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TOO GRAND !!

The year 2005 saw a tidy increase in the Fielder Fund - over two thousand dollars from donations and interest earned. Donors included Rae Haynes, Mary Marshall, Mary Lu Moore, the Phoenix Chapter, Margaret Taylor, and a gratifying \$735 contributed at the January state meeting by various folks and chapters in honor of Gary Yancy's years of service. Other notables include Robert and Joan Grossman who made a big contribution. And the "energizer bunny" of Fielder Fund contributors, William Henry of Maryland: every month we get a check from Bill, rain or shine. A long-time supporter of both AAS and our companion society, the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, you can find a little biographical sketch of Bill in the AAHS newsletter GLYPHS, for July 1999. And Cynthia Finlayson found a new way to contribute: she asked that her reimbursement for travel to give a lecture to the Phoenix Chapter be deposited instead into the Fielder Fund. Thank you one and all.

Now it is a little early in 2006 to summarize this year's contributions to the Fielder Fund, but I think that a contribution made by Gay Kinkade in January is worth noting. Many of you know Gay from his years as the BLM Archaeologist in Safford, and more recently with the BIA in

Phoenix. Gay sent a note and check to Judy Rounds, our State Treasurer: "My family would like to donate \$2000 to the Fielder Fund." I called Gay and asked what prompted such a generous donation? He just said that he and his family wanted to help AAS, and that a donation to the Fielder Fund seemed an appropriate way to do that. I couldn't agree more. My standard remark about a donation to the Fielder Fund (which makes it none the less true) is that it really is a gift that will keep on giving. As set up in 1996, only the interest from the Fund is to be used, so that it will be self-perpetuating. The primary goal is to ultimately fund the annual publication of THE ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGIST at no cost to Society members. That is a gift to both Society members and anyone who is interested in reading quality reports about archaeology done in Arizona indefinitely into the future. That's a good legacy to support. Gay's donation was not a challenge grant, and his donation makes it clear that challenge grants aren't what motivates many folks: they simply give as finances and circumstances permit. A big thanks to Gay and his family for pushing the Fielder Fund over the \$30,000 mark.

— Alan Ferg, Editor
THE ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGIST

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Next deadline is at noon Monday,
February 20th, for the March issue.

REMINDER – PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The membership year is January through December. Members who have not renewed by February 20th will be dropped from the membership list for the March issue label run on February 20th.

To make sure you receive your March Petroglyph, see the treasurer of your local chapter for membership forms. Treasurers should contact Sylvia Lesko before February 20th to report all paid 2006 membership dues and address changes for the new year.

From the certification department chair



If the Department of Certification votes at its next meeting to take over management of the Rock Art Recording electronic data base created by Roger and Gerry Haase, we will need to find a knowledgeable person to become its manager. If there are any AAS members with experience in data base management who would like to work with us on this very worthwhile project, please let me know of your interest and experience.

Two new AAS courses have been approved, one on faunal analysis and the other on shell identification. We thank the Agua Fria Chapter for its hard work in developing these courses. The course outlines will be posted before too long on the AAS Web site and mailed to those who have Certification Manuals but no electronic connection. There will be several other updates to the manual as well, so please keep posted.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10, ASU Anthropology Department. *Aztec Politics and Religion: Images of two Gods on a Great Sacrificial Stone* by Emily Umberger, School of Art, Arizona State University; ASU Anthropology Building, Room 340 from 4:00-5:00.

February 13, *The Beauty of Ancestral Pueblo Ruins of the Colorado Plateau* by Gene Balzer and Russ Gilbert Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona, 7 p.m. Russ Gilbert and Gene Balzer talk about images of Ancestral Pueblo Ruins located on the Colorado Plateau. The images provide a visual tour of ruins located in national parks and monuments and remote locations in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. Many of these images will be in the

Museum of Northern Arizona exhibit starting March 2006 to celebrate the Centennial of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

February 25, *Prehistoric Life Festival*, 10 - 3. Activities and demonstrations featuring prehistoric technologies at the new San Tan Mountain Regional Park. Watch experts throw atlatls, start fires, flintnap, and throw bolas. Many hands-on activities. \$5 entry fee per vehicle or \$1 per person on foot. Take Ellsworth Road south from 60, go east on Hunt Hwy, south on Thompson Road, west on Phillips Road, and enter San Tan Mountain Regional Park. Questions? Call 602-526-0853 or email bobgaulden@mail.maricopa.gov.

