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### Winter State Meeting to be held in Globe

The January 2010 Winter State Meeting will be held in Globe on the weekend of Jan 30 & 31. The AAS State Planning Committee is sponsoring the meeting and is working out the details. Plan now to enjoy the warm weather, wonderful archaeology, and the company of fellow Avocational Archaeologists for this winter weekend. Details and a reservation form will be in the next Petroglyph.

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AGUA FRIA N.M. SURVEY**

The Bureau of Land Management is looking for six volunteers to assist with archaeological survey on the Agua Fria National Monument from December 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup>. Willing participants must be in reasonably good shape and be able to work long hours in rugged terrain. Accommodations at the Horseshoe Ranch are free and include individual and comfortable rooms with their own bathroom and shower. Participants must bring their own food. Kitchen facilities include a refrigerator and stove. You must have prior experience in archaeological survey and site recording. Selected volunteers must arrive at the ranch by 5 pm on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, and be willing to commit to the entire three days and nights of the survey. If interested, please contact AFNM archaeologist Brian Culpepper at 623-580-5645.

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Next deadline is noon on Wednesday, **November 18th**, for the December issue.

Rye Creek Ruins  
Fall State Meeting  
Field Trip 10/18/2009

Photo taken by Linda Dorsey

#### **JOB OPENINGS**

We need your help. It's time to give back to your society.

**State Webmaster** – needs to be familiar with webpage editing and creation, or willing to learn. Keep our website up to date.

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm
Agua Fria	Glendale Public Library Auditorium 59th Avenue & Brown, Glendale One light so. of Peoria on 59 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month Meeting: 7:00-9:00 pm September thru May
Ajo/Why	Ajo Salazar Library	1st Wednesday of each month, Dec. thru April; Bus. Meeting at 6:30 pm, Talk at 7:00 pm
Desert Foothills	Church of Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church Hall 6502 E Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm September thru May
Homolovi	Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitors Center	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 pm
Little Colorado River	Casa Malpais Museum Springerville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 7:00 pm
Mohave	The Grace Lutheran Church 2101 Harrison Ave., Kingman.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00-9:00 pm
Northern AZ	The Peaks (Senior Living Community) "Alpine Room", 3150 N. Winding Brook Road, Flagstaff (Hwy 180 north of Flagstaff, just before MNA)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month Sept. to Nov., Jan. to June 7:00 pm
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington, Phoenix	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month Sept. thru June; 7:30 pm
Santa Cruz Valley	The North County Facility 50 Bridge Road, Tubac	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
San Tan	San Tan Historical Society Museum SE corner of Ellsworth & Queen Creek Rds	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm
Rim Country	Church of the Holy Nativity, The Cottage 1414 North Easy Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 10:00 am
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, Sept. thru May except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Nov & Dec. 7:00 pm
Yavapai	Pueblo of the Smoki Museum 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 pm



## Fielder Fund: Your Chance to Endow AAS Publications

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

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

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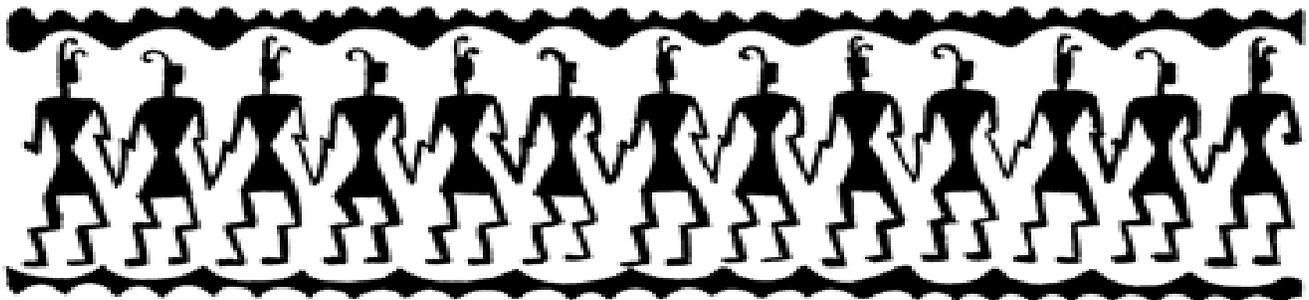
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# Upcoming Events

