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### Message From the State Chair

A Huge Thank You to the Ajo Chapter! All of us who attended the January 21-22 State Meeting in Ajo were impressed by the high level of planning and attention to detail that pervaded this meeting. From the wonderful breakfast that greeted us first thing in the morning, to the wide array of field trips, it was apparent that the Ajo Chapter had gone above and beyond in their planning and their hospitality. For this, and for the excellence of every aspect of the meeting, I want to extend to them a huge thank you from all of us. To those of you that traveled from all over the state to attend the meeting, and it was an amazing turnout of at least 79 people, I thank you for your participation, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to the society and to archaeology in our state.

The Ajo Chapter was honored at the state Meeting by representatives of the BLM who attended the meeting to

present awards to members of the chapter in appreciation of their work on BLM land. Cheryl Blanchard of the BLM expressed her appreciation and gratitude to the Ajo Chapter for their contributions to the archaeology of the region.

Discussion at the business meeting was lively, with so many of you actively participating in the decision-making that shapes the future of our organization. Ann Gorton received a big hand of applause as she presented the newly completed "Chapter Manual" to the society. As many of you are aware, this manual was written by members of the State Planning Committee to assist chapter officers and committee chairs with the day-to-day operation of their chapters. It will be particularly useful to new chapters and incoming officers and committee chairs. It is meant to supplement the bylaws, rather than replace them, and is

to be used as a reference tool when questions arise regarding chapter operation, or liaising with the state regarding such issues as chapter reports, financial reports, planning state meetings, etc. It also contains a number of forms which are frequently needed for chapter activities. I would like to thank Ann Gorton and Mike Magnan for taking on the task of editing submissions to the manual, and to all of you that provided comments and suggestions, your feedback continues to be appreciated. The manual should be considered a work-in-progress, and as the need for additional information or forms arises, supplements to the manual will be mailed out to each chapter president. If any chapter presidents have not yet received a copy of the manual please contact Ann Gorton at [Anngorton300@aol.com](mailto:Anngorton300@aol.com). The next meeting of the State Planning Committee will take place on Saturday,

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Next deadline is at noon **Saturday, March 18th**, for the April issue.

### Arizona Archaeological Society 2006 Q Ranch Field Project

Located on the historic Q Ranch, in the pine forests near Young, Arizona, the Q Ranch Pueblo is a 250 room, 3-story pueblo dating from 1265 to 1380 A.D. A smaller pueblo of approximately 60 rooms and other prehistoric and

historic sites are situated within the study area. Q Ranch represents one of the largest and most important prehistoric sites in the region. The AAS has been conducting fieldwork at the site since 1989. Under the direction

of Dr. John Hohmann, the AAS excavations in 2006 will represent the continued scientific investigation of this rare and unique cultural resource.

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The 2006 season at Q Ranch will focus on completion, backfilling and stabilization of incomplete excavations in Pueblo I, and the continuation of a detailed architectural study of the entire Pueblo I complex. Excavations will continue at Pueblo II, in order to understand the relationship between the two pueblo units. Historical archaeological projects to be continued this year include documenting the structural changes and growth of the historic ranch.

Slide shows and lectures related to our research at Q Ranch will be provided during the summer session, as well as a two-day field trip to nearby prehistoric sites, to learn more about the archaeology of the region. For additional information contact Brenda Poulos at [brendapoulos@yahoo.com](mailto:brendapoulos@yahoo.com).

### *2006 Q Ranch Work Schedule*

**Work Weekends:** May 18 through 21, 2006  
Aug. 24 through 27, 2006  
Sept. 14 through 17, 2006

Work Weekends are opportunities for AAS members to come and assist on specific work projects at Q Ranch. The work weekends begin on Thursday evenings (around 5:30 pm) with the setting-up of camp sites or checking into the ranch house bed-and-breakfast and end Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm. Cost for work weekend: \$85.00 per person.

**Summer Session:** June 16 through 30, 2006

The 2-week Summer Session is designed as an extended and intensive learning and working program. The bulk of the activities for the prehistoric and historic components of the site complex will be undertaken at this time. AAS members are requested to arrive by 5 pm on Friday, June 16, for check in at either the AAS campground or at the ranch house. The program will begin on Saturday, June 17, and end at noon on Friday, June 30. Cost for Summer Session: \$110.00 per person, per week.

### **Lodging:**

There are two options for lodging at Q Ranch: The first is to stay in the ranch house of the Rogers family, which is now operated as a bed-and-breakfast. The ranch house is located immediately adjacent to the archaeological site complex, and has a number of bedrooms for rent at a fee of \$90.00 per person if sharing a room, or \$110.00 if your own room is required.

Accommodation at the ranch house includes three meals a day, prepared by chef and ranch-owner, Jonathan Rogers. Reservations and down payment are required for the ranch house. For information, or to reserve your room, call Jonathan Rogers at 602-222-9796, or e-mail at [qranch@cybertrails.com](mailto:qranch@cybertrails.com).

Alternatively, you may choose to camp (tent or R.V.) at the Q Ranch campsite, in the cool pines. Showers, water and outhouses are provided. The cost for the use of the campsite is \$10.00 per person for work weekends, and \$15.00 per person, per week, for the summer session.

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### 2006 PECOS CONFERENCE

The 2006 Pecos Conference will be held in Bloomfield, New Mexico, from Thursday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006. Thursday Aug. 10, 2006, 5pm-8pm, Salmon Ruins Museum: Registration, reception, and short tours of Salmon Ruins and the new Salmon Curation Facility.

Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, 8am-5pm, Elks Campground, Navajo Lake (approx 25 mi ENE of Bloomfield New Mexico): Presentations will be under the main conference tent. Book sales will be under the pavilion.

Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, 8am-5pm, Elks Campground, Navajo Lake: Presentations under the main conference tent.

6:30 pm: BBQ dinner. 8 pm: Dance w/ Ralph Dinosaur performing. Beer garden.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, 8am-5pm: Tours

For information:

[http://www.swanet.org/2006\\_pecos\\_conference/index.html](http://www.swanet.org/2006_pecos_conference/index.html)

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*Q Ranch Registration Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to attend the following sessions of the 2006 Q Ranch Pueblo Field Project:

Work Weekends:

May 18 through May 21, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 24 through Aug. 27, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 14 through Sept. 17, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Session:

June 16 through June 30, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

AAS Membership Required:

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

New, At Large, or Out of State Membership \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Send money and registration form to:

Brenda Poulos  
29115 N. 144th Street  
Scottsdale, 85262.

Make check payable to AAS. For cancellations more than one month prior to the selected session, a \$10.00 fee will be retained. For cancellations less than one month prior to the session, 50% of the monies paid will be retained.

We look forward to seeing you at Q!

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**Online Advanced Prehistory of the Southwest Class**

An Online Advanced Prehistory of the Southwest Class is planned for late March or early April. Contact [jill@mackrackit-companies.com](mailto:jill@mackrackit-companies.com) or by phone 520-238-3803 for more information.

