

# SOCIETY NEWS, NOTES & MAIL

## **Bound for the City of Brotherly Love: GWS2005 Registration Now Open**

Registration is now in full swing for “People, Places, and Parks: Preservation for Future Generations,” the 2005 GWS conference on parks, protected areas, and cultural sites. We have 136 sessions on tap, covering the whole spectrum of park-related topics. With the incomparable historic setting of Philadelphia as our backdrop, we are looking forward to a wide-ranging and productive conference. Don’t miss it! To register, go to [www.georgewright.org/2005register.html](http://www.georgewright.org/2005register.html).

## **Lewis Joins GWS Board; Miller Re-Elected, Two Re-Appointed**

In the 2004 GWS Board of Directors election, Suzanne Lewis won a seat on the Board while Abby Miller was re-elected to a second three-year term. They defeated Cicely Muldoon, Darla Sidles, and Bill Supernauth well-contested five-way race for the two available seats. Lewis is superintendent of Yellowstone National Park; Miller is the Park Service’s deputy associate director for natural resources. In addition, two appointed Board members, Gillian Bowser and Stephen Woodley, were re-appointed to a second three-year term on the Board. Bowser is liaison to the Gulf Coast CESU Network at Texas A&M University, while Woodley is chief scientist of Parks Canada.

## **Davis Honored for Ocean Conservation Work**

Former GWS president Gary E. Davis recently received one of the most prestigious awards of the American Fisheries Society. Davis, the chief of ocean programs for the National Park Service, was given the William E. Ricker Resource Conservation Award for his substantial national and international accomplishments in conservation of aquatic resources. He received the award in August at the AFS’s annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. Among his accomplishments are the founding of a prototype ecological monitoring program at Channel Islands National Park, California, to better inform park and ocean stewards. That cooperative, multidisciplinary program became a widely-adopted model for the entire National Park System. While monitoring kelp forest health at the Channel Islands with academic and agency colleagues, Davis discovered that white abalone had nearly disappeared after aggressive fishing in the 1970s left the population scattered on deep reefs. Working together, the scientists sounded a warning that prevented the white abalone’s imminent extinction and in 2001 led to its being designated as the first U.S. endangered marine invertebrate. Using 20 years of monitoring to better understand changes in ocean resources, Davis championed a new approach to conservation that led to the establishment of a network of ten marine reserves at the California Channel Islands in 2003. During his 40-year scientific career, Davis has authored or edited more than 150 scientific articles, including the 1996 book *Science and Ecosystem Management in the National Parks*, with William Halvorson.

## New & Noteworthy

- **Archeological database—more is better.** More than 110,000 records have been added to the National Archeological Database Reports (NADB-R) module, bringing the total to over 350,000 entries in this publicly accessible, national on-line bibliographic database of gray literature on archeological investigations across the United States and its territories. NADB-R is used in planning archeological projects to reduce redundancy and increase efficiency in cultural resource management efforts. The system is a product of a partnership between the National Park Service, state historic preservation offices, and the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies at the University of Arkansas. On-line at <http://web.cast.uark.edu/other/nps/nadb/nadb.mul.html>.
- ***Integrated Resource and Environmental Management: The Human Dimension.*** This book, by A.W. Ewert (Indiana University, USA), D.C. Baker (Queensland University of Technology, Australia), and G.C. Bissix (Acadia University, Canada), presents an overview and history of natural resource management from a global perspective. It discusses the challenges facing IREM by examining issues such as conflict, property rights and the role of science in the management of natural resources. It also addresses the definition and application of IREM from several different contexts, including real-world applications, planning frameworks, and complex systems. As a special offer to members of the George Wright Society, CABI Publishing is offering a 20% discount off the \$50 price. To obtain your discount, go to <http://www.us.oup.com/us/catalog/general/>, enter the code *L175* in the “Enter Sales Promo Code” box, and then select the appropriate book title.
- ***Managing Mountain Protected Areas: Challenges and Responses for the 21st Century.*** Co-edited by the GWS’s David Harmon and Graeme Worboys, Mountain Theme vice chair for IUCN, this book is a state-of-the-art report on managing mountain protected areas worldwide. A product of a field workshop held in South Africa’s Drakensbergs just before the 2003 World Parks Congress, the book has 50 chapters from IUCN Mountain Protected Areas Network members presenting personal management experience and lessons learned by experts working in 23 countries. Four hundred and thirty-two large-format pages with a color photo portfolio; cost is 78 euros (about US\$105) plus postage. Order directly from the publisher in Italy, Andromeda Editrice: [adromedit@tin.it](mailto:adromedit@tin.it) or by phone at 39-08-61-69-9000.