Preserve America* Community recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage; use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization; and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

At the end of 2004, seven Florida communities held the *Preserve America* designation: Coral Gables, Daytona Beach, Dun-

edin, Fort Myers, Key West, Kissimmee, and St. Augustine.

The program is accepting applications for designation in 2005. Four application and designation cycles occur each year. The 2005 application deadlines are June 1, September 1, and December 1. For application forms and program information visit [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov).

## HGTV and the National Trust Honor Edison & Ford Winter Estates

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures and Home & Garden Television has honored the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, among the top ten most visited historic homes in America, in its public affairs campaign Restore America: A Salute to Preservation. This special presentation took place at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates January 13. The presentation featured living history demonstrations and an exclusive preview of the celebrity salute featuring the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, which aired throughout January on HGTV.

Representatives from HGTV, the National Trust, Save America's Treasures and co-sponsor, Comcast Cable presented Chris Pendleton, president & CEO of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, with a commemorative quilt block designed by artist Tom Russell and a \$75,000 check donated by HGTV and earmarked to exterior restoration of the Seminole Lodge on the property. In 2004, the Estates also received historic preservation and historical museums grants from the Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State. For more information, contact Jennifer Merritt at (239) 461-2686.

## Federal Funding and Legislation Update A report from Preservation Action, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

### • THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR FY06

States and tribes see level funding, other programs cut

On February 7, 2005, President Bush released his proposed budget for FY2006 and made good on promises to cut programs across most agencies. States and tribes were

recommended for level funding based on FY2005's enacted amount of \$38,705,000, with states receiving \$35.5 million and tribes \$3.205 million. The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as a whole saw a net reduction of \$5,534,000 over last year's enacted amount. Funds supporting the preservation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, funded at \$3,451,000 million last year, were eliminated as a line item within the HPF. Save America's Treasures was cut from \$30 million last year to \$15 million while Preserve America received \$12.5 million.

### • TAX BILL FOR PRESERVATION INTRODUCED IN 109TH

The Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Act Revived in Tough Climate

The Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Act has been reintroduced by Rob Portman (R-OH) and Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA). The bill, HR 659 would amend the rehabilitation tax credit to provide a deeper credit, and one that works better in concert with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and for projects under \$2 million. Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), Nancy Johnson (R-CT), Phil English (R-PA), Richard Neal (D-MA), Michael Turner (R-OH) and Brad Miller (D-NC) have joined Portman and Jefferson in sponsoring the bill.

### • HOUSE INTRODUCES TRANSPORTATION BILL

On February 9, the House re-introduced the Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users (TEA-LU), its version of the transportation reauthorization measure. The predecessor to this bill, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) expired on September 30, 2003. Lawmakers have since failed to pass a reauthorization measure, leaving the program running on a series of extensions, the latest of which expires on May 31, 2005.

The legislation (H.R. 3), which was introduced by chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Representative Don Young (R-AK), authorizes \$284 billion in spending over six years. Young, along with James Inhofe (R-OK), chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, indicated that they will push for greater funding later in the process.

For further updates on federal funding and legislation, contact Preservation Action at 202/298-6180, [mail@preservationaction.org](mailto:mail@preservationaction.org), or visit [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org).



## Around the State

### Charlotte County Historical Society Receives Save Our History Grant

The History Channel will award the Charlotte County Historical Society an inaugural Save Our History Grant to partner with high school students from Port Charlotte High School and Charlotte High School. After Hurricane Charley last August, Charlotte High was so heavily damaged that it will take years to rebuild. Putting aside academic and athletic rivalry the students will collaborate to preserve their community's experience through oral history.