## From the certification department chair



In Ajo at the State Meeting there were questions about the 2006 budget for the Department of Certification. I said I would publish the answers in this column. First, the line item, "Contribution", has to do with the Field School at Elden. Since its inception, the tuition fees have come directly to the Department of Certification and then they are sent back to Elden. We collect the class fees and they pay all the bills out of the tuition fees. The other question related to the line item, "Speakers". This has to do with the speakers and PI (Principle Investigator) for Q Ranch Project and the Rock Art Field Project. Since the PI of the Q Ranch Project did not submit his bills before the end of the 2005 season, the 2006 budget for speakers

is higher than in the past. If you have questions, please contact Mike Magnan, Treasurer of the Department. His contact information is on the back of this issue.

The Department planned to vote during the January meeting on whether to approve management of a rock art electronic data base that had been demonstrated by the Haases at a previous meeting. However, the Haases announced that they were withdrawing their offer. The Department and the Haases agreed that the program should not be acquired by the AAS. The Department of Certification does not wish to take on the responsibility of holding site information, as its main focus is education. Without a

permanent data base manager, which a non-profit volunteer organization can not guarantee, it would be extremely difficult for the Department to manage the input of records and keep them updated for archival purposes as technology changes.

The next meetings of the Department of Certification are scheduled for March 17 and May 19 in Room 203A in the Community Services Building, ASU on Curry Road between Washington and Rural Roads in Tempe. Please join us.

— Ann Gorton

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### "THESE WERE THE PREHISTORIC PRESCOTT INDIANS" by Franklin Barnett.

In the midst of the Cohonina, Cerbat, Sinagua, Anasazi, Mogollon, and the Hohokam cultures was a small, little known and vastly underrated group. These were the prehistoric Prescott Indians. Barnett's 1981 monograph consolidates his own studies and excavations with those of fourteen different archaeologists. Many of the sites studied and illustrated in this book have disappeared, the ancient lands yielding to the modern development. This book provides a look at relatively undisturbed sites and the background for all later studies of the Prescott culture. The book has been out of print and unavailable for several years. The Yavapai Chapter has undertaken a project to reprint the book, updated and with a forward by Andy Christensen, our Chapter advisor, and it is now available for purchase. The price is \$20, including shipping. Send checks to Yavapai Chapter, AAS, P. O. Box 1098, Prescott AZ 86302.

If you have any questions or suggestions, give me a call. Thanks for your help. Ron Robinson, Pres. Yavapai Chapter. Tel. 928.443.9405.




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### 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.

The current balance in the fund is \$31,998.60

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.

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March 18. If there are topics of concern to the society that you would like to see addressed at the meeting, please e-mail me at [brendapoulos@yahoo.com](mailto:brendapoulos@yahoo.com) to get them on the agenda.

A plan for the use of Society funds to assist with chapter publications was promised to AAS members at the October 2005 State Meeting. This plan was approved by the members at the January 2006 State Meeting, and is included in the Minutes of the State Meeting in this edition of the Petroglyph. It is also included in the Chapter Manual, along with an application form, and will also be available on the AAS website. In addition, a request by the Yavapai Chapter to receive the first State Publication Loan was approved. The Yavapai Chapter will be using these funds to assist with their publication of the Barnett monograph "Those

Were the Prehistoric Prescott Indians." I strongly urge AAS members to support the Yavapai Chapter in their endeavors by purchasing a copy of this excellent publication. For further information contact chapter president Ron Robinson at [ronsmail@cablone.net](mailto:ronsmail@cablone.net).

The elections held at the State Meeting resulted in a new 2nd Vice Chair for our Society. Sylvia Lesko currently serves as State Membership Chair and President of the Phoenix Chapter, and also headed up the Nominating Committee for these elections. The other two excellent nominees for 2nd Vice Chair were Ginger Johnson and John Barrett. They both graciously endorsed Sylvia as their candidate of choice at the start of the elections. I thank you all for running for office, and encourage more candidates from outside the Phoenix area to run in future elections. I would also like to remind

you that the position of publicity coordinator for the society still needs to be filled. I welcome anyone in the society who is willing to take on this important and creative job to contact me.

A reminder that March is Archaeology Awareness Month - the most important month of the year for Public Archaeology events in Arizona. Use this opportunity to provide lectures or hikes that are open to the public, publicize your chapter's activities and attract new membership, run articles about archaeology in the local newspapers, and educate the public towards protection and preservation of archaeology sites in your region. A number of AAS members will be volunteering at the highlight of the month's events, the Archaeology Expo at Tubac on March 3-4. I hope to see many of you there!

— Brenda Poulos

Minutes of the State Meeting  
January 21-22, 2006  
Macambo Ballroom, Ajo, Arizona

- 8:00 a.m. Registration. Coffee, pastries, etc. Sign up for field trips. View Silent Auction items.
- 8:30 a.m. Chapter presidents meeting. All chapter presidents, or their representatives, attended this meeting.
- 9:00 a.m. Brenda Poulos, State chair, welcomed all attendees and thanked the Ajo Chapter for all their work in setting up the meeting. Shelby Ballard, Ajo Chapter president, welcomed AAS members and their guests and described the arrangements for the weekend. Field Trips for Saturday afternoon included Self-guided Trips to Ajo Historical Society Museum; Tour of the historic Curley School; and Ajo Scenic Loop Road drive. Site visits included Chris Glyphs; Burro Gap prehistoric occupation sites; and Black Mountain excavation site. Sunday field trips included Lago Seco; Charlie Bell Well; Ventana Cave; and Quitobaquito Oasis.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was officially called to order by State Chair, Brenda Poulos, at 9:18 am, Saturday, January 21, 2006. Roll call was taken with the following Chapters and their members present answering.

Chapter	Members	Voting	Proxies
Agua Fria	7	4	3
Ajo	14	3	0
Agave House	0	0	0
Cochise	0	0	0
Desert Foothills	20	5	2
Homolovi	0	0	0
Little Colorado R	0	0	0

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Mohave	2	1	4
Northern Arizona	3	1	5
Phoenix	14	3	4
Rim Country	2	1	5
Verde Valley	13	4	3
Yavapai	4	2	4

II. Minutes: The Minutes of the October 2005 State Meeting were approved as read.

III. Treasurer's Report: The Report was given by Judy Rounds, State Treasurer. Judy reported that the Net Assets as of December 31, 2005, were \$50,178.14. The Fielder Fund balance as of January 20, 2006, stood at \$31,857.78. The Statement of the General Fund showed a Loss of -\$2187.98 between the Budgeted Amounts and Actual Amounts expended.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Certification Department: The report was given by Ann Gorton, Dept. Chair.

A. Certification Manual. Changes have been made in the first draft of the manual to include suggestions made by the Chapters. A section on fund-raising was also added. Under Hikes and Field Trips, we inserted sections about the importance of getting land owners' permission before scheduling hikes and field trips. A copy of the revised manual was given to each Chapter President.

Vote: A vote was taken and approved to accept the new version of the manual.

B. Chapter Reports. At the time of this meeting, the only outstanding Chapter Reports outstanding are Agua Fria and Northern Arizona

C. Course Reviews

Two new courses have been approved, one on Shell Identification (ongoing at this time) and the other on Faunal Analysis. The outlines will be posted on the web and mailed to those who have Cert. Dept. manuals but no electronic connection.

1. A new course on Survey Techniques II was announced at the October meeting.
2. Chapters need to update their Certification Manuals by downloading the new information from the Web Site.