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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 \$31,857.78

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.

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 and Week 2 of Mapping Techniques will be held August 14-18. Registration information will be available in the March Petroglyph, or by contacting Lisa Edmonson at 928-522-0776 or e-mail: 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 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.

THE 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:

An abundance of motels are available in the area and a KOA is 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 25, after which time these schools will be advertised on a general internet site.

Questions – call Lisa Edmonson at 928-522-0776 or email: kochworks@npgcable.com

Upcoming Events (*Continued from page 2*)

March 13, *Pueblo Painting and Prehistory* by Kelley Hays-Gilpin. Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona, 7 p.m. Over the last century, many anthropologists, art historians, and others have studied the long-term history of Ancestral Pueblo painting. Only a few, such as J.J. Brody, have taken a cross-media approach, including painted pottery, textiles, wooden artifacts, rock art, and wall murals. MNA's ongoing Hopi Iconography Project is also studying Pueblo painting in ways that span centuries and

different media, but with a new focus on meanings and metaphors. Archaeologists, art historians, linguists, and Hopi consultants are working together to explore the metaphorical meanings of images, and of paint and painting. 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.

March 25, Pueblo Grande Museum *Cooking with Native*

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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-June 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 are not a paid up 2006 member, please check the appropriate box and enclose 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 as a ____ 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 (due by May 1)

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

Videos On The Web at The Archaeology Channel

<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>

In the Shadow of the Volcano: Prehistoric Life in Northern Arizona

Length: 27 min

Buried beneath a few feet of earth near the sacred San Francisco Peaks are the remains of prehistoric houses and villages up to 1500 years old. This is the land of the Sinagua and Cohonina, ancestors of the Hopi. These were pioneers, farmers and survivors. The most extensive archaeological excavation in the Flagstaff region of northern Arizona has yielded a fascinating story about these early settlers, their connections to the modern Hopi tribe, and how they were affected by the eruption of Sunset Crater in the late 11th Century.

Archaeology: A Journey into the Past

Length: 12 min

This video takes you on a virtual tour of archaeology and explains why the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation sponsored archaeology before the Central Arizona Project was built to irrigate the desert. It shows the entire archaeological process from beginning to end: how sites are located, how they are excavated, how artifacts are processed, and what happens to the materials when the project is finished. Combining live action with graphic simulations brings to life the painstaking and detailed study of forgotten remains that is the study of the human past.

Mesa Verde: Legacy of Stone and Spirit

Length: 13 min

Sheltered from the centuries, the Cliff Dwellings cling to sandstone ledges... as if clinging to another time. The stone villages of Mesa Verde serve as our best window into the world of the ancient puebloans. What happened here? Discover the fascinating story of ANCIENT AMERICA and the pueblo builders who made this remote, high plateau their home so long ago. Mesa Verde is not only one of America's most important parks preserving the prehistoric past, it is a United Nations World Heritage Site: a world park.

Upcoming Events (*Continued from page 3*)

Foods Workshop, Learn how to make Nopalitos, amaranth bars, and prickly pear punch as well as receive many various recipes using Native Foods.

March 15 – 19 *Southeast Utah Ruins, Rock Art, and Rivers* Old Pueblo Archaeology Center fundraising van tour stops at the historic Hubbell Trading Post near Ganado en route to our base at the quaint and rustic Recapture Lodge along the San Juan River in Bluff, Utah. Vaughn and Marcia Hadenfeldt of Far Out Expeditions in Bluff will guide you on an unforgettable all-day, back-road tour to remote petroglyph sites,

cliff dwellings, and some of the most awesome geology in the United States. We will also visit Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Natural Bridges National Monument, the Muley Point overlook high above the San Juan River goosenecks, Newspaper Rock State Historical Monument, and museums in Blanding and Moab. On the return trip, we'll visit the spectacular Meteor Crater near Flagstaff. It is necessary to take some short walks/hikes to get to some of the sites; participants can walk/hike as much or as little as they wish. Tour departs at 7 a.m. March 15 from Tucson International Airport Park & Save Remote Parking Lot at S. Tucson

