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**Paula's Travel:**

October 6-8 Annual Meeting

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**Sustainability Theme of Annual Meeting**

The NRE Annual Meeting will be held at Niobrara State Park in Nebraska, hosted by Nebraska Indian Community College, October 6-8. Sustainability: Planning for long term outcomes of the NRE Project is the theme of the annual meeting. This is a working meeting, intended to define key elements of sustainability, explore options, and set priorities for the remainder of the project that will lead to sustainable program and partnerships.

In his letter to NRE participants in the August newsletter, Harold Crawford, Co-Director, said "Sustainability, in terms of our NRE grant, is something that will be of lasting value to the Tribal Colleges and their communities and the 1862 partners." Come to the meeting ready to look critically to the end of the project and beyond for these lasting values.

The meeting is also a time for each partner institution to present their annual report related to project objectives, particularly in the areas of capacity building and

community outreach projects. Each institution is to prepare a one page handout to share.

At this point in the project we want to scrutinize our reporting to be sure stakeholders are identified and results and outcomes are being recognized. Jenice Jim has been reading and analyzing the quarterly reports on the project website and will present some of her observations at the annual meeting.

At each gathering of the NRE group, activities have been included to raise our understanding and appreciation of Indian culture. Jim Hallum will conduct a sweat lodge ceremony, there will be storytelling at an earth lodge and the possibility of riverboat rides. Check the agenda and register on line at

<http://ifafsnrep.ag.iastate.edu/>

**NRE Participates in Opening of the National Museum of the American Indian**

Thousands of Native people and non-Native supporters from all over the United States and as far away as Chile, Bolivia, Peru and Panama joined the colorful procession on the National Mall in Washington DC last week for the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. The stunning new museum contains collections from North, Central, and South America, honoring the cultural traditions and achievements of Native peoples throughout the hemisphere.



This newest Smithsonian Museum is located at the foot of the U. S. Capitol.



## NRE Delegation Meets with USDA/CSREES in Washington, D.C.

### Notice:

Please send calendar of your NRE events for October newsletter

### NRE REPORTING

Year 3, Quarter 4 reports are due December 1. Submit your reports on-line please.



Sightseeing and visits to the Smithsonian Museums were also highlights of the trip to Washington.



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The NRE delegation presented a seminar to USDA/CSREES (U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service) and met with team leaders throughout the day on September 22. The visit was scheduled at the invitation of Bruce Menzel, Program Manager for Fish and Wildlife, to coincide with the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.



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The group also met with staff members of Senator Tom Harkin and Senator Chuck Grassley, both of Iowa.

# Image Descriptions

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### **Sequence number: 1**

NRE participants observed and participated in the First Nations Festival procession on the National Mall, moving east from the Washington Monument toward the U.S. Capitol. Ruth Short Bull joined the Affiliated Tribes procession early in the day.

### **Sequence number: 2**

Laurel Vermillion and Linda Hugelen provided the Sitting Bull College flag and joined with the Standing Rock Tribe in the procession.

### **Sequence number: 3**

The museum is surrounded by landscapes of four habitats indigenous to the upland hardwood forest, lowland freshwater wetlands, eastern meadowlands, and traditional croplands. Laurel Vermillion, Harold Crawford, Linda Hugelen and Mary de Baca meet in front of the corn, tobacco, and squash with the capitol dome in the background.

## **Page: 2**

### **Sequence number: 1**

Hank Miller and Harold Crawford wait for the NRE group to arrive at the CSREES Waterfront Building for a full day with USDA personnel.

### **Sequence number: 2**

Harold Crawford shared some of his WWII Navy experiences when the group toured the World War II Memorial.

### **Sequence number: 3**

Linda Hugelen summarizes Capacity Building and NRE Community Projects at Sitting Bull for the USDA seminar. About 30 individuals attended the session at which each NRE participant explained aspects of the partnership project. Laurel Vermillion observed, "Telling your story has always had a huge impact on people. Being able to tell the NRE project's story when we visited CSREES was exciting and provided insight for the seminar attendees into what is really happening at the "grassroots" level."

### **Sequence number: 4**

Michael O'Neill, Program Leader for Water Quality and Water Resources, was one of many CSREES Program Leaders to meet with our group, describe their programs and funding opportunities, and learn more about our NRE project partnership.

### **Sequence number: 5**

George Godfrey, National Program Leader, explained grant programs available through USDA to Tribal Colleges, with follow up discussion with John Witkowski.

### **Sequence number: 6**

Bruce Menzel, former chair of the Department of Animal Ecology at ISU, and now USDA program director for the NRE IFADS program, served as host to the NRE delegation and conducted a wrap up session at the end of the day.

### **Sequence number: 7**

Dan Kugler, Deputy Director of Natural Resources at CSREES welcomed the NRE group. Kugler is assembling a data base of Natural Resources, Environmental Science and related programs at each of the 1994 institutions.

### **Sequence number: 8**

Subodh Singh and Harold Crawford standing at the Lincoln Memorial. Subodh was drawn to the authoritative pose of Abraham Lincoln inside the memorial.

### **Sequence number: 9**

Laurel Vermillion and Ruth Short Bull are proud to stand by the statue of Sakakawea, recently placed in the Capitol by the state of North Dakota. Ruth helped the guide, all of us and nearby tourists, learn the native pronunciation of Sakakawea.

### **Sequence number: 10**

Laurel Vermillion, Ruth Short Bull, Mary de Baca, and Linda Hugelen, on the tour of the Capitol Statuary Hall, acknowledge the determination of leaders who won the right for women to vote.

### **Sequence number: 11**

The NRE group thanks Senator Grassley's intern for the splendid, if hurried, tour of the Capitol.

### **Sequence number: 12**

Ruth Short Bull questions Phil Buchan, Democratic Senior Counsel, of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry regarding the committee's relationship with 1994 Tribal Colleges and Universities.