MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 2013
Stoneridge Golf Resort Clubhouse, Prescott Valley, Arizona

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Ron Robinson, President of the Host Chapter (Yavapai) and Paddi Mozilo, 2013 State Chair.

Roll Call: Chapter Present Voting Proxies Chapter Present Voting Proxies
Agave House 2 2 0 Phoenix 2 2 1
Agua Fria 6 1 2 Rim Chapter 5 4 1
Desert Foothills 10 2 5 San Tan 3 2 0
Little Colorado 1 0 0 Verde Valley 4 3 3
Northern Arizona 1 1 3 Yavapai 25 5 0

Membership: Membership Chair, Sylvia Lesko and Webmaster, Linda Dorsey:
• As of 10/31/13: members 812, memberships 570. Electronic Petroglyph delivery 252, paper delivery 338
• Overview of the Wild Apricot online database. Members shown how to update own membership information.

Elections: Nominating chair, Ellen Martin. Elected as 2014 State Officers were:
Glenda Simmons, President; Sandra Haddock, 1st Vice President, Fred Kraps; 2nd Vice President; Trudy Mertens Treasurer; and Ron Krug, Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. All were approved for 2014.

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Smoki Museum Exhibit: Andrew Christenson, Curator
Announcement of “The Last of the Great Expeditions: Rainbow Bridge and Monument Valley in the 1930’s” currently being exhibited at the Smoki Museum.

Financial Reports: – State Treasurer, Trudy Mertens
1) References made to the AAS By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation that speak to requirements.
3) Certification Department Accounts now handled by the State Treasurer - total $16,277.92
4) AAS Assets - total $86,288.22 (predominately in restricted funds).

Publications: 1st VP Sandra Haddock/Alan Ferg:
2) Arizona Archaeologist publications will be scanned and available on line for purchase. Ken Zoll still heading up the production area. 3 new publications being reviewed by Alan Ferg. General Entitlement Program cancelled 5 years ago. SHPO Library – can have hard copies or PDF.

Round Table Discussion With BLM/GAAC/ASM – 2nd VP Fred Kraps, Moderator:
1) Todd Pitezel (Patrick Lyons, ASM representative), read Patrick’s prepared statement. Note: copy attached to official minutes. Possibilities for AAS members in the future could be in analyzing collections already deposited; training could be given in order to do this. (See “Statement by Patrick D. Lyons” in the December Petroglyph).
2) Connie Stone representing GAAC gave a description of who they are and what they do, stating they are solely an advisory body e.g.: advisors to SHPO (GAAC webpage resides on the SHPO website). She felt that the role of avocational archaeologist is very important, volunteer labor is valued at $25 per hour. Explanation given of the current state of archaeology under the new regulations – non-evasive methods, rock art recording, surveying and with necessary professional input on projects. AAS members were invited to attend the open GAAC meetings. (See Part 1 of Connie’s statement on page 3.)
3) Bryan Lausten (BLM - Agua Fria National Monument) reviewed his area and discussed opportunities for AAS volunteers stating 50-60% of his job couldn’t be done without volunteers. Offered to conduct surveying training classes for groups and to open up surveying opportunities for AAS members on the Agua Fria National Monument.

Overview Of Current Rock Art Recording Procedures – Linda Dorsey And Sandra Haddock:
Reviewed various types of Rock Art recording, the ARAC forms, with emphasis on “doing what the Land Manager wants.”

AAS Refocus Direction:
A well participated session led by 2nd VP, Fred Kraps, revealed improvement suggestions in addition to voicing member concerns. Example: smaller chapters could centralize for classes. Chapters could share information and education. Opportunities for AAS members statewide are: surveying, rock art recording, historical research, lab analysis, methodology, stabilization, restoration, archiving, and recruitment to name a few.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Evening Events:
The day was finalized with the usual banquet, followed by President Paddi Mozilo presenting the Professional Archaeologist Award to Dr. Andrew Christenson. The evening speaker was the renowned Rock Art Researcher, Jane Kolber.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda A. Simmons
Acting AAS State Secretary
Notes for Discussion on the Role of Avocational Archaeologists
Connie Stone, Chair, Governor’s Archaeology Advisory Commission (GAAC)

Point 1: Avocational archaeologists and organizations like the AAS have long played, and will continue to play, an important role in the practice of archaeology. Why?
- They have a strong record of accomplishments over many decades. Special awards have been established by professional organizations to recognize these accomplishments.
- Archaeology depends on public support. Effective public education is also critical, as the archaeological record is a fragile, threatened resource whose values are poorly understood by the general public. Avocational archaeologists have sustained public interest in archaeology and have assisted in educating the public.
- Many federal and state agencies depend on well-trained volunteers to meet their goals in identifying, recording, protecting, and interpreting sites.
- Archaeology offers an interesting and rewarding avocation for people of all ages. Avocational archaeologists can be the “good guys” by supporting historic preservation and counteracting irresponsible behavior and misconceptions that damage archaeological resources.

