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Thank You from Gary Yancy

I would like to thank the Phoenix Chapter, and everyone, for another great State Meeting in Jan 2005. Of course, this was State Officer election time, and I thank, congratulate, and appreciate Brenda Poulous as the new State Chairperson! Brenda and I have been talking about her "running" for State Chairperson for many months. During our discussions, I always agreed with and loved Brenda's thoughts and ideas about the future of AAS. Since the State Meeting, Brenda and I have met at Starbucks, and also talked over the phone several times, about administrative duties and future archaeological activities.

And, thank you to the other new State Officers. Ann Gorton, our Certification Dept Chairperson, was elected as First Vice-Chairperson. I agreed to be the Second Vice-Chairperson. The Nominating Committee asked for, but had no

Objectives of AAS

To foster interest and research in the archaeology of Arizona

To encourage better public understanding and concern for archaeological and cultural resources

To protect antiquities by discouraging exploitation of archaeological resources

To aid in the conservation and preservation of scientific and archaeological data and associated sites

To serve as a bond between the professionals and the avocational non-professionals

To increase knowledge and improve the skill of members in the disciplines of archaeology

To participate in investigations in the field of archaeology and to put the information so obtained into published form

To publish a journal and such monographs as the publications committee deems appropriate.

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volunteers to run for these positions. Ann and I agreed to be Vice-Chairs for 1 year. Starting early in 2005, the Nominating Committee will continue to look for Vice-Chairs. Our new Secretary is Chris Lange who is a Phoenix Chapter member and she lives in Tucson. Our new Treasurer is Judy Rounds of the Desert Foothills Chapter where she has been their treasurer.

At the meeting Brenda Poulos presented me an award, a beautiful SW glass trophy with the AAS logo inscribed, for my 1996-2004 years of service as State Chairperson and my contributions to AAS. I enjoyed the years very much. I am very proud of the AAS, our objectives, and our support from and our relationships with professional archaeologists. Thank you to all of the Chapters for their contributions and

dedications to the AAS!

Also at the State Meeting, over \$700 was contributed in my name to the Fielder Fund. The contributions were from the Phoenix Chapter, the Desert Foothills Chapter, the Agua Fria Chapter, the Verde Valley Chapter, the Rim Country Chapter, Grace and Paul Schoonover, Chris Lange, Glen and Barbara Dotson, Charles Schwab, and cash from other individuals. Thank you!

Good luck to AAS in the future and in meeting our objectives and the preservation of our pre-historic and historic resources.

— Gary Yancy

May State Meeting Information

Saturday, May 28, 2005

8:30 a.m. We will meet at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Dolores, where we will have their meeting room for the day. Cinnamon rolls, coffee and tea will be provided in the morning. Address: 108 8th. Street, Dolores, CO 81323. Phone: 970.882.7910. As you come into town on the main road (Railroad, or the Hwy. 145), you will see a sign for the restaurant as you approach 8th. Street.

9:00 a.m. Chapter Presidents' Meeting

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

Noon Lunch. A brown bag lunch, including a sandwich, chips and drink, will be provided by the Ponderosa Restaurant for \$4.50 per person. Sandwich choices are beef, ham, turkey and cheese.

1:00 p.m. Field trips begin. Don Dove will give us a tour of his Mitchell Springs Site, and nearby Yucca House Pueblo. Yucca House is a national monument in itself, and consists of approximately 34 acres of mounds, kivas and a great kiva. It is an unexcavated site, seldom visited by the public. All vehicles should be able to access Yucca House. Be aware that there are no facilities. Those members of the society that have visited Mitchell Springs, and do not wish to go there again, may want to visit the Heritage Center Museum near Dolores and the two pueblo sites at that location. The small mu-

seum in Cortez (The Cortez Cultural Center) has artifacts on display as well as contemporary paintings by various artists. The Heritage Center also has a map for those who want to take a self guided tour into the Canyon of the Ancients.

6:30 p.m. Return to the Ponderosa Restaurant for pre-dinner cocktails.

7:00 p.m. Dinner. A buffet dinner will be provided by the Ponderosa Restaurant, with a choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entrées, followed by dessert. The charge is \$12.50 per person.

7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Presentation. The speaker will be Scott Ortman, research archaeologist and director of the research lab at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Scott will discuss a multi-year project he has been heading, which is funded by the National Science Foundation, and focuses primarily on the prehistoric settlement of southwestern Colorado.

Sunday, May 29, 2005

8:30 a.m. Field trips. The choices of field trips to date are as follows:

Field trip #1: Goodman Point Pueblo and Sand Canyon Pueblo. Tour leader: Kristin Kuckelman.

These pueblo ruins date to the A.D. 1200s. Goodman Point ruin is part of the large Hovenweep National monument. It is a large masonry site with numerous rooms and kivas, including a great kiva. No excavations have been conducted at Goodman Point, however, the tour leader for this trip, Kristin Kuckelman, will begin archaeological research at the site this year. Kristin is senior research archaeologist at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Sand Canyon Pueblo is nearby Goodman Point. This large site was excavated by the Crow Canyon archaeologists from 1984 to 1993. It consists of 420 rooms, 90 kivas, 14 towers, an enclosed plaza and various peripheral features.

Both sites can be accessed by automobile followed by short walks to the ruins.

More information about these sites are available at <http://www.crowcanyon.org>

Field trip #2: Castle Rock Pueblo and Cannonball Mesa Ruin. Tour leaders: Bob McBride and Diane Edgar.

These field trips will consume approximately 6 ½ hours from start to finish, but are well worth the time.

Castle Rock Pueblo was excavated by Crow Canyon from 1990 to 1994. It was constructed during the late Pueblo III period.

