

BOR ARCHIVING PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

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The Archeology Lab at the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) is winding down a seven year long project to catalog and rehouse Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) archives and artifact collections that came from prehistoric and historic archeological sites throughout Nebraska. So far, NSHS personnel have cataloged over 360,000 artifacts and 70,000 documents.

The project began with two years of grant funding received from Reclamation. During this grant phase, NSHS staff cataloged and rehoused collections excavated and documents generated by NSHS personnel. Most of these collections were gathered in the 1930s and 1940s as part of Reclamation's Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program which surveyed river corridors to determine areas of potential need for dams, reservoirs, and canals.

The second phase of the project was accomplished through a five year long cooperative agreement between NSHS and Reclamation. One part of the cooperative agreement was for NSHS personnel to catalog Reclamation archives and archeological collections that were moved from the University of Nebraska State Museum Division of Anthropology (UNSM) to the NSHS when the UNSM underwent budget cuts in 2003.

These collections were created by

UNSM staff and contractors through the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys and from dam and reservoir building projects throughout the state.

The second part of the cooperative agreement was for NSHS personnel to catalog archives and archeological collections that were created by archeologists contracting directly with Reclamation.

These archeologists were surveying and excavating as part of cultural resource management projects near Reclamation dams, reservoirs, and canals in order to fulfill the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 compliance regulations.

These collections and archives will be available for researcher use by obtaining permission for access from Bill Chada, archeologist, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802, bchada@gp.usbr.gov, 308-389-5320.

Scheduling access to the collections and archives should be done by contacting Trisha Nelson, archeological collections manager, Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R St., PO Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501-2554 402-471-4760 or at trisha.nelson@nebraska.gov.

Nebraska NMA News and Notes

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- *Lincoln Children's Museum* presents "Get Wild" through April 26.
- *Lincoln Children's Zoo* offers March Zoo Camp March 23-27.
- The *Nebraska State Historical Society* is exhibiting "When You See This, Remember Me."
- *Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center* is showing "Imaging Blackness" through March 10; and "Wright Morris: Photographs and Words" in March.
- *Museum of the Fur Trade* will open the exhibit *Voyageur* in spring 2009.
- *Museum of Nebraska Art* exhibits include "Nebraska Photography and Photographers" through March 15, and "William Henry Jackson: Vistas de Mexico" through March 22.
- "Speed" has opened at *Omaha Children's Museum* and races along until April 19.
- *The Sheldon Museum of Art* is offering "Exposures of Landscape and Life: Photographs from the Sheldon's Permanent Collection" through May 17.
- The *Strategic Air & Space Museum* is showing "Brain: The World Inside Your Head," until May 3, and "Earth from Space" from May 23-July 19.
- The "Wings Over the Platte" runs from February 13 to April 10 at the *Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer*.
- The *Mueller Planetarium* at the *University of Nebraska State Museum* unveils mural sized images from orbiting great observatories, February 14.
- The *Walker Art Gallery* at the *University of Nebraska, Kearney*, presents *Derrick Burbul's* "Road Through Nowhere" photographs.

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lives are threatened by local hunters. The Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program (TKCP) is working to protect the threatened tree kangaroo in ways that also meet the needs of the local communities who share the forests of Papua New Guinea (PNG) with these elusive marsupials. For more information visit www.lincolnzoo.org.

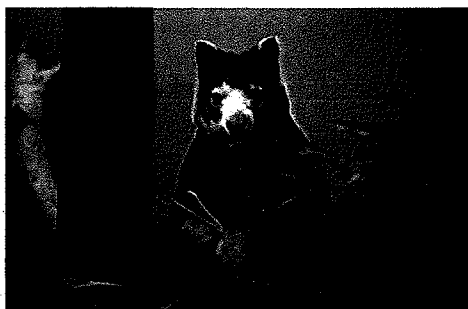


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