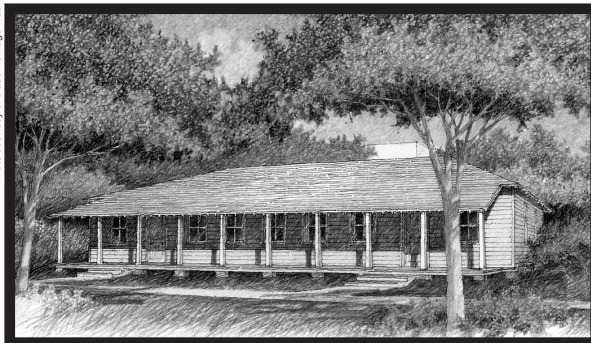
The Charlotte County Historical Society is one of 29 history organizations across the country that will receive Save Our History community preservation grants to fund innovative, educational projects designed to bring communities together and engage children in the preservation of their local history. The History Channel created the Save Our History Grant Program as an extension of the Save Our History philanthropic initiative, demonstrating a commitment to inspiring, motivating and educating local communities on the importance of preserving the past.

### MillionDollar Drive Launched to Save Old Miami High

The Dade Heritage Trust is spearheading a drive to save the first Miami High School building from demolition. The bungalow-style structure was originally built in 1904-05 at 301 N. Miami Avenue. It housed Miami High until 1911, when it was moved by barge and served as Southside Grammar School until 1914.

Located near Brickell Avenue and Coral Way, at 79 SW 12th Street, the building then was used as a home and boarding house for decades. A high-rise development was planned for the

Photo courtesy of Dade Heritage Trust



The Charlotte County Historical Society also sustained damages and is working towards restoration and recovery. Exhibits will be re-installed and refreshed with the addition of the Hurricane Charley: Winds of Change exhibit inspired by this winning project which will document people's perceptions of what it was like to go through and survive the hurricane. Students from two high schools will record interviews that will become a new and permanent inclusion to The Charlotte County Historical Society's archives.

Additional information about the grassroots Save Our History program, including a comprehensive school manual containing suggested lesson plans for grades two through 12 and details about working with local preservation organizations can be found at [www.saveourhistory.com](http://www.saveourhistory.com). Or call Danielle C. Edelman at (212) 819-4827.

### VISIT FLORIDA's Cultural & Heritage Grant Program Online

The Cultural Heritage and Nature Tourism Grant Program is a reimbursement program designed to provide funding for the promotion of multi-county and multi-tourism education projects to increase awareness and participation in Florida nature and cultural heritage tourism programs. Visit [www.VISITFLORIDA.org](http://www.VISITFLORIDA.org) and click on Grants & Awards to review the program guidelines and download the application. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m.

site, so the 97-year-old structure was moved to Southside Park in 2003 and the Dade Heritage Trust is seeking funds to complete restoration. It will become a community education center, with a room exhibiting the history of Miami High. Call DHT at (305) 358-9572 to help.

### Architectural rendering of restored Miami High

on April 15, 2005 in order to be considered. For more information, contact Sara Rogers at [srogers@VISITFLORIDA.org](mailto:srogers@VISITFLORIDA.org) or (850) 488-5607, ext. 363, or write VISIT FLORIDA, Attn: Cultural Heritage and Nature Tourism Grant Program, 661 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

### Florida Trust Holds 2005 Conference in Coral Gables

More than 350 historic preservationists will gather at the Biltmore Hotel, a National Historic Landmark in Coral Gables, for the annual conference of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, May 19 through 21.

The Trust conference will include professional workshops reflecting current preserva-



Coral Gables City Hall

tion issues and challenges found in South Florida, as well as general workshops about preservation grants, guides to preservation organizations and other "how to" topics.

Conference tours will showcase local historic districts and museums, offering a visit to many of south Florida's historic properties, such as Vizcaya, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Venetian Pool and historic theatres throughout Miami. An awards ceremony will recognize individuals and organizations throughout the state for outstanding preservation, restoration or rehabilitation projects, historic landscapes and archaeology projects, educational and media programs and achievements.

Founded in 1978, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit organization with more than 2,000 members statewide. Dedicated to preserving and promoting Florida's historical resources through property stewardship, education and advocacy, the Florida Trust is the statewide partner to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For information on the conference or the Florida Trust, call (850) 224-8128 or visit [www.floridatrust.org](http://www.floridatrust.org).