The village was home to 75 to 150 people from the A.D. 1260s until sometime during the A.D. 1280s. The pueblo included at least 16 kivas, 40 surface rooms, nine possible towers, a D-shaped enclosure, two possible plazas, numerous retaining and village-enclosing walls, and several middens. The location of the village—around the base and on top of a prominent sandstone butte—probably was chosen for its defensible qualities. High atop the butte was placed a wooden platform which may have served as a place for a lookout to position himself. This platform still survives today.

The Cannonball Mesa site was first excavated by S.G. Morley and reported in *American Anthropologist* in 1908. This is a large Pueblo III site with a D shaped structure of which a few tall wall remains exist. It was located so as to provide a wide visual access. To get to the site, we pass an area that provided the Anasazi with clays for making slip for pottery. The tour also passes a small lithic manufacturing site. No collecting is permitted at any of the locations.

Both sites can be visited by vehicle. Roads are not difficult, but higher clearance vehicles are recommended on the uphill approach to Cannonball Mesa.

Field trip # 3: Lowry Ruin and petroglyph site. Tour leader Don Dove

Paul Martin excavated this large multistory ruin in the early thirties, excavating 37 rooms, eight ceremonial structures or kivas, and a number of test trenches. Perhaps the most spectacular discovery at Lowry Ruin consists of the well preserved mural, found on the banquette (bench) wall in one of the pueblo's kivas. Architectural and tree-ring evidence suggest that Lowry Pueblo began as a small cluster of nearly homogenous masonry rooms with an associated kiva and a nearby Great Kiva, all constructed about A.D. 1090. This early component contains Chacoan-like masonry and has led to the conclusion that Lowry Ruin was a Chacoan outlier. Additions to the pueblo were made periodically over some 200 years, though towards the end of the occupation, material culture reminiscent of the Mesa Verde Anasazi predominates, and suggests a major immigration to the area.

The petroglyph site requires a half-mile walk

to Little Cow Canyon. These infrequently visited petroglyphs are described by one archaeologist as the best petroglyph panels he recalls seeing in the Canyon of the Ancients National Monument.

Additional field trips that can be conducted on your own include the outstanding sites at Mesa Verde, Salmon Ruin in Bloomfield, NM, and the Aztec Ruin in Farmington, NM.

Hotels/Motels

Anasazi Motor Inn, 640 S. Broadway. (970) 565-3773 or 1-800-972-6232. Spa, pool, restaurant, volleyball pit, laundry, computer hook-ups. www.anasazimotorinn.com

Aneth Lodge/Budget 6, 645 E. Main. (970) 565-3453 or 1-877-263-8454.

Best Western Sands, 1120 E. Main. (970) 565-3761 or 1-800-528-1234. Pool, laundry, continental breakfast, microwave & fridge in most rooms.

Best Western Turquoise, 535 E. Main. (970) 565-3778 or 1-800-527-1234. Laundry, pool, spa, some 2-room suites, continental breakfast.

Budget Host, 2040 E. Main. (970) 565-3738 or 1-888-677-3738. Pool, spa, laundry.

Comfort Inn, 2321 E. Main. (970) 565-3400 or 1-800-228-5150. Pool, spa, laundry.

Days Inn, Hwy 160 & 145. (970) 565-8577. Pool, spa, laundry, restaurant, some 2-room units.

Econolodge, 2020 E. Main. (970) 565-3474 or 1-800-553-2666. Pool, spa, laundry, continental breakfast.

El Capri Motel, 2110 S. Broadway. (970) 565-3764.

Grizzly Roadhouse B & B, 3450 Highway 160. (970) 565-7738. www.grizzlyroadhouse.com

Holiday Inn Express, 2121 E. Main. (970) 565-6000 or 800-626-5652. Restaurant, continental breakfast, pool, spa, sauna, laundry

National Nine Sand Canyon, 301 W. Main. (970) 565-8562 or 800-524-9999. Pool, laundry, restaurant, spa.

Old Mancos Inn, 200 W. Grand Ave., Mancos. 970-533-9019. Shared kitchen and bath, restaurant.

Outpost Motel, 1800 Central Ave, Dolores. (970) 882-727. Kitchens, barbecue, deck on river, laundry. www.doloreslodging.com

Super 8 Motel, 505 E. Main. (970) 565-8888 or 800-800-8000. Some suites, laundry.

Tomahawk Lodge, 728 S. Broadway. (970) 565-8521. Pool, some suites.

Travelodge, 440 S. Broadway. (970) 565-7778 or 800-578-7878. Pool, spa, laundry.

RV Parks/Campgrounds

A & A Mesa Verde RV Park Resort, 34979 Highway 160. (970) 565-3517 or 800-972-6620. Cabins, RV and tent sites. Pool, spa, laundry. [9 miles out of Cortez.]

La Mesa RV Park. 2430 E. Main. (970) 565-3610. RV sites only. Laundry.

Lazy G Campground at Days Inn, Hwy 160 & 145. (970) 565-8577. Pool, spa, restaurant, laundry.

KOA, 27432 Hwy 160. (970) 565-9301 or 1-800-562-3901. Tent sites, RV hook-ups, cabins. Pool, laundry, spa, store.

Mesa Oasis, 5608 Hwy 160. (970) 565-8716. Tent sites, RV hook-ups. Tent sites are very close to the highway and can be noisy. Laundry.

Outpost RV Park, 1800 Central Ave, Dolores (970) 882-7271 or 800-382-4892. RV sites only. Barbecue, deck on river, laundry. Pretty. www.doloreslodging.com

Sundance RV Park, 815 E. Main. (970) 565-099. RV sites only. Laundry.

Ute Mountain RV Park and Campground (970) 565-6544 or 800-889-5072. About 11 miles south of Cortez. Tent camping, RV sites, pool, spa, restaurant, laundry, casino.