## GUIDE TO LOCATIONS

AAHS	Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society. Meets in Duval Auditorium, Univ. Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Avenue, north of Speedway ( <a href="http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml">www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml</a> )
AIA	Archaeological Institute of America, Business Admin C Wing, Rm 316
DVRAC	Deer Valley Rock Art Center, 3711 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix ( <a href="http://dvrac.asu.edu/">dvrac.asu.edu/</a> ), (623) 582-8007
OPAC	Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 2201 W. 44th Street, Tucson, 520-798-1201 ( <a href="http://www.oldpueblo.org/index.html">www.oldpueblo.org/index.html</a> )
PCC	Pima Community College, 401 N. Bonita Ave., Tucson
PGM	Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix 602-495-0901 ( <a href="http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PARKS/pueblo.html">www.ci.phoenix.az.us/PARKS/pueblo.html</a> ).
PGMA	Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary, Pueblo Grande Museum
SWAT	Southwest Archaeology Team, Arizona Museum of Natural History, 53 N. McDonald St., Mesa ( <a href="http://www.southwestarchaeologyteam.org">www.southwestarchaeologyteam.org</a> ).

Nov. 4, 6:30-8 pm, PGMA, Phoenix, Lecture: *Cold Case Files: The Great Anasazi Mystery* by Richard D. Fisher. What happened to the Chaco Canyon Anasazi is one of the last great archaeological enigmas and has confounded researchers for generations. Using “Cold Case Files” theory and methods to analyze new archaeological, scientific, ethnographic and historical evidence, Fisher proposes an original and unifying theory for the Chacoans and indeed all of the Anasazi. Fisher is the author of more than ten books on canyons including the bestseller *Copper Canyon Mexico*. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Nov. 4, 6-7:30 pm, Yuma, Lecture: *Arts and Culture of Ancient Southern Arizona Hohokam Indians*; free presentation by archaeologist Allen Dart at Arizona Western College, Business Administration Room 111.

Nov. 6, 8 am-2:30 pm, OPAC, Tucson, Tour: *Picture Rocks, Los Morteros & Tortolita Mtns* Hohokam site tour with Allen Dart departing from Pima Community College, Tucson. Reservations required: 520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org).

Nov. 7, 1 pm, DVRAC, Phoenix, Lecture: *The ‘Deep Structure’ of Non-iconic Rock Art: Human Universals* by Ekkehart Malotki, a professor emeritus of languages at Northern Arizona University where he taught German, Latin, and Hopi from 1977 until 2004. For more than 25 years, his work as an ethnolinguist focused on the preservation of Hopi language and culture. During the last 20 years, his passion for rock art has taken him to the Sahara, to the Paleolithic caves in France, to Italy, Scandinavia and Mexico, and twice to Australia. In addition, he has devoted much of his time to the photography and interpretation of the rock art of the American Southwest. A sampler of striking photographs of non-iconic petroglyphs and pictographs from the American West will accompany the talk. Ekkehart will be selling and autographing two of his books: *Stone Chisel and Yucca Brush: Colorado Plateau Rock Art* and *The Rock Art of Arizona: Art for Life’s Sake*.

Nov. 10, 5:30-6:30 pm, Bisbee, Lecture: *Ancient Native American Pottery of Southern Arizona*; free presentation by archaeologist Allen Dart at Copper Queen Library, Bisbee.

Nov. 11, 11am-4pm, PGM, Phoenix: *Veterans Day Gourd Dance and Community Potluck*. Join us to honor the memory of all Veterans who served our nation. Gourd Dancing starts at 11:30 am. Event is free and open to everyone. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share. No advanced registration required. FREE Admission.

Nov. 12, 6:30 pm, AIA, Tempe, Lecture: *Archaeological Notes from the Field: Aztecs* with ASU Prof. of Archaeology Michael E. Smith and ASU Prof. of Art Emily Umberger. Smith’s talk will focus on findings from the 2006 and 2007 ASU fieldwork conducted at Calixtlahuaca, an Aztec regional capital. He will discuss the excavations of terraces and houses and the reconstruction of social and economic organization at the household level. Although Garcia Payon found a number of stone sculptures at Calixtlahuaca during his excavations in the 1930s, he produced only a short publication of these in which he included other sculptures that he knew of from the area, mostly without illustrations. Umberger will outline her project to reconstruct the artistic corpus of the site and will also explain her analysis

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of sculptures now located in at least five museums and collections. For more info:  
<http://centralazaia.ning.com/events/notes-from-the-field-aztecs>.