Awards recognize the many ways that avocational archaeologists can contribute to archaeology:
Society for American Archaeology, Crabtree Award:
- Initiated in 1980s, named for Don Crabtree, recognized for his contributions to research on lithic artifacts. First awarded to an Arizonan, Julian Hayden.
- “Nominees should have made significant contributions to advance understanding of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community, and/or public outreach.”
- Note the many types of contributions; AAS members and chapters have contributed in all of these ways. Key words: “advance understanding.”
Arizona, Governor’s Awards in Historic Preservation:
- Annual award to at least one avocational archaeologist or organization. AAS members and chapters have received many of these awards.
- Note that if a nominee is being recommended for contributions involving fieldwork, the nomination must include the name of the professional archaeologist who supervised the fieldwork.

Point 2: The focus of avocational activities has changed. In the future, avocational archaeology will involve a broad range of activities. There will be less emphasis on excavations. Why?
- As stated in a recent letter from a professional archaeologist to the editor of the Society for American Archaeology publication, the Archaeological Record, “we used to dig more than we do now.” In the past couple of decades, changes in regulations have defined scientific excavation as an adverse effect. Native American tribes have expressed concerns about any unnecessary disturbance of archaeological sites. National and state legislatures passed new laws that limit the disturbance of human remains and associated objects. Avoidance has become more common than excavation.
- Excavations that are done correctly require considerable time, equipment, and expertise. After the fun part of fieldwork, responsible practice requires a lot of time and effort to completing analysis, data management, report writing, and curation of artifacts and data. It can be difficult to sustain as much interest in these activities.
- Current state policy is that excavations, including those on private land, should be done to preserve information that would be lost through natural causes or human activities; to provide information needed for stabilization, preservation, and interpretative development; or to address research issues that require studies at non-threatened sites when there is no other way to obtain the needed data. This policy discourages digging for “recreational purposes, material gains, or solely for teaching field techniques.”
- Scientific excavations can provide opportunities for teaching archaeological procedures to avocational archaeologists, under the supervision of professional archaeologists. Excavations can provide important information that can’t be obtained elsewhere. Even in areas like the Agua Fria National Monument, where sites have a higher degree of protection and better prospects for preservation, the monument’s land use plan allows for scientific excavations based on research designs, as well as considerations such as accessibility and vulnerability.

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Agua Fria Chapter

There was no monthly meeting due to the Christmas Banquet on Dec. 7th at the Ironworks Restaurant located inside the BellAir Golf & Country Club in Glendale. Dinner was followed by a gift exchange and mesmerizing entertainment by Roman Orona, Chiricahua/Lipan Apache and Yaqui, and his family. Roman’s father, Dr. Joel Orona, did a fantastic job of combining flute and Apache storytelling. Roman (ish hish itsaatsu is his Apache name meaning “One Who Dances With Eagles”) is an internationally acclaimed dancer, singer, actor and craftsman. His work is often noted for its unique blend of power, passion and inspiration. Roman creates performances that are unforgettable, leaving a positive impact on audiences.

Jan. 13th Meeting: Our January speaker will be Mark Hackbarth, Logan Simpson Design, speaking on The First Phoenix Cemetery and More! This is the same talk he gave at the Archaeology Cafe in November. If you couldn't make that talk, here is your chance. A big thank you goes to our chapter member Bob Cox for making this possible.

Monthly meetings are held at the West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 5904 West Cholla Street, Glendale, corner of Cholla and 59th Ave, Glendale. The Meet and Greet the Speaker Dinner is at 5 pm at Applebee's, 59th and Peoria. Coffee and Cake will be served at 6:15 pm in the church rec room. The meeting starts at 7 pm.

