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Save America's Treasures Program Seeks Grants Applications for Fiscal Year 2002

The Save America's Treasures (SAT) Program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to preserve and conserve nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts, historic structures and sites. Applications for Fiscal Year 2002 SAT Grants are now being invited for submission.

A Federal SAT Grant requires a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match with the minimum grant request for collections projects being \$ 50,000 and the minimum request for historic structures and sites being \$ 250,000. Applicants for SAT Grants include Federal agencies funded by the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act; non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organizations; units of state or local government; and, Federally recognized Indian Tribes. Federal agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, not in the Department of the Interior can collaborate with a non-profit partner to preserve collections or properties owned by the Federal agency. **The non-profit partner must submit the application on behalf of the agency and will be the grantee of record.**

To be eligible for consideration, collections or properties must be nationally significant. That is, they must meet one of the four eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, possess a high degree of integrity AND, "possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the intellectual and cultural heritage and the built environment of the United States. Examples of previous grantees include Woodrow Wilson House, Washington, DC; Kaloko Fishpond, Hawaii; St. Louis Cemetery No. 1, New Orleans; Meadowcroft Rockshelter, Pennsylvania; Native American Treaties and Land Papers, Albany and the San Esteban del Rey Mission, Acoma Pueblo.

Applications and instructions are available from the NEA at (202) 682-5489, mclaughm@arts.endow.gov; and from the NPS at (202) 343-9570, treasures@nps.gov. The submittal deadline is 5 April 2002. **This is not a postmark date; applications must be in the program office by 5 April.**

Quotes of the Month

"For the first time in history, we have the judicial, legislative and administrative branch of government focusing time and energy to trust reform in Indian Country."

J. Steven Griles
Deputy Secretary of the Interior

"Prodigious amounts of energy can be expended. The movement can be mesmerizing. But in the end, nothing will have been changed."

Charles Tillman
Chair, Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association

BOOK NOOK

**Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On
Forgotten Roads with an Indian
Elder**

The main title of this book, by author Kent Nerburn, is inspired by a quote of the Indian leader Sitting Bull, and its meaning becomes clear in the journey chronicled in this important work.

Nerburn lives in Minnesota and had written two books about his experiences on the Red Lake Ojibwe Reservation when he was contacted by "Dan", an elderly Sioux Indian. Initially, the author agrees to organize Dan's writings and eclectic papers but the project evolves and Nerburn eventually shares in Dan's life, and by extension the lives of all Indians in the Dakotas.

The adventure includes an extended car ride with Dan, his friend Grover driving, and Nerburn in the back seat with Dan's dog, Fatback. This isn't just another "road trip" though, it is a journey through Indian Country that reveals much about modern Indian life, relationships with the land, and what it is like to be an Indian in a White-man's world.

Along the way, Dan imparts a lifetime of wisdom and knowledge in brief talks that are staggering in their power and insight. At one point, Dan and Nerburn are walking in the countryside and Dan points to a buffalo in the distance that is largely hidden in the rolling terrain. Nerburn asks the 81 year old Dan how he is able to see the far-away animal. Dan replies by saying "I didn't see him, Nerburn, he showed himself to me." That is largely what this work of non-fiction is about, a wise, old Indian showing himself and his culture to those that need to understand.

Neither Wolf Nor Dog, by Kent Nerburn, is published by New World Library, 1994.

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Editor's Comment: The Passing of a Great Chief

Lieutenant General Frederick J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers from 1969 to 1973, died at his home in Fort Belvoir, Virginia on February 4, 2002. He was 86 years old.

Why note the passing of an engineer officer in a newsletter on Native American issues and cultural resources. First, General Clarke is an important figure in the history and development of the Corps of Engineers; who we are today is, in part, a reflection of his tenure as Chief. Second, I am reminded of the wisdom of a Native American who said: "There are leaders and there are rulers. We Indians are used to leaders. When our leaders don't lead, we walk away from them. When they lead well, we stay with them." General Clarke was a leader and wherever he served, people stayed with him.

General Clarke was a gifted student; finishing fourth in the 1937 Class of West Point. He held key engineer and logistics positions during the Second World War and, following that conflict, he served in several command positions in this country's fledgling atomic energy program. General Clarke's career progressed through military construction positions throughout the world, culminating with his selection to lead the Army Corps of Engineers in 1969. His tenure as Chief was marked by a clear concern for environmental issues, culminating with his creation of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board. After his retirement in 1973, General Clarke continued to speak about environmental issues and devoted much of his time to studying and improving the Nation's water systems.

I had the honor of meeting and talking with General Clarke in 1995. I was the Executive Secretary of the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). The occasion was the 25th Anniversary EAB Meeting, honoring the work of the Board and the Chiefs that served from 1970 -1995. As an after-dinner speaker, General Clarke recounted the events surrounding the founding of the Board and reflected on his time as Chief. He spoke in private and he still displayed great enthusiasm and energy for those days immediately following the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act. He recounted his efforts to establish and use the Board to change the Corps culture and image. He was 81 at the time, but he still spoke with passion about the need to improve water quality and environmental conditions throughout the country.

As we take note of his passing, we can also take pride in that Lieutenant General Clarke was a leader in the Army way; and in the Indian way as well.

Paul Rubenstein
HQUSACE

Native Americans and the 2002 Winter Olympics

The Fort Hall Shoshone-Bannock Tribe is the official tribal host of the Olympics, for more information, click on:

<http://www.tribalhost2002.com/>

Locally, the Ute Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray reservation is also participating as a host to the Olympics. Tonight one hundred Ute tribal members will join members of four other Utah tribes and serve as Olympic volunteers in the 2002 Opening Ceremonies. For more information about the Ute Tribe's involvement with the Olympics, click on:

http://www.northernute.com/BB_Up_Coming_Events.html

To learn more about the Navajo Nation's interactive pavillion at the Olympics entitled Discover Navajo: People of the Fourth World, click on:

<http://www.navajo2002.org/>

To learn more about the 8 tribes and 11 reservations in Utah, click on: <http://www.dced.state.ut.us/indian/>

Submitted by Marc Paiva, New England District

Native American Consultation Workshop Set for HQUSACE

Staff in HQUSACE and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) will have an opportunity, this Spring, to attend a Native American Consultation Workshop. The workshop will be held in the GAO Building and will be offered several times to accommodate attendees schedules.

The Native American Consultation (NAC) Workshop will be presented by Ms. Roberta Hayworth, St. Louis District Native American Coordinator and Ms. Rhonda Lueck, Physical Anthropologist and Cultural Resource Specialist in St. Louis District. The three hour workshop will provide an overview of cultural awareness, historical perspectives on Indian relations, and why, when and how to consult with Indian Tribes.

The three hour NAC Workshop is an abbreviated version of a day-long session that Ms. Lueck and Ms. Hayworth are offering to Corps Commands. This longer session was recently provided to team members in Galveston District who have reported a marked increase in understanding of the processes and principles associated with NAC.