UPCOMING events

March 5 from 7:30am to 6pm - **Gila Pueblo, Besh-ba-gowah Pueblo tour** with Marc Severson, Old Pueblo Archaeology Center 520-798-1201

March 6 from 10:30am to noon - **Archaeological Fieldwork at the Yuma Wash Hohokam Site**; presentation and hands-on excavation activity at Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg #6, Marana (Northwest Tucson metro area); Free. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 520-798-1201

March 6, 13, 20, and April 3 (4 sessions) **Archaeological Ceramic Analysis** workshop 1-5 pm at Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road, Bldg #7. Learn basic concepts of analyzing archaeological pottery and contribute to scientific knowledge of southern Arizona's ancient Hohokam culture, using collections from OPAC excavations at the Sabino Canyon Ruin, a Tucson-area Hohokam settlement. \$72 ages 12 and older. Reservations 520-798-1201.

March 7 from 7:30-9:00 pm - **Traditions of Humans and Plants Evolving Together**; Kevin Dahl of Native Seed Search. Free. Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Rd., Bldg. #8. Info 520-798-1201

March 9 from 1 to 3 pm - **Ancient Native American Potters of Southern Arizona**; Allen Dart discusses Native American pottery styles from specific prehistoric eras, and pottery's usefulness for dating archaeological sites and interpreting lifeways. No reservations needed. Free. For meeting details contact Jane Lawson at 602-252-8840, 602-840-7712, or jlawson@foxlawson.com Heard Museum, Phoenix

March 10,11,12 and 13 - **Archaeological Tours & Digs at Yuma Wash Archaeological site**, 7548 N. Silverbell Road. Old Pueblo Archaeology Center offers guided tours and opportunities to participate in archaeological excavations at the Yuma Wash Hohokam Indian ruin in the planned Marana District Park. Tours:

between 9am and 1 pm, no reservations needed. Free (tours do not include participation in the dig;) Digs: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ages 12 and up, reservations required two days ahead. \$38 instruction and artifact processing fee. Info and reservations for dig: 520-798-1201

March 12 from 10 am to 1 pm - **Arrowhead-making and flint-knapping workshop** at OPAC, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg #7. Flintknapper Sam Greenleaf teaches hands-on workshop on making arrowheads and spearpoints out of stone to better understand how ancient people made and used stone artifacts. \$25. Alternate date April 16. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 520-798-1201

March 12 from 2 to 3:30pm - **Ancient Native American Potters of Southern Arizona** presentation at Old Schoolhouse in Arivaca, 17180 W. 4th Street (1 block north of main street's Arivaca Mercantile) Allen Dart illustrates and discusses Native American pottery styles made during specific prehistoric eras. Free. No reservations needed. For meeting details contact Mary Kasulaitis at 520-398-2764 or mkasula1@ci.tucson.az.us at the Arivaca Branch Library; also March 19 at Oracle State Park, 3820 Wildlife Drive, Oracle, Arizona

March 19 – Desert Foothills Chapter is hosting **outreach at Spur Cross Ranch Conservation area** north of Phoenix. Event includes hikes to archaeology sites, booths with area archaeology info, activities for kids. Public welcome. Contact brendapoulos@yahoo.com

March 24 to 26 from 7:30am to 6pm - **Tour of Canyon de Chelly, Puerco ruins, Petrified Forest, Hubbell Trading Post** via passenger van departing from Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg. #7. \$695 Experienced guide Marc Severson leads tour. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 520-798-1201

March 28 from 9 to 10am - **guided tour of Picture Rocks petroglyph site** beginning at

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg. #7, Tucson, and carpooling to the rock art site. Free. Info at 520-798-1201

March 30 to April 3 - **Society of American Archaeology** meets in Salt Lake City

April 2 (ages 7-10) and April 16 (ages 10-14) from 9am to noon - **Archaeology for Kids**. If you are between the ages of 7 and 14, become a Junior Archaeologist at Pueblo Grande Museum! Take part in a simulated excavation of a Hohokam pit house. Learn about mapping, recording and other archaeological methods and concepts. \$12.00; advance registration required. Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, 4619 East Washington, Phoenix; info at 602/495-0901

April 5-10 **Society for Applied Anthropology** meets in Santa Fe; www.sfaa.net/sfaa2005.html

April 12 - **Journey to the Past** new exhibit at Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, 4619 East Washington, Phoenix; adults \$2, seniors \$1.50, children 6-17 \$1, under 5 are Free. Info at 602/495-0901 or www.pueblogrande

May 4 to 9 - **Tour of Chaco Canyon, Pueblo Pintado, Aztec, Salmon, Hovenweep ruins**, \$990; via passenger van departing from Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg. #7, Tucson. 8 am Monday - 6 pm Saturday. \$990. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 520-798-1201, ADart@OldPueblo.org

To calendar a special event, send an email to ThePetroglyph@cox.net; include EVENT in email subject line. Items will be printed as space is available.

From the certification department chair



The Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission has issued a set of revised guidelines for conducting archaeology on private land that is open for public comment. The draft has elicited some interesting reactions. I would like to share with you some of the comments written by David Wilcox, Ph.D. in an open letter to Michael Sullivan, Chair of the Commission. David is the Archaeologist for the Museum of Northern Arizona and an Advisor the Verde Valley Chapter as indicated below. Dave's was a long letter of 6 pages that addressed many issues inherent in the draft, but of particular relevance to the mission of the Certification Department are the following paragraphs.