# Morikami Awarded National Endowment Challenge Grant

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens has been selected as a recipient for a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Challenge Grant, in the amount of \$500,000. If successful in raising the required \$1.5 million in matching funds, the Morikami Museum will receive \$500,000

in federal funds from NEH. Together the federal and nonfederal funds will provide \$2 million to support the existing humanities program at the Japanese museum. The Morikami has until July 31, 2008 to raise funds from non-federal sources.

Morikami donor and longtime supporter Martha Gudelsky has initiated the fund-raising by giving \$500,000 to the Morikami, which NEH stipulated could be used toward the Challenge Grant requirements. The balance of the monies will be raised through

ongoing development programs and donor opportunities.

Located at 4000 Morikami Park Road, between Linton Boulevard and Clint Moore Road off Jog Road in Delray Beach, The Morikami encompasses a 16-acre park of renowned Japanese gardens and the Museum, which is dedicated exclusively to the living culture of Japan. For more information on the Morikami, its exhibitions and programs, call (561) 495-0233 or visit [www.morikami.org](http://www.morikami.org)



## Division Receives Award for Organizational Achievement

The Division of Historical Resources, 1000 Friends of Florida and the Division of Emergency Management jointly received a 2005 Tallahassee/Leon County Historic Preservation Award from the Florida Heritage Foundation and the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation in February. The



L to R: Alex Magee, 1000 Friends of Florida; Vivian Young, 1000 Friends of Florida; Frederick Gaske, Div. of Historical Resources; Hank Erikson, Div. of Emergency Management; Jarrett Phipps, President, Florida Heritage Foundation; Andrew Chin, Chairman, Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation

award was presented for production of the manual, *Disaster Planning for Florida's Historic Resources*, which was funded through a grant from the Division of Historical Resources. To obtain a hardcopy of the book, contact the Florida Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation, R.A. Gray

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## New Staff Lead Florida Main Street Program



Angela Tomlinson and Joan Jefferson

Joan Jefferson and Angela Tomlinson recently joined the Florida Main Street Program, Joan as Program Coordinator and Angela as Program Assistant.

Joan has extensive experience in local

government, in historic preservation, as a retailer and, for the last seven years, has served as a consultant to the Florida Main Street Program. As a city commissioner and mayor of Stuart, Florida, Joan worked tirelessly toward revitalization of that city's historic downtown. She encouraged the formation of the Stuart Main Street Pro-

gram and was a strong supporter of its revitalization efforts. She and her architect husband Peter Jefferson have rehabilitated over twenty historic buildings. She also owned and operated an art gallery in Stuart. Over the years, her retail experience has extended to motorcycles and aircraft. As a consultant to Florida Main Street, she has assisted several communities through the sometimes difficult organizational phase of their local Main Street programs.

Angela is a graduate student in History at Florida State University with a keen interest in historic preservation. She has a BA in History from Tulane University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University. Her graduate studies in history began at the University of South Alabama and last year she transferred to Florida State. Previously, she practiced law in Houston, Texas.

Joan and Angela serve as principal staff of the Florida Main Street Program, which provides training and technical assistance in support of downtown revitalization efforts in the historic commercial centers of communities across the state.

## Florida Folk Heritage Awards

Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood will present the 2005 Florida Folk Heritage awards on April 6 at the Florida Heritage Month Gala in Tallahassee, to Michael Kernahan (Miami), Wayne C. Martin (Blountstown), and Ruby C. Williams (Bealsville). Mr. Kernahan is a highly respected Trinidadian pan musician and instrument maker; Mr. Martin is a fiddle player and an advocate for folk culture; and Ms. Williams is an African American painter and preacher whose work was recently featured at the Smithsonian. The award recognizes authenticity, excellence, and significance in traditional arts. The deadline for nomination for the 2006 Florida Folk Heritage Awards is September 15. For more information on the Florida Folklife Program contact Tina Bucuvalas at (850) 245-6425.

