DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Historical Park Commission Request for Nominations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (Commission).

DATES: Written nominations must be received by October 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Mackensie Henn, Assistant to the Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 142 W Potomac Street, Williamsport, Maryland 21795, or by email choh_information@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mackensie Henn, by email choh_information@nps.gov or telephone at (240) 520–3135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was established by section 6 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act (16 U.S.C. 410y–4) and terminated January 8, 2011. The Commission has been extended by Public Law 113–178 and the new termination date is September 26, 2024.

The purpose of the Commission is to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), or the Secretary’s designee, on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The Commission shall be composed of 19 members appointed by the Secretary for 5-year terms as follows: (1) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the boards of commissioners or the county councils, as the case may be, of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council, as the case may be; (2) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such Governor or Mayor, as the case may be; and (3) Three members to be appointed by the Secretary, one of whom shall be designated Chairman of the Commission and two of whom shall be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.

We are currently seeking members to represent all categories. Some members may be appointed as special Government employees (SGEs). Please be aware that members selected to serve as SGEs will be required, prior to appointment, to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report in order to avoid involvement in real or apparent conflicts of interest. You may find a copy of the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following website: https://www.doi.gov/ethics/special-government-employees/financial-disclosure. Additionally, after appointment, members appointed as SGEs will be required to meet applicable financial disclosure and ethics training requirements. Please contact (202) 208–7960 or DOI_Ethics@sol.doi.gov with any questions about the ethics requirements for members appointed as SGEs.

Nominations should be typed and should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Commission and permit the Department to contact a potential member. All documentation, including letters of recommendation, must be compiled and submitted in one complete package. All those interested in serving on the Commission should forward nominations including current members whose terms are expiring, must follow the same nomination process. Members may not appoint deputies or alternates.

Members of the Commission serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business for the performance of services for the Commission as approved by the NPS, members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed such expenses under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2

Alma Ripps,
Chief, Office of Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Request for Nominations for the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Department of the Interior, is seeking nominations for qualified persons to serve as members on the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission (Commission).

DATES: Written nominations must be received by September 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Nominations or requests for further information should be sent to Karen Beck-Herzog, Site Manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, Virginia 22645, or via email karen.beck-herzog@nps.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission was established in accordance with the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Act of 2002 (16 U.S.C. 410ii–7). The Commission was designated by Congress to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the preparation and implementation of the park’s general management plan and in the identification of sites of significance outside the park boundary.
The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

(a) 1 Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; (b) 1 representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; (c) 2 representatives of private landowners within the Park; (d) 1 representative from a citizen interest group; (e) 1 representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; (f) 1 representative from the Belle Grove, Incorporated; (g) 1 representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; (h) 1 representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation; (i) 1 ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; and (j) 1 ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

We are currently seeking members to represent all categories.

Each member shall be appointed for a term of three years and may be reappointed for not more than two successive terms. A member may serve after the expiration of that member’s term until a successor has been appointed. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by the members to serve a term of one-year renewable for one additional year.

Nominations should be typed and should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee’s qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Commission and permit the Department to contact a potential member.

Members of the Commission serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission as approved by the NPS, members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed such expenses under Section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

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Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Gilcrease Museum, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, has determined that the cultural items listed in this notice meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request to the Gilcrease Museum. If no additional claimants come forward, transfer of control of the cultural items to the lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

DATES: Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request with information in support of the claim to the Gilcrease Museum at the address in this notice by September 24, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Bryant, Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N Gilcrease Museum Road, Tulsa, OK 74127, telephone (918) 596–2747, email laura-bryant@utulsa.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK, that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

History and Description of the Cultural Items

At an unknown date, two cultural items were separated from a Pawnee community. These items were likely purchased from a collector by Thomas Gilcrease sometime during the mid-20th century. In 1955 and 1962, Gilcrease transferred these items along with the rest of his collection to the City of Tulsa, which owns the Gilcrease Museum. The two objects of cultural patrimony are bear claw and otter fur necklaces (accession numbers 84.2159 and 84.812) of 19th century-circa 1900 date.

In 1971, one cultural item was separated from its Pawnee family caretaker, who likely resided in Oklahoma. The item was given by Brummett Echowhawk to the Gilcrease Museum. The one object of cultural patrimony is a medicine bundle (accession number 84.1755) made in Nebraska and dating to circa 1850.

At an unknown date, one cultural item was separated from its Pawnee caretaker—a family headed by Jim Little Sun—who’s place of residence is unknown. The item was likely purchased from a collector by Thomas Gilcrease sometime during the mid-20th century. In 1955 or 1962, Gilcrease transferred this item to the City of Tulsa, which owns the Gilcrease Museum. The one object of cultural patrimony is a medicine kit (accession number 84.2295a–m) dating to circa 1900.

In the 1960s or early 1970s, two cultural items were separated from a Pawnee community likely located in Oklahoma. They were purchased from a pawn shop in Ralston, Oklahoma by Ben Stone, a schoolteacher from Claremore, Oklahoma. In the early 1970s, Stone donated these items to the Gilcrease Museum. The two objects of cultural patrimony are Hako bundles.

Documentation and records at the museum identify all the above listed items as Pawnee. Through consultation, these were determined to be culturally affiliated with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and were identified as objects of cultural patrimony.

Determinations Made by the Gilcrease Museum

Officials of the Gilcrease Museum have determined that:

• Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(D), the six cultural items described above have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group or culture itself, rather than property owned by an individual.
• Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the objects of cultural patrimony and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.