Nov. 14, 10 am-4:30 pm, OPAC  
Guided Tour: *Deer Valley & Spur Cross Ranch Petroglyphs*. Guided fundraising tour with Shelley Rasmussen and Allen Dart, starting at DVRAC. Fee \$35 (\$28 for OPAC/PGMA members) includes all park entry fees. See hundreds of ancient petroglyphs and the rock art museum at Deer Valley Rock Art Center and more petroglyphs in Spur Cross Ranch Regional Park near Carefree, Arizona. The Spur Cross Conservation Area intermediate-level hike is about 3 miles roundtrip and takes about 3 hours of hill-climbing to a Hohokam pueblo and two petroglyph sites. Bring your own picnic lunch and water, wear comfortable hiking shoes. Reservations required: 520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org).

Nov. 16, 7:30 pm, AAHS, Tucson,  
Lecture: *Cerros de Trincheras & Warfare in Sonora, Mexico* by Randall McGuire, Prof. of Anthropology, SUNY, Binghamton.

Nov. 19, 7:30-9 pm, OPAC, Tucson,  
Lecture: "Third Thursdays" free presentation at Old Pueblo: Topic and speaker to be announced.

Nov. 20, PCC, Tucson, Study Tour:  
*Ventana Cave and Tohono O'odham*

*Nation Archaeology and Culture* study tour with Allen Dart. Departs from Pima Community College, Tucson. Reservations required: 520-206-6468 (PCC, Tucson).

Nov. 20, 10-11 am, PGM, Phoenix:  
*Park of Four Waters Tour #60655*. The Hohokam people lived in the Salt River Area from approximately 450AD to 1450AD. An archaeologist will take you on a tour through undeveloped, natural desert to the ruins of some of the Hohokam canal systems which allowed them to grow corn, beans, squash and cotton. This tour is open to the public and museum visitors with paid general admissions.

Nov. 21, 8-11 am, PGM, Hike:  
*Petroglyph Discovery Hike*, Mormon Trail, South Mountain. Difficult. Cost: \$10. An experienced Pueblo Grande Museum guide will lead participants on a 3-mile, 3-hour interpretive hike. Advance registration is required.

Nov. 22, 8 am-5 pm, OPAC, Tucson,  
Tour: *Amerind Foundation and Singing Wind Bookstore Thanksgiving Festival* tour departs from OPAC. Fee: \$99 per person with van transportation or \$39 if you provide your own transportation and drive in caravan with the Old Pueblo tour van (\$10 discount for OPAC and PGMA members). Reservations required: 520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org). For tour details contact Terri in Tucson at 520-798-1201 or [contapayt@cox.net](mailto:contapayt@cox.net).

Nov. 20 & 21, PGM, Phoenix: *4th Annual Navajo Art & Rug Auction*. PGM will host an art auction and rug preview on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm. The Navajo Rug Auction will begin at 10 am on Saturday, Nov. 21; a preview and bidding will begin at 12 noon. A portion of the proceeds from the auctions will go to benefit the Pueblo Grande Museum and Auxiliary. The auction will be a wonderful event with free museum admission, beautiful art and rugs and frybread on Saturday. Come and enjoy the sites and sounds and have a traditional Native American frybread taco!

Nov. 21, 10 am-3 pm, DVRAC, Phoenix: *5th Annual American Indian Heritage Festival*. A free day at the museum featuring fun activities and attractions for the whole family. Enjoy storytelling with The Three Little Javelinas author Susan Lowell, meet Native American artists and browse art for sale, see special guest exhibitors and performers, hike the petroglyph trail, bead a bracelet, learn about native cultures and much more! For more details, please call (623) 582-8007 or visit: <http://dvrac.asu.edu>

Dec. 3, 7 pm, SWAT, Mesa – Annual Potluck and Meeting. Talk on *Dendrochronology and Southwestern Archaeology* by Dr. Ronald H. Towner, University of Arizona Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research.

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## Van Transportation Available to the 11th Biennial Southwest Symposium

The 11th Biennial Southwest Symposium will be held in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Jan. 8-9, 2010. The Centro INAH Sonora will host the meeting on the University of Sonora Campus and at the Centro INAH Sonora. The Symposium provides a forum for archaeologists and other scholars to discuss innovative ideas and to develop networks for anthropological research in the U.S. Southwest and Mexican Northwest. Two field trips are planned for the day after the symposium: One will go to the Early Agricultural site of La Playa and the late Prehispanic site of

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## Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists

### *National Preservation Institute to hold workshops at Arizona State Museum*

The National Preservation Institute, known for its educational seminars in historic preservation and cultural resource management, is holding two workshops at Arizona State Museum in March 2010. These workshops are open now for registration:

March 15-16: *Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists*

March 17-19: *Archaeological Curation and Collections Management*

The workshops will be held in Arizona State Museum's conservation laboratory, the state's only in-museum conservation facility. "We at the ASM conservation lab are very happy to be the host site of this national workshop," said Nancy Odegaard, the museum's head conservator. "It gives us an opportunity to share our new facility with our professional colleagues." Both workshops, *Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists* and *Archaeological Curation and Collections Management*, are perfect complements to each other and can be of great benefit to professional archaeologists, their staff, and their volunteers, according to Odegaard. "This is a great opportunity and I recommend registering for both."