D. Field Schools and Project Reports:

1. Elden Pueblo Field School. Week 1 will be June 26-30 and Week 2, July 3-7. They will again run the second week of the Stabilization course and the Mapping course, August 14-18. Registration forms are on the Website.
2. Q Ranch Project. The 2-week session will be run from June 16-30. Several 3-day work weekends are scheduled beginning May 21, August 24, and Sept. 14.
3. Rock Art Recording Project. We are planning to run the course and field week on Perry Mesa again next fall with Barbara Gronemann teaching the course. No dates have yet been set.

E. Courses on the Web: *An Electronic Course on Advanced Prehistory of the SW, Hohokam*, will run again in March; watch the *Petroglyph* for an announcement.

F. Certification Department Treasurer's Report

1. A summary of Mike Magnan's report along with the proposed Certification Department budget for 2006 were available as handouts at the meeting.
2. The Balance as of December 31, 2005 was \$18,843.89 made up as follows: Rock Art Publications, \$2,223; Cheylon 1 Certificate, \$3,088.67; Cheylon 2 Certificate, 1,955.50; and 3 CDs, money originally collected and earmarked for Rock Art Recording Publications.
3. Projections for the 2006 Budget are as follows: Income (Receipts): \$16,445 and Disbursements: \$16,100.

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V. Old Business

A. **State Funding for Chapter Publications**

A plan for the use of Society funds to pay for chapter publications was promised to AAS members at the October State Meeting. Details of the plan were read to members. Following a long discussion, members voted to approve the Plan. If it needs to be restructured, we will have to vote on it at the next state meeting. Details are as follows:

1. Chapters requiring funds to assist their publication endeavors need to submit an application to the State Planning Committee for review. This committee is made up of a cross-section of the society, including the financial adviser, treasurer and publications committee chair. They will be able to provide information on the availability of funds and the status of previous loans, and will be able to judge the value of the publication to the society. This committee will meet one month prior to State Meetings.
2. Chapters should send in their application two months before the State Meeting so that all members of the planning committee would have a month to review their application, before meeting, discussing it, and taking their recommendations to the State Meeting.
3. There will be a \$1,000.00 limit on the amount the state provides, to be matched by the chapter's own fundraising activities. Most chapter publications can be completed for about \$2,000.00. The Yavapai chapter's publication was more money because the widow of the author requested a particularly high quality publication; they have since managed to lower their costs considerably. Therefore, I think a \$2,000 publication estimate, with the society providing a loan for half, is appropriate.
4. The loan will be repaid within one year. This is reasonable and practical, because the majority of sales are going to take place as soon as the material is published; after that, sales will decrease. Thus, the initial profit from sales should go towards repaying the State. The application form will require a commitment from the chapter to match the loan through their own fundraising efforts, and a signature from the chapter president confirming that they will repay the loan within one year. Methods of fundraising can be discussed with the chapter, including pre-publication sales.
5. The success of this program will depend on the cooperation of the chapters. Subsequent loans will only be issued once the previous loan has been repaid. The state will limit this program to one loan per year.
6. The Yavapai Chapter's request for funds was discussed at the October 2005 State Meeting and was very well received by the members present. Their application for funds was approved by a vote of the members present.

B. **Legislation:**

Kevin Palmer, our Lobbyist, read a detailed report on his activities and his proposal for making the lobbying function more successful in future. He suggested that we consider expanding our lobbying efforts to cover all thirty legislative districts by appointing fifteen AAS members to serve as point people for two legislative districts each. They would be charged with gathering information of concern to AAS from AAS members in their two districts and passing it on to him for analysis and action as/where needed. They would also develop personal connections with the legislative representatives in their districts on his behalf, to better assist him in meeting those legislators to discuss lobbying issues. Members interested in assisting Kevin with these endeavors should contact him at [kjp@phgltd.net](mailto:kjp@phgltd.net)

C. **Education:**

Pat Shannon addressed the meeting and explained her difficulties re continuing as Education Chair; she is requesting that a replacement be found by AAS. In the meantime, if Chapters know of any new schools in their area, please send those addresses to her ([pat.pending@netzero.com](mailto:pat.pending@netzero.com)); the State Dept. will no longer provide

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addresses.

VI. New Business:

A. Election of new State Officers with the following results:

President: Brenda Poulos

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ann Gorton

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sylvia Lesko

Secretary: Chris Lange

Treasurer: Judy Rounds

B. New Chapter: Brenda Poulos has been in communication with AAS members-at-large in Arivaca, regarding their plan to form a new chapter of the AAS. Local archaeologists have been approached to assist with lectures, classes and the position of professional advisor to the chapter. Members of the new chapter will attend the Archaeology Expo in Tubac to promote their chapter as well as assist the AAS at the Expo.

VII. Announcements

A. Pecos Conference: The 2006 Pecos Conference will be held August 10-13 at Navajo Lake, NM. You can find some information at <http://www.salmonruins.com> although the main site is not yet up.

B. State Meetings: The next AAS State Meeting will be held on May 6-7 at the West Valley Art Center, Surprise, AZ, sponsored by Agua Fria Chapter. (See the Agua Fria column in this issue of The Petroglyph for details.)

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## **2006 FIELD SCHOOL AT ELDEN PUEBLO**

### **Help Elden Pueblo celebrate 80 years of research - 1926-2006!!**

#### **Field Crew Member 1 And Field Crew Member 2:**

The 2006 Arizona Archaeological Society Elden Pueblo Field School will be held as two one-week sessions in the cool pines of Flagstaff:

Week 1 June 26-30, 2006

Week 2 July 3-7, 2006

#### **Stabilization & Reconstruction And Mapping Techniques:**

Two additional field schools will be held concurrently in August 2006:

Week 2 of Stabilization                      August 14-18, 2006

Week 2 of Mapping Techniques              August 14-18, 2006.

Registration information is available on page 9 of this issue, or by contacting Lisa Edmonson at 928-522-0776 or e-mail her at [eldenpueblo@npgcable.com](mailto:eldenpueblo@npgcable.com).

### **ELDEN PUEBLO**

Dating to the period between AD 1100 -1275, Elden Pueblo is a 60-70 room Sinagua pueblo with smaller pueblos, pit houses, and other features. It is located at the base of Mt. Elden in Flagstaff, AZ. Present day Hopi consider the site a special ancestral place called PASIOVI or PAVASIOKI.