Upcoming events and hikes:
Jan. 18th - Eagletails; led by Doug Newton. It will be a long day so once again bring water, lunch and hiking gear. Doug wants to limit the size to 10 people so please contact paulette@magicmeow.bix ASAP to make your reservation. The last 4 miles are on a dirt road so a high-clearance vehicle is required. We hike in about 3.5 miles for a round trip of 7 miles. There will be some climbing on rocks so hiking sticks are recommended. The hike in is not bad on an old road trail. The hiking in the wash is about half a mile. We will meet at 8 am at the Cracker Barrel restaurant on Litchfield Road, north of I-10 about a quarter mile on the east side of the road.

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• There will be a greater emphasis on the use of non-invasive procedures, such as surveys, site mapping, and in-field analysis. Avocational archaeologists have contributed much to refining such procedures, for example, in rock art recording and aerial photography.

There will be many future opportunities for avocational archaeologists to participate in surveys, excavations, site recording, co-sponsoring publications and conferences, site interpretation, and public education.

• Serving as volunteers for state and federal agency projects (for example, past work with the Coconino NF and the Agua Fria National Monument). Partnerships, cooperation through matching contributions of labor and services. Such contributions have enabled agencies to be successful in obtaining funding for “cost-share” projects that otherwise would never have been accomplished.

• Continuing to refine techniques in rock art recording and other field procedures.

• Designing and participating in experimental studies that contribute to better understanding of prehistoric tool making, fire making, farming, and food processing techniques.

• Continuing to play an active role in public education events in local communities.

• Completing unfinished AAS projects to wrap up analysis, report writing, and curation of collections. For example, the efforts of Donna Ruiz y Costello in coordination with Arizona State University.

• Serving as advocates for increased funding and government support for archaeology. Government employees aren’t allowed to do this.

• Recruiting new members to sustain avocational organizations. Providing interesting programs and field trips. Keeping up-to-date on new technology for public outreach.

To be continued in the February Petroglyph...
April 12-13 - Rock art recording project near Cave Creek – Seven Springs Wash. If interested, email rbattilana@azstateparks.gov.

TBD - There will be a dig on private property in old town Peoria! The lot is about 20 feet x 40 feet and was settled by the owners’ great grandfather. For those of you who have always wanted to learn how to properly excavate a site, this is your chance.

Upcoming workshops:
Jan & Feb - Maurice Shoger's class on the lesser-known prehistoric people of the southwest begins in January. Mark your calendars for Jan. 25th, Feb. 1st and 8th for classes at Maurice's home from 9 am until noon. His classes are always full of information and hands on participation. Several members requested a class of this nature, so a special thank you Maurice for obliging us. There will be a sign up sheet at the January 13th general meeting or send an e-mail to paulette@magicmeow.biz.

Jan. 18 - The Calderwood Ceramics Lab will restart Wednesday, Jan. 18th at Jerry Rightnour’s residence (address to be published). All current chapter members are eligible to participate – no knowledge of ceramics is required.

--Lori Hines

Desert Foothills Chapter

December Meeting: This meeting was our Christmas Party at the Cave Creek Smokehouse. The theme and arrangements were by Joan Young and her team of elves (Carol, Jim, and Wayne). They did their usual outstanding job and it was appreciated by all in attendance. The audio visual and other helpers were very much appreciated also – Thank You!

Special News: The appointed volunteer positions helping the DFC Board for 2014 are: Audio/Visual - Paul Schoonover,; Membership - Glenda Simmons; Local Hikes - Larry Morehouse; Field Trips - Lila Elam; Outreach - Paddi Mozilo; Media Writer - Roger Kearney; Badges – Linda Zaffino; Hospitality – Suzanne Bauman/Roberta Valmont; and Workshops/Classes – Mary Kearney.

Preview: Desert Foothills Chapter and Cave Creek Museum sponsor the 5th annual Spur Cross Archaeology Expo on March 1st. Look for complete details in next month’s Petroglyph and watch for email updates. The Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area event in Cave Creek is open from 9 am – 3 pm enabling the public to learn about the area’s archaeology through hikes, booths, gold panning, and live demonstrations. The event is free but non Cave Creek residents must pay a $3 park entry fee.

Reminder: Many thanks to our members who have already submitted their membership renewals for 2014. For those that have not yet accomplished this task, please do so ASAP. Check your email inboxes or the U. S. mail for the renewal form. Membership renewals are possible until approximately mid-February, after this you no longer receive The Petroglyph and are no longer considered a DFC member. You must be an active member to participate in hikes, classes, or other activities.