Professional conservators Emily Williams and Lisa Young are the *Conservation Strategies* workshop leaders. Together they offer theoretical background and practical tips for planning and retrieving artifacts from archaeological settings. Their backgrounds are particularly strong in historical archaeology. See the web site at <http://www.npi.org/sem-archconserv.html>.

Archaeologist Barbara Magid, with more than 25 years of experience, leads the *Curation and Collections Management* workshop. Topics include responsibilities under federal regulations, NAGPRA, collections policies, costs of curation, storage facilities, and much more. See <http://www.npi.org/sem-arch.html> for more information.

The National Preservation Institute holds seminars nationwide to educate those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of our cultural heritage and NPI is proud to serve a broad spectrum of professionals from government to the private sector. All seminars are taught by nationally recognized educators, consultants, and practitioners. NPI's full calendar of offerings can be found at <http://www.npi.org/> Sign up today! <http://www.npi.org/>, call 703-765-0100, or go to <http://info@npi.org>

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Cerro de Trincheras near Santa Ana, Sonora; the other will go to the rock art site of La Pintada located about 40 minutes south of Hermosillo.

Registration costs \$60.00 prior to Oct.30, 2009 (\$35 for students); late registration (add \$10) will be accepted until Dec. 15, 2009. Visit the symposium website at <http://sw-symposium.binghamton.edu/> for a printable version of the registration page.

The University of Arizona School of Anthropology will make available university vans for transportation from Tucson to Hermosillo for the Southwest Symposium. The vans will leave Tucson every hour between 11 am and 5 pm on Jan. 7, picking up riders at the School of Anthropology and at the airport. One van will return to Tucson Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at least one will return Sunday morning, Jan. 10, and the remainder will return in the late afternoon following the Southwest Symposium field trips. Cost for the van, tolls, and insurance will be \$80 per person round trip.

If you wish to travel by van, send your desired travel schedule to Paul Fish [pfish@email.arizona.edu](mailto:pfish@email.arizona.edu) and a check payable to the University of Arizona to [Ben Beshaw, Haury Bldg 223, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721](#). Van schedule desires and payment must be made before December 15, 2009. If you need additional information, contact Paul Fish by email or phone at 520-621-2556. For more information on transportation go to <http://sw-symposium.binghamton.edu/ingles%20pagina/Advice.htm>.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Agave House Chapter



The Agave House chapter held its Sept. meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Black Mesa Ranger Station. Plans were finalized for the Steak Fry on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at Bum Heel Ranch. Our booth for the Octoberfest was cancelled, as there wasn't enough available help to run it for two days.

Our next meeting is Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Black Mesa Ranger Station. We will meet at Casa Ramos at 5 pm for dinner. Officers for the coming year are: President, Ralf Kurzhals; Vice-President, Ben Mixon; Treasurer, Gloria Kurzhals; and Secretary, Virjean Svoboda.

Our speaker was Sally Cole, from Dolores, Colorado. Sally has been working on a study comparing the rock art and murals of the Mesa Verde, Aztec, and Chaco areas. She discussed many peoples and the style of their art, whether on pottery, textiles, or rocks. There is much evidence of the influence of one place on another, proving the migration theories. She shared many pictures and drawings of the art, including swimming figures, spirals, and "squiggle mazes," among others. Shield figures may show periods of unrest. She demonstrated changes in the depiction of the human form from the stick figure, "lizard-people" to the more realistic human forms, including the humpbacks. In the Petrified Forest, we see modern figures, with knobby knees and arms held up. However, in the Forest, the faces are open, which is not seen elsewhere. Many of the form styles are found all over, so it is not surprising that these people may have joined into villages and then separated, migrating elsewhere, taking their artistic ideas with them. One of the most interesting lessons concerned the

murals, many of which are identical in various parts of the country. They include dots, bands, and triangles, usually appearing in threes. It has been suggested that these murals are paintings of the landscape surrounding the various villages. As the mountains on the horizons are not always in threes or triangular in shape, these are probably "ritualistic landscapes." Most of the murals found in the pueblos are in areas that are not accessible to just anyone. The restricted areas show the importance of the art.