Elden Pueblo was first studied in 1926 by archaeologist Jesse Walter Fewkes. Later, the US Forest Service began to study the site and in the process developed a public archaeology education program focused on the following three

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## AAS - ELDEN PUEBLO FIELD SCHOOLS - 2006

**Please enroll me for the following Elden Pueblo Field School Sessions:**

**WEEK 1: June 26 - 30, 2006**      **Crew Member I, Week 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew Member II, Week 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 2: July 3 - 8, 2006**      **Crew Member I, Week 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crew Member II, Week 2** \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 fee per week, payable in full or \$50 per week due on application, remaining \$50 by May 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to camp at the Elden facility (no fees)

AAS Membership is required for all Field School participants. If you have not yet paid your 2006 dues, please check the appropriate box and enclose your membership fee with your application. Due to differing dues, those wishing to enroll in a specific chapter must contact that chapter.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am currently a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter

\_\_\_\_\_ Please enroll me as a Member of AAS. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or \_\_\_\_\_ Member At Large  
Fee due with application: \$35 Family, \$30 Individual, \$25 Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Please enroll me in the AAS Certification Program (optional), \$10 one-time fee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Course Fees (\$50/week with application, \$50 balance by May 1)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues (due with application if not a current member)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Certification Enrollment (optional)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed      \$\_\_\_\_\_ Balance due

An information packet and liability waiver will be mailed prior to beginning of Field School. Please make checks payable to Arizona Archaeological Society. Mail to: Elden Pueblo Project, P.O. Box 3496, Flagstaff, AZ 86003

## May 2006 State Meeting hosted by Agua Fria Chapter

The Agua Fria Chapter tremendously enjoyed hosting the January, 2002 AAS Annual Meeting to celebrate our founding (May 5, 2001 – voted in at Prescott state meeting). Now we invite all AAS members and chapters to celebrate our fifth anniversary. We hope you all can make it. We had a great turnout in 2002, and expect to have one this year. Come and enjoy the speakers and field trips with us!!!

**Dates:** May 6 and 7, Saturday and Sunday  
**Location:** The West Valley Art Museum,  
Hoover Cultural Center  
17420 N. Avenue of the Arts  
Surprise, Arizona  
623-972-0635  
**Directions:** Take I-17 to Loop 101 west and southwest to Bell Road; then west on Bell to Avenue of the Arts (114th Avenue & Bell Road, north of Bell in river bottom).

### Schedule

#### Saturday, May 6

##### MORNING

8:00 - 9:00 Registration; coffee, tea, pastries, view silent auction items.  
8:30 - 8:00 Presidents Meeting  
9:00 - Noon Business Meeting

##### LUNCH

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch, croissant buffet on site in Hoover Cultural Center

##### AFTERNOON 1:30 - 5:30 (10 minute break between speakers)

Speakers – Theme: Hohokam Shell Trade, Trends and Production  
1:30 - 2:20 Art Vokes, Curator Arizona State Museum; Arizona's expert shell analyst  
2:30 - 3:20 Maurice Shoger, Agua Fria Chapter general advisor; retired educator  
3:30 - 4:20 Sharon Urban, Archaeologist  
4:30 - 5:30 To be determined

##### SOCIAL HOUR

5:30 - 7:00 Various pub stops around the museum – map will be provided

##### EVENING DINNER

7:00 - 8:00 Dinner, pasta buffet in Hoover Cultural Center  
8:00 - 9:00 Keynote Speaker: Cory Breternitz, President, Soil Systems, Inc.  
on "Recent Excavations at Calderwood Butte"

### MENU

We are fortunate to have the same caterers as in January 2002. Since everyone was really pleased with the menu we were able to duplicate it with a small increase in price! As they are both buffets, you do not need to make a choice now. Enough will be provided.

#### **Lunch Buffet - \$12 per person**

Croissant sandwiches – choice of honey ham and cheese OR turkey cranberry pecan.

Sides: Cole slaw OR tossed green salad. Iced tea ambrosia OR lemonade. Garnish tray with lettuce, pickles, tomato, green and black olives.

#### **Dinner Buffet - \$14.50 per person**

Choice of:

Pasta Vodka (vodka, heavy crème, tomato sauce, scallions and mushrooms)

Beef Lasagna Rollatini (ricotta, mozzarella, grated parmesan, and tomato sauce)

Baked Ziti (for vegetarians - similar to the above lasagna, but without the meat)

Dessert: Carrot sheet cake, coffee and various soft drinks and bottled water

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**Sunday, May 7** - early morning field trips will begin at 7:00am to “beat the heat”  
White Tanks Mountains - Shelley Rasmussen  
Estrella Mountains - Patricia, the park’s interpretive ranger  
Calderwood II and surrounding sights - Pending State Permits  
Self-guided tours to Bead Museum, Deer Valley Rock Art Center, and Heard Museum West

## Accommodations

### CAMPING:

1. White Tank Mountain Maricopa County Regional Park: 623-935-2505

The Family Campground consists of 40 camping sites for tent and recreational vehicle camping. Each site has a picnic table, barbecue grill, a fire ring and plenty of room for camping. The campground offers immaculate restrooms with flush toilets and showers. They DO NOT accept reservations for this campground; the family campground is on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE basis, but it is recommended that you call ahead close to the May meeting to confirm that there is room. COST: \$10.00 per night.

DIRECTIONS: From the West Valley Art Museum turn right on Bell to SR 303. Turn left to Olive Avenue. Turn right (west) on Olive Drive and drive straight to park.

2. Lake Pleasant Maricopa County Regional Park: 928-501-1710

The Roadrunner Campground and picnic area offers 72 sites for RV and tent camping. Lake Pleasant Visitor Center is at this camp site. Snacks are available at the center. There are dumping facilities in the park.

Desert Tortoise Campground and picnic area offers 76 campsites: 25 developed, 41 semi-developed; 10 tent sites.

Each developed camp site has water, electricity, a covered ramada, a picnic table, barbecue grill and fire ring.

Cost per night:      Developed sites: \$18.00 per night  
                             Semi-developed: \$10.00 per night  
                             Shore-line camping: \$8.00 per night

DIRECTIONS: From I-17 take the Carefree Highway west to Castle Hot Springs Road. Follow the signs north to the main entrance and inquire about the location of the campgrounds. From Lake Pleasant to the museum: Take the Carefree Highway back east to 99th Avenue (Lake Pleasant Road) and go south to Bell Road and west to the museum.

### HOTELS near the West Valley Art Museum:

1. Days Inn Surprise, AZ (2-Star) 1.37 mi. from WVAM  
12477 W. Bell Road  
Surprise, AZ  
623-933-4000
2. Quality Inn and Suites, Surprise, AZ (3-Star) 1.42 mi. from WVAM  
16741 N. Greasewood Street  
Surprise, AZ  
623-583-3500
3. Windmill Suites, Sun City West, AZ (3-Star) 1.49 mi. from WVAM  
12545 W. Bell Road  
Surprise, AZ  
623-583-0133
4. Best Western Inn and Suites of Sun City (2-Star) 2.56 mi. from WVAM  
11201 Grand Avenue  
Sun City, AZ  
623-933-8211
5. Hampton Inn Suites, Phoenix-Surprise, AZ. (New Inn, not rated) 2.00 mi. from WVAM  
14783 W. Grand Avenue  
Surprise, AZ  
623-537-9122

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All hotels are located on the south side of Bell Road. Exiting from the West Valley Art Museum, turn right onto Bell Road. Within a mile, you will begin to see hotels and restaurants on your left. The easiest way to get to the hotels: turn left on R. H. Johnson Boulevard, then left on West Smokey Drive (next left). This street is behind the restaurants and will give access to all the hotels. The only hotels not in this area are the Hampton Inn which is north on Grand Avenue and the Best Western which is located east (left on Bell Road) of the West Valley Art Museum.

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## State Meeting Registration Form

**Register now - submit this form and payment no later than the April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

We must provide the count to the caterers by May 3.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Chapter

Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ \$12 per lunch Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ person (s) @ 14.50 per dinner Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Field trips - Please check only one:** (Areas are in different directions and will take most of the morning.)

