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## First Lady Designates Four New Preserve America Stewards

Washington, D.C.—First Lady Michelle Obama has signed designation letters for four new Preserve America Stewards, bringing the total nationwide to 47.

The newest to join the honor roll are the Glendale Historical Society; the City of St. Augustine, Florida; the Historical Society of Saginaw County; and the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

“Preserve America Stewards are volunteer programs that have demonstrated success in saving historic places, in the best tradition of the national historic preservation movement,” said Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) which administers the federal program. “Preservation has always depended upon motivated, active volunteers who band together to ensure that significant historic places remain to enrich and instruct present and future generations.”

**California:** The Glendale Historical Society saved the Doctors House from demolition in 1980, thus preserving one of the last remaining Queen Anne style Victorian homes in the city. Volunteers contributed more than 18,000 hours in manual labor, research, and fund-raising activities to assist in relocating the building. Today, volunteer docents guide visitors through this home of four notable Glendale doctors. For more information: <http://www.glendalehistorical.org/about-the-doctors-house/>

**Florida:** The City of St. Augustine created its Archaeology Program in 1990, and volunteers have been essential to its success. They have participated in more than 650 archaeological projects, assisting in field excavations, artifact analysis, management of collections, and public outreach. From teenagers to retirees, volunteers are helping the City better understand its buried historic and prehistoric resources. For more information: <http://www.digstaug.org/>

**Michigan:** Since 1979, the Historical Society of Saginaw County has operated the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History in a former post office built in 1898 in the French Renaissance Revival style. Owned by the County, the building and its grounds are maintained and interpreted by historical society volunteers. Society volunteers also record and monitor archaeological sites throughout the county. For more information: [www.castlemuseum.org/](http://www.castlemuseum.org/)

**Washington:** The Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge has constructed a replica of a historic Chinook tribal plankhouse as an outdoor classroom for interpreting the natural and cultural heritage preserved on the wildlife refuge. Volunteer interpreters help visitors understand the archaeological site of Cathlapotle Village, one of the largest Indian villages encountered by Lewis and Clark. For more information: <http://ridgefieldfriends.org/>

For more information on the Preserve America Stewards program, please see [www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html)

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