Boulevard and E. Corona Drive, where vehicles can be safely parked for \$4 per day. We will return to the same location by 6 p.m. on March 19. Limited to 10 participants. Guide: Stephen H. Buck, Ph.D. \$695 per person for non-members. \$670 per person for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary members. To sign up call 520-798-1201. Information see www.oldpueblo.org/ or e-mail info@oldpueblo.org

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

Notice to Chapter Treasurers:

Please contact the AAS State Treasurer, Judy Rounds, in regard to the required Form 990 information which should have been submitted by January 15, 2006. You can email her at JTalkingstick@cs.com, call her at 602.363.6985, or write to her at P.O. Box 1401, Carefree, AZ, 85377. The financial data request form has not changed for 2005. Treasurers may use the 2004 form to mail the information.

— *Judy Rounds*

CHAPTER NEWS

Agave House Chapter



Our February meeting will be on Feb. 22, 2005 and Scott Woods is scheduled as our speaker.

Our president, Norm Viether, has been working hard at scheduling speakers for our monthly meetings and has been successful for February thru June. Geno Bahe, Navajo guide, has committed to speaking to our group and also leading us on a field trip to a little known area. Dates will be announced at a later time. Geno's field trips are always educational, interesting and filled with fun. This trip will be one you don't want to miss!

Please contact Norm or Betty Viether at 928-535-9059 if you have questions.

— Betty and Norman Viether

Agua Fria Chapter



Dr. Connie Stone, well known to Agua Fria members who have recorded petroglyphs at various sites in the Agua Fria National Monument, spoke at our January general meeting on all things regarding the monument. The Agua Fria National Monument was signed into being in 1996. Dr. Stone, who has been the monument archaeologist for some time, was recently appointed the monument director. We wish her well as she dons two broad and daunting hats for the Bureau of Land Management (see separate schedule for monument plan public hearings and ePlanning training).

Connie stated that the monument area had not received much attention from archaeologists until the Museum of

Northern Arizona surveyed its mesas for major power line installations in the 1970s. Its mesas and canyons were inhabited from 1250 A.D.-1450 A.D. by a people who produced bright red pottery and distinctive anthropomorphic petroglyphs with large hands and feet. They also imported pre-Hopi ceramics such as Jeddito black-on-yellow. According to Dr. Dave Wilcox and Tonto Forest archaeologist Scott Wood, these people developed a network of hilly sites found throughout the monument and may have formed an alliance with the Verde River peoples to signal one another. One hypothesis is that they often raided the Hohokam areas to the south, and then retreated to these sites which were fortified against Hohokam counter attacks.

Our speaker for Feb. 14th is Stan Plum, who will present "Petroglyphs on Temporal Landscapes". Stan is a Master's candidate at ASU in cultural anthropology and is currently the volunteer director at Deer Valley Rock Art Center. Stan will cover his archaeoastronomy work at Shaw Butte in Phoenix. Agua Fria chapter general meetings are held between 7:00-9:00 pm every second Tuesday of the month at the Glendale Library Auditorium, 59th Avenue and Brown (first light south of Peoria Avenue on 59th), September through May. Social hour is held each month from 6:00-7:00 pm.

We still need people immediately to take over the field trip and publication chair positions. Paulette Gehlker, who has done a wonderful job over the last two years in lining up great speakers for our general meetings, needs more time to devote to her business and must relinquish her position as speaker program chair. Therefore, this position is open as well. We need someone on board right away to begin planning for the

fall of 2006. For information on these three positions, contact nominations chair Tim Cullison at 602-863-8744 or email timcullisonaz@aol.com.