1. White Tank Mountains \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Calderwood \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Estrella Mountains \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-guided field trips:**

4. Glendale Bead Museum \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Deer Valley Rock Art Center \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Heard West \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Agua Fria Chapter, AAS.

Mail to Chris Reed, AAS Agua Fria Chapter, P.O. Box 87208, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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topics: 1) teaching the public about the lives of the Sinagua people at Elden, 2) field methods in archaeology, and 3) to facilitate on-going research and protection at Elden Pueblo.

**CLASSES:**

The Crew Member I field school will cover beginning excavation and recording methods (maximum 20 students). The Crew Member II field school (maximum 5 students) offered simultaneously will cover advanced field methods and offer opportunities for participants to act as supervisors (Crew Chiefs) for members in Crew Member I. Non AAS members will need to join the AAS to participate. Participants may attend one or both weeks according to AAS certification needs. Program Fee is \$100 per week.

**FIELD TRIPS:** There will be a half-day field trip to nearby sites each week. An all day field trip to nearby Verde Valley sites will be offered the middle weekend (free).

**LODGING:** There is an abundance of motels in the area and a KOA nearby. Primitive camping facilities are available on site at no cost (potable water, porta-johns, solar showers). Visitor information can be provided.

**ENROLLMENT:** Mail the enrollment form with appropriate deposit (checks payable to AAS) to Elden Pueblo Project c/o ANHA , P.O. Box 3496, Flagstaff, AZ 86003. Current AAS members will get first priority until February 25th. At that time these schools will be advertised on a general internet site.

Questions? Call Lisa Edmonson at 928-522-0776 or email her at [eldenpueblo@npgcable.com](mailto:eldenpueblo@npgcable.com)

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Agave House Chapter



The Agave House Chapter met Jan. 25, 2006 at the Black Mesa Ranger Station. Hamed Vahdati, archaeologist for the Black Mesa Ranger District, spoke on the Neanderthals who lived from 250,000 to 29,000 years ago. Approximately 30 sites with bones and 300 sites with artifacts have been identified in areas of northern Europe, France, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Iraq, China, Java, Zambia and Israel. In many of these areas there are rich collections of tools such as bifaces, flakes, scrapers and points. No blades have been found from this time-frame which indicates that the Neanderthal probably had to avoid wild animals like lions and hyenas instead of fighting them off.

Burials found in Shanidar Cave, Iraq, had flowers, seeds, tools and other items buried along with the Neanderthals, which indicates that they believed in life after death and that they had a keen self-awareness and a concern for the human spirit. Another sign of humanity was the skull of a man who had severe damage to his skull and it is thought that he lived 5 or 6 years as a disabled person, receiving care and food in order to prolong his life. Another skull was from a person who had no teeth and it is believed that he lived several years without teeth. In order to keep him alive, other people had to chew up meat for him, which certainly shows a lot of caring and humanity.

Although their physical facial features are very different from modern man, such as a backward-sloping forehead, heavy brow ridges, a huge nasal cavity and a projecting face with no chin, it is a misconception that the Neanderthal had a stooped body with

a lumbering gait and dragged about a stocky, muscular body with a seemingly malevolent intent. This is not the case at all! An artist's conception of what a Neanderthal would look like if alive today shows a man who would fit into our current society with little discernible difference. The notion of malevolence came from nowhere but an active imagination and the notion that the face was almost ape-like has been shown to be incorrect as our knowledge of the Neanderthal increases as well as an artist's ability to correctly recreate a face based on this knowledge. The Neanderthals (*Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*), although considered *homo sapiens*, are not direct ancestors of modern man. Current gene pool testing reveals no common genes.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 22, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Black Mesa Ranger Station in Overgaard, AZ. Scott Wood, Archaeologist from the Tonto National Forest, is the scheduled speaker. Everyone is invited to attend! Please call Norm or Betty Viether at 535-9059 for membership information or for additional information.

—Era Harris

### Agua Fria Chapter



Our February speaker was Stan Plum, volunteer director at the Deer Valley Rock Art Center. He is also an MA/PHD candidate at ASU in socio-cultural anthropology and has conducted field research with Todd Bostwick, Phoenix archeologist. Stan's presentation was "Petroglyphs on a Temporal Landscape." The thesis was that the petroglyphs on North Mountain/Shaw Butte fulfill three purposes. They first start as a construction, such as a building. In

the next stage they become a concept, either a story or some other thought. The final stage is ideational - they become a belief.

As support for this, Stan used evolutionary images found and photographed on North Mountain and Shaw Butte. He then loaded them into a photographic image program called QT (QuickTime) that stitches the images together so you can observe them from your viewpoint over a period of time. In this case, he discovered there are a series of single circle or dot images that when observed mark a horizon. The horizon has points that mark the equinoxes for the seasons. There are also images at certain points that possibly indicate they are observation points. Those peoples who constructed the images have conceptualized the horizon as their "time line."

Stan has been conducting this investigational work for the past 15 years. Both Hohokam and Perry Mesa peoples lived in the area so it is uncertain who built the "seasonal clock." A study was done last fall using a 35mm film camera. The images cannot be dated because there are no cultural references. For his doctoral thesis, Stan will try to develop a dating method by determination of patina aging (similar to tree ring dating).

Upcoming outreach venues:  
March 3-4: AAS booth in Tubac. Celebrate "Arizona Archaeology & Heritage Awareness Month" at the Tubac Presidio State Park.

March 11-12: Tres Rios Day at Estrella Park: Third Annual Festival to learn about the three rivers of the southwest valley: Gila, Salt, and Agua Fria; and the wildlife that call this area home. Wildlife displays; educational

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areas; fishing clinics; guided hikes; entertainment; children's activities; and food vendors will be available. To volunteer, contact Jim Heller at 623-975-4300 or JMH7116@aol.com.

Upcoming field work: Contact Shelly Rasmussen at 928-684-1670 for information about White Tank rock art recording. We will begin recording a new locus on March 18.

Sandy Haddock presented a report on the Pierpoint site. All features are mapped and photographed (110 rock circles with purpose for creation unknown). The next field date is March 28. The project is nearly complete.

The chapter would like to extend a warm welcome to new members Richard Kelly and Deborah Danowski and Paul Goultz.

The Shell Identification and Analysis class concluded this month with the following nine people completing the class: Tim Cullison, Linda Dorsey, Dutch Duering, Paulette Gehlker, Sandy Haddock, Karen Karn, Mary Lawrence and Robert Lindsay. We thank Maurice Shoger for teaching this latest laboratory class, fourth in our series.

We will be the host chapter for the state meeting this year on May 6 and 7. See the announcement in this issue. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the state meeting can contact Tim Cullison at 602-863-9744 or timcullisonaz@aol.com.

The chapter meets from September through May from 7-9 pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Glendale Library Auditorium, 59th Avenue and Brown (first light south of Peoria on 59th). There is a social hour from 6 to 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Our

speaker for March 14 is Allen Dart of Old Pueblo Archaeology in Tucson. His topic is "The Arts and Culture of the Ancient Hohokam."

— Pete Stanley

### Ajo/Why Chapter



Announcements from the chapter meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>: Thanks to all for help with the State Meeting from Shelby.