January Meeting: Our featured speakers are Eric Polingyouma and Lance Polingyouma. Eric is the last of the highly respected Hopi “Blue Bird” clan. He is responsible for carrying on Hopi oral histories and an evolving migration story. Eric spent a large portion of his life examining and discovering migration paths from areas near or around Guatemala and Oaxaca. This often entails seeking shared symbolic traditions or seeking possible Hopi clan symbols during his travels. Eric is director of the Hopi Migration Project, a program that brings the oral tradition of the Hopi to a general audience. Lance is the project recorder for the Hopi Migration Project. One of his tasks is translating oral histories into a more tangible format. He is a member of the Hopi “Sun” clan. The Jan. 8th meeting is at 7 pm in the Community Room of the Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6502 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 (near the Dairy Queen).
Classes and Workshops: Mary Kearney is the primary contact for classes and workshops; email her at maryk92@aol.com to sign up or for more information. Please remember that classes and workshops are open to AAS members only and DFC members have priority.

Archaeology Method I Surveying – This is a continuation of the recent Basic Surveying class. The plan also includes subsequent classes to this one. Lecture classes are at the Cave Creek Museum on Thursday, Feb. 6th and 13th from 6 to 8:30 pm. A field surveying trip is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14th from 9 am to 2 pm (approximately). The cost is $50 and the facilitator is Dr. Doss Powell.

--Roger Kearney

Phoenix Chapter

December Meeting: Dr. Michael E. Smith, Prof. of Anthropology at ASU, gave us a great talk on Three Mysteries: My Search for Aztec Families and Communities. Unlike most Mesoamerican archaeologists, he has focused his research on the excavation of everyday houses and the study of daily life. He compared the results from the excavations of three Aztec sites near Cuernavaca, Mexico: an Aztec city (Yautepec), an Aztec town (Cuexcomate), and an Aztec village (Capilco). There was no evidence of human sacrifice or cannibalism, and the peasants appeared to be both better off and more well-connected than expected, as shown by the presence of trade goods and imagery. All who were present enjoyed both his talk and the potluck dinner that preceded it.

January Meeting: Note: Our January meeting date has been moved back one week, to Thursday, Jan. 16th, to allow members to attend the Biennial Southwest Conference in Las Vegas (Jan. 10-11). Our January speaker will be Dr. Charles F. Merbs, Prof. Emeritus of Anthropology, whose topic is As Written in Our Bones: What Our Skeleton Can Tell Us About What We Did In Life. A preeminent forensics scholar, Dr. Merbs specializes in the studies of the human skeleton, especially involving pathology and trauma. While he has worked more with ancient skeletons than modern, he has aided medical examiners in Wisconsin, Illinois, Arizona and Georgia on cases involving personal identification and homicide. Dr. Merbs received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the Univ. of Wisconsin in 1969. He taught at the University of Chicago from 1964-1973 before moving to ASU to chair the Department of Anthropology, a position he held for six years. Retiring in 2004, he currently is Professor Emeritus at ASU. He has had numerous academic publications, has been published in TIME magazine and has written articles for The World Book Encyclopedia. He continues to participate in professional meetings, as well as doing research and publishing the results. He is also active in community and professional service organizations.

Elections: The slate of officers suggested by the board was approved unanimously at the December meeting. The officers for 2014 are: President, Ellie Large; Exec. VP, Marie Britton; Treasurer: Bob Unferth; Secretary, Ellen Martin; 1-Yr. Director, Phyllis Smith; 2-Yr. Director, Nancy Unferth; 3-Yr. Director, Vicki Erhart.

Recent and Upcoming Hikes/Tours:
Jan. 25 - We will have a guided tour of the rock art in the Box Canyon in South Mountain Park. Details and sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

Upcoming Class:
March 22 - The Phoenix Chapter is sponsoring a free 1-day Introduction to Southwestern Archaeology for new or prospective members. The class will be held in the Pueblo Grande Museum Community Room from 9 am to 4:15 pm. Class members will need to bring their own lunches.