Dave writes, "I have long worked closely with avocational archaeology groups in Arizona, beginning in the 1970s with the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (Arch and His), and more recently with the Verde Valley Archaeology Society (VVAS), a chapter of AAS. I have also for over two decades given talks to many of the AAS chapters and know a great many of these people and what they stand for. I also am well acquainted with the Arizona Site Steward program, and have worked in the field with many of them. As citizens of Arizona, they have made it their avocation to inform themselves about archaeology and the views of professional archaeologists, and they have long been advocates for worthy causes to protect and preserve Arizona's cultural heritage. They have donated thousands of hours to the projects of professional archaeologists. They also, from the beginning, have often sought to learn how to do

what the professional does, and to excavate archaeological sites, analyze the results, and publish them. Both Arch and His (the publisher of *Kiva*) and the AAS have a superb record of these kinds of activities. All of the chapters of AAS, to my knowledge, have professional archaeologists as Advisors. I am one of them for the VVAS. The tone, the contents and attitude of your draft document is a slap in the face of all of these good people. For shame!"

Dave also wrote, "Doing archaeology is not just about "field training." It is also, for example, about the aesthetics of being in the field, learning to observe and learning how to make exposures that lead to new knowledge. It is about doing it yourself. For professionals, and much less a non-professional group like the GAAC, to deny the right of citizens to engage themselves in field archaeology according to proper standards - which the Arch and His and AAS chapters have always sought to do - is undemocratic, elitist, and misguided, as I have repeatedly tried to impress upon you. Who is your audience? When you say, "excavation at non-threatened sites for the sole purpose of either recreation or field method training is not appropriate," who do you think you are addressing? Certainly it is not the members of Arizona's avocational archaeology societies! They may speak loosely at times about the need for field training so that members can become certified in the certification program of the AAS, but the projects they undertake have always been structured to do much more, and ultimately to produce competent analyses and published reports. To assume otherwise is

to profoundly misunderstand the history of their accomplishments and the ideals that drive them to learn about archaeology. Illegitimate "standards" of the kind and with the attitude you project is far more likely to alienate these citizens and make them into public critics of the "elitist" archaeologists."

Your chapter president should have the draft of this document produced by the Governor's Commission. There is a 120 day period for the public to respond.

The next meetings of the Department of Certification will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Fridays, March 18 and May 20. We now meet in Room 203A in the Community Services Building of ASU on Curry Road between Washington and Rural Roads in Tempe. AAS members are invited to attend. Please contact me for information on how to get there.

— Ann Gorton

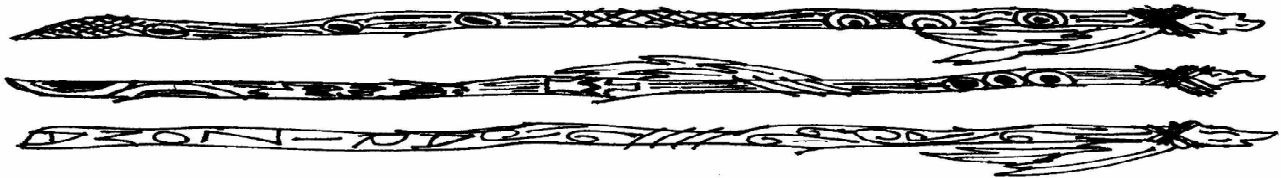
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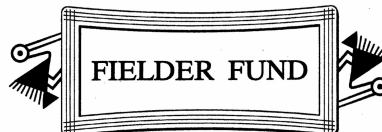
Coming to a PC Near You

Internet Advanced Prehistory Class

The majority of the details have been finalized for the new advanced prehistory class. The cost for the class will be \$45.00. The class will start on March 21, 2005 and run for eight weeks. The format for the class will be basically the same as other online classes with weekly lectures, a discussion forum, one test, and one paper. We will be using the book *Ancient Peoples of the American Southwest* by Stephen Plog (ISBN# 050027939x), along with additional supplemental readings. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please send a check, made payable to the AAS to me at:

Jill McCormick
P.O. Box 781
Wellton, AZ 85356

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me by email at jill@mackrackit-companies.com



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 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. As of February 20th, the fund had reached \$27,678.44.

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, or you can send contributions directly to our AAS treasurer, Judy Rounds, P.O. Box 1401, Carefree 85377. Please include your chapter affiliation.

Archaeology Month Event Planned by Desert Foothills Chapter

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area Archaeology Day

March is Archaeology Month in Arizona, and in observance, the Desert Foothills Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society will host a day of adventure and discovery for the entire family at Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area. This event is open to the public and will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area encompasses 2,154 acres of exquisite Sonoran Desert, with fascinating archaeology sites and lush riparian areas along Cave Creek. Remnants of early mining and ranching are still apparent in the park, and the abundant vegetation provides a rich habitat for a diverse assemblage of wildlife.

Learn about the rich past of this beautiful area as you hike to the ruins of ancient villages, past boulders with prehistoric rock art. Hikes will cater to a variety of fitness levels and interests. Meet hike leaders at 10:00 a.m.

at the information table, to learn about the various hikes offered. Hikes will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Hands-on activities and crafts will be provided for young children and members of the archaeology society and the Spur Cross staff will be available to answer your questions about the history of the area. A photographic display will illustrate the scenic beauty and archaeological wealth of the area.

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area is located at the end of Spur Cross Road, 4.5 miles north of Cave Creek Road, in the town of Cave Creek. Signs to the Conservation Area are located at the Spur Cross Road turnoff from Cave Creek Road. A parking area is situated just outside the entrance gate to the conservation area. There is a \$3.00 per person charge to enter the conservation area. The information tables, craft tables and meeting place for hikes will be located inside the gates, near the picnic tables. For further information, contact Paddi Mozilo at 480-595-9255 or docqb@yahoo.com

2005 Pecos Conference August 11 ~ 14 Bandelier / Los Alamos

The tradition of research collaboration and sharing that began in 1927 at Pecos Pueblo continues on the Pajarito Plateau at White Rock (near Los Alamos), under the guidance of dedicated archaeologists, tribal representatives, and local, state and federal agency sponsors...

The purpose of the Pecos Conference, as Alfred Vincent Kidder put it in summing up the first such gathering is to...

