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# THE PETROGLYPH

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### Meet Your New State Chair

Since the elections at the January State Meeting, our society has a new State Chair. She is already working tirelessly for the benefit of the society and archaeology in our state. I would like to introduce her to you, so you fully appreciate the extent of her commitment to archaeology.

Sylvia Lesko was involved in the AAS as early as the mid 1970's while working at the Registrar's office at ASU. Her involvement in a number of archaeological groups (AAS, SWAT, Site Stewards) increased in the early 1990's, at which time she took a number of AAS certification courses and served as Certification representative for her chapter. She has taken numerous courses in anthropology and archaeology, and has assisted with Field Crew and Lab Techniques courses taught at MCC.

Sylvia served on the SWAT board for 8 years, and has promoted archaeology and preservation in her work with school groups, scouts, public outreach events and summer camps. While living in California, she volunteered at the Marin County Museum of the American Indian, implementing the introduction of archaeology into their summer day camps, in addition to assisting with cataloguing their archaeological collections.

Since returning from California, Sylvia has served as archivist for the Phoenix Chapter of the AAS in 2004, 2005 and 2008, Chapter President in 2006 and 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Chair at the State level in 2005 and 2006, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair in 2007. She has also served the society as Membership Chair since 2004.

Sylvia has the background, the skills and the commitment to lead our society, and to ensure our continued contributions to archaeological research, preservation and education in Arizona. She looks forward to meeting all of you and working with your chapters to achieve our shared goals.

— *Brenda Poulos*

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Next deadline is at noon **Friday, April 18th**, for the May issue.

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#### Walnut Creek Archaeology Field School

The staff of the Walnut Creek Archaeology Field School (WCAFS) will teach Archaeological Field Survey Techniques at the Walnut Creek Center for Educational and Research (WCCER) during the July 14-26, 2008 field session.

Arizona Archaeological Society Certification in Survey Techniques will be offered along with 2 academic credits for Yavapai College, if desired, and for an additional fee. The focus of this year's field school will be the continuation of the previous year's effort to survey the 250 acres that makes up the WCCER. The area lies in the Chino District of the Prescott National Forest, 35 miles north of Prescott, Arizona. The school will provide an unusually excellent opportunity to

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm
Agua Fria	Glendale Public Library Auditorium 59th Avenue & Brown, Glendale One light so. of Peoria on 59 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month Meeting: 7:00-9:00 pm September thru May
Ajo/Why	Ajo Salazar Library	1st Wednesday of each month, December thru April Business Meeting: 6:30 pm Speaker: 7:00 pm
Cochise	Cochise College Library Conf. Rm. Sierra Vista, AZ	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
Desert Foothills	Church of Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church Hall 6502 E Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm September thru May
Homolovi	Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitors Center	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 pm
Little Colorado River	Casa Malpais Museum Springerville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 7:00 pm
Mohave	The Grace Lutheran Church 2101 Harrison Ave., Kingman.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7:00-9:00 pm
Northern AZ	The Peaks (Senior Living Community) "Alpine Room", 3150 N. Winding Brook Road, Flagstaff (Hwy 180 north of Flagstaff, just before MNA)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month Sept. to Nov., Jan. to June 7:00 pm
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington Phoenix	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month Sept. thru June 7:30 pm
Tubac/Santa Cruz County	The Historic Lowe House	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
Rim Country	Church of the Holy Nativity, The Cottage 1414 North Easy Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 10:00 am
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, Sept. thru May except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Nov & Dec. 7:00 pm
Yavapai	Pueblo of the Smoki Museum 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:30 pm



## Fielder Fund: Your Chance to Endow AAS Publications

Established by the Society in 1996, the Fielder Fund was created to help inform the public about archaeology, anthropology, and the history of the American Southwest through the support of publications and other media. The goal is to build a fund large enough that its annual interest alone can pay for publication of *The Arizona Archaeologist* and possibly other publications. Contributions to the fund are welcome from chapters and individuals. The name honors the Society's first publications team, Marje and Herb Fielder.