Renewals: Memberships expired on Dec. 31st. Members can renew at the January meeting or by sending a check along with a membership form to AAS, Phoenix Chapter, c/o Bob Unferth, Treasurer, 2255 E. State Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85020. Membership forms will be available at the January meeting and are available to download from the Phoenix Chapter web page at AzArchSoc.org. Dues are $35 for individuals and $40 for families.
The Phoenix Chapter meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. We take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at the Ruby Tuesday 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

January Meeting: On Saturday, Jan. 18th at 10 am in The Fellowship Hall of The Church of the Holy Nativity, 1414 Easy Street, Payson, we will welcome Stephen and Lois Hirst from Flagstaff. They will be discussing Earlier Days in Havasupai Country: 1900-1970. The presentation will discuss social and physical changes in Havasupai country over that time and show that the world that the Hirst's experienced is now largely gone. The Hirsts served with the first contingent of Peace Corps volunteers to Liberia, West Africa, from 1962 to 1964. Steve and Lois first came to the Havasupai in 1967 to operate a Head Start preschool, beginning a relationship that has persisted for forty years. During the eleven years the Hirsts lived in Havasu Canyon, their daughter Alexa was born, the tribal council asked Lois to oversee all their education programs, and the Havasupai asked the Hirsts to research and document their efforts to regain their ancestral lands, efforts that finally succeeded in 1975.

The Hirsts returned to Flagstaff in 2004, after Lois earned a doctorate in educational leadership and became a Northern Michigan University professor. Her work there merited distinguished faculty recognition both by the university and the state of Michigan. Steve worked at the university's Glenn Seaborg math and science center; both continued with Native Americans by working with Ojibwe and Potowatomi education programs. Steve has authored several books and articles, including the award-winning I Am the Grand Canyon and two works of fiction, Lauren Greasewater's War, and Chasing Antigone. Steve will bring some of his books to our meeting for sale.

Nomination of new Board Members, Officers, will occur at our December 21 meeting.

--Evelyn Christian

San Tan Chapter

December Meeting: Our December meeting was our 2nd annual Holiday Potluck. We are a small chapter so with 12 members in attendance we had a full house in the small front room of the San Tan Historical Museum. The food was great and we got to enjoy the company of our members.

Our speaker gave a great presentation regarding the Hohokam collapse. Douglas B. Craig made the argument of a slower, less dramatic, recession rather than a collapse of the Hohokam populations here in the southwest. He states the Hohokam “collapse” signifies a political failure, not a complete breakdown in social order. Even though prehistoric decisions to consolidate canal systems and become more “urbanized” and politically centralized proved to be a failure, and changing environmental conditions likely contributed to adaptive stress, this was part of a natural process and not human induced. Craig concludes that many long-term advantages to their more flexible and dispersed land-use strategy made them better able to deal with the times of extreme environmental variability. He clarifies there was no demographic collapse prior to European contact and Warfare.

For January we’ll have Kate Spielmann, who will give us a presentation titled Ethnogenesis: Making Culture on Perry Mesa, A.D. 1280-1400. This talk synthesizes information on the prehistoric migration to Perry Mesa in the late A.D. 1200s, the occupation of the Mesa to the 1400s, and the development of a recognizable Perry Mesa
Tradition in the fourteenth century. The information comes from the Legacies on the Landscape project, which began in 2004. The Legacies project is a collaborative effort by archaeologists and ecologists at ASU to investigate the legacy of prehistoric human land use on Perry Mesa.

Katherine Spielmann is a Professor of Anthropology in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change at Arizona State University. She is a North American archaeologist, and has conducted research on Ohio Hopewell ritual craft production, and especially on a diversity of topics regarding the late prehistoric Southwest. She is also currently collaborating with archaeology and ecology colleagues on a project investigating whether social and economic diversity promotes resilience to climatic shocks among five archaeological case studies in the Southwest and northern Mexico.

Our meetings are held at the San Tan Historical Society building at 20425 S Old Ellsworth Rd in Queen Creek on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May. The presentation begins at 7:30 pm. For more information on our group, contact Marie Britton at 480-827-8070 mbrit@cox.net or Earla Cochran at 489-655-6733.

--Marie Britton

Verde Valley Chapter

January Meeting: What They Were Searching For: The Wetherills and their Explorations of the Colorado Plateau. Our January meeting will be held on the 23rd, at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Harvey Leake, a great-grandson of John and Louisa Wetherill of Kayenta. More than thirty years ago, Harvey Leake began researching the history of his pioneering ancestors, the Wetherills of the Four Corners region. His investigations have taken him to libraries, archives, and the homes of family elders whose recollections, photographs, and memorabilia have brought the story to life. His field research has led him to remote trading post sites in the Navajo country and some of the routes used by his great-grandfather, to access the intricate canyon country of the Colorado Plateau. Harvey was born and raised in Prescott, AZ. He is a semi-retired electrical engineer.