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## New Communities in Folklife Program's Central Florida Project

With the assistance of a \$15,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Florida Folklife Program staff and folklorist/ethnomusicologist Martha Ellen Davis have been conducting research into new Latin American and southeast Asian communities in Central Florida. As part of the project, FFP is partnering with local institutions to present traditional artists in a variety of festivals, concerts, and school programs. Upcoming events include the festival portion of the Orlando Latin American Film & Heritage festival on February 19, a section of artists at the Mennello Museum of American Folk Arts' Folk Arts Festival in Orlando on March 6, a concert of Mexican music at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center on May 6, and the Folklife Area at the Florida Folk Festival on May 28-29 in White Springs. Eight school programs will take place in the Orlando, St. Petersburg and Tampa areas from January through April.

## Mission San Luis Receives \$1 million NEH Challenge Grant

In October 2004, Secretary of State Glenda E. Hood announced that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a \$1 million Challenge Grant to Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. The Mission was one of only a few projects in the country to receive a grant under the Endowment's "We the People" initiative, which emphasizes "founding principles in the United States in their full historical and institutional contexts." Florida's First Lady, Columba Bush, is the Honorary Chair of the Mission San Luis Endowment Campaign.

The Challenge Grant is intended to enhance Mission San Luis' highly successful



Fransiscan Church at Mission San Luis

research and educational programs and help the Mission further explore and communicate its rich cultural heritage to visitors of all ages and from all walks of life.

Mission San Luis was the 17th century capital of Spanish Florida. The site has been managed by the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources since 1983. "Thanks in part to generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, over the past 20 years Mission San Luis has become a model program for investigating Hispanic-American cultural development in our country. It is also the premier source of education on the Florida missions for our state's schools, residents, and visitors," said Secretary Hood.

The grant represents special recognition for model projects that advance the study, teaching, and understanding of American history and culture, and is the fifth major grant the site has received from the NEH. "Research at Mission San Luis has contributed significantly to an understanding of our country's diverse origins and rich national character," said project director Dr. Bonnie McEwan. "We are delighted that the National Endowment for the Humanities values this archaeological and historical treasure as much as we do." The NEH challenge grant will be used to leverage matching funds and create an endowment for Mission San Luis. For more information on the endowment campaign, contact the Mission San Luis Office of Development at (850) 487-1970.

## Florida's Underwater Preserves

The Underwater Archaeology team, in partnership with local communities, designated two new Underwater Archaeological Preserves in 2004: *Lofthus*, a Norwegian lumber ship wrecked in 1898 off Boynton Beach, and *Vamar*, a cargo steamer sunk under mysterious circumstances in 1942 off Port St Joe. *Vamar* was the subject of the History Channel show *Deep Sea Detectives*. Two additional Preserves are scheduled for dedication in early 2005: *Regina*, a molasses tanker wrecked in a gale off Bradenton Beach in 1940, and *Georges Valentine*, an Italian lumber barque sunk in 1904 near Stuart. The team also worked in 2004 to complete field work on a NOAA grant to survey the wrecks of the 1733 Spanish Plate Fleet wrecked in the Florida Keys. The shipwrecks, discovered by treasure hunt-

ers in the early days of scuba diving, had not been archaeologically studied since the 1980s. The updated site plans will be used to generate public interpretation information in the form of a Galleon Trail featuring the 1733 shipwrecks.

## 1733 Spanish Plate Fleet Interpretation and Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places



Jason Raupp and Della Scott-Ireton inspect a Plate Fleet site

In the summer of 2004, the Bureau of Archaeological Research's Underwater Archaeology Team investigated and recorded the remains of thirteen ships sunk by a hurricane over an 80-mile stretch of the Florida Keys nearly 300 years ago. The archaeologists, themselves battling several hurricanes, combined archival research and underwater archaeological investigation to document the events surrounding the mass wrecking, reconstruct the salvage operations that ensued, and evaluate the current conditions of the wreck sites.

