

Caribbean Volunteer Expeditions 2009-2010 Programs

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SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS: Mapping at plantation site Dec 13- 20, 2009

San Salvador Island, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, is one of the eastern most islands of this archipelago off the southeast coast of Florida, and was the first landfall of Columbus in 1492. The island is pristine, ringed with beautiful beaches. We will be working with archeologist, John Winter, who has had over 25 years experience working in archeology on San Salvador. The island was first inhabited by Indians who migrated from South America, and later by Loyalists, fleeing the US after the revolutionary war. Archeological finds have included Indian, Spanish, and other European colonists artifacts. Accommodations are double occupancy, motel-type rooms at the Gerace Research Center. Contact: ahershcv@aol.com or srice@stotac.com Cost: \$ 925.00

JEWISH CEMETERY INVENTORY, Orange St. Elliston Rd. Hunt's Bay, Jamaica Mar. 8-13, 2010

Caribbean Volunteer Expeditions will continue with its historic Jewish cemetery inventory again this year in the Kingston area surveying the Orange Street Cemetery, in Kingston, where work was begun last year. Jews escaping from prosecution in Europe settled in many Caribbean islands, and were instrumental in sugar plantation technology. Volunteers will be conducting an inventory, photographing, and mapping of the site. Accommodations at The Alhambra Inn. Contact: ahershaia@aol.com Cost: Inquire

PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN NEVIS

We can provide you with a custom designed volunteer preservation project in beautiful Nevis. We will arrange a work project as well as the dates, and accommodations to suit your interests, abilities, schedule and budget. Work can include archival and display work at one of the museums in Nevis or gardening, clearing, or light construction work on historic structures. Two of the CVE group leaders live in Nevis and will coordinate the project with the Nevis Historic and Conservation Society. Contact: Anne Hersh: ahershcv@aol.com

Old San Juan Historic Site: Dates to be announced

Fort San Cristobal and El Morro, located in Old San Juan, are some of the best remaining Spanish fortifications in the New World. The forts date from eighteenth century, and are part of the impressive defense system, including walls, that the Spanish built to protect Old San Juan. We will be assisting the National Park Service with preservation projects at these forts. Work can include assessments, surveys and actual light construction, such as painting and carpentry. Volunteers will be staying at a hotel right in Old San Juan, with time to explore this fascinating city. If you are interested, contact Anne Hersh ahershcv@aol.com

ELDERHOSTEL PROJECTS 2009- 2010

CVE runs projects for Elderhostel volunteers (55 and older), and one must contact Elderhostel (617 426 7788) or www.elderhostel.org - for more information and registration. The Elderhostel Schedule:

17683: ARCHEOLOGY IN ST. EUSTATIUS Jan 17-24, 2010 N E W P R O G R A M

Volunteers will be working with Dr. Grant Gilmore of the St. Eustatius Center for Archeological Research on exploring the history of St. Eustatius. Work will include mapping, digging, and other archeological projects. St. Eustatius is a tiny undiscovered Caribbean island, which was once a bustling center of trade with over 20,000 inhabitants. The island changed hands 22 times, and the Dutch took possession in 1636; the island is still Dutch. We will be staying at St. Eustatius Lodges- wood bungalows overlooking the Caribbean Sea. There will be opportunities for swimming and hiking.

15107 BRIMSTONE HILL PRESERVATION, ST KITTS DEC13-20 2009 and Jan 24- 31 , 2010

Brimstone Hill Fortress on the island of St. Kitts is known as the Gibraltar of the West Indies. Unfortunately, time and the environment are beginning to take their toll on this magnificent 18th century UNESCO World Heritage site. Our first project will be to clear vegetation from the magazine and water cistern at the Magazine Bastion. When the vegetation has been removed from the masonry work, an assessment of the structures will be made, and photographs and measurements taken. Participants will be exposed to the history of St. Kitts and the West Indies, enjoy visits to some of the more off-the beaten track parts of the island and meet and interact with some really interesting people. We will be staying at the beachfront Timothy Beach Resort. For information on Brimstone Hill: www.brimstonehillfortress.org

3594 ST KITTS CEMETERY INVENTORY Dec 6 - 13, 2009 and Jan 31-Feb 4, 2010

CVE works with the St Kitts Heritage Society on a cemetery inventory which provides important genealogical information to the island. Lodging at beachfront hotel. Participants will be exposed to the history of St. Kitts and the West Indies, enjoy visits to some of the more off-the beaten track parts of the island and meet and interact with some really interesting people. We will be staying at the beachfront Timothy Beach Resort.

3708 ST. JOHN PRESERVATION Nov. 15-22, 2009 and Feb 28- Mar 7, 2010

We work with the National Park Service archeologist and cultural resource manager to explore, document, and photograph former plantation sites, as well as clearing and stabilizing historic ruins within the National Park. Lodging: Eco-resort: Maho Bay Campground- cabins with electricity;

3597 WINGFIELD ARCHEOLOGY, ST KITTS Feb 7 - 14, 2010

Participants will be working with David Rollinson on archeology at the Wingfield Plantation- a former sugar plantation with fascinating ruins including a factory, great house, and aqueduct to the former water wheel used for grinding sugar cane. Participants will be exposed to the history of St. Kitts and the West Indies, enjoy visits to some of the more off-the beaten track parts of the island and meet and interact with some really interesting people. We will be staying at the beachfront Timothy Beach Resort.

14918 SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS: ARCHEOLOGY PROJECT March 14- 21, 2009

See description above. Volunteers will be working on an archeological project with John Winter. Accommodations are double occupancy, motel-type rooms at the Gerace Research Center.