Joni Britton is our new Field Trip Coordinator. Scheduled trips:  
1 - Sears Point- Tues, Feb 21st, meet at Ben Franklin, 7:30am.

2 - Pierpoint Rock Art site, Fri, March 3rd, meet at BF, 7:45 am.

3 - WAAC/NPS, on March 15, phone Joni for more information or to sign up. The Lockwood's are coordinating activities for the 'Shindig' and will have a sign up sheet for participation on 3/18.

Ajo Chapter development and area cultural finds was the evening's topic presented by Rick Martynec, Chapter Archaeologist/Advisor. Sandwiched between the Patayan and Hohokam cultures - the Patayan to the west toward Yuma and the Colorado, the Hohokam to the north and east toward Phoenix and Tucson - Ajo retains influence from both cultures. A slide show with photos by the talented Sandy Martynec demonstrated members receiving instruction, surveying and recording sites, and digging features for the excavation site. Landscape photos disclosed water catchments, artifacts, and areas likely called 'home'.

Rick explained that some members developed specialties. Rick's is pottery. The Chapter boasts a lithic analyst. Area petroglyphs were recorded by members and Bill is

working on a related paper. The Lockwood's are interested in discovering sites with season/solar alignments. Many are the "eyes" for the Chapter, discovering artifacts. Some have done additional research and findings are published. All this work led to approval for a permit to excavate at the Black Mountain Site.

The digging process - laying grids, measuring depths, identifying artifacts - was carefully documented. The findings revealed a mixture of pottery and lithics, nothing exclusively Patayan or Hohokam. Many of the area petroglyphs are seemingly abstract as well.

There are many stories about early people of Ajo. One is how people assembled prior to an attack on the "Big House." Local historians (and chapter surveys) disclosed more permanent-type settings and activities in 'Lost City'. Other tales are of travel routes between winter and summer camps. Agriculture and trade are major themes.

Examining artifacts, determining origins, and tracking locations all help determine where people traveled, activities pursued and where resources were obtained. Future exploration, figuring out "what was going on" is exciting and what keeps us "going on". Thanks to Rick and Sandy for an incentivizing program.

— Kate Gilman

### Cochise Chapter



Cochise Chapter's February meeting featured Dr. John Ware of the Amerind Foundation and Museum and Archaeological Research Facility in Dragoon, Arizona.

Karen Peitsmeyer, who has retired

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from the City of Sierra Vista and is a long time member of our chapter, had this to say to our chapter members, "I would like to thank the AAS Board Members and general membership for the gift certificate for my retirement trip. Working with the City of Sierra Vista for 23 years gave me an opportunity to be in the thick of it all in the community, so now I can focus more time on the club, and pursue my other related hobbies. Thanks again, and I will see most of you after my return from Antarctica!" Have fun Karen!

**Brown Bag Tuesdays at Cochise College:** Cochise College, Douglas Campus is offering a new series of brown bag Tuesdays. All programs are free and open to the public. Grab your lunch and join us. Call 515-5446.

**Archaeology Magazine Tidbits:** Did you know Archaeology Magazine has a website with interesting archaeological information? You can find it at [www.archaeological.org](http://www.archaeological.org). The January/February 2006 issue of Archaeology Magazine featured an article called Guardians of the Past by Deborah M. Norman on Site Stewardship that mentioned people most of us know. Check out the article!

— Denise A. Agnew

### Desert Foothills Chapter



As March unfolds, activities for Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month are everywhere. Don't miss the month-long exhibit at the Desert Foothills Library, 38443 North Schoolhouse Road in Cave Creek. Paddi Mozilo has created this exhibit about local archaeology.

For those interested in a strenuous

hike to the Elephant Mountain hilltop fort site in the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, meet Chapter President Judy Rounds and park supervisor John Gunn at the ranch entrance at 9 am on Saturday, March 25. This is a complete hike of about six hours, but some may choose to go part way. For more information, contact Judy at 602-363-6985, or attend the March 8 chapter meeting at the Cave Creek Town Hall, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road.

At that meeting we'll hear Dr. Curtis Marean of the School of Human Origins and Social Change at ASU. His program, "Archaeological Research at Mossel Bay, South Africa," concerns large cave sites along coastal cliffs of the Indian Ocean. Dr. Marean is studying environmental change from 400,000 to 300,000 years ago and its effect on human behavior. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

A geology workshop will take place on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 9 am at the Cave Creek Town Hall. Instructor Tom McGuire will begin with a classroom lecture and discussion, followed by an afternoon in the field at the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area. Enrollment is \$10.

Flintknapping taught by Mick Robins will take place March 14 and 16, Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the community room at the Cave Creek Town Hall. Wear old clothes and bring leather gloves and a leather pad for protection. Enrollment is \$10. For information about both workshops, contact Alan Troxel, 623-434-1029, or [alantroxel@yahoo.com](mailto:alantroxel@yahoo.com).

The pottery technology workshop taught by Charlie Gilbert and Glen Dotson came to a successful conclusion on February 18 at the wash below Judy Rounds' house in

Carefree. Charlie's pottery-protection rituals were apparently effective as there was very little breakage. We thank Judy and Rand for hosting the event, and Charlie, Glen and several helpers for setting up and dismantling the fires.

The Chapter's winter outreach event was held February 11 in the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. Our speakers, Mark Hackbarth and Robert Serocki, persevered through some equipment problems. Chapter members mounted several exhibits that attracted the approximately 90 visitors.

At our February meeting, Charlie Gilbert gave well-deserved recognition to Brenda Poulos with a Silver Trowel Award. Brenda was Chapter president for four years, while making other contributions in many areas such as the Q Ranch Project. We went on to hear Steven Schmich of ASU give us a fascinating glimpse of the ice age in the Northern Hemisphere, and in the countryside near Valencia, Spain.

After March, only two more programs remain in the Chapter winter/spring season. On April 12, Dr. Brenda Baker of ASU will present "Salvage Archaeology along the Nile," concerning the Merowe Dam Project in Sudan. On May 10, Dr. J. Andrew Darling of the Gila River Indian Community will enter one of archaeology's hottest controversies with, "To Kill a Witch: Witches, Cannibals, and Anthropologists in the American Southwest."

— Nancy Zeno

### Homolovi Chapter



Our speaker for February, Larry Baldwin, had to cancel his

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presentation, however, this is what it would have covered: He was going to inform people of the looting that took place in a burial ground on a private ranch in 2001, near Holbrook and the Petrified Forest. The desecration was not done by the owners but by others. In a matter of months, these grave robbers had upturned approx. 400 Anasazi burials. The state became involved and pursued legal avenues for putting a stop to such destruction.

This region appears to be an area of prehistoric interaction between the Hopi and the Zuni, just like the Woodruff area nearby. Many of the looters seem to be certain groups of folks who are covering areas between Holbrook, which is in Navajo County, and Apache County as well as into St. Johns and surrounding areas.

Many grave robbers of today try to get off with the "I didn't know" phrase; although the burial bill against desecrating burials has been in effect since 1990. Preservationists and legal authorities need to pursue and diligently work together to solve these cases. Pot hunting and grave robbing have been rampant in the northeastern region of Arizona and I am sure in other areas of the State as well. There appears also to be a need for upgrading our archaeological laws. Although we have the Archaeological Resource Protection Act and other laws; many of these looters are getting away with claiming that "they are not in the burial areas, but only in the habitation areas"!

