

PAIG GRANT 2006 RECIPIENTS

NOAA's Preserve America Initiative Grant Program (PAIG) recently kicked off its second year! The PAIG program is designed to stimulate efforts within NOAA to *preserve, protect, and promote* the agency's heritage assets.

The PAIG program provides funding for projects submitted by NOAA employees that...

...*Preserve and highlight NOAA's heritage resources*

...*Foster heritage tourism in the United States and its territories*

...*Boost and recharge our partnerships*

...*Promote research of heritage resources*

...*Develop educational programs and events*

...*Find new and exciting ways to capitalize on NOAA's legacy*

NOAA is pleased to announce the following projects that will receive funding in 2006:

Locked in Time: Live Broadcast from the Schooners *Frank A. Palmer* and *Louise B. Crary*

Building on last year's successful project of a live broadcast from the wreck of the steamship *Portland*, this project will produce two live broadcasts from the 1902 wreck of the two coal schooners in the Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary. The feed will provide real-time coverage to the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, and will be broadcast via the World Wide Web. It will also be recorded and made available on DVD.

Digitizing the Thunder Bay Sanctuary

Supplement a current project to digitize a pre-1900 archive of Great Lakes maritime history by providing additional equipment to complete the digitizing and archiving of 65,000 images, 45,000 negatives, 2,000 books and periodicals, 350 ship plans, and 8,000 vessel enrollments. The resulting archive will be available to the public through the Alpena County Library.

Digital Preservation of Northern Fur Seal Photos and Historical Documents

Digitize, archive, and produce a database of historic images and documents of the Alaska fur seal industry dating from 1895, documenting early history of the seal population, the sealing industry, and the cultural relation to the Aleut people. Products will be available on the World Wide Web.

Preserving America: Picturing 135 Years of Science in Woods Hole

Curate a collection of historic photographs and documents that relate the development of Woods Hole as both a village and a world center for marine science. Results will include a permanent exhibit at Woods Hole Science Aquarium, a hard copy catalog of the collection, an online special collection, and a collection of digital images available for loan to public institutions. A lecture series will accompany the opening of the exhibit.

Wet Weather: Using Oral Histories to Preserve the Heritage of NOAA's Marine Weather Forecasting

Capture the history and development of weather forecasting techniques before satellites by recording interviews with early weather researchers, and discovering photographs and documents through these interviews. Print materials will be digitally archived, a timeline will be created of forecasting techniques, and a link to available bibliographies established.

The 100-Year Sardine Legacy: Preserving NOAA's Success, Promoting NOAA's Future

Fund production of a mural depicting NOAA's history in the past 100 years of the sardine industry, and educational tools that help teach that story.

Preserving Research and Cultural Heritage for NOAA's Kasitsna Bay Laboratory

Collect and archive historical documents and photographs, transcribe oral histories of local Native Alaskan elders, and create a timeline of local NOAA research activities, all to tell the story of the historical presence of the Kasitsna Bay Lab, relating the scientific activities to the local culture. Products will be available for loan and on the World Wide Web.

Gathering, Preserving, and Sharing Traditional Fisheries Knowledge from Down East Communities in North Carolina

Document, preserve, and interpret traditional work practices and knowledge in the Down East communities of Carteret County, North Carolina. Products will be heritage tours and interventional educational exhibits that preserve and showcase these heritage assets.

USS *Macon* Expedition Education and Outreach Programming: Bringing the Macon "Home"

Provide an outreach component to a scientific project that will link the public to a marine archaeology effort documenting the wreck site and artifacts from the USS *Macon*. Products will be a live broadcast, educational print materials, a website with teacher/student activities, and a lecture series.

Preserving the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary's Maritime History: Digitizing and Disseminating Archival Source Material of Cultural Importance

Collect and compile scattered archival materials depicting the maritime history of the Florida Keys. Products will include exhibits, educational programs, reference bibliographies, and web-based archives.

2005 was the inaugural year for this endeavor and preliminary reports indicate that projects funded have shown tremendous success! Visit the [PAIG Recipient Web site](#) for more information on these successful projects!