**\$35,766.41**

For more information, or to contribute, contact Alan Ferg, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson 85721-0026; phone 520-621-2970 or email [ferg@email.arizona.edu](mailto:ferg@email.arizona.edu), or you can send contributions directly to our AAS treasurer, Judy Rounds, P.O. Box 1401, Carefree 85377. Please include your chapter affiliation.

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## Upcoming Events

April 2, 7-10 am, PGM, Phoenix:  
*Petroglyph Hike: Box Canyon, South Mountain*. Easy. Advance registration is required. Fee is \$5 for non-members, and free for members. 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Go to their website at [www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PUEBLO/edsummry.html#PHA](http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PUEBLO/edsummry.html#PHA) for more info and to register.

April 5, 7 pm, ASU, Tempe.  
*Colloquium: Lucy's child: Discovery of the Dikika Girl*, by Zeray Alemseged, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Neeb Hall

April 12, 7-10 am, PGM, Phoenix:  
*Petroglyph Hike: Kiwanis Ramadas, South Mountain*. Moderate. Advance

registration is required. Fee is \$5 for non-members, and free for members. 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. Go to their website at [www.ci.phoenix.az.us/Pueblo/edsummry.html#PHA](http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/Pueblo/edsummry.html#PHA) for more info and to register.

April 12, 10 am-3 pm, PGM, Phoenix:  
*Workshop: Preserving Your Family Photographs and Documents*, led by Instructor Steve Hoza. Cost: \$20 for non members and \$15 for members; pre-registration required. 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix.. Go to their website at [www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PUEBLO/edsummry.html#PHA](http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PUEBLO/edsummry.html#PHA) for more info and to register.

April 17, 7 pm, ASU, Tempe – *AIA Lecture: The Initial Peopling of the Tibet Plateau and Mongolia* by Dr. John W. Olsen, University of Arizona. Life Sciences Bldg. A, Rm. #191. Free and open to the public. For more details see their website at [www.public.asu.edu/~majansse/Colloquia/](http://www.public.asu.edu/~majansse/Colloquia/).

April 18, 3:30 pm, ASU, Tempe.  
*Colloquium: Mapping Universal Human Nature: A Mission For A Unified 21st Century Anthropology* by John Tooby, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of California at Santa Barbara.

April 21, 7:30 pm : ASM, Tucson.

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## **Rock Art Recording Class In June**

The Yavapai Chapter will be offering the lecture portion of the AAS rock art recording course each Saturday in June - 7, 14, 21, 28 - from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Pueblo of the Smoki Museum, 147 N. Arizona, (off Gurley St), Prescott. The class, taught by Barbara Gronemann, will cost \$50 for the four sessions. This is a unique opportunity, especially for members from any chapter who have been unable to take part in field schools because of work commitments.

Participants can gain the field hours needed for certification by working on the Perry Mesa Project at Brooklyn Basin (see the AAS web site) as well as through opportunities in the Prescott area offered at the completion of this course. The course outline can be also be viewed on the website - click on Certification and then Certification Manual. The registration form can be found there also.

To sign up for the June course, please send the registration form and your check made out to Yavapai Chapter, AAS to Susan Jones, 46 Woodside Dr., Prescott, AZ 86305. If you have any questions, you can call or e-mail Susan at 928-776-9085 or [sukeyinaz@msn.com](mailto:sukeyinaz@msn.com).

Barbara will have copies of the required texts available for purchase at the first class, if you register before May 1. These texts are: A Practical Rock Art Recording Guide by Jane Kolber (\$18.00), and Rock Art in Arizona by J. Homer Thiel (\$16.00).

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## **Northern Arizona Chapter To Host Spring State Meeting**

The Northern Arizona Chapter in Flagstaff will host the May meeting of the Arizona Archaeological Society. We are very fortunate that the Museum of Northern Arizona has made the Branigar-Chase Discovery Center available to us for the meeting, which will take place Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1. By the way, this is the weekend after the Memorial Day holiday.

Attendees will have the privilege of visiting the Museum's exhibits during the day Saturday, so this will be an additional benefit of meeting attendance. The therapsinosaurs exhibit is an especially exciting exhibit for anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to see it.