Refreshments followed this informative and entertaining presentation.

— *Diane Collins*

### Agua Fria Chapter



Our membership is growing in tiny little increments, thanks to an innovative move by our membership chair, Vince Waldron. He is using an internet site called "Meet Up" and as a result, we have seen an increase in visitors and interest in the Chapter activities. Thanks Vince!

Our October speakers were Toni Gentilli and Danny Sorrell of EcoPlan. They gave a very interesting presentation of the excavation and on-going lab analysis of the Antler House Site conducted by ADOT at the I-17/AZ 69 interchange at Cordes Junction. The site is a large early Hohokam settlement that holds some very intriguing clues as to the "periphery" movement of the culture. The pithouses were extra-large and most of the doorways face east instead of the traditional courtyard grouping. Over two tons of artifacts were recovered and will be curated at the Sharlott Hall Museum in Prescott.

The November meeting will feature

Deni Seymour with her presentation entitled "New Understanding About the Route of Francisco Vasques de Coronado. The Chapter is planning a field trip in November to the Amerind Museum in southern Arizona and will also visit the historic site of Fort Bowie.

Due to changes in the makeup of the city government of Gila Bend, the Agua Fria Chapter will no longer be associated with the work at the Gatlin Site. After 16 years of toil, sweat, time and money, Roy and Ella Pierpoint are no longer the driving force behind the project and as a result, our advisor, Dave Doyel, and the Chapter "laborers" have withdrawn their support. We wish the town of Gila Bend the best as they search for a "better" way to conduct the work at the site.

Dave Doyel, the Pierpoints, Phyllis Smith and Sandy Haddock are attending ongoing meetings of the coalition of interested parties of the Gila River Archaeological Preservation Initiative. This group is spearheaded by Andy Laurenzi of the Center for Desert Archaeology and is working to set aside public land that holds cultural significance along the Gila River from Buckeye to the Painted Rocks area. This chapter stands ready to assist in any way we can to make this happen.

Our labs are on-going with the Calderwood material and the Pierpoint Site team is still working on making sense of all our collected information on the site for publication. Stay tuned.

Thank you to the Rim Country Chapter for an outstanding State meeting in October. Several of our members attended and had a wonderful time. The Payson area has some outstanding

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archaeology and the Rim Country Chapter afforded opportunities to see some of it. Good job RCC!

— Sandy Haddock

### Desert Foothills Chapter



The year has gotten off to a busy start and we have much to look forward to. The flint-knapping workshop with Truman Peters was a joy and Scott Wood's talk on Apache archaeology was superb chance to learn about the importance and challenges of Apache archaeology in Arizona, a topic that does not get much attention.

It is with much sadness that we have to report the deaths of Charlie and Betty Gilbert, who passed away within a very short time of one another. Both were long-time members of the chapter and made great contributions in time, learning, shared adventure, fond friendship and just good fun. Charlie taught many chapter members how to make pottery as it was originally done, with pieces of his work at the Cave Creek Museum and in many homes in our region. Both are irreplaceable and will be greatly missed.

Nov. 11: David Wilcox, Senior Research Anthropologist at the Museum of Northern Arizona, will be speaking on the *Origins of the Zuni*, a topic he has extensively researched and written about (in the book he co-authored, *Zuni Origins: Toward a New Synthesis of Southwestern Archaeology*). Wilcox has worked extensively on questions of the social and political organization of Southwestern settlements, communities, and regional/macro-regional systems. The meeting will be at The Good Shepherd

of the Hills (Community Building), 6502 E Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ 8533. Refreshments and socialization are at 7 pm, with the presentation at 7:30 pm.

On Oct. 14, Scott Wood, our chapter advisor and Forest Archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest, gave an outstanding talk on entitled "One N'de at a Time". It focused on the history and archaeology of the Dilzhe'e (Tonto Apache in Central Arizona). The Apache share their Athabascan origins with their Navajo cousins, migrating at the same time to Arizona. They were great recyclers, living in habitation sites of earlier peoples and reusing arrowheads and pottery. This makes it quite a challenge to date their artifacts and locations, but Scott Wood has done much to bring to light their role in the historic period of Arizona.

November Hike: Join chapter members and the Friends of the Agua Fria for a hike to a ruin on Black Mesa on Saturday morning, Nov. 28. For more information, email Lila Elam at [desertdaz100@gmail.com](mailto:desertdaz100@gmail.com).