On Friday, the 13th of July 1733, the New Spain Fleet left Havana harbor bound for Spain. Commanded by Rodrigo de Torres aboard the newly built *Capitana*, *El Rubi Segundo*, the convoy consisted of three other armed galleons, 18 merchant naos, and smaller ships carrying Mexican products. The following day, within sight of the Florida Keys, the fleet ran into a terrible hurricane. All but one vessel was sunk or swamped. Rescue vessels were immediately dispatched from Havana to recover the valuable cargo and the stranded crew and passengers. The location of each shipwreck was charted on official maps, and salvage operations continued for several years.

By the 1970s, 13 of the 1733 fleet wrecks had been relocated by modern salvors. Some were explored under agreement with the State  
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of Florida; several were investigated by the Division of Historical Resources and various educational institutions. Others became the targets of illegal salvage activities. In 1989, San Pedro was designated a State Underwater Archaeological Preserve and by 2004 three of the wreck sites, San José de las Animas, San Pedro, and San Filipe (aka El Terri), were listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2004, the Bureau of Archaeological Research was awarded a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant for the interpretation of the 1733 Spanish Plate Fleet. Administered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Zone Management Program, the project focuses on public access and the protection, management, and enhancement of coastal resources through interpretation of the sites as destinations for heritage, recreational, and ecological tourism.

Working in partnership with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (where 12 of the shipwrecks are located), John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and Biscayne National Park (where one of the shipwrecks is located), underwater archaeology team members Roger Smith, Della Scott-Ireton, Jennifer McKinnon, Ariana Lawson, and Jason Raupp spent July through October inspecting, recording, and evaluating the current conditions of each site.

Utilizing data collected during the field project (site plans, cultural and natural inventories, historical documents, underwater photographs, and videos), the underwater team currently is assessing the management needs of each site and is preparing a "multiple properties" nomination of the thirteen wreck sites to the National Register of His-

toric Places, ensuring the protection, management, and enhancement of these unique coastal resources. Over the next six months the Bureau will produce an interpretive guide booklet to inform visitors about the history of the 1733 fleet disaster, with directions on how to access each site and instructions for minimizing visitor impact on cultural and natural features. Future plans for the information also include an Internet Web site containing comprehensive 1733 fleet information with links to partnering agencies and waterfront community organizations.

## Florida History Fair

Nearly 600 middle and high school students, representing 25 counties in Florida, will participate in The Florida History Fair, May 5 to 7 in Tallahassee on the campus of Tallahassee Community College. This year's topic is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding."

Sponsored by the Museum of Florida History, the Florida History Fair is an annual, statewide activity that enhances the teaching and learning of history at elementary and secondary levels. Florida joins 49 states, the District of Columbia, and American Samoa as an affiliate of the National History Day (NHD) program, which was established in 1974. NHD promotes history in the classroom by offering students the means and encouragement to do original research about people, ideas, and events of the past. The Museum of Florida History has coordinated FHF since the 1988-89 school year. Students research a local, national, or global topic and present historical papers, exhibits, documentaries, and dramatic performances. 2005 state competition winners represent Florida in the National History Day competition, June 12 to 16 in Washington D.C.

## In Memoriam



JOHN  
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1940 – 2005

John Daniels, executive director of West Florida Historic Preservation Inc. in Pensacola, died Friday, February 18, 2005.

As executive director of West Florida Historic Preservation Inc., Daniels was instrumental in the creation of Historic Pensacola Village, T.T. Wentworth Jr. Florida State Museum and the Colonial Archaeological Trail. Daniels had served as interim director of the Museum of Florida History from November 1997 through January 1999, and was current President of the Florida Association of Museums Board of Directors.

Born in Gardiner, Maine, Daniels moved to Florida in 1977 to administer the statewide education program for the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida. In 1986 he moved to Pensacola to direct the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and its development of the downtown historic area. Daniels was widely respected for his administrative skills. The Florida Association of Museums recently named a mentorship program after him and honored him with a lifetime achievement award. Contributions can be made in Daniels' memory to West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., P.O. Box 12866, Pensacola, Fl. 32591-2866.

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