

## ***HDI Electronic Newsletter, March 30, 2004***

Hello Colleagues,

The March 2004 Heritage Development Institute (HDI) Newsletter includes:

- Dates of Upcoming HDI Workshops,
- HDI Website Development,
- Homesteading in the 21st Century,
- The Latest News about Preserve America, and
- New Additions to your Heritage Development Readings.

### **Save the Date!**

The Heritage Development Institute is partnering with the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) to provide professional workshops in 2004. On Friday, July 23, the USGS will host an HDI course on the basics of heritage development that will take place at their national headquarters in Reston, Virginia. Workshop registration will be finalized within the next month; check back here for more information on the faculty and to reserve your place at the workshop. Also make your plans now to attend the "Basics of Heritage Areas: Getting Started" workshop that will be an affinity session of the NTHP 2004 conference in Louisville, Kentucky, which has the theme: *Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads*. The workshop will be on September 29, and you will be able to register through the NTHP after June 1. To stay up-to-date with the conference, and to register for the events, visit [www.nthpconference.org](http://www.nthpconference.org).

A heritage development workshop will also be one of the first events of the first events of the next International Heritage Development Conference, sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. The 2005 the conference is "Building Economic Futures One Story at a Time." Save that date now for this major international exchange on the best practices and the current trends in heritage areas and heritage development.

### **Website Development**

The HDI is collaborating with the National Park Service's National Heritage Areas Program to create an HDI website. Suzanne Copping, program assistant for heritage areas for the National Park Service, will administer the website, which we hope to have available soon. In the meantime, for information about the HDI or upcoming workshops, visit the NPS link <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/hdi.htm>. You can also contact Sarah Martin or Jaime Woodcock at [hdi@mtsu.edu](mailto:hdi@mtsu.edu) or (615) 898-5990. Tell us what you think needs to be included in this electronic clearinghouse.

### **Homesteading in the 21st Century**

The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill that aims to reverse the trend of out-migration from the nation's declining rural counties. The New Homestead Act offers economic incentives to entice people and businesses to relocate to counties that have lost at least 10 percent of their population over the last twenty years. Legislation offers "homesteaders" the repayment of college loans of up to \$10,000 and tax credits for home purchases, and provides incentives for businesses to expand or locate in these declining rural counties such as the Rural Investment Tax Credits. To promote economic development, the legislation would create a new \$1.3 billion Homestead Venture Capital Fund. Congressional representatives from North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and other regions with high out-migration numbers sponsored the bill, which awaits the approval of the Senate Appropriations Committee. For more information visit <http://www.ljworld.com/section/worldnation/story/164386>. See also the news article by Libby Quaid reference in this newsletter's bibliography.

### ***Preserve America***

First Lady Laura Bush recently announced the President's budget for FY 2005 includes \$10 million in grants to assist communities in preserving historic and natural resources. *Preserve America* was established as part of Executive Order 13287 in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act to foster historic preservation and heritage tourism. The program also promotes partnerships between state and local governments, Indian tribes, and the private sector. Each year, *Preserve America* recognizes communities that protect and promote local historic resources. Franklin, TN, is the most recent *Preserve America* community. Others have included Augusta, GA, Castorville, TX, Delaware, OH, Dorchester County, MD, Key West, FL, Putnam County, NY, Steamboat Springs, CO, and Versailles, KY. Visit [www.preserveamerica.org](http://www.preserveamerica.org) to learn more.

### **New Additions to your Heritage Development Readings:**

Dubrow, Gail Lee, and Jennifer B. Goodman, eds. *Restoring Women's History through Historic Preservation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003.

Kennedy, Dennis. "Shakespeare and Cultural Tourism." *Theatre Journal* 50 (May 1998): 175-188.

Nash, Gary B., Charlotte Crabtree, and Ross E. Dunn. *History on Trial: Culture Wars and the Teaching of the Past*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1997.

Nesper, Larry. "Simulating Culture: Being Indian for Tourists in Lac du Flambeau's Wa-Swa-Gon Indian Bowl." *Ethnohistory* 50 (Summer 2003): 447-472.

Quaid, Libby. "Lawmakers Seek to Lure City Dwellers to Small Towns." *The Associated Press State and Local Wire*. 15 March 2004. [available through LexisNexis]

Shaffer, Marguerite S. See *America First: Tourism and National Identity, 1880-1940*. Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press, 2001.

That's all for March! Thanks for checking in.

*The Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) established the Heritage Development Institute (HDI) as a way of providing leadership to the heritage development field as well as creating training and analysis of the best practices in our heritage areas across the country. The HDI Newsletter is sponsored by the ANHA, Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation, and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. To submit information, and update email addresses, please email us at [hdi@mtsu.edu](mailto:hdi@mtsu.edu).*