



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

## NEWSLETTER

### WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

In the run-up to this week's meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, NATHPO submitted a letter (linked [HERE](#)) calling on the members to keep in place their image policy requiring authors to consult with descendant communities before displaying burial items in their journal. We will monitor the conference and respond appropriately to whatever decision they reach.

This week, several NATHPO Staff will be attending the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums ([ATALM](#))'s 2023 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums. We look forward to an exciting conference and running into the many THPOs we know will also be attending. Please be sure to say hi to us - we would like to see as many of you as possible!

NATHPO's Decolonization Expert, Stacy Laravie, also recently visited Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation THPO Bill Quackenbush. There she got to see firsthand some of the work he's been doing and got a chance to see some of the places sacred to the Ho-Chunk people, including Tee Waacacak, whose name comes from the Ho-Chunk word meaning Sacred Lake, but whose colonized name is Devil's Lake. You can see a picture from that trip in our Facebook post from Indigenous Peoples' Day [here](#). Stay tuned for new content on our website and social media for dispatches from Stacy's future travels.

### THANKS FOR COMING!

Thank you to all the THPOs and Tribal affiliates who attended our recent webinar. It was a lively and informative conversation and a good chance for our

Decolonization Expert, Stacy Laravie, to introduce herself and the work she has been and will be doing for NATHPO. We look forward to having more webinars where we can share the work NATHPO has been doing; give THPOs, Tribal affiliates, and other partners chances to interact and share their experiences; and provide opportunities to share information with and solicit feedback from the THPO community. Stay tuned for details about our next webinar!

## UPCOMING COMMENT DEADLINES

NATHPO has prepared a letter (draft found [HERE](#)) submitting comment to the Department of Homeland Security on their proposed NPA program alternative to Section 106 (found [HERE](#)), which is due by October 30. This follows discussions NATHPO has already had with the department as they prepared the NPA.

Additionally, NATHPO will be preparing comment to the Department of Homeland Security on the Biden Administration's recent waiving of review requirements to build new sections of border wall. As we have already seen with other parts of the border wall, there are sites sacred to Native communities all along the southern border, and in order to preserve those sacred sites, Tribes should continue to be consulted. When our comment letter is finalized, we will be place it on the advocacy page of NATHPO's website ([HERE](#)).

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AT NATHPO

Earlier this month, we at NATHPO, like so many other Americans, celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day, a day to celebrate resiliency, acknowledge the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations, educate, recognize history, and so much more. In particular, we used the occasion to recognize the efforts of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to preserve, restore, heal, and protect what is left behind from the ancestors. Revitalizing and breathing their languages and place names back into the places where ancestors gathered, while teaching the descendants as well are among the many ways THPOs honor this day every day. You can read the rest of our Facebook post on the importance of this day [HERE](#).

Part of celebrating THPOs also included [lifting up an example](#) of the work **they** were doing on that day. One of the ways THPOs help preserve their Tribes' cultural heritage is by sharing it with others, and this Indigenous Peoples' Day, the Stockbridge-Munsee

Community's Tribal Historic Preservation Office did exactly that through their "Healing Within the Community" workshop.

## IN THE NEWS

Here are some of the items in the news we've been reading and watching over the last month. Check out our [Facebook page](#) for more updates.

ProPublica: "[A Prominent Museum Obtained Items From a Massacre of Native Americans in 1895. The Survivors' Descendants Want Them Back.](#)"

Shawnee Tribe: "[MAALAAKWAHI KE'NEEMEPE: WHAT DOES A THPO DO?](#)"

KBIA: "['The continuance of care': Complexities of repatriation and return, for Indigenous ancestors and human remains](#)"

The Guardian: "['We were not consulted': Native Americans fight lithium mine on site of 1865 massacre](#)"

Undark Magazine: "[Searching for Wisconsin's Dugout Canoes](#)"

Zocalo Public Square: "[FOLLOWING IN MY CHEROKEE GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S FOOTSTEPS](#)"

TIME: "[11 Native American Historymakers to Know](#)"

## NATHPO Community Calendar & Job Board & Grant Opportunities

Stay current on important happenings using our new [Calendar of Events](#) and post your own to share! And [let us know](#) if you have a job posting you would like to publicize, and we'll post it on our [Community Job Board](#). AND don't forget to browse our listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

### Save The Date! 2024 NATHPO Annual Conference

The 24th Annual NATHPO Conference will take place the week of August 11-17, 2024, at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. [Stay tuned for more details](#) and be sure to mark these days on your calendars!

*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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## ***PROTECTING NATIVE PLACES***

THPOs: this is your organization! Your participation and support through membership and dues make our work possible. **JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!** Founded in 1998, the Association is a national non-profit membership organization of Tribal government officials who implement federal and Tribal preservation laws.