Annual Holiday Party: Dec. 9: Don't miss the Desert Foothills Annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6 pm at the Silver Spur Restaurant, 6246b Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek (formerly the Satisfied Frog)!! We will have an open bar, silent auction, raffle and entertainment. Could you ask for anything more??

The delicious entree choices are Chicken, BBQ Beef or Vegetarian Fajita Dinner. The cost is \$25 per person, with checks payable to the Desert Foothills Chapter, AAS. You can give Trudy Mertens your checks at the meeting on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> or mail them to Trudy Mertens, Box 819, Wickenburg, AZ 85358. Paid

reservations are accepted until the Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Membership Renewal: It's that time again! Renewal forms will be available at the chapter meeting. Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010.

— Jay Chatzkel

### Little Colorado Chapter



The LCRC welcomed the Verde Valley Chapter on Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm with a 'meet and greet' at Coyote Creek Steakhouse. Dr. David Wilcox and the Verde Valley members of AAS were visiting and exploring local sites in and around the Springerville area. Some LCRC members were able to attend the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Homolovi State Park presentation at 7 pm on *Portuguese Rock Art*.

LCRC members gathered on Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Springerville Town Council Chambers adjacent to the Casa Malpais Museum for the monthly business meeting at 6:30 pm after meeting for dinner at Java Blues. The scheduled 7 pm program followed with guest speaker Elizabeth Planteen's presentation on *Yuman Beings*.

Plans were discussed concerning the Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, hike to the Ditter Site and beyond with Paul Yoder (El Malpais).

— Catherine Cely

### Mohave Chapter



Mohave chapter member and local historian, Loren Wilson, guided an Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> field trip through Camp Beale's Springs. The first written

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description of the springs at this historically significant site was given by Lt. Edward F. Beale during his efforts to build a wagon road along the 35th parallel, per orders of the federal government. To accomplish this, Beale made five related trips through the area (1857-1860) and briefly experimented with using camels as pack animals. With the establishment of a road came increased Anglo-European traffic. Tensions with the Hualapai Indians escalated and resulted in the Hualapai War (1866-1870). A military outpost was established at this water source during the war. After the war, Camp Beale's Springs was built in order to protect toll roads and to serve as a food supply station and temporary Indian reservation. The remnants of this camp, active from 1871 to 1874, remain at the site today and include building foundations and various artifacts.

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Regular chapter meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison Ave., in Kingman. For more information, please contact Bruce Schneider at [schneiderbmcaas@yahoo.com](mailto:schneiderbmcaas@yahoo.com).

— Gale Dom

### Northern Arizona Chapter



On Sept. 15, John Pitts of Santa Fe, New Mexico, spoke on the *San Rock Art of Southern Africa* with examples from world-class sites in three countries, the Tsodillo Hills of Botswana, Tweifelfountain in Namibia, and the Drakensberg of South Africa. John spent three decades in the Foreign Service prior to "retiring" to Santa Fe, where he

volunteers as a Site Steward with the Santa Fe National Forest, as rock art recorder for the Vecinos de los Rios project and in Arizona with the BLM Sears Point Rock Art Recording Project.

On Oct. 20th, Kathy Farretta of Riordan Mansion will present a talk on Michael Riordan. On Nov. 17th, at our regular meeting, Lawrence Loendorf, Retired Archaeologist from Albuquerque, New Mexico will present *Valley Of the Shields – Revisited*. Excavation units at Valley of the Shields, Montana were re-opened in 2008, 20 years after the original excavation. Artifacts recovered from the new excavation included abrading tools used to prepare the sandstone surface for the manufacture of the shield-bearing warriors above the units. We also found chipped stone tools used to incise the designs in the panels and pigments used in the paint to produce the multi-colored figures. The most important discovery was the radiocarbon age for the charcoal in the hearths. When we dated sagebrush charcoal, the dates were 400 years more recent than pine charcoal. This suggests that the original age for the site of AD 1100 to 1150 is 400 years too old and the more correct age is AD 1500 to 1550. The new age has profound implications for the identification of the group responsible for the paintings.

— Bill Jones

### Phoenix Chapter



At our Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Todd Bostwick, Ph.D., from the Pueblo Grande Museum, gave an excellent slide show and talk on five famous Paleolithic caves that he visited recently near Bordeaux, France. The cave art within them dates from 25,000 to 10,000 years old. The slides

were spectacular and his presentation was well researched and very informative.

On Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Rob Jones, from the Center for Desert Archaeology, will talk about *Mule Creek and the Post-Mimbres Archaeology of the Upper Gila*. Rob was Field Supervisor on the project and is examining the use of obsidian through time from several distinct obsidian sources in Mule Creek. See the Fall 2009 Preservation Archaeology News for more information on the Mule Creek Archaeological Testing Project.

Other upcoming speakers:

Dec 10: Rich Lange, ASM, *Excavations in the Chevelon Ruin*  
Jan 14: Brian Culpepper, Agua Fria N.M., *Recent Work at Agua Fria N.M.*  
Mar 11: Ken Zoll, Verde Valley Chapter, *Archaeoastronomy of the Verde Valley*  
Apr 8: Ben Nelson, Ph.D., ASU, *Copper, Chocolate, and Cloisonné at Chaco Canyon, New Mexico: Implications for Foreign Relations and Local Politics*

Brian Culpepper will lead a hike to Pueblo La Plata on the Agua Fria National Monument on the Saturday following his Jan. 14th talk. Plans are also underway for a weekend trip to the Amerind Museum in Dragoon with the Agua Fria chapter; more details will be available soon.

The Winter State Meeting will be held in Globe on Jan. 30 & 31. A silent auction will be held to help pay for the cost of the meeting. If you have items you would like to donate for the silent auction, please bring them to the November or December meeting.

The Phoenix Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo

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Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St. in Phoenix, starting at 7:30 pm. You can now take the Light Rail to 44th Street and Washington to reach the museum! We usually take the evening's speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at the new Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant on 44th Street and Washington just northwest of the museum. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or mbrit@cox.net) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

— Ellie Large

### Rim Country Chapter



A great big thank you to all of those who made such a difference in making our Oct. 17-18 Fall State Meeting a success. We had 80 attendees and even 5 members from the San Juan Archaeological Chapter in Colorado!

Special thanks go to the organizers of this event, the coordinator and those doing the paperwork, the field trip facilitator, and those leading field trips to Goat Camp and Risser Ruins in Payson, the Rye Creek Ruins, Two-Foot petroglyph, Zulu Petroglyph and Anderson Mesa Petroglyphs sites, and to those who volunteered on Saturday the 17th. A job well done!!!

On Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at The Church of the Holy Nativity, 1414 Easy and Bradley Streets, Payson, Scott Wood, Tonto Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Program Manager will give a presentation entitled, *One N'de at a Time: Apache History and Archaeology on the Tonto National Forest*. Thank you, Scott, for supporting our Chapter in many ways!!

— Evelyn Christian

### San Tan Chapter

We have completed a site survey in the Coolidge/Casa Grande area. Sufficient surface artifacts justify an exploratory excavation of the site which we anticipate performing in the fall. We are currently working at procuring the necessary equipment.

Our Archaeological Site Survey of San Tan Mountain Regional Park is on hold pending receipt of the required permits, licenses and funding. The Chapter will schedule the Certification Training and the actual survey when this process is complete.

On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, Mark Elson, Principal Investigator, Desert Archaeology Inc. presented *Human Adaptation to Catastrophic Events: Lessons from the 11th Century A.D. Eruption of Sunset Crater Volcano*. On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Sara Herr, Senior Project Director, Desert Archaeology, Inc., will present *Life in the Land Between*. The Arizona Transition Zone is situated between the Colorado Plateau, the home to Puebloan people, and the Basin and Range home of the Hohokam. Little is known of the people who lived in this land "between" the major prehistoric population centers. This talk will describe some of the results of the ongoing State Route 260 – Payson to Heber project, the first large excavation in the region. She will discuss how people lived in the rugged, forests of Arizona for over 3000 years, including some well-preserved Archaic and Apache occupations.

On Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Allen Dart, Executive Director of the Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, will present *Set in Stone but Not in Meaning: Southwestern Indian Rock Art*. Ancient Indian pictographs (rock paintings) and petroglyphs (symbols

carved or pecked on rocks) are claimed by some to be forms of writing for which meanings are known. But are such claims supported by archaeology or by Native Americans themselves?

Archaeologist Allen Dart illustrates southwestern petroglyphs and pictographs, and discusses how even the same rock art symbol may be interpreted differently from popular, scientific, and modern Native American perspectives.

On Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, Laura Andrew, Collections Assistant at Pueblo Grande Museum, will present *Behind Closed Doors*, a PowerPoint lecture that reveals the nitty-gritty of collections management at an archaeological site museum. Have you ever wondered what happens to the artifacts behind the scenes at a museum? Just what do they do with all that cool stuff? Here is your chance to find out how the staff at Pueblo Grande Museum manages and cares for its collections. Learn what is involved in preserving historic and prehistoric materials for future generations. Find out what needs to be done to prepare materials for researchers, educational programs and exhibits.