We are very fortunate that Dr. Robert Breunig, MNA director, will be our after-dinner speaker. Dr. Breunig is an excellent speaker whose schedule does not often allow him to address an audience. His talk will cover information about the Museum of Northern Arizona and its vision for the Colorado Plateau, its peoples, cultures and resources. Members who are not familiar with the state of the art collections center being constructed on the MNA campus will be excited about its role in the geology, paleontology, anthropology and archaeology of northern Arizona.

The Museum of Northern Arizona is located on Highway 180 three miles north of town on the highway to the Grand Canyon. Registrants for the meeting will be sent maps and information about the MNA parking area we will use and a Flagstaff Visitor's guide if they need one. You can also view and print the map at [www.musnaz.org/Planning%20your%20Visit/images/campus\\_map2.pdf](http://www.musnaz.org/Planning%20your%20Visit/images/campus_map2.pdf).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Flagstaff has a multitude of motel accommodations in all price ranges. There are also two historic hotels, the Monte Vista and the Weatherford, in downtown Flagstaff which have character and comfort and provide the opportunity to explore the historic downtown area. The Monte Vista web site is [www.hotelmontevista.com](http://www.hotelmontevista.com), 928-779-6971 or 800-545-3068 and the Weatherford web site is [www.weatherfordhotel.com](http://www.weatherfordhotel.com), 928-779-1919. There are also a number of Bed and Breakfasts and commercial campgrounds in the area, a KOA, and at-large camping on forest lands surrounding Flagstaff. For detailed information about accommodations, as well as restaurants and other services, please visit the Flagstaff Visitor Center website at [www.flagstaffarizona.org](http://www.flagstaffarizona.org) or call the Visitor Center at 800-842-7293, or 928-774-9541.

Any questions? Contact Peggy Taylor at [pt5295@msn.com](mailto:pt5295@msn.com), Lisa Edmonson at [kochworks@npgcable.com](mailto:kochworks@npgcable.com), Tom Woodall at 928-607-2840, or any of the other Northern Arizona officers whose contact information is listed on the website.

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**REGISTRATION**  
**ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY**

**State Meeting May 31 – June 1, 2008**

Museum of Northern Arizona, Branigar-Chase Discovery Center  
Highway 180, Flagstaff Arizona

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunch: Sandwich, chips, drink fruit or cookie.

Choose type of sandwich:

turkey \_\_\_\_\_ ham \_\_\_\_\_

roast beef \_\_\_\_\_ veggie \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$7 per lunch

Dinner: Catered beef/chicken fajita bar from  
Salsa Brava with rice, beans, fajita  
toppings, tortillas and chips

Price: \$20 per dinner

**No. lunches @ \$7** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. dinners @ \$20** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Adult beverages will be available for purchase during happy hour and dinner.

Make checks for lunch and/or dinner(s) payable to **NAAS**.

Mail checks by **May 25, 2008** to: Peggy Taylor, 3884 N. Steves Blvd., Flagstaff AZ 86004

Saturday May 31st 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. President's Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting Business Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Field Trips
- 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour and Silent Auction
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Breunig, Director MNA

Sunday June 1st 2008

Field Trips as scheduled. Locations will include Beale Wagon Trail Sites, remote Wupatki sites, Elden Pueblo, Medicine Fort, Picture Canyon, Juniper Terrace, and other sites identified at the time of the meeting.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Agave House Chapter



The Agave House Chapter held its February meeting on the 28th at Black Mesa Ranger Station. The club voted to purchase a new tent canopy for use in community events. The speaker for the evening was Parry Ryerse, the new archeologist for Black Mesa Ranger Station. He introduced himself by sharing background on his youth, military experience and work in the field of archeology. Previously he worked in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Idaho, where he worked on the Snake River Project. He shared slides and stories of his past assignments and talked about his plans for the Site Steward program. He and the club are looking for a project on which we can all work

The next meeting is on March 26, at 6:30 pm at Black Mesa Ranger Station. We will meet for dinner at 5 pm at Casa Ramos. Our speaker will be Miles Gilbert. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ralf Kurzhals at 536-3056.