Our future speakers are as follows:

Mar 16: Lanelle Poseyesva- Hopi tribe Archaeologist - Hopi Petroglyphs

Apr 20: Jeremy Haines, ASNF Archaeologist, Black Mesa Historical

Navajo and Pai Structures

May 18: Susan Sekakuku, Hopi Tribe program coordinator, Hopi and Homolovi Plan

Jun 15: SM Archaeologist, Homolovi before AD 1250

Oct 19: Ferrel Knight, Petrified Forest NP, Solar Calendar Markers in NE AZ.

As you can see our Annual Speaker List is not complete, so anyone wishing to give a presentation to our Winslow Chapter can apply by contacting Darlene Brinkerhoff or Karen Bergren.

During March, special tours of Homolovi II will be given each Saturday at 10 am in celebration of Archaeology Month. In April, Historic Preservation Month, walking tours of the Sunset Cemetery, an LDS site from the late 1800's, will be offered.

— Darlene L. Brinkerhoff

### Little Colorado River Chapter



On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Little Colorado River Chapter met at the Presbyterian Church in Springerville for a business meeting and a discussion on organizing a new round of certification classes.

The March meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> and we will have a presentation by Jo Ann Weldon and Alice Van Lunen on the Coso Range in California and its remarkable petroglyphs. On the 7th and 8th of April we will have an artifact conservation workshop at the Casa Malpais Museum. Also in April, our monthly meeting will be a joint meeting with the Site Stewards on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Jo Ann Weldon near Snowflake. The program will be a demonstration of

flintknapping.

As always, if you are interested in helping with the cataloging of the Casa Malpais Collection, we meet most Fridays at noon at the museum. All are welcome. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact me at [mwmelton@yahoo.com](mailto:mwmelton@yahoo.com) or 928.333.3594.

— Mindy Wallace St. Clair

### Mohave Chapter



At our February meeting, Ron Smith, speaking on rock art recording, presented highlights of Jane Kolber's "Rock Art Recording Manual" (ARARA) updated in 2004. He also described the proper care and handling of CDs containing digital images (e.g., do not store horizontally), and outlined some methods for making string grids. His talk provided an excellent prelude for Roger and Gerry Haase's February 13<sup>th</sup> "Digital Rock Art Recording" presentation in Bullhead City. The Haase's demonstrated features of the elegant computer based rock art recording program which they developed (please see Darlene Brinkerhoff's review in January's **Petroglyph**). It provides a standardized method of recording rock art and a shared web-based database. Only non-sensitive information is entered into the database - no specific site location or access information is entered. Moreover, access to the database is limited. The Haase's note that there are four phases to their program: 1. obtaining permission from the land manager, 2. performing a ground survey, 3. completing computer work, 4. doing research. Recording is best accomplished by small teams of individuals who have had training in the use of this

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program. Those of us who were treated to this introduction were most impressed.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, members drove to Overton, NV, through beautiful Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and were treated to a tour of the Lost City Museum by archaeologist and curator, Eva Jensen. The museum takes its name from Lost City (aka, "Pueblo Grande de Nevada"), a PII site representing the westernmost permanent settlement of the Virgin Ancestral Puebloan people. Lost City was initially excavated in the 1920s; it is predominantly situated on a ridge above the Muddy River. Although not covered by Lake Mead directly, the water has undercut portions of the ridge, negatively impacting the site. An earlier Paleo-Indian presence has been documented in the region. The museum features an abundance of wonderful artifacts from Lost City and nearby areas. We also visited nearby historical St. Thomas (which has emerged from receding Lake Mead in the last few years), and some rock art sites within Valley of Fire State Park.

At our March meeting (date, time and location to be announced), Loren Wilson will speak about the Golden Shores mammoth excavation he participated in a few years ago. Loren is working on a mammoth display at the Mohave Museum of History and Arts. Ron Smith will also present highlights of the Archaeology Awareness Expo to be held at the Tubac Presidio on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter's table theme at the expo will be "Telling Time Using Historical Artifacts". Please contact Ron Smith at [Ron2450@aol.com](mailto:Ron2450@aol.com) for further information.

— Gale Dom

### Phoenix Chapter



The speaker for the February meeting was Michael E. Smith, Ph.D., Professor of Archaeology, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University. Dr. Smith spoke about his excavations on Aztec Sites in Mexico, focusing on issues of urbanization, imperialism, and household-level activities. Most of his research has concentrated on the Aztecs and other central Mexican societies. He has just completed a multi-year archaeological field project at the Late Postclassic urban center of Yautepec, Morelos, Mexico. His next project will focus on issues of urbanization and imperialism at the Aztec-period city of Calixtlahuaca in the Toluca Valley of central Mexico.

Our speaker for March 9<sup>th</sup> is Scott Wood, Chief Archaeologist, Tonto National Forest. His talk is titled "The Preclassic Hohokam of the Tonto National Forest." In his current position, he also leads the Burn Area Emergency Response Team. Scott has enjoyed an impressive career in archaeology in the Southwest - most particularly in Gila and Yavapai counties. In the early 1990s, he directed the site work leading to the Sears-Kay Ruin at Carefree becoming an Interpretive Site, listed on the National Historic Register.

The speaker for our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Douglas Gann, Ph.D., Preservation Archaeologist at the Center for Desert Archaeology. His talk is titled "Virtual Rio Nuevo: A case study in computer graphic applications in public archaeology." This talk will discuss the ways that new technologies in computer graphic imagery (CGI) have been utilized in Tucson's Rio Nuevo project.

At the meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Rich Lundin, Carothers Environmental,

LLC, will talk on remote sensing. This will be followed on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, with a hands-on workshop which we are cosponsoring with PGM. It will include members of the professional community, AAS, SWAT, and AAC. The topic will be "The Science of Searching for Buried Archaeological Deposits: An Archaeogeophysical and Archaeochemical Workshop." Rich will demonstrate six different technologies used to see below the ground surface.

Our June meeting will be a combined meeting with the Rim Country Chapter in Payson on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a speaker during the morning session and a field trip in the afternoon. Further details will be available at the April and May meetings.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, Scott Wood, archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest, will lead a hike to Azatlan. This is the site of a large pithouse village near the end of Rio Verde Road at the Verde River. Other features at the site include four ball courts, numerous roasting pits, and over 100 trash mounds. Scott's narratives are always interesting and informative. This site is easily accessed. Contact Tom Harvey at (480) 998-0035 or [tbharvey@att.net](mailto:tbharvey@att.net) or <http://home.att.net/~tbharvey/> for more information.

The Phoenix chapter and Pueblo Grande Museum are joining together to offer a series of van tours. The first, on April 1st, will be a day tour to Marana and the Catalina Mountains north of Tucson. We will tour four sites and our guides will be two outstanding leaders of Arizona archaeology: in the morning, Alan Dart of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center will lead the group, and in the

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afternoon, Bill Doelle of the Center for Desert Archaeology. The cost is \$60, lunch not included. For further details, see the sign-up sheet at the AAS March meeting or contact Michael Hampshire, (602) 952 2367.

The Phoenix Chapter will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month - with the exception of July and August - at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington Street in Phoenix, starting at 7:30 p.m. For information about chapter activities you can view our website at <http://azarchsoc.org/> or contact Gail Williams at (480) 855-7735.