"...bring about contact between workers in the Southwest field to discuss fundamental problems of Southwestern prehistory; and to formulate problems of Southwest prehistory; to pool knowledge of facts and techniques, and to lay a foundation for a unified system of nomenclature."

Deliberately informal, the Pecos Conference affords Southwestern archaeologists a superlative opportunity to talk with one another, both by presenting field reports and by casual discussions. It is a chance to see old friends, meet new ones, pick up fresh information, organize future conferences, and have a great time.

In recent years, Native Americans, avocational archaeologists, the general public and media organizations have come to play an increasingly important role, serving as participants and as audience, to celebrate archaeological research and to mark cultural continuity.

For more information and future updates check on line at: http://www.swanet.org/2005_pecos_conference/index.html

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CHAPTER NEWS

Agua Fria Chapter

NEW CLASS!!!!: Members of the Agua Fria are working on final drafts of the SHELL IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS class to be approved by the Certification Department at the March 18 meeting. If approved, the class will begin sometime toward the end of March or early April. For further information, contact Bob Lindsay at 602-866-3649 or email lindsayrl@cox.net.

Our speaker on Tuesday, February was Scott Wood, Tonto Forest Archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager. Scott spoke on "11,000 Years in the Tonto National Forest" and per Agua Fria chapter treasurer, Chris Reed, "had the best concise slide show of the Hohokam I have ever seen on all eras". According to Paulette Gehlker, corresponding secretary and speaker's bureau chair, "Scott was a real treat".

Ella Pierpoint, Agua Fria chapter member, site steward, and past secretary for the now inactive Gila Bend chapter, will speak to us on Tuesday, March 8, about "Recent Work on the Gatlin Site, Gila Bend, Arizona". Find out about the importance of this site in the archaeological context of the area as well as about the concerted efforts of three dedicated people, Roy and Ella Pierpoint and Dr. David Doyel. They are working with the City of Gila Bend to transform this site into an interpretive center so that future generations will be able to appreciate its importance. Members of the Agua Fria chapter, along with those of the Phoenix chapter, have already put in several days during February under

cloud and rain to help clear debris from the site and perform surface collections along the trail location. Anyone who wishes to help can contact Dr. David Doyel at 480-946-8437 or email David.Doyel@asu.edu. Ella can be reached at 602-622-2364 or epierpoint@yahoo.com.

The Agua Fria chapter has again been invited to participate in the Tres Rios Nature Festival to be held on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and Sunday, March 13 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We need volunteers to set up and tear down and for hourly coverage of the displays and tables during both days. The festival is located outdoors at the Estrella Mountain Regional Park (14805 W. Vineyard Ave. Goodyear, five miles south of I-10 on Estrella Parkway). Tents are provided with tables and chairs for exhibitors. This year the tents will be oriented to face north and south instead of east and west per request of exhibitors from last year's inaugural event. We have requested that our chapter tables be located next to the Site Steward Program table so that people can switch back and forth between exhibits. To volunteer, please contact Donna Ruiz y Costello at lardon@worldnet.att.net or call 632-465-7350. So far, Ruth Teller and Barbara Gronemann have kindly offered to demonstrate primitive cotton spinning on Sunday, March 13. We still need some great educational demonstrations for Saturday however. All ideas will be considered.

Agua Fria chapter March field and lab dates:

Pierpoint: Saturday, March 12 from

9:00am to 3:00 or 4:00pm

White Tank Mountains: On hold for now due to ARCH EXPO. To be rescheduled.

Calderwood Lithics Lab: Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm – 9:00pm, March 9 and March 23.

Calderwood Ceramics Lab: Wednesday days from 10:00am to 3:00pm, March 2, March 16, March 30

— *Donna Ruiz y Costello*

Agave House Chapter

Our speaker for February was John Fryar, special agent for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

John HoHman is scheduled to be our speaker for March. We will be meeting at the Black Mesa Ranger Station Activity room on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Call Norman or Betty Viether for additional details at 928-535-9059.

— *Betty Viether*

Ajo/Why Chapter

Historic preservation on the Barry M Goldwater Range (BMGR) was the theme of guest speaker Christopher Doolittle at the February Chapter meeting. As an archaeologist with Statistical Research Institute (SRI), Doolittle has five years experience surveying the Range. SRI is contracted to manage preservation projects on the BMGR. Doolittle explained the division of the tactical areas, how they are cleared of ordnance, and then marked to

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preserve archaeological sites. To date, 141,000 out of 500,000 acres have been surveyed.

During an informal presentation, Doolittle shared his passion for photography and archaeology. The presentation included photos of features, architecture, artifacts, petroglyphs, intaglios and geoglyphs, as well as flora and fauna. The photo of a whole pottery jar tucked into a slight shelter was awesome. Photos showing design and artistry on sherds, ancient trails, rock shelters, rock circles, and B & W photos of 'yesteryear' brought oohs and aaaahs from the captive audience.

While Doolittle acknowledged the need for more consideration on how material culture is stored, he encouraged our group to connect that culture with native people.

On a field trip the day after the meeting, members had a chance to see some of the petroglyphs and sites featured in the slides. Many thanks to Christopher Doolittle for his presentation and guiding a trip to the Range.

Chapter business included the announcement of a new activity schedule. Stan will check out accommodations for those interested in attending the Archaeology Expo in Verde Valley. March 7-11, CPNWR Christmas Pass campout, Sandy & Rick are contacts. Linda volunteered to contact members re any schedule changes. Sandra R accepted the Program Chair position for next season. Russ Hudson resigned as Program Chair. Thanks and Kudos to

Russ for his hard work and the fascinating speakers and programs he lined up for our meetings! Next meeting-March 14, Ajo Library to hear about Tohona O'odham basketry and related themes, again, thanks to Russ.

