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**On the cover:** A grove in Redwood National Park symbolizes the cathedral-like stillness associated with natural soundscapes. *National Park Service photo*

# Society News, Notes & Mail

## **Douglas H. Scovill, 1932–2003**

Doug Scovill, a former president of the GWS, died on December 5, 2003, at his home in San Leandro, California. After graduating from California State University–Sacramento, Scovill began his career with the National Park Service at Mesa Verde National Park. Following that, he was part of the NPS's park planning team for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, helped create the Western Archeological and Conservation Center, and served as the agency's chief archeologist and chief anthropologist, among other assignments. He was instrumental in the success of the first World Conference on Cultural Parks, held at Mesa Verde National Park in 1984, and helped create national databases on archeological sites and ethnographic resources in the parks. Scovill was the second president of the GWS, serving from 1983 through 1985.

## **Wes Henry Memorial Fund Established**

Wesley R. Henry, Jr., wilderness program manager with the National Park Service, died on December 16, 2003—his 55th birthday. Earlier in the month, Henry received a Special Achievement Award from the Society for his work in protecting natural soundscapes and wilderness resources and values in the national parks. His professional accomplishments were spelled out in detail in the “Society News” column of the last issue of the *Forum*. A Wes Henry Memorial Fund, with the GWS as beneficiary, has been established to support education about wilderness-related issues. Donations to the fund will help underwrite wilderness sessions at the 2005 GWS Conference. Contributions can be made payable to the GWS (write “Wes Henry Memorial Fund” on the memo line of the check) and sent to the Society at P.O. Box 65, Hancock, Michigan 49930-0065.

## **Nominations Open for 2004 GWS Board Election**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2004 election. It is for two seats: one, an open seat that is currently held by Rick Smith, who will be completing his second term and is ineligible to run again; the other, for the seat currently held by Abby Miller, who is eligible for re-election and has indicated that she intends to run again. We are now accepting nominations from GWS members who would like to be candidates for these seats. The term of office runs from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. Nominations are open through July 1, 2004. To be eligible, both the nominator and the potential candidate must be GWS members in good standing (it's permissible to nominate one's self). The potential candidates must be willing to travel to Board meetings, which usually occur once a year; help prepare for and carry out the biennial conferences; and serve on Board committees and do other work associated with the Society. Travel costs and per diem for the Board meetings are paid for by the Society; otherwise there is no remuneration. Federal government employees who wish to

serve on the Board must be prepared to comply with all applicable ethics requirements and laws; this may include, for example, obtaining permission from one's supervisor, receiving ethics-related training, and/or obtaining a conflict of interest waiver. The Society can provide prospective candidates with a summary of the requirements.

The nomination procedure is as follows: GWS members nominate candidates for possible inclusion on the ballot by sending the candidate's name to the Board's nominating committee. The committee then, in its discretion, determines the composition of the ballot from the field of potential candidates. Among the criteria the nominating committee considers when determining which potential candidates to include on the ballot are his/her skills and experience (and how those might complement the skills and experience of current Board members), the goal of adding and/or maintaining diverse viewpoints on the Board, and the goal of maintaining a balance between natural- and cultural-resource perspectives on the Board. It also is possible for members to place candidates directly on the ballot through petition; for details, contact the GWS office. To propose someone for possible candidacy, send his or her name and complete contact details to: Nominating Committee, The George Wright Society, P.O. Box 65, Hancock, MI 49930-0065 USA. All potential candidates will be contacted by the nominating committee to get background information before the final ballot is determined. Again, the deadline for nominations is July 1, 2004.

### **Gearing Up for GWS2005**

Initial planning is underway for the 2005 GWS Conference, which will be held March 14–18 in Philadelphia. A ten-member conference committee has been named and will meet soon to decide on a theme and draft a Call for Papers. The CFP will be issued in June of this year, and at that time the conference website ([www.georgewright.org/gws2005.html](http://www.georgewright.org/gws2005.html)) will be activated. All GWS members will receive a notification e-mail when the site is running.

### **Crespi Honored with Retrospective Issue of Journal**

The winter 2004 issue of *Practicing Anthropology* is devoted to the career of the late Miki Crespi, who was instrumental in developing the National Park Service's ethnography program. Guest-edited by Gretchen Schafft, the issue include articles by Jerry Rogers, Allsion Peña, Alexa Roberts, Jacilee Wray, Jenny Masur, Benita Howell, and others. *Practicing Anthropology* is published by the Society for Applied Anthropology. For more information, contact the journal's editor, Jeanne Simonelli, at [simonejm@wfu.edu](mailto:simonejm@wfu.edu).

### **Errata**

In the last issue, the paper by Minter and Manning ("The Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Conservation") should have been acknowledged as being based on the proceedings of a symposium held at the University of Vermont in Woodstock, Vermont. Major sponsors of the symposium were The Woodstock Foundation, the National Park Service Conservation Study Institute, the

Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, and the Trust for Public Land. The proceedings were published by Island Press as *Reconstructing Conservation: Finding Common Ground* and in a report entitled *Speaking of the Future: A Dialogue on Conservation*, published by the Conservation Study Institute.

Also in that issue, an incorrect URL for the American Association of Museums was given at the end of Ann Hitchcock's article "Through the Fog of War in Iraq: Lessons Learned in Heritage Preservation." The correct web address is <http://www.aam-us.org/hottopics.cfm?mode=list&id=24>.