— Evelyn F. Partridge

### Verde Valley Chapter



The Verde Valley Chapter began its new year on January 27<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by speaker Daniel Cutrone, Senior Research Consultant with the Golden State Archaeological Partnership, defining a “Prehistoric Southwest Type Model for Sacred Landscape Locations: Spirit Root Cave and Nancy Peterson Site.” He described caves as symbols of creation, places of power, and passageways between heaven and earth, and earth and the underworld.

Our February meeting will feature Peter Pilles, Forest Archaeologist for the Coconino National Forest. In 2003, members of our chapter, working with Peter, excavated four sites near the Ranger Station on Rte. 260 in Camp Verde. The largest excavation uncovered a pit house dating to 1150 – 1300 A.D. Peter’s talk will describe some of the artifacts found and present interpretations of how this site and its people related to

the Clear Creek Community.

Our March speaker will be Craig J. Johnson, Archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management in Kingman. The title of his presentation will be the Burro and Pine Creek Archaeological Project.

Our field trip schedule began in January with a behind-the-scenes tour of southern Arizona museums, led by Dr. David Wilcox, Senior Curator at the Museum of Northern Arizona. We visited the Arizona State Museum, where we looked at an amazing collection of Point of Pines pottery dating from 600-700 A.D. At the Western Archaeology and Conservation Center, we were dazzled by the extensive collections from throughout the West, as well as the hi-tech storage vaults and methods of restoration. The Amerind Foundation in Dragoon houses one of the largest collections of Native American art and artifacts in the country. It also has an extensive research library, including archives used by scholars researching southwestern archaeology, anthropology, history, and Native American studies. Before we visited the Casa Grande, we managed to stop at the very beautiful, fully-restored San Xavier del Bac. What an incredible sight!

Our visit to the Casa Grande Nat. Mon. was especially informative as Dr. Wilcox did much of his graduate research there. This site is at the end of the Hohokam canal system, and dates to 1300 A.D. The site was constructed of caliche and more than 600 white fir and pine beams, each one of which had to be hand-transported from many miles away. There are major indications that this site had archaeo-astronomy use, and perhaps was used as a place of “sacred knowledge.” While at Mesa Grande/ Mesa Southwest Museum, we learned

that the Salt River Basin had the largest number of people for a longer time than any other area in the Southwest. It was also the control point for water distribution through over 1,000 miles of canals!

Our last stop, at the Pueblo Grande Museum, which was also on a canal system, brought to a head the numbers of questions which had been building up in our minds over our several days’ tour. Who were the people who controlled the water systems? How did the people “down-river” deal with the “up-river” people, who could control their water supplies? What is the relation between platform mounds and water control? How did these early people devise a system of government or cooperation that managed the construction and maintenance of such a canal system, and guaranteed the distribution of water to everyone for hundreds of years?

Jerry Ehrhardt continues to lead his crew on weekly site surveys of previously unknown/undocumented prehistoric sites in the Verde Valley. He is teaching his crew how to map and document the many sites found during each survey. Marlene Conklin continues to direct her volunteers working at the Museum of Northern Arizona, and the Colton Research Center, in the Anthropology and Geology collections.

Our field trip for February will be to Brooklyn Basin Ruin, where we will be able to observe and photograph an impressive array of petroglyphs. In March we will visit the Petrified Forest and Homolovi, with perhaps a site trip to another petroglyph site, time permitting.

The Chapter meets at the Keep Sedona Beautiful Building, 160

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Brewer Road, Sedona, at 7:00 pm.  
Contact is Bud Henderson  
928-649-0412 or  
budandjoy@earthlink.net.

—Louise Fitzgerald

### Yavapai Chapter



Archaeology Awareness Month will be celebrated in the Prescott area beginning with the March meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006. Tom Motzinger of PaleoWest Solutions in Archaeology will speak at the Pueblo of the Smoki Museum at 7:30 pm.

Cory Breternitz of Soil Systems, Inc. will talk on the archaeological work at Stone Ridge in Prescott Valley. This is proving to be one of the oldest sites in the area. He will be speaking at the Pueblo of the Smoki Museum at 10 am on Saturday, March 18. Saturday

afternoon the Chapter's laboratory and library at Sharlot Hall Museum will host an open house from 1 until 3 pm. At this same time, the museum will offer tours to the basement archives of the museum. Those wishing to participate in the tours should contact Sandy Lynch at 928-445-3122.

On Sunday, March 19, Sandy Lynch and Andy Christenson will lead a group to the Fitzmaurice Ruin in Prescott Valley. This group will be limited in size and reservations should be made with Sandy at the above number. This trip will involve a fair amount of walking. Also on Sunday the Willow Lake Site will be open from 1 to 3 pm. Robert Neily, who directed the excavation of the site, will be on hand to discuss it.

Scott Kwiatkowski, archaeologist of the Prescott Yavapai Tribe, presented us with a different view of the Prescott Culture. To begin with, the

Yavapai have no immigration stories; according to Ichikiyuka, the mythical founder of the Yavapai, they have always been here. This, coupled with the Yavapai tradition of not talking of the dead, explains the lack of immigration stories. Scott then took us on a rapid illustrated verbal tour of the history of prehistoric settlements in the central and southern Arizona area. We must give him credit for condensing a two-hour talk into forty-five minutes!

Our regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm 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 at 928-443-9405 or Vice President Fred Kraps at 928-778-0653.

--Mary I. S. Moore

## Upcoming Events

Mar. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m, Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park, 4619 East Washington Street, Phoenix: **Ancient Technology Day Event.** Join us for a day of fun! Try your hand at tossing an atlatl (spear), watch demonstrators as they demonstrate pottery making, basket weaving, rock art, flintknapping, and more! Try the frybread and our agave roast, cooked in the traditional way. Free. Call 602-495-0901 or visit our website at [www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com) for more information.

Mar. 13, 7 p.m, Sedona Muses and the MNA, Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona: **Pueblo Painting and Prehistory** by Kelley Hays-Gilpin. MNA's ongoing Hopi Iconography

Project is studying Pueblo painting in ways that span centuries and different media, but with a new focus on meanings and metaphors. This presentation will outline some of the highlights of this project. It will focus on how centuries of Pueblo paintings express important concepts about migration, farming, and ecology. \$6 members/\$7 nonmembers per lecture. Call 928-774-5213 for more information or see [www.musnaz.org](http://www.musnaz.org).

Mar. 23, 7 p.m., ASU Murdock Hall, Tempe: **Egypt Before the Pharaohs: The Rise of Civilization in the Nile Valley.** Talk by David Moyer, Special Correspondent for KMT Magazine.

Mar. 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park (4619 East Washington Street), Phoenix: **Cooking with Native Foods Workshop.** Join the PGM and Ms. JoAnna Hernandez as she demonstrates cooking with Native Foods. You will learn how to make Nopalito's, Amaranth bars and Prickly Pear Punch and sample them as well. Participants will also receive recipes for many tasty dishes using native foods. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited! Fee \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members. Call 602-495-0901 for information and advanced registration. Visit our website at [www.pueblogrande.com](http://www.pueblogrande.com) for more upcoming events.



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