— *Diane Collins*

### Agua Fria Chapter



Dr. Mark Elson presented a fascinating lecture in March about the impact that Sunset Crater volcano must have had on the prehistoric population in the area. New research seems to indicate a different time frame for the eruption and a shorter duration than previously thought. Intriguing were “corn rocks”, lava impressed with prehistoric corn kernels; over 50 pieces were found. Near Little Springs volcano, 5 pieces of Hurricane Black-on-gray sherds were found encased in lava.

In April, Cliff Hersted will lecture on

the pronghorn walls and the map petroglyph on Perry Mesa. He has new information to present in these lectures.

The Chapter amended and approved the amendments to the Chapter bylaws and submitted the changes to the State Board. We also informed the members of the proposal to increase the dues.

Dinner with the speaker is at 5:00 pm at Applebee’s, the NE corner of 59th Ave. and Peoria on April 8th. Please join us.

— *Sandy Gauthier*

### Ajo Chapter



The Ajo Chapter has concluded its excavation season and backfilling has taken place. Artifacts have been cleaned and analyzed and reports are being filed with the land manager. Samples of obsidian for sourcing, as well as pollen, float and C-14 material are labeled and prepared for future testing. The season’s work, including the preparation of materials for publication, is nearing completion for most of our members.

We celebrated these accomplishments with a picnic held in the nearby Saucedo Mountains where we were surrounded by a gorgeous wildflower display. During the last few weeks members have spent time exploring for new sites and enjoying the beauty of our desert.

Kate and Jim Gilman led a day trip to a site that was new to us, but not to collectors, on the BMGR military range where we photographed numerous petroglyphs and grinding slicks with the added attraction of prehistorically occupied rock shelters above the nearby wash. UDA trails and trash led through and near this site

and several of these folks were encountered by our members hiking in the hills nearby.

The Sonoran Shindig, held annually in Ajo, was well attended. Thanks to Chad and Lani Lockwood, who each year arrange the Ajo chapter display; our booth was one of the most well attended. Chapter member and knapper Bruz Bethel was a huge crowd pleaser. We thank all the members who participated.

Rich and Linda Davis represented the Ajo Chapter at Organ Pipe Cactus Monument’s weekend of public outreach held during March. They, along with Adrienne Rankin of Luke Air Force Base, displayed the Monument’s archaeological artifacts and answered questions for an estimated 300 people. Adrienne gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation relating to her extensive knowledge and body of information regarding the Western Papagueria. We were able to recruit new members for our chapter at both this and the Shindig event and hopefully presented our local archaeology in an interesting manner while stressing the importance of protecting our cultural resources.

Due to the profuse vegetation, the Site Steward survey at Alamo Wash on the Monument has been delayed until next year. Joe Toumey, the Monument’s archaeologist, who has become our friend and companion on many outings, will be leaving his position there. We are extremely sorry as his cooperation and exchange of information has been a real bonus for both our AAS chapter and the local Site Steward Program. Rick and Sandy Martynec are hosting a farewell party at their home March 25th to send Joe off in Ajo style to his new job with the BLM near Moab, Utah.

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This is our chapter's last contribution to the Petroglyph this spring; however we are excited to begin reporting our ambitious group's activities beginning in the fall. Have a fine summer everyone.

— Rich Davis

### Desert Foothills Chapter



Stephanie Whittlesey, PhD, of SWCA Environmental Consultants, shared her newly developed research on striking similarities and probable connections between the Hohokam and their southern neighbors in Meso-America with Chapter members at our February meeting. She explored mortuary rituals found at Hohokam sites and discussed how they may reflect the connections to blood fertility and death cycle myths found in various cultures and peoples of Meso-American. This opens up a way to increasingly look at the Southwest peoples as related to their Meso-American contemporaries. While ball courts are well known parts of both areas, this other research points to the more extensive sharing of creation and mortality myths as well.

Our April 9<sup>th</sup> speaker is Joe Vogel from Prescott, who will be presenting "A Birds-Eye View of the Agua Fria National Monument." Joe extensively photographed numerous archaeological sites in Arizona from his plane. This is an opportunity to see what large swaths of the Agua Fria, as well as particular sites, look like from above. This should give us a perspective of the characteristics of these sites and how they related to one another that is not readily revealed from ground visits. Joe's photography should be provocative, educational and entertaining. Make a special

point to attend his talk. Our meetings are at the Church of Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church Hall, at 6502 E Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek.

The chapter will be hosting a field trip to the Brazaletes Hilltop site in the Tonto National Forest on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This is not usually an easily accessible site. Please contact Lila Elam at 928-668-0330 to reserve your spot and for more information.

— Jay Chatzkel

### Homolovi Chapter



Skye and Dennis Roshay were the speakers for our February meeting. We enjoyed viewing a very professional DVD of rock art sites in the Four Corners area. I was impressed with the quality of their videos! We are fortunate to have them as members of our chapter!

We have some exciting activities coming up. We are co-sponsoring workshops and speakers at Homolovi Ruins State Park along with Arizona State Parks, Northland Pioneer College, and the Hopi Tribe. The Hopi Tribe has also received a grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services to fund some of these speakers.

At our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Coconino National Forest archaeologist Peter Pilles will be speaking on Honanki Ruin and the things it has taught us about the prehistory of the Sedona area. We are working on lining up a field trip to Honanki after Easter.

Saturdays in April, 10am: Ranger-led walk to Sunset Mormon Cemetery with a discussion of Anglo settlements in northeastern Arizona.

At our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Lyle Balenquah (Hopi) will be speaking on

"Hopi Migration Trails". The village of Sipaulovi received a grant to research the migration trails between Homolovi and Second Mesa. This includes a literature search and oral history interviews with Hopi elders.

Check our website at [www.homolovi.com](http://www.homolovi.com) for additional information and news about our Hopi Workshops in June and Suvoyuki Days in July. We are also in the process of placing items from our museum shop on the web. Profits are used to help fund special programs at the park and projects with the Hopi. AAS members receive a 10% discount on their purchases (exclusive of items we are selling for Arizona State Parks i.e. SHPO publications, ASP T-shirts, etc.).

One of our projects is to help Hopi artists market their work. We have taken a first step toward one of our goals- to wholesale Hopi art work to other museum shops. We have placed Hopi artwork on consignment with the Little Colorado Chapter for their museum in Springerville. We wish them success in their new facility!

Homolovi Chapter meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitors Center.

— Karen Berggren

### Mohave Chapter



The Mohave Chapter has been invited to participate in the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Week program held by the Hualapai tribal school in Peach Springs. We will display posters and will set up a mock archaeological excavation for the students on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the school.

Stormy weather and the flu have

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conspired to temporarily derail our survey of the historic mining town of Signal. Another work weekend is being planned and members will be contacted when exact dates have been chosen. For those interested in a simple non-technical and very readable introduction to historic mining methods and associated artifacts, or for those who would like an idea of what life was like in a mining community in the late 1800's, "The Mining Camps Speak" by Beth and Bill Sagstetter, BenchMark Publishing of Colorado, 1998, is an excellent resource. This enjoyable book provides a wealth of basic information which will enhance your appreciation of what you see when visiting a historic mining site.

Mohave Chapter meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the community room at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison Ave in Kingman. Our next meeting will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact John Ainlay at 928-753-2600 or [jainlay@ctaz.com](mailto:jainlay@ctaz.com).

— *Gale Dom*

### Phoenix Chapter



On March 13th, Neil Weintraub, South Kaibab Zone Archaeologist, discussed the history of an abandoned railroad grade through Johnson Canyon in the Kaibab forest. Johnson Canyon was a booming settlement for railroad construction crews during the late 1800s and a troublesome segment of cross-country transportation for 78 years. This section of the railroad became obsolete in 1960 when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad rerouted its main line from Williams to Crookton and completely bypassed the treacherous route. The canyon was the home to the only

tunnel on the line west of Albuquerque and contains the archaeological remains of Simms, the original construction camp for the tunnel, the McLellan and Fairview sidings and the remarkable Steel Dam. While the rails, ties, and steel bridges have long since been removed; the narrow grade along the edge of the precipitous canyon gives one the eerie feeling that a train might be just ahead. Today, the sinuous grade and tunnel stand in mute testimony to the remarkable engineering accomplishments of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company.

On April 10th, Beth Bagwell, from Desert Archaeology, will talk about her dissertation research in two cliff dwellings in the Sierra Madre of northeastern Sonora, Mexico. In May Aaron Wright and Will Russell will report on the recent excavations in terrace gardens in South Mountain Park and we will have our annual volunteer appreciation night. We are working on a field trip to the Homolovi ruins for our June meeting.

Holly Young will teach a Hohokam ceramics class on Friday nights at PGM from 6:30 to 9:00 pm from Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so at the next meeting.

The chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St. in Phoenix, starting at 7:30 pm. We usually take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at Monti's La Casa Vieja on Mill and Rio Salado in Tempe. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or [mbrit@cox.net](mailto:mbrit@cox.net)) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

— *Ellie Large*

### Tubac/Santa Cruz County Chapter

Congratulations to everyone who made the AAS booth at the Arizona Archaeology Expo such a success! Nancy Valentine enjoyed meeting Sylvia Lesko, Jerry Mead and other chapter members for the first time while volunteering at the creative rock art station for children (of all ages it turns out.) A former art educator for elementary school children, Nancy also took pleasure in assisting the little rock artists with making the connection between the symbolism of ancient rock art and story telling of the time. The Expo experience for some of the participants - children of Tubac/SCC AAS Chapter members from the Global Communications Alliance community - was literally brought home to Tubac when the children (ages 4-6) took an art lesson from a local artist on "symbolism" and they knew what it was because of their AAS rock art Expo experience!

Jeremy Moss, archaeologist and resource manager for the Tumacacori National Historical Park, gave an excellent program during our March meeting. Through historic photographs and stories about the history and role of archaeology, chapter members and members of the public gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for "our mission" which is situated just a few miles down the road from Tubac, and is one of the important and revered icons representing the rich cultural tradition and living history treasures of the Santa Cruz River Valley.

Deni Seymour, chapter advisor, provided oversight for three members associated with the Tubac chapter - J. J. and Mike Golio and Mary Dahl - who are helping record archaeological materials in Santa Cruz County in

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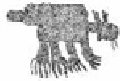
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cooperation with private landowners for a report and article documenting the importance of this material in the southernmost culture area along the Santa Cruz River. Volunteers were also, digging, screening, sorting, processing and recording artifacts under Deni's supervision at two other locations in the Santa Cruz and San Pedro river valleys.

Our next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup> with a program by Deni Seymour on San Cayetano del Tumacacori - the settlement that Kino visited in 1691 and the first Jesuit mission in southern Arizona - and what the excavations at this site are contributing to the developing history of the region.

— Nancy Valentine

### Verde Valley Chapter



The Verde Valley Chapter held its February meeting at the Sedona Public Library. Our speaker was Coconino National Forest Archaeologist Peter Pilles, who discussed the notable careers of Edward Palmer and Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, who were stationed at Camp Lincoln and Fort Verde from 1864 to 1890. Both men were illustrious wildlife specialists who studied and collected seeds, birds, nests, plant species, etc., throughout the Verde Valley. Dr. Mearns took more than 600 photographs, and had a large collection of journals and letters to go along with the photos.

Our March meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sedona Public Library at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Ron Peters, a horticulturist/real estate agent, who, along with his chiropractor wife, purchased the property containing Partridge Creek Petroglyph Park. Ron is part Lakota,

and has been trained as a Medicine Man. As such, he is very interested in protecting the petroglyphs from defacement and theft. The site is Archaic, between 4000 and 6000 years old, and contains approximately 800 glyphs. Ron and Karen Peters won the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation in the private sector two years ago, for their work at this site.

Our chapter now has an archivist - Millie DeRoeck. Thank you, Millie, for volunteering. We also have two new graduates of the Docent Training Program - Nancy Easter and Linda Westmoreland.

There are many upcoming training opportunities available: the Prehistory class, given by Richard Henderson and Jim Graceffa; Elden courses in Field Crew, Rock Art Recording, and Ruins Stabilization; an Archeoastronomy Course, which will begin in the fall; Archeo Awareness Month at the Sedona Public Library, featuring Dr. Ron Krug's projectile point display; and an excavation in Camp Verde on private land.

Our chapter will be celebrating V-V Days and Archeo Awareness Days in early May, with an agave roast. The fire will be ignited in the pit on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and members of the Yavapai Nation will be present to bless the ceremony.

Marlene Conklin mentioned that most of the volunteers have been pulled off their projects because of housekeeping and painting chores, in preparation for the Museum's re-accreditation. However, artifacts from the Grand Canyon will be coming in again in May, and other volunteer efforts will continue soon. She reminded everyone that orientation sessions are now required before helping out with these projects.

Jerry Ehrhardt and his team have been surveying in Sycamore Canyon for four years now, and are still discovering artifacts and sites. Jerry will speak at Red Rock State Park on March 16<sup>th</sup>, about the many trails, hilltop sites, roasting pits, single-room sites, etc., that have been located during these four years.

Linda Krumrie reported on the many field trips she and others have scheduled. In early March there will be a hike into Hackberry Basin; in mid-May there will be a 7-day trip to Chaco and its outliers, which will be limited to 20 people. In October there will be a trip to Peru, limited to 36 individuals.

In early March a Saturday field trip was organized to a group of sites near Sunset Point. In mid-March the Payson Chapter has invited interested members to join them for their regular meeting, followed by a field trip to a wonderful rock art site. Later in March there will be another trip, to Besh-Ba-Gowah, in Globe.

In April there will be two field trips; the first, in early April, will be led by Charlie Steger, in the Prescott area. The trip in the latter part of April will be a botany trip, led by Phyllis Lindberg. Both of these trips will take place on Saturdays.

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On Feb. 21, Stewart Deats, of Envirosystems, spoke on the 2006 Simonton Ranch excavations in Camp Verde, where he was field supervisor. In all, 25 pithouses were examined as part of the project. Of particular interest was a burned pithouse structure that raised many questions, due to its unusually large size, and the discrepancy in dates, ranging from some sherds found in-situ on the floor identified as Verde Red and Gila Red (AD 1150-1400), projectile points (AD 600-1000) and radiocarbon dates obtained from burned reeds (AD 540-680). Possible explanations are the misidentification of the sherds or less likely, date ranges that are too narrow for these two ceramic types. Several chapter members worked on the excavation of this structure.

At the March 20 meeting Jim McKie, Archaeologist for the Prescott National Forest, Dr. Sandra Lynch, Archaeologist with the Sharlot Hall Museum, and our outreach team, Mark Millman and Rosie Hartner, will join for a presentation on the

importance of public education and community outreach. Find out what Mark and Rosie have been telling the area's 4th and 6th graders. Preview and comment on the proposed presentation for adult groups ranging from ATV clubs to civic organizations. In addition, on display will be several of the pots from the Willow Lake (Neural) site.

Coming up on April 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Mike Ruddell, Professor of Archaeology at Yavapai College, will present his forensic analysis of the human remains found at the Willow Lake site (Neural Site), dated to about 1100-1300 AD.

At the May meeting, Dave Haleric with the Coronado National Forest will give us a look at archaeology on the Arizona - Mexico border. Because of border fence construction activities, CNF archaeologists have been working there extensively, and in light of current events, their findings are of interest to all Arizonans.

Before the meetings, all are invited to join speakers and fellow chapter members at the Prescott Brewing

Company at 5:30 pm for dinner.

Field trips continue on the second Saturday after our chapter meetings. This meant our "February" field trip was March 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was perfect for the outing to the Arrastre Creek site on Black Mesa. A large and enthusiastic group of Yavapai and Verde Valley chapter members enjoyed seeing the multitude of petroglyphs, bedrock basin, trough metates and other features.

Our March 29<sup>th</sup> trip will be to the V-V Heritage Site, the premier petroglyph site in northern Arizona, near Rimrock. Our guide there will be Ken Zoll, noted archaeoastronomy expert and author. We also plan to visit the nearby Sacred Mountain site.

Many thanks to the stalwart members who gathered on Monday and Wednesday mornings to wash sherds and lithics from the Cahava site. The last bag was completed March 10<sup>th</sup>, so as a "reward", Monday's group visited a fascinating nearby site where petroglyphs were pecked on fragile schist outcroppings.

— Susan Jones

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## PERU October 2008



(Photos from Peru Tourism web site at [www.peru.info](http://www.peru.info))

Join other AAS Members on an Archaeological tour of Peru, sponsored by the Verde Valley Chapter. A limited number of spaces are available. For details contact Jim Graceffa at (928)639-0604 or [jgraceffa@commspeed.net](mailto:jgraceffa@commspeed.net).

## FROM THE STATE CHAIR

I would like to thank the Phoenix Chapter for the outstanding State Meeting that was held at Pueblo Grande in January. Although field trips suffered on Sunday due to rain, Saturday provided us with a very interesting trek into South Mountain to visit a Terrace Garden Site. The afternoon lecture and trip to a site was very well received.

The May State meeting will be hosted by the Flagstaff Chapter and will be held at the Museum of Northern Arizona. Chapters should make an effort to attend this meeting as a very important vote will be taken to determine a state fee increase that was asked for at the Jan. meeting. For those members who were not in attendance the State Treasurer explained that the State has been operating with a deficit for the past several years, and asked for a \$5.00 increase in state dues effective Sept. 1, 2008. This date would correspond with the start of the 2009 membership dues. A lengthy discussion followed with the vote being scheduled for the May meeting. Chapter Presidents should discuss this with their Chapters and plan to attend the May meeting in order for the vote to reflect the feelings of the majority of the members. May should be a beautiful month to visit Flagstaff.

We are sad to announce that the Cochise Chapter has disbanded. The hope was to have the Fall State Meeting in Sierra Vista so we are now looking for a host for the Fall meeting as well as the Winter 2009 meeting. Please consider being host it's a great way to show off your area and your Chapter to the rest of the Society plus meet and make new friends.

Brenda left a large pair of shoes to fill. Although she may no longer be State Chair she will continue to be a vital part of the organization. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have questions or would just like to talk about ideas that you or your Chapter may have concerning the Society. I'm looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Please be sure to check the web site for up to date information about what is occurring and for important announcements.

— Sylvia Lesko

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learn professional archaeological field techniques.

Application and course outline are available at [sharlot.org/fieldschool](http://sharlot.org/fieldschool). We are also listed on the Shovelbums and Archaeological Institute of America web sites.

If you have any questions that you would like a real person to answer, please contact, Paul V. Long, Jr. at [pvlong@q.com](mailto:pvlong@q.com) or 928-445-1843. The staff of the field school looks forward to working with you.

— Paul V. Long, Jr.

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*AAHS Lecture: At the Still Point of the Turning World: Chaco and Its Outliers* by Ruth Van Dyke, Colorado College. Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center, 1501 North Campbell Avenue. For more info, see their website at [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aaahs/lectures.shtml](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aaahs/lectures.shtml).

April 26, 10-11 am PGM, Phoenix. *Tour: Park of Four Waters*. This tour will take you through undeveloped, natural desert to the ruins of some of the Hohokam canals. 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. For full details see their website at [online.activecommunities.com/phoenix/](http://online.activecommunities.com/phoenix/)

Activities/. General Admission prices apply.

April 30, 3.30 pm, ASU, Tempe. *Colloquium: Preventive Archaeology in France: Saving the Past for the Future* by Jean-Paul Demoule, National Inst. on Preventive Archaeology Research and Univ. of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne). Anthro 340.

May 1, 7 pm, AMNH, Mesa, SWAT Meeting: *The Olmec Culture*, by Barbara Stark, Prof. of Anthropology, SHESC, ASU. AMNH Theater, 53 N. Macdonald, Mesa, AZ 85201

May 4, 3:30 pm, ASU, Tempe. *Colloquium: The Aztalan Site In Historical Perspective* by Lynne Goldstein, Michigan State University. Aztalan is the most famous archaeological site in Wisconsin, and is related to the Cahokia site in Illinois. Aztalan dates in part to what archaeologists call the Middle Mississippian period (ca. AD 1000-1300), and is the northernmost of the large Mississippian villages. Anthro 340.

May 22–26, Farmington, N. M.: *ARARA's 35th Annual Conference*. To download the registration packet, go to [www.arara.org/arara2008\\_info\\_packet.pdf](http://www.arara.org/arara2008_info_packet.pdf). Pre-Registration Deadline: May 12, 2008.

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