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Following a competitive selection process, Morrilton, Arkansas native Linda Green has been selected as one of only 25 persons nationwide to attend Heritage Emergency and Response (HEART) Training through the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. HEART will combine the important principles of the internationally recognized [*First Aid for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis*](#) training model with context-specific information for a U.S. audience. The goal is to strengthen U.S. disaster response networks and connect participants to the wider international "First Aider" network of people trained to document and protect cultural heritage in times of crisis. Participants will learn to be proactive yet sensitive to human needs, respectful of local context, and, after completing their training, ready to support measures to protect cultural heritage in their own communities.

Ms. Green will travel to Washington, DC, for a week of hands-on training at the Smithsonian Institution in November, 2017. Sessions will provide realistic training in damage assessment, rapid documentation, emergency evacuation and salvage, rehousing and storage, crisis communication, team building, and more. Starting in January 2018, a five-part webinar series will build upon the in-person training, reinforcing concepts covered in the November training.

Mrs. Green currently works as Assistant Director at the Conway County Library in Morrilton. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries and is President-Elect for the GFWC Morrilton Pathfinder Club. She graduated from Arkansas Tech University with her BA and completed her MLIS degree at the University of North Texas.

About HENTF

In 2015, the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative (SCRI) became the co-sponsor, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (OEHP), of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF), a public-private partnership created to protect our nation's cultural heritage. Both SCRI and OEHP are committed to expanding training for cultural stewards, first responders, and emergency managers to better prepare them to work together to address emergencies and disasters that affect cultural institutions and historic sites.