

Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California.

In 1909, The Public Museum purchased three cultural items from Dr. J.W. Velie. The donor's records stated that the cultural items had been removed from burial mounds in the Santa Barbara vicinity, CA. Any human remains that may have been removed from the burial mounds were not part of the 1909 Velie acquisition. The three unassociated funerary objects are two steatite stone bowls and one stone mortar.

Museum documentation indicates that the cultural items were recovered from graves, and the types of items are consistent with other funerary objects found in the Santa Barbara area during the occupation of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California.

Officials of The Public Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(B), the three cultural items described above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from specific burial sites of Native American individuals. Officials of The Public Museum also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the unassociated funerary objects and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the unassociated funerary objects should contact Marilyn Merdzinski, Director of Collections and Preservation, The Public Museum, 272 Pearl St. NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, telephone (616) 456-3521, before September 24, 2009. Repatriation of the unassociated funerary objects to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Public Museum is responsible for notifying the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation, California that this notice has been published.

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Sherry Hutt,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion: Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI. The human remains were removed from either the city of Detroit or the surrounding area of Detroit, MI.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Detroit Institute of Arts professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan.

Sometime prior to 1972, human remains representing, at minimum, 10 individuals were removed from private property within either Detroit or in the surrounding area outside of Detroit, MI. In 1989, the box containing 143 human bones was discovered during an inventory of the collections at the Detroit Institute of Arts. An accompanying note read "NA Indian bones, Mich." The museum determined that the handwriting on the note belonged to a curator, now deceased, who had been employed at the museum between 1939 and 1972. Museum officials concluded that, sometime prior to 1972, these human remains had been transferred to the museum by a Detroit-area resident who had discovered them locally and on private property. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Osteological examination of the human remains by Wayne State University concluded that the human remains were, more likely than not, Native American and from a prehistoric date. Officials of the Detroit Institute of Arts have determined that given the totality of circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the human remains, there is insufficient evidence to determine by a reasonable belief, the

cultural affiliation to any present-day Indian tribe.

Officials of the Detroit Institute of Arts have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9-10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of 10 individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Detroit Institute of Arts also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), a relationship of shared group identity cannot be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and any present-day Indian tribe.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee) is responsible for recommending specific actions for disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. In 2008, officials of the Detroit Institute of Arts requested the disposition of the culturally unidentifiable human remains to the Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan, as more likely than not, aboriginal occupants of the land of present-day Detroit. The Review Committee considered the request at its October 11-12, 2008 meeting and recommended disposition of the human remains to the Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan. An April 3, 2009, letter from the Designated Federal Officer on behalf of the Secretary of Interior transmitted the authorization for the museum to effect disposition of the human remains of the 10 culturally unidentifiable individuals to the Indian tribes listed above contingent on the publication of a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register**. This notice fulfills that requirement.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally

affiliated with the human remains should contact David Penney, Vice President of Exhibitions and Collection Strategies, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202, telephone (313) 833-1432, before September 24, 2009. Disposition of the human remains to the Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is responsible for notifying the Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Michigan; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Michigan; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana; Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan that this notice has been published.

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Sherry Hutt,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science

Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The meeting will be held September 9 and 10, 2009, in Fairbanks, Alaska. On September 9, 2009, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m., at the National Park Service, Fairbanks Headquarters, 4175 Geist Road. Public comments will begin at 3 p.m. On September 10, 2009, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the same location, and will adjourn at 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, PhD, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (910), c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or e-mail john_f_payne@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NSSI—STAP provides advice and recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed land management decisions. The topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

- Emerging Issues Summary from the STAP;
- Update on the Water Parameters Measurement Project;
- Update on the Project Tracking System and Database;
- NSSI priority issues and projects;
- Other topics the Oversight Group or STAP may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Dated: August 19, 2009.

Julia Dougan,

Acting Alaska State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that meetings of the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held to discuss the development and implementation of the Park's general management plan.

Date: September 17, 2009.

Location: Middletown Town Council Chambers, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA.

Date: December 17, 2009.

Location: Warren County Government Center, 220 North Commerce Avenue, Front Royal, VA.

Date: March 18, 2010.

Location: Strasburg Town Hall Council Chambers, 174 East King Street, Strasburg, VA.

Date: June 17, 2010.

Location: Middletown Town Council Chambers, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA. All meetings will convene at 8:30 a.m. and are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Diann Jacox, Superintendent, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, (540) 868-9176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Topics to be discussed at the meetings include: Review of draft general management plan, land protection planning, historic preservation, visitor interpretation, election of a commission chair, and new commission members.

The Park Advisory Commission was designated by Congress to advise on the preparation and implementation of the park's general management plan. Individuals who are interested in the Park, the development and implementation of the plan, or the business of the Advisory Commission are encouraged to attend the meetings.