— *Kate Gilman*

Cochise Chapter

Cochise Chapter member relates adventures in China

Our meeting in February featured chapter member Pete VanCleve with a fascinating program with numerous wonderful slides and memorabilia from his trip to China last year. Pete participated in a program (Consultants For Global Programs) for Chinese who would like to improve their working knowledge of spoken English and learn more about American culture and society. Pete's trip lasted three weeks, and he said it was an adventure of a lifetime. Pete's area was approximately three hundred miles north of Vietnam. Most of those teaching English were school administrators or teachers, but Pete was an exception. Each class had a Chinese teacher's aid, which Pete said was invaluable. The kids tended to be self-conscious and often didn't want to put up their hand in case the answer they gave was wrong and they would then lose face. Pete found the work ethic there to be very high. Shops are open seven days a week in most cases. During Pete's time in China, he had many opportunities to tour.

Our March meeting will be Rebecca J. Orozco, Director of the Southwest

Learning Center at Cochise College. She'll show many interesting slides on the Apaches and will give us an update on the SW Learning Center.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Sandy Tate and Suzanne Arnold will co-captain the Relay for Life May 6 & 7. The pottery raffle is still going strong. Get your tickets at the monthly meeting. Anna Trujillo is the potter, and Perrie Barnes donated the pot.

BOOK SALE MAY 14: Save your books, any type, for the 1st annual book sale coming up on May 14th, at Karen Peitsmeyer's Carport Book Sale. The profit will benefit our club treasury.

— *Denise A. Agnew*

Desert Foothills Chapter

The Chapter will host an outreach day at Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area in Cave Creek on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of volunteers are needed. We will have tables for information and crafts, especially kids' crafts, and guided hikes. This will be the big Chapter event for Archaeology Month. Contact Brenda Poulos, President, at 623-465-9038, or brendapoulos@yahoo.com if you have a few hours to volunteer. If not, we hope you can drop by the event, and bring the family.

Plans are being finalized for the field trip to Mimbres country in and around Silver City, New Mexico, from Friday, April 29 to Monday, May 2. There may be a few openings remaining for this trip. Contact Brenda if you are interested. The cost will be \$55 per

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person. Our guides will be Dennis Slifer and John Pitts of the Museum of New Mexico. We will begin the trip on Friday afternoon at the Western New Mexico University Museum and tour the Mimbres collection there. Saturday's tour will include the Gila Cliff Dwellings, rock art sites at Lake Roberts, and the picturesque "ghost town" of Pinos Altos. Sunday's sites will be Pony Hill and Frying Pan Canyon, plus the Mimbres collection at the museum in Deming. There will be more sites for those who can stay Monday, at places not open to the general public. Motel accommodations are hard to find, and it is important to reserve rooms early.

Mark Hackbarth is looking for a few volunteers to help backfill old excavations at the Quarter Circle One Ranch in Cave Creek. These are sites where the Desert Foothills Chapter worked in the 1970s when we were brand new. Call Mark at 480-585-9752 if you are interested.

Our Prehistory of the Southwest course taught by Grace Schoonover is almost half over, with 31 enrolled members. The field trips have had to be postponed due to inclement weather, but Grace hopes to be able to reschedule. Get in touch with her or come to class for an update.

Our March 9th speaker has changed. Jennifer Huang, formerly of the Deer Valley Rock Art Center, will speak to us about the rock art of Baby Canyon and Perry Mesa. Come listen to her and take part in our March meeting, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cave Creek Town Hall, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road.

This program will fit into the theme of

next fall's rock art recording course. Classes will begin in late September, with Barbara Gronemann as instructor. Exact dates, times and places are to be announced—but the meeting place may be the Deer Valley Rock Art Center. The course will be open to all AAS members and will include a week of fieldwork at the spectacular sites on Perry Mesa.

— Nancy Zeno

Homolovi Chapter

On Feb. 17, JoAnn Weldon gave us her wonderful video presentation on her recent trip to the Coso Range Petroglyphs. In it, there were various theories as to the reason for the petroglyph content. The presentation was very interesting and some of our chapter members have not been fortunate enough to visit that area. The video was very informative as well as having wonderful Petroglyph panel photo shots. Thank you, JoAnn.

JoAnn Weldon and her Ceramics Class students have recently donated \$100.00 to the "N/E Arizona Rock Art Recording Fund". Thanks to all.

We are all getting Spring Fever up here and are ready to get out to the canyons. But the extremely wet weather we believe is going to hold us at bay for a little bit longer. We are not complaining however, since much of our area has lost most of our Pinon trees over the last past years. Although the wood cutters are benefiting by forest cutting permits to take down the dead and make way for the new.

Please find the new Petroglyph Recording Project schedule for those

of you who may be interested.

Homolovi Archaeological Society and the Arizona Site Stewards - 2005 Rock Art Recording Schedule

Jeffer's Ranch :

Fri/Sat April 1, 2; Thur/Fri May 5,6; Friday Sep. 30

Apache Sitgreaves

Sat/Sun May 21,22; Mon/Tues June 13, 14; Fri July 22; Sat/Sun Sep 17,18

Homolovi:

Sun/Mon May 29,30; Sat/Sun Jul 9,10

Woodruff:

Sun/Mon Apr 10,11; Mon/Tue Jun 27,28; Thur Jul 28; Sat Aug 13

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Our March meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 7 pm at the Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitor Center. Our speaker will be Anne Goldberg of the Center for Desert Archaeology. She will be speaking on the proposed nomination of the Little Colorado River Valley as a National Historic District.

— Darlene Brinkerhoff



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Little Colorado River Chapter

The Little Colorado River Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society enjoyed a two-part series on local history that was presented to the Chapter by Roxanne Knight on January 17th and February 21st. Roxanne grew up in the area on the local Hooper Ranch and has had a life-long interest in history and archaeology. She shared many interesting stories about local color and events that have long been forgotten by most of the people who live around here.