The Wetherill family made many notable contributions to the knowledge of and appreciation for the archaeology of the Colorado Plateau. Brothers Richard, Al, John, and Clayton grew up in Mancos, Colorado. By 1900, they had moved to remote places where they operated trading posts, explored, and guided scientists and others into the surrounding wilderness. Mr. Leake will discuss the family background, including their Quaker heritage, that motivated their passion for studying archaeology, making their homes in remote places, and venturing into the wilds in search of its wonders. In addition, he will explain that their most enduring historical contribution was their service in educating their clients, as well as the general public, concerning the value of a land that many would consider a wasteland. They promoted not only its scientific value, but the social insights that the prehistoric inhabitants and their Native American successors revealed.

December Meeting: At our December meeting Sharon Olsen presented the Lifetime Achievement Award for continued and sustained contributions to the field of Archaeology in the Verde Valley to Barbara and John Sturgis. This award has been unanimously presented in 2013 by the Board of Directors of the Verde Valley Chapter.

John Sturgis retired from the U. S. Navy Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander and years later, retired from a successful career with A. T. & T. After moving to Sedona in 1991, Barbara Sturgis apparently took an interest in a flagging, small VVAS, which was little more than a low-grade hiking group. She jumped in as Vice President. The following years, 1992 and 1993, John stepped in as President, with Barbara again as Vice President. The Sturgises began to get interesting speakers and to go on field trips. They encouraged members to excavate at Elden Pueblo, and to engage in other activities with Peter Pilles, such as map reading, learning how to survey, and how to record sites. As the Chapter had very little money at the time, Barbara and John would invite
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the speaker to dinner at their home, and provide a place for an overnight stay. John continued as President until 1994, when Jerry Robertson took on the responsibilities. Barbara continued as a Board Director from 1994-1996; John was a Board Director from 1999-2001.

In 1991-1993, between recording Harry Brown sites and excavating Crescent Moon Ranch, VVAS began to bloom into an interesting and active club. In 1994, rock art recording classes for VVAS members were initiated. In 2003, Barbara and her team were recognized by an American Rock Art Recording Association's award for recording over 41 rock art sites, and thousands of petroglyphs/pictographs located throughout the Verde Valley.

Some of our members consider Barbara's rock art recording as nearly legendary. John received the Arizona Governor's Avocational Archaeologist award in 2002, and was a member of the AAS Certification Committee.

John and Barbara are considered by many as the saviors who kept VVAS from dying, and turned it into one of the top chapters in Arizona. John and Barbara were our mentors, those who took the time to share their knowledge with all who were interested in the Archaeology of the Southwest. It is a pleasure to present this Lifetime Achievement Award to Barbara and John Sturgis, on behalf of the Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society's Board and membership.

For more information, please contact Chuck Jenkins at cjenkins@npgcable.com.

--Louise Fitzgerald

Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai Chapter members, led by Fred Kraps, have continued sprucing up the pit houses originally excavated about a year ago at Willow Lake in Prescott. It will take a fair amount of effort to complete work on the second and largest pit house in the project. Much dirt remains to be moved and many artifacts are being uncovered and bagged for lab analysis.

December Meeting: About 50 party-goers, including members, families, and friends of the chapter gathered in the Smoki Museum Pueblo for our annual holiday pot luck dinner on Dec. 12th. The food, conversation, and fun were plentiful.

January Meeting: On Jan. 16th, members will learn more about one of the most important plants cultivated by prehistoric residents of central Arizona: agave. Wendy Hodgson of the Desert Botanical Garden will present a talk titled Pre-Columbian Agaves in Southwestern United States: A New Way of Looking at Species and Their Cultural Landscapes. Among her many accomplishments and interests, Ms. Hodgson was awarded a Klinger Book Award from the Society for Economic Botany for Food Plants of the Sonoran Desert, published by the University of Arizona Press.

Field Trip: The chapter field trip on Saturday, Jan. 25th, will be to the pit houses our members have been working on at Willow Lake, including interpretation of the site and an explanation of its importance in the larger picture of the prehistoric cultures of the area. Meet at the Smoki Museum at 11 am or at the site at about 11:15 am. For further information contact Fred Kraps at fkraps@mac.com.