Proposed February field and lab dates are: Pierpoint – Saturday (8 am – 3 pm): Feb. 4; White Tanks – Saturday (8am – 3pm): Feb. 18; Calderwood lithics lab will resume on March 1; Calderwood ceramics lab – days and times TBD. Contacts for each project are: Pierpoint – Bob Lindsay at lindsayrl@cox.net or 602-866-3649; White Tanks – Shelley Rasmussen at 928-684-1670; Calderwood lithics lab – Linda Dorsey at ldorsey6@cox.net or 623-974-3683; Calderwood ceramics lab – Donna Ruiz y Costello at lardon@worldnet.att.net or 623-465-7350. The Shell Identification Analysis class will continue through Wednesday, February 15th. Nine persons are registered.

WOOLSEY PEAK FIELD TRIP: Rescheduled for Saturday, February 25th. Meet the Pierpoints just inside their property gate at 9:00 am. To get your name on the list and a map to the Pierpoints, contact Donna Ruiz y Costello at lardon@worldnet.att.net or 623-465-7350. Carpooling and four-wheel drive is highly recommended.

— Donna Ruiz y Costello



Ajo/Why Chapter

Lost City, a romantic name for an archaeological site, was the topic for our Jan. 9th meeting. The presenter, Rick Martynec, a retired Archaeologist, is an Advisor/Archivist of the Ajo Chapter. Members and interested local people packed the room. Rick spoke of how once upon a time, as a student, he heard many tales

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by Fontana, Haury, and Hayden of jewelry-making at a place called Lost City. These folks were adventurers and he was hooked. Later, after field experience at Shelltown and seeing amazing carved jewelry, he wondered what additional discoveries Lost City might reveal. He was determined after retirement to see for himself.

Receiving permission to visit and record the area, Rick and chapter members gained a volume of information. Countless artifacts - shell, tools, ceramics, and rock features - were found on the surface. Only raw material for jewelry making was found - a lot of it. The site(s) have likely been a destination for "hunters" over the years. Rick described dating techniques, types of materials and their possible sources, as well as land use and human activities.

Aerial views of the site(s), using a camera attached to a helium-filled balloon, aided interpretations and encouraged curiosity. Irrigation canals appeared evident, major mounds were visible as well as a major causeway and minor trails. (Illegal roads were also apparent.) Indications of agricultural practice correspond to vegetation patterns, types of tools found, and to stories related by locals.

Theories: People may have traveled through the area and, later resided on a more permanent basis. Evidence of walled structures exists. Jewelry was a trade item in exchange for pots or even food at times. Debris indicates the techniques of both Patayan and Hohokam cultures and spikes curiosity about indigenous populations.

Thanks to Rick for a fascinating view

of Lost City. We look forward to learning details in the publication *LOST CITY*, a project of the Ajo Chapter of AAS.

The results of the election of officers were announced in the business meeting. The officers are: Shelby Ballard, President; Sandra Renner, Vice President; Kamie Jetter, Treasurer; Jim Jetter, Membership Chair; Kate Gilman, Secretary; Jim Gilman, Exec Bd Member (2yr); Richard Thompson, Exec Bd Member (3yr). Membership dues for 2006 are now due and payable.

Our current excavation continues on Thursdays; tuition is \$50 to cover costs.

There will be a field trip on January 31; meeting at 9:00 am at the BF; the hike is rated easy and is typical of area sites, located near Burro Gap. A Field Trip Coordinator is still needed. The Site Steward trip has been cancelled; email will be forthcoming. The donation by the Wilson's to the Site Stewards will be used for a canopy or shelter.

Our February meeting speaker will be Connie Stone on the Patayan culture. The March meeting speaker will be Joe Toumey, Archaeologist at Organ Pipe.

— *Kate Gilman*

Cochise Chapter



Our January 10 meeting featured Rebecca Orozco, Director of the Center for Southwest Learning at Cochise College. Her topic was "La Frontera: A Brief History of Mexico With A Border Perspective." As always, Becky's presentation was very intriguing. She covered a variety of topics starting from 1521 and

Cortez's expedition through Mexico including Santiago, Cozumel, Chichen Itza, etc. Her extensive presentation also covered Coronado's adventures and the complex political landscape within Mexico throughout the 1800 and 1900s. Thanks again, Becky, for a fascinating and educational presentation. Rebecca Orozco also led a tour to Casas Grandes and Mata Ortiz February 10-12 which included the Paquime ruins.

