



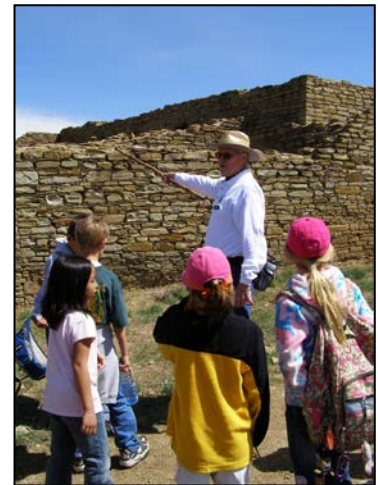
Preserve America Stewards

Preserve America Stewards is a designation program that recognizes stewardship programs that have demonstrated a successful use of volunteer time and commitment in order to help care for our historic heritage. Through such programs, historic and archaeological site stewards in many parts of the country keep a watchful eye on important and remote resources and alert authorities when such sites are threatened by thoughtless vandalism or other threats. Other volunteers serve as interpretive docents, assist with repairs, and help out with research activities. Still others keep historic places inviting and free of trash, maintain the landscaping that makes them attractive and welcoming to visitors, and otherwise offer their time and talent to help preserve and present our heritage.

Potential Preserve America Stewards programs apply to be recognized at the national level using an application form and guidance materials made available through the Preserve America Web site (www.preserveamerica.gov). Government entities (federal, tribal, state, and local), non-profit organizations, and businesses are eligible to apply. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior administer the program as part of the interagency Preserve America program.

Preserve America Stewards receive a designation letter and certificate of recognition signed by First Lady Michelle Obama. To be designated, applicants must demonstrate that their programs:

- Provide individual volunteers with opportunities to contribute in direct and tangible ways to the preservation, protection, and promotion of historic properties;
- Address an otherwise unfilled need in heritage preservation through the use of volunteer efforts; and
- Demonstrate creative use of volunteer assistance, addressing issues such as youth involvement, engagement with the outdoors, cultural diversity, volunteer training, public education, and public/private partnerships.



Volunteer interpreter with the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association brings the past to life

In addition to the certificate and letter from the White House, benefits of recognition and designation as a Preserve America Steward include the following:

- Listing in an online directory on the Preserve America Web site, with links to their own Web sites and information for potentially interested volunteers about getting involved.
- Use of the Preserve America logo in public outreach and promotional activities;
- Enhanced access to existing technical assistance resources that may be helpful in the development, management, and ongoing support of a local volunteer stewardship program, and;
- Publicity in the Preserve America E-Newsletter.

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To date, a wide range of organizations have been recognized for their volunteer efforts, including the following:

Archaeological Stewardship

- Alutiiq Museum (Alaska)
- Bateaux Below, Inc. (New York)
- Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (Colorado)
- Fairfield Foundation (Virginia)
- Independence National Historical Park (Pennsylvania)
- Kaibab Vermilion Cliffs Heritage Alliance (Arizona)
- New Mexico SiteWatch
- San Juan Mountains Association (Colorado)
- Southern Nevada Agency Partnership and the Public Lands Institute, UNLV
- Texas Archeological Society
- Texas Historical Commission, for its Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- Valles Caldera National Preserve (New Mexico)
- U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time Program (nationwide)



New Mexico SiteWatch volunteers record archaeological remains



Volunteers work to preserve the Oberlin Heritage Center

Historic Buildings and Landscapes Preservation

- Cascade Community Enhancement Corporation (Iowa)
- Cornerstones Community Partnerships (New Mexico)
- DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (Michigan)
- Douglas County Historical Society (Nebraska)
- Friends of 'Iolani Palace (Hawaii)
- Friends of Jerusalem Mill (Maryland)
- German Texan Heritage Society
- Glasco Community Foundation (Kansas)
- Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Sandy Spring Lodge #6430 (Maryland)
- Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend and St. Joseph County (Indiana)
- InfoAge Science-History Center (New Jersey)
- Maine Maritime Museum
- Monterey State Historic Park (California)
- Museum at Eldridge Street (New York)
- Oberlin Heritage Center (Ohio)
- Olmsted Historical Society (Ohio)
- Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center
- Pleasant Home Foundation (Illinois)
- Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point (Maryland)
- Texas Historical Commission, for its RIP Guardian Program
- Thacher Island Association (Massachusetts)
- United States Lighthouse Society (Maryland)
- U.S. Forest Service Passport in Time Program (nationwide)



Texas Historical Commission RIP Guardian Program protects historic cemeteries