Elections held in November brought several new faces to office. Sherry Anderson took over as treasurer and Elizabeth Planteen became our new secretary. Dorothy Rohlander and Hartley Anderson joined Carol Farnsworth as directors, and Hartley also agreed to work on organizing hikes. Returning to office were Melinda St. Clair as president, David Rohlander as vice-president, Alice Van Lunen as archivist, and Dr. Michael Lawson as the chapter advisor. Chana Gray has agreed to continue her outstanding work in finding interesting speakers for our programs. With so much activity and success under our belts from 2004, we will try very hard to better it in 2005.

Next month's meeting will be held on March 21st at the Presbyterian Church in Springerville. An exciting speaker has been planned, but not yet confirmed. Most Fridays, members can still be found at the Casa Malpais Museum working on the cataloging of the collection. Anyone wishing to join us is encouraged to do so. If you have

any questions, please contact Mindy at mwmelton@yahoo.com

— *Melinda Wallace St. Clair*

Mohave Chapter

At our February meeting, the town of St. Thomas was the subject of an interesting presentation by Steve Doran, Lake Mead National Recreation Area archaeologist, and Eva Jensen, archaeologist and curator of the Lost City Museum (Overton, NV). As was pointed out, St. Thomas is a town which has "come and gone" several times throughout its history. St. Thomas was founded as a Mormon settlement in 1865 near the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers. From its inception, the town was beset with a number of problems including severe bouts of malaria. A few years later when Nevada became a state, it was discovered that St. Thomas was located in Nevada, not in Utah, and full payment of back taxes was demanded. Brigham Young gave the settlers permission to leave, which they did in 1870. By 1880, other folks had moved into the area, mainly farmers, who produced high quality cotton. Salt was also mined; gold and copper were mined east and south of St. Thomas. A railroad spur was built in 1911 and in 1915, the Arrowhead Trail auto route (Highway 91), connecting Salt Lake City with Los Angeles, ran through St. Thomas. Tourism and archaeology of prehistoric sites east of town in the Moapa Valley became important in the 1920's. With the fall in copper prices after WWI, the re-routing of the Arrowhead highway to bypass St. Thomas, and the construction of

Boulder Dam in the 1930's, the town fell on hard times. The cemetery was moved and the houses were dismantled as the waters of Lake Mead rose. Since its inundation, St. Thomas has been exposed several times: in 1947, 1957, and 1965 (during the filling of Lake Powell). St. Thomas again re-emerged in August of 2002 and currently remains above water. Management issues include site documentation, and problems with looting, tamarisk invasion and visitor safety.

There will be a field trip to petroglyph sites along a prehistoric trail near the Black Mountains on Saturday, February 26th, led by member Stan Krok. Our chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mohave Museum of History and Arts, 400 West Beale Street, Kingman. Several chapter members will participate in an "Armchair Archaeology" presentation at the March meeting. Please contact Ron Smith at Ron2450@aol.com for further information about these or other chapter activities.

— *Gale Dom*

Phoenix Chapter

In late January the Phoenix Chapter hosted the state meeting which was well attended. The speaker, Paul Sheppard, gave a fascinating talk on what tree ring analysis tells us about past rainfall and temperature in the Arizona desert. The summer rains have been fairly constant and regular for the past 2000 years but winter rains can create a decade or more of drought.

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Our speaker for the February meeting was Dr. Cynthia Finlayson from BYU who talked about her work at Palmyra Syria. She had found that this Hellenistic city of Arabs had a sophisticated and wealthy society where women had high status. This high status carried over to the Islamic period and has only been corrupted in the past 100 years.

Our guest speaker for March will be Dr. George Cowgill, Professor of Anthropology, Arizona State University, who will speak on **"Pots, Plots, and Pyramids at Teotihuacan, Mexico: Multiple Ways of Learning About a Huge Ancient City."** Dr. Cowgill will describe recent spectacular finds at the Moon Pyramid, including those discovered only last fall in the latest in a series of large sacrificial tombs. These shed new light on the highest levels of the society, but they are complemented by ASU excavations in progress at locations near the city's outskirts where ordinary craftsmen produced pottery and ceramic figurines. Bridging all these levels are computer-generated maps showing spatial distributions of high, intermediate, and low status neighborhoods in the city.

Dr. Cowgill obtained both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in physics (B.S. Stanford, 1952; M.S. Iowa State, 1954) before switching to anthropology. He received a Masters in Anthropology from Chicago in 1956 and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard in 1963. His field research has been mainly in Mesoamerica, especially at the immense pre-Aztec city of Teotihuacan, near modern Mexico City, where he supervises an ASU-managed archaeological research center. In the 1960s he assisted in the comprehensive mapping and surface

collection of remains of the entire eight-square-mile ancient city, directed by Dr. René Millon of the University of Rochester. Since then, much of his effort has gone into computer-aided spatial and statistical analyses of the data collected by that project. In 1988-89 he collaborated with Rubén Cabrera, of the Mexican National Institute of Anthropology and History and with Dr. Saburo Sugiyama (professor at Aichi Prefectural University in Japan and a research professor at ASU) in excavations that permanently changed the peaceful image of early Teotihuacan by revealing nearly two hundred sacrificial victims at the Pyramid of the Feathered Serpent (also known as the Temple of Quetzalcóatl).

Sunday, March 13. -- Scott Wood, Tonto National Forest archeologist will be our guide for a trip to Headless Dog, Cline Terrace and Rye Creek ruins in Tonto basin. Contact Tom Harvey at 480-998-0035 or tbharvey@att.net for more information.

On the February field trip we enjoyed an interesting tour of the Sears-Kay Ruin, with an extremely informative commentary by Scott Wood. Alas, the recent rains prohibited access to Brazaletes Ruin, so that will have to wait for another day.