The San Tan Chapter meets at 7 pm, the second Wednesday of each month, at the Queen Creek Museum located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Ellsworth and Queen Creek Roads

— Mel Marshall

### Santa Cruz Valley Chapter

Lots of news from southern Arizona this month. The Tubac/Santa Cruz County Chapter has voted to change its name to the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter. This new name better

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reflects our chapter's interest in this entire region of the state and we hope will encourage new members from a wider area than before.

We also have a new professional archaeological advisor. Jeremy Moss, Chief of Resource Management at Tumacacori National Historic Park, received Certification Department approval to serve our chapter in this capacity. With degrees from the University of New Mexico and the University of Wyoming, Jeremy brings more than 12 years' experience in Southwestern archaeology to his new role. We are excited to have Jeremy working with us and thank him for the commitment he has made to our chapter.

To inaugurate his new role, Jeremy gave our October presentation, *The Chaco Phenomenon--All Roads Lead to Center House*. Having worked for 7 years with the National Park Service at Chaco Canyon, Jeremy presented an informative and personal portrait of this fascinating site and impressed a large turnout of members and guests with his mastery of the subject.

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter is also pleased to announce a series of fall hikes it will be conducting in Santa Cruz County for AAS members ONLY. Space on these hikes is limited. AAS members who are interested should contact Bill Cox, of the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter, at [bcoxa@hotmail.com](mailto:bcoxa@hotmail.com). Proof of AAS membership is required to participate.

Nov. 14: Indian Cave and Bat Cave - 6.5 mi.; easy to moderate hike to view rock art and an archaeological site.

Dec. 9: Food Caches and Petrified Wood - 5 mi.; moderate to difficult.

Jan. 16: Pena Blanca Mining Camp - 3.5 mi.; moderate to difficult hike to

numerous mine sites and an army camp site.

Our next meeting will be held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at the North County Facility, 50 Bridge Road, Tubac. The speaker will be Matthew Pailles, of the Center for Desert Archaeology and the University of Arizona. His topic will be *Cerros de Trincheras in the Hohokam World*. Everyone is welcome to attend.

— Alan Sorkowitz

### Verde Valley Chapter



Our September meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Sedona Public Library. Our speaker was Sharon Urban, Senior Archaeologist for the Harris Environmental Group in Tucson, who spoke to us on *Baja Rock Art*. The rock art found in this hard-to-reach California area may have spanned as much as 10,500 years, and contains a wide variety of subjects. Many of the images are life-sized, or even larger, including people 6 to 10 feet tall. Many animal, bird, and fish glyphs are present, as well as many ritualistic and archaeoastronomy images.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Sherman Loy, whose family has lived in the Verde Valley since 1876. Sherman himself attended local schools, graduating from Clarkdale High School in 1944. He attained his degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska, and completed two years towards a second degree in Anthropology at NAU. Sherman served in the U. S. Army in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as completing two tours in Europe during the Cold War. During the last 20 years Sherman has worked on various projects with the Forest Service Archaeologist, and for t12 years has been the Regional

Coordinator for the Arizona Site Stewards. Sherman's topic will be *Historical Perspectives of the Verde Valley*.

Marlene Conklin is projecting an interesting year for any who wish to volunteer to help at MNA. Volunteers are welcome and are needed to help move the collections at MNA into the new Collections Center. Peter Pilles, archaeologist for the Coconino National Forest, and one of our chapter's advisors, is proposing a new project processing Verde Valley artifacts, now in storage, beginning after the first of the year. This may possibly be an AAS certification course. In addition, work continues on Dr. Wilcox's various projects at MNA each Wednesday.

Jerry Ehrhardt is resuming his site surveys, as the weather cools. For specific dates, give him a call. Jerry has now established line-of-site connections from Gap Creek to Sycamore Canyon and Clear Creek.

Linda Krumrie, our Field Trip Coordinator, is planning an all-day field trip to the Hopi Mesas in mid-November. There will be time for walking about the Mesas, a Hopi Buffet lunch at the Cultural Center, and homes to visit for the purpose of purchasing beautiful pottery. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. For information, call Linda at 451-1567, or e-mail her at [aplaceinthesun@commspeed.net](mailto:aplaceinthesun@commspeed.net).

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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

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