



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

NEWSLETTER

NATHPO CONFERENCE: LAST CALL FOR EARLY BIRD RATES!

TODAY, April 30, is the last day to take advantage of our Early Bird rates for NATHPO's 24th Annual Conference & Sacred Places Summit.

[You can sign find details on the conference and sign up right here.](#)

5-DAY PASS (includes extra site tours & activities)

Pass Dates: Monday August 12 - Friday, August 16

- **Early Bird Rates** (Jan. 31 - Apr 30)
 - Member Registration: \$450
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$525
 - General Participant Registration: \$600
- **General Rates** (May 1 - Jul. 31)
 - Member Registration: \$575
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$650
 - General Participant Registration: \$725
- **Final Rates** (Aug. 1 - Aug. 9)
 - Member Registration: \$650
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$725
 - General Participant Registration: \$800

3-DAY PASS (includes all regular programming & activities)

Pass Dates: Tuesday August 13 - Thursday, August 15

- **Early Bird Rates** (Jan. 31 - Apr 30)
 - Member Registration: \$350
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$425
 - General Participant Registration: \$500
- **General Rates** (May 1 - Jul. 31)
 - Member Registration: \$475
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$550
 - General Participant Registration: \$625
- **Final Rates** (Aug. 1 - Aug. 9)
 - Member Registration: \$550
 - NATHPO Non-Member Tribal Registration: \$625
 - General Participant Registration: \$700

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professionals about how they collect, manage, preserve, curate, share, and store cultural information in the course of your daily work. [NATHPO's Board Chair, Dr. Shasta Gaughen serves as an advisor to the project, along with our Executive Director, Valerie Grussing](#). The survey is completely anonymous, should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, and allows you up to 7 days to complete once you begin. Learn more about the project and take the survey [HERE](#) before May 31.

UPCOMING COMMENT DEADLINES AND CONSULTATIONS

USDA Consultations, May 22 & 23: The US Department of Agriculture will be holding two Indian Country consultations/listening sessions on their Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Purchase Preference. You can find details on the program as well as the sessions [HERE](#).

Due June 11: Bears Ears National Monument Draft Plan: The Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service are accepting comment on their [Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, proposed recreational shooting closures, and proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern for Bears Ears National Monument](#). **There will be several in-person and virtual public meetings, the details of which are at the link above, and comments are due June 11, 2024.** NATHPO will be submitting comment, which we will make available on our website when it is finalized.

NATHPO regularly submits comment letters to federal agencies advocating on behalf of Tribal communities and their THPOs. You can find several of our most recent letters [HERE](#), and if you know of an upcoming deadline and want NATHPO to consider submitting comment, please contact Melissa Madrigal at melissa@nathpo.org.

WHAT NATHPO'S BEEN DOING

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preservation space. Then she and Stacy headed north, stopping to see some Ponca sacred sites in Nebraska before visiting the Northern Arapaho and Coeur d'Alene THPO offices. After that, Melissa headed to Seattle, where she completed a week of leadership training. On her return trip, Melissa was able to stop in Nevada and visit the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony THPO before making it back home to Texas.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for photos and further context. It was a very illuminating trip!

Defense Department Training: Last week, NATHPO Executive Director Valerie Grussing and Repatriation Advisor Dr. Timothy McKeown took part in the Department of Defense American Indian Cultural Communication and Consultation Course at the National Museum of the American Indian. On Wednesday, they gave a talk entitled, "Tribal Historic Preservation Officers – Support and Guidance on Tribal Consultation." where they communicated ways for Defense Department Officials to better and more effectively work with THPOs, as well as updates on the new NAGPRA regulations. On Thursday, Valerie was able to bring her son Anderson along (it was Take Your Child to Work Day), and the Honorable Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment)/Chief Sustainability Officer, presented Anderson with his very first Challenge Coin. Check out a few photos [HERE](#).

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If you would like to become one of our conference sponsors, please contact please contact Melissa Madrigal at melissa@nathpo.org. Information about sponsorship rates is available [HERE](#).

Thank you for all you do to protect culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance, and to empower Tribal preservation leaders.



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