The booth at the Arizona Archaeology Expo in Tubac March 5 and 6 is being coordinated by BLM. Since the Expo is at the Tubac Presidio, we have chosen to put up the Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate display that was developed by BLM for the 1992 Columbus Quincentenary. This display has photos of cool artifacts, a map and interpretive text. There is also a model of the presidio. The AAS has offered children's craft activities before-pottery making, yucca fiber bracelets rock painting....so we will do that as well. The chapter will provide a sampling of Presidio artifacts that people could handle under supervision.

The Friends of Kentucky Camp will have an open house the 2nd Saturday in March at Kentucky Camp. Activities will include gold panning instructions by the Desert Gold diggers. Visitors may keep all the gold they pan.

— *Denise A. Agnew*

Desert Foothills Chapter



The Desert Foothills Chapter is reaching out to the residents and winter visitors of the Northeast Valley with a program about "The Archaeology of Pinnacle Peak and the

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McDowell Mountains” on Saturday, February 11. All members and non-members are welcome to attend this special event at the fellowship hall of Pinnacle Peak Presbyterian Church, 25150 North Pima Road, northwest corner Pima and Happy Valley Roads, beginning at 2 p.m.

Our speakers will include Mark Hackbarth, a professional archaeologist and chapter advisor who has worked extensively in this part of Arizona. His program, “Archaeological Sites within Sight of Pinnacle Peak,” will include historic as well as prehistoric sites. Robert Serocki, the Assistant Archaeologist for the City of Phoenix, will talk on the role of public archaeologist. There’s no charge and light refreshments will be served following the program. Volunteers will be welcome to help us take down chairs and tables after the refreshments.

It’s never too late to pay dues, though if you have waited this long, there may be an interruption in your Petroglyph mailing. Contact Gerry Haase, membership chair, at 480-585-5576, or GAHaase@yahoo.com. You can also see Gerry at the February 8 Chapter meeting.

Our long-awaited pottery class (or Ceramic Technology), taught by Charlie Gilbert and Glen Dotson, will begin on February 4. Materials will be supplied, and the fee is \$10. If the date has not passed, you can call Glen at 602-996-9079 for information, or e-mail him at glens4wheeler@qwest.net. The second class, which is a pottery firing, will be February 18.

Steven Schmich of ASU will speak to the Chapter at the February 8 meeting

on “The Pleistocene/Holocene Transition in Mediterranean Spain.” Steven is experienced in the archaeology of the American Southwest as well as Stone Age Europe, and is a dynamic speaker. Join us at the Cave Creek Town Hall, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road, at 7:30 p.m.

A geology workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, March 11. It will be held in the Cave Creek Town Hall community room, and the instructor will be Tom McGuire. Alan Troxel will have more information at 623-434-1029, or alantroxel@yahoo.com. Alan is also scheduling a flint knapping workshop for mid-March and a certification class for the spring. To help him make long-range plans, tell him which classes would grab your interest.

Brenda Poulos and Rob Jones are busy planning an outstanding field trip to see rock art in Utah, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of April 29. Our guide, Dennis Slifer, is offering a trip similar to our field trip of 2004, but to different areas. It will take approximately three days including travel time to and from Utah. Contact Rob at 623-551-5358 or Marshall.Jones@cox.net to indicate your interest. Information about accommodations and vehicle requirements may be available soon.

Be sure to attend the February 8 meeting to find out more about these and other Chapter activities, and to buy the t-shirts you ordered.

— Nancy Zeno

Little Colorado Chapter

On Monday January 16th, the Little Colorado River Chapter met for the

Hartley and Sheri Anderson’s long-awaited presentation on their Mayan travels. Last year, Sheri and Hartley went on an extensive expedition of 15 Mayan sites led by Dr. Jeffrey Bloomster of Washington University. A Mesoamericanist, the premise of Dr. Bloomster’s studies is that the Olmecs were the Mother culture of prehistoric Mexican groups (providing the major influence) as opposed to a Sister culture (minor influences).

