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NEWSLETTER

STATE TO RECEIVE DRAFT CURATION GUIDELINES

The Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA) ad hoc Collections Committee has worked diligently this past year to draft curation guidelines for the care and storage of archaeological collections arising from local, state, and federal projects.

Don Hibbard, Administrator, State Historic Division requested last spring that SHA prepare draft guidelines as a starting point for his office to move forward a proposal to attach the guidelines to all historic preservation projects.

During past reviews of the state historic preservation rules, numerous parties have commented that the

disposition of collections arising from archaeological projects was inadequate to address the growing problem of the long-term care. There is a broad consensus that collections need to be a priority. The draft curation guidelines are a mechanism to help museums, agencies, and CRM firms better care for these priceless cultural resources.

Final review of the draft guidelines will occur at the SHA Conference 2000. The guidelines can be viewed at <http://db1.bishopmuseum.org/sha>. Once approved, they will be sent to the SHPO for further community input and approval. A report on the

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Calendar of Events:

- Oct 6-8, 2000 **SHA Conference** (millsp@hawaii.edu)
- Nov 15-19, 2000 **AAA Conference**, San Francisco, CA (www.ameranthassn.org/mtgs/mtgs.htm)
- Feb 5-9, 2001 **Australasian Archaeometry Conference** (car.ant.auckland.ac.nz/archconf)

DEAL COLLAPSES ON POST OFFICE DEVELOPMENT

A September 18 editorial in the Honolulu Advertiser told of the collapse of a deal to convert the historic landmark, old Post Office in the historic Hawai'i Capitol Special District into a shopping center and galleria.

The project was segmented by the

developer, allowing interior renovations to proceed. The Postal Service never carried out Section 106 review on the project. The editorial noted the Postal Service has a chance to do it right this time. For more information, contact the SHPD at 692-8015.

Athens to Lecture Down Under

In November Stephen Athens (IARII) begins a series of invited lectures to Australian and New Zealand museums and universities on a fellowship from the Australian Museum in Sydney. Each lecture will discuss a different aspect of paleoenvironmental research. The first will be at a symposium honoring the retirement of Jim Specht from the Australian Museum.

In addition to the fellowship, Athens was recently awarded a grant from the Wenner Gren Foundation to study the paleoenvironment of Pohnpei, and a grant from the Heinz Family Foundation for continuing studies of earthen mounds in Ecuador.

Research News from Hawai'i Island

This summer Michael Graves and Thegn Ladefoged (UH Manoa) continued their multi-year project researching the Kohala Field system on the island of Hawai'i. Their mapping project uses GPS equipment to help pinpoint site locations in the vast network of rock walls and terraces.

This year UH Manoa student assistants included Lokelani Aipa, Glen Escott, Jace Mikulanec, and Lahela Perry, along with a student from New Zealand. One day the crew was joined by students

Focus on Training in Cambodia

Miriam Stark (UH Manoa) completed a third season of excavations at the site of Angkor Borei, southern Cambodia this past summer. The project was assisted by two students from UH Manoa, Bong Sovath and Peter Eyre. The project also received assistance from eight graduates of the Archaeology Faculty of the Royal University of Fine Arts at Phnom Penh. Stark's field research offers Cambodians an advanced field training opportunity, not otherwise available for students with bachelor's degrees. Stark has been especially impressed by the Cambodian students keen desire to work and learn more about their country's history. Another field season is planned for next year.

from Terry Hunt's summer school class studying Hawaiian and Pacific archaeology. The field visit provided Hunt's students with hands-on learning. Hunt's Fiji field school was postponed this year due to political unrest. He will run

“Kohala Field System”

Raw Materials Survey Ends Olszewski's Summer Field Season in Jordan

Deborah Olszewski (BPBM) recently completed her third summer field season studying the ecology and settlement in the Wadi al Hasa, Jordan. The research project is supported by the National Science Foundation, Wenner Gren Foundation, National Geographic Society, Joukowsky Family Foundation, and the US Information Agency, American Centers for Oriental Research.

In addition to testing new sites, Olszewski and her crew walked survey transects to identify chert raw material sources. They found the raw material is widely available across the landscape.

Future work includes sourcing the geologic and archaeological samples through partnerships with the University of Hawai'i and the Australian National University.

WEB SITE RESOURCES

A call for papers was recently solicited for the **Computer Applications in Archaeology**, Visby Conference to be held on the island of Gotland, Sweden, **April 25-29, 2001**.

The aim is to bring together archaeologists, anthropologist, osteologists, environmentalists, cultural heritage managers, historians, mathematicians, numismatists, human geographers, computer scientists and experts from other disciplines related to archaeological research and methodology, and to encourage communication between these disciplines, provide a survey of present work in the field and to stimulate discussion and future progress.

Main themes include GIS and CAD applications, GPS, survey and mapping, database applications, archaeometry, digital image processing, computer applications in osteology (human and animal), virtual reality, and internet applications.

The CAA2001 Proceedings will be published by Archaeopress in the BAR International Series.

Highlights include a medieval banquet for the conference dinner and an all-day island excursion.

You can register for the conference at the CAA-homepage (<http://caa.hgo.se>). All registration information, including call for papers form and mailing list, are also available there.

"Knight of Tahiti Nui" – Sinoto Honored Again

Yosihiko Sinoto, senior anthropologist at the Bishop Museum, was honored at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and the Joseph Heco Society of Hawaii at a reception September 7. In a ceremony in Tahiti on June 29, Gascon Flosse, president of French Polynesia, pinned a medal on Sir Yosihiko Sinoto as Knight of Tahiti Nui, Order of the Grand Chevalier.

Sinoto holds the Kenneth Pike Emory Distinguished Chair in Anthropology at the Bishop. He first went to Tahiti in 1960 and has since worked in the Society Islands, Marquesas, Tuamotus and

Hawai'i. He led a campaign to restore *marae* (temples) of French Polynesia and led a movement to establish a cultural and environmental conservation district on the island of Huahine. Sinoto returns from this season's excavations at Huahine this month. He is the keynote speaker at the SHA Conference 2000.

"Sir Yosi"

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