—Bill Burkett

Annual Chapter Reports are Due

Please send your 2013 Annual Chapter Report to the Second Vice Chair, Fred Kraps, at 739 Douglas Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301 or to fkraps@mac.com, as soon as possible.

Reminder to Chapter Treasurers

Please create and submit your chapter’s IRS Form 990 no later than Jan. 15, 2014. These should be sent to the AAS State Treasurer Trudy Mertens at 928-684-0077 or shardguard@interwrx.com.
GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

ASM Arizona State Museum, 1013 E. University Boulevard, Tucson; www.statemuseum.arizona.edu.
ASW Archaeology Southwest, Tucson, www.archaeologysouthwest.org, 520-882-6946

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 8 & 22, 2-2:30 pm, PGM, Phoenix, Tour: Behind the Scenes Tour of the museum with Curator of Collections Holly Young. Learn about the artifacts that are not on display in the museum and see how museums care for their collections. Space is limited. Please sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot.

Jan. 8, 7:30-9 pm, PGMA, Phoenix, Lecture: Along Old Route 66 by Dr. John Craft, Professor at ASU’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Jan. 11, 8-11 am, PGM, Phoenix, Petroglyph Discovery Hike #99315: An experienced Pueblo Grande Museum guide will lead participants on a 3-mile, 3-hour interpretive hike to Kiwanis Telegraph Pass in South Mountain Park. Moderate to Difficult. Register by Jan. 9. Cost: $8; Age 12 and up. For details go to the PGM website.

Jan. 12, 2 pm, Red Rock State Park, Sedona, Talk: History of the Yavapai-Apache Nation: Past, Present, and Future by Hazel Siow, an elder of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. A special event fee of $5 per adult is required in addition to Day Use Entrance fees of $5.00 per adult (14 and up), $3.00 per youth (7 to 13); free for children (0 to 6). For additional information and reservations, please call (928) 282-6907.

Jan. 14, 6-7:30 pm, ASW, Tucson, Archaeology Café: Southwestern Potters and Gender by Patrick Lyons and Suzanne Eckert at Casa Vicente, 375 S. Stone Avenue, Tucson. Gather after 5 pm, presentations begin by 6:15 pm.

Jan. 14, 6:30 pm, AAHS, Tucson, Talk: New Perspectives on the Origins of Maya Civilization: Archaeological Investigations at Ceibal, Guatemala by Daniela Triadan, Assoc. Professor of Anthropology, UA.

Jan. 21, 5:30-7 pm, ASW, Phoenix, Archaeology Café: Current Debates in Southwestern Archaeology by archaeologist Barbara Mills, Director, UA School of Anthropology. Talk begins at 6 pm in the Aztec Room of Macayo’s on Central Avenue.

Jan. 22, 7 pm, ASM, Tucson, Lecture: More than Just a Trend: Rethinking the 'Native' in Native Fashion, an illustrated talk by Jessica R. Metcalfe, Turtle Mountain Chippewa. In CESL auditorium just east of the ASM.


Jan. 28, 5:30 pm, AIA, Tucson, Talk: Statues and Stories: Hermaphroditus in Art and Ovid by Dr. Robert Groves, University of Arizona. Usually in Haury Building Room 216.

Jan. 31, 10 - 11 am, PGM, Phoenix, Tour: The Park of Four Waters Tour takes you on a tour through undeveloped, natural desert to the ruins of some of the Hohokam canal systems. This is a first-come, first-served tour. Space is limited. Please sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot. General admission prices apply.


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Use the form on the website to sign up, or send an e-mail to slesko4@cox.net with the words “e-mail my Petroglyph” in the subject line and indicate your name and chapter. Of course your dues must be current!
More from the Chapter Officer’s Meeting

Guidelines for Saturday’s Annual Meeting morning and afternoon sessions were given by 2nd VP, Fred Kraps, who also reviewed the criteria for end-of-year financial and chapter reports.

A demonstration of the Wild Apricot Online database was given by Webmaster, Linda Dorsey. Attendees were shown how to update membership records, list chapter events and send email.

Donna Ruiz y Costello, Archives Advisor, gave two PowerPoint presentations - 50 years of Arizona Archaeological Society and Archives. DVD copies of these presentations were provided to each chapter.

Chapters were presented with Outreach materials as well as a DVD of Charlie Gilbert’s slides and Steve Lekson’s Prehistory of the Southwest.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:15 pm.

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