The tour was titled “Mayan Superpowers” and focused on visiting sites that, at one time or another in their history, had been a place of power and influence in the Mayan world. As they each operated as individual city states, there was never one central locale of power. I think we were all most amazed by the extensive size of these sites (Tikal is over 220 square miles with over 41,000 structures) as well as the extent of their scientific accomplishments. Sheri and Hartley gave a very thoughtful and interesting talk accompanied by handouts that gave us a simple and practical breakdown of the prehistory of that area of the world. They passed around examples of modern ceramics and folk art, as well as bringing a wonderful soup from that area of the world for all of our members to taste. Thanks for a very interesting evening!

Next month’s meeting will be on February 20th and will focus on putting together a certification course for new members that are interested, as well as a general business meeting. 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 or

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928.333.3594.

— *Mindy Wallace St. Clair*

Mohave Chapter



Our speaker for the February 9th meeting will be our own Ron Smith, who will talk about rock art recording. This should provide a good background for a Digital Rock Art Recording presentation by Roger and Gerry Haase to be given at Mohave Community College in Mohave Valley (near Bullhead City) the evening of February 13th. Some chapter members have expressed an interest in developing a local rock art recording group. Our area abounds in rock art in need of documentation.

Gary Long gave an entertaining presentation entitled “Hieroglyphics 101” at our January meeting. He outlined some of the history related to “cracking the code” of Egyptian hieroglyphics, an ancient written language in which the symbols are phonetically based. Each of us drew the symbols to spell his or her name. This was an interesting experience, as artistic abilities varied; one alleged “hawk” symbol bore a distinct resemblance to a penguin!!

The Southwest Prehistory Course, led by chapter advisor Craig Johnson, has begun, as well as a refresher course in the practical application of compass, map and GPS. The latter is being taught by John Ainlay. Members also participated in a BLM archaeological survey in January, directed by Craig Johnson.

A field trip to the Lost City Museum in Overton, NV, is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th. Eva Jensen,

archaeologist and museum curator, will give us a museum tour, followed by a visit to an area site. Lost City is a PII site, originally excavated in 1924-25 by Mark R. Harrington, and subsequently impacted by the waters of Lake Mead. The site was abandoned by the Virgin Ancestral Puebloan people around 1150 A.D. Paiute people have lived in the region since approximately 1100 A.D. and their descendents still live in Southern Nevada.

Our chapter meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We are currently in the process of finding a new meeting location. Please contact Ron Smith at Ron2450@aol.com for further information.

— *Gale Dom*

Phoenix Chapter



Our speaker for January 12 was Dr. Charles Merbs, Professor Emeritus, ASU’s School of Human Evolution and Social Change. His presentation was on “The Moche Giants of Dos Cabezas, Peru.” It began with the Moche in general, visits to the sites of Moche (Huaca de la Luna) and San Jose de Moro (late Moche), and the [Tumbas Reales de Sipán](#) Museum in Lambayeque, and finished with his work on the skeletons of the five giants from Huaca Dos Cabezas. He also brought reproductions of several Moche pots for the members to examine.

The Feb. 9 speaker will be Dr. Michael E. Smith, also of ASU, will speak on “Excavations at Aztec sites in central Mexico.” Michael will talk about his own household excavations, as well as work by Mexicans on ancient city sites and large architecture.

Scott Wood, Archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest, will speak at our March 9th meeting. Rich Lundin, of Carothers Environmental, will be the speaker at our May 11th meeting. We are trying to set up a workshop for the following weekend for AAS and AAC members using real airborne and terrestrial remote sensing techniques and technologies on sites in the field. The fieldwork will take place either at Pueblo Grande or at a nearby site. Details to be announced.

Twenty people from the Phoenix and Desert Foothills chapters of AAS took part in the long-postponed Sears Point field trip on January 14th and 15th. On the first day the group went on a 4 mile loop hike which included petroglyphs, rock alignments, aboriginal trails and historic inscriptions. Eight people camped overnight and went on a 5.5 mile hike the next day to see petroglyphs, many trails and rock alignments, and a small lithic assembly.

