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National Park Service Presents: 'What's Under The Tree, Anyway?'

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ST. CROIX -- Dr. Joshua Torres, cultural resource program manager at the National Park Service (NPS), will present to the public the most recent results of the archaeological excavations at the Christiansted National Historic Site on Thursday, according to a press release the NPS issued on Friday.

It's been dubbed: 'What's Under the Tree, Anyway?'

In July of 2014, NPS removed a 70 to 80-year-old mahogany tree from the Hospital Street promenade behind the customs house. During October and December last year and into January of 2015, NPS, along with students from the University of Tulsa and

other volunteers, completed an array of test excavations to locate the foundations of the original Danish West India and Guinea Company warehouse.

Dr. Torres will present and discuss the preliminary results from these excavations and discuss some of the future potential for investigating the site. The warehouse was a transit point for at least 100,000 Africans from 1733-1803, and provided living quarters for several [Royal Enslaved](#) that operated the Christiansted wharf from 1733-1848. It was also the primary customs and shipping locus for the Danish Crown from 1733-1820.

The lecture will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Danish Guinea West India Company Warehouse/ Slave Market building. The Christiansted National Historic Site parking lot will be free and open for the event until 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a meeting of 'The Friends of the National Parks of St. Croix' preceding the lecture from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the same location.

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