

Caribbean Volunteer Expeditions 2009-2010 Programs

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CVE PROJECTS 2009 - 2010

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 colonist's artifacts. Accommodations are double occupancy, motel-type rooms at the Gerace Research Center. Contact: srice@stotac.com

FORT KENAPA, CURACAO, NETHERLAND ANTILLES JAN 31- FEB 6, 2010

CVE volunteers will be working with the Museo Tula in clearing vegetation from this 18th century fort, designed by the Dutch and built by slaves. The ruins have been adopted by a local elementary school, whose goal is to petition the government to have the fort registered as a heritage monument. Helen Ross, an architectural historian will be leading the group. Curacao has many examples of 17th and 18th century Dutch colonial buildings, and Willemstad, the capital, has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Volunteers will have time to explore this town and there will be opportunities for fantastic snorkeling and swimming. The islands will be celebrating carnival during our visit. Contact: Helen.Ross@excite.com

WINGFIELD PLANTATION AND BRIMSTONE FORT ARCHEOLOGY, ST KITTS Jan 24 - Jan 31 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 as well as at the Brimstone Hill Fortress a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Unfortunately, time and the environment are beginning to take their toll on this magnificent 18th century fort. Work will include digging and archeology, clearing vegetation and building assessment. 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 with some really interesting people. We will be staying at the beachfront Timothy Beach Resort. For information on Brimstone Hill: www.brimstonehillfortress.org Contact: David Rollinson: droll@eastlink.ca

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 CVE worked 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: RachelArch@aol.com

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 March 14- 20, 2010

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 US 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

EXPLORITAS PROJECTS 2009- 2010

CVE runs projects for Exploritas volunteers and one must contact Exploritas (877-426-8054) or www.exploritas.org - for more information and registration. The Exploritas 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 Statia. Work will include mapping, digging, and other archeological projects. Statia 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 Statia Lodges- wood bungalows overlooking the Caribbean Sea. There will be opportunities for swimming and hiking.

3594 ST KITTS CEMETERY INVENTORY 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. 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 with some really interesting people. We will be staying at the beachfront Timothy Beach Resort.

3708 ST. JOHN PRESERVATION 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.

14918 SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS: ARCHEOLOGY PROJECT March 14- 21, 2010

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.