A hike to **Rogers Canyon** in the Superstition wilderness is being planned for February, depending on the weather. The short and easy way in (4 miles one way) follows a creek bed and can be too wet following rain. At the end of the hike is a well preserved cliff dwelling, and there are other archeological sites in the region which we can visit if time and stamina permit.

Scott Wood, archeologist for the Tonto National Forest, will lead a field trip to the Hohokam site of Aztatlan on March 19th. Aztatlan is the site of a large pithouse village near the end of Rio Verde road at the Verde River. Features at the site include 4 ball courts, numerous roasting pits, and over 100 trash mounds. Scott's

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narratives are always interesting and informative. This site is easily accessed.

For further details on field trips, contact Tom Harvey at (480)998-0035, email tbharvey@att.net or visit the website <http://home.att.net/~tbharvey/>

The Chapter will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St in Phoenix starting at 7:30 PM. We have moved the pre-meeting dinner to Monti's La Casa Vieja in Tempe. If you are interested in having dinner with our speaker, either call or email Sylvia so that she can reserve a large enough table. We meet at 5:30 pm at Monti's.

For more information about chapter activities, please contact Marie Britton at 480-827-8070 or mbrit@cableaz.com.

— *Ellinor Large*

Verde Valley Chapter



The Verde Valley Chapter is looking forward to another productive year with the AAS. We had a great 2005 – we got all of our Chapter reports (President's, Treasurer's, etc) to the State on time and transferred responsibilities (and mountains of records and paperwork) to the new slate of officers.

Our new year starts on January 27 with 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."

On February 24 we will listen to Peter Pilles, Forest Archaeologist for the Coconino National Forest. Peter has not yet declared his subject, but he has shared his preliminary written report on the Verde Ranger Station/Camp Verde Pithouse excavation, which the VVAS contributed nearly a thousand hours to in 2004/5, and hinted that we may well hear the latest word on that site. Peter also noted that he has nearly completed the evaluation of the 2005 test excavations (some 250 hours of VVAS volunteer time) at the V Bar V Ranch petroglyph site and that may also be shared in the near future.

Dr David Wilcox, Senior Curator at the Museum of Northern Arizona, will initiate this year's field trip schedule as he leads us on a "behind the scenes" tour of museums in Southern Arizona immediately after the State Meeting in Ajo. We will visit the perishable collections and pottery storage at the Arizona State Museum, the Western Archaeology and Conservation Center, The Amerind Foundation museum, Casa Grande Ruins NM, Mesa Grande/ Mesa Southwest Museum, and Pueblo Grande Museum. Doctor Wilcox completed much of his graduate research in these sites.

In 2006 we will continue our missions at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Colton Research Center, in the Anthropology and Geology collections (Marlene Conklin has organized and directed this effort for several years) and at the Coconino National Forest's Eldon Laboratory project (Dr Jim Graceffa leads our ceramic identification crew) and Dr Ron Krug examines and divines the origins of lithics in the CNF collections. As noted in our January report, we have several exciting projects coming up in the next few months. Look for an Agave Roast - and possibly tasting of different varieties of Agave - during Archaeology Month!

The Chapter meets at the Keep Sedona Beautiful Building, 160 Brewer Road, in Sedona on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Contact is Bud Henderson, (928) 649-0412, budandjoy@earthlink.net

— *Richard Henderson*
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Yavapai Chapter



The year ended for the Yavapai Chapter with a pot-luck dinner and Christmas party. Prescott Black-on-gray sherds converted into key chains hung from a tree in the corner and served as souvenirs of the party for the guests. After feasting on the variety of foods, Sandy Lynch entertained us with her talk "Homoaestheticus: Where Art Came From and Why."

Lynch took the title of her talk from a book by Ellen Dessanayake. Both maintain that the artistically gifted individual has an edge over the non-artistic one. We have only to consider rock groups and movie stars to see this in action today