The Chapter will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St in Phoenix starting at 7:30 PM. For information about chapter activities or projects listed above you can also contact Marie Britton at 480-827-8070 or mbrit@cableaz.com.

— *Kenneth J. Engle*

Verde Valley Chapter

VVAS hopes you are enjoying the various archeological events offered this month for Archaeology Awareness Month in the Verde Valley. Keep checking local publications for events in your area.

Our January 27th speaker was Chuck Barrett, historian focusing on the Overland Trail and Nevada history. Chuck is a dynamic speaker who gave us a realistic view of the great migration west. His talk focused on the real story of this period verses the "Hollywood" version as shown in John Wayne movies and the television show, Wagon Train. As history unfolded, the wagon trains started with 10 to 20 farm wagons pulled by oxen in 1841. These were a mixture of people and included both men and woman. From 1849 – 1853 mostly men were traveling to the gold rush in California, but by 1854-55, women were joining the trains again. These trains were usually made up of people who knew each other and planned the wagon train trip together. This is an important point because these were people who wanted to work cooperatively to reach their dream in California. As early as 1852, there were so many people on the trails leaving St. Joseph, Mo. that it looked like a continuous wagon train, sometimes 600 miles long.

This 120 to 160 day trip by wagon train was limited to May through October. The two main considerations were the maturation of the grass for the oxen and the weather conditions for travel. If you traveled with few belongings, you could travel by pack train, which took about 65 days. The trains used empty barrels to fill with

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water, and they stopped for 2 or 3 hours at noon for the oxen to rest and process their food. The common artifacts found on the trail were the iron shoes made for the oxen. Personal goods discarded from the wagons were collected later by natives of the region.

Circling of the wagons to protect themselves from invading Indians was basically a myth established by the movies. Generally, very few Indians bothered the trains, and there was little presence of the military on the Overland Trail. Trails that headed north to Oregon encountered Shoshone Indians who were interested in the oxen to eat.

Many trains experienced no great hardships, but other groups met with sickness or long periods where they had to keep going until they found grass and water, which could take days. Fighting among themselves also added to the problems.

This fall and winter, club members have been surveying in the Hackberry Basin with Jerry Ehrhardt, Dr. David Wilcox and Peter Pillis of the Coconino National Forest. The surveys and site cards are showing a possible relationship between the Hohokam in the south and Indian groups in the north, such as the Southern and Northern Sinagua and the Hopi. The relationship seems to show possible migration patterns and as well as defensive sites.

February's issue outlined our Field Trips through April. The Bullpen Ranch trip was cancelled due to weather, and there will be an attempt to reschedule it later. Adding to this list, the club is taking a 9 day trip to New Mexico in May.

Plans are in progress for camping and motel reservations. The trip will be accompanied by a docent archaeologist. Each location has many interesting tours and experiences to explore. The trip will be from May 14th to May 22nd and includes Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Three Rivers, Deming and Silver City. A detailed itinerary will be available to club members at the March 24th meeting. For questions and more information, call June Fredan, 928-282-1557.

Our speaker for the Thursday, March 24th will be Eddie Colyatt, Park Ranger of the Tonto National Park who will speak on the Salado culture and the plants that supported them.

For more information about the Verde Valley Chapter or our activities, call Jim Graceffa at 928-639-0604 or email JGraceffa@sommspeed.net. Art and SuzanneGreen

Yavapai Chapter

Mark your calendars for two upcoming certification classes! During the month of April a Lithics Identification and Analysis class will meet each Saturday from 9 - 3:30 at the Sharlot Hall Museum, with field trips and additional lab hours on Sunday afternoons. Cost is \$65, plus textbooks.

Contact Susan Jones at 928-776-9085 or sukeyinaz@att.net if you are interested in attending.

Dates have also been set for the second Survey Techniques Field

School held in the Prescott National Forest and the beautiful setting of the Walnut Creek Center for Education and Research. Classes begin Sunday September 18th and conclude on Friday September 30th. Watch the Petroglyph for further information coming soon.

In January, Joe Vogel put us in the passenger seat of his Bonanza and took us on an adventure. By means of 56 slides we joined him in a fly-over of Lonesome Valley, Walnut Creek, Skull Valley, Peoples Valley, New River, Cave Creek, the Verde River, Verde Valley, Sycamore Canyon Wilderness, and the Agua Fria. Joe flies for the Museum of Northern Arizona and the National Forest Surveys. He uses his Bonanza for survey work and his Citabra for photography. On one flight he discovered a site not yet recorded, Boulder Maze, a calendar site near old highway 169.

In March Dr. Chuck Merbs from ASU will speak on "Forensic Iconography: The Case of the Moche Giants." The Moche were ancient peoples from Peru (AD 100 to 800) who usually ranged in height from 4 feet 10 inches to 5 feet 6 inches. Yet 5 skeletons were uncovered with heights of between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet.

Regular meetings of the Yavapai Chapter are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the Pueblo of the Smoki Museum. A dinner is usually held before the meeting with our speaker. For further information call President Ron Robinson 928-759-9821 or vice president Fred Kraps 928-778-0653.

— Mary I. S. Moore

May State Meeting Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Lunch:

Sandwich choice: beef _____
 ham _____
 turkey _____
 cheese _____ **\$4.50** _____

Dinner:

Entree choice: beef _____
 chicken _____
 vegetarian _____ **\$12.50** _____

TOTAL _____

Preferences for Sunday field trip:

First choice # _____ Second choice # _____
Third choice # _____

Please mail your checks and registration to Brenda Poulos at 38820 North 25th. Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85086 by May 1, 2005. For further information call 623-465-9038, or e-mail brendapoulos@yahoo.com Please make your hotel reservations as EARLY as possible, as this is the Memorial Day weekend, and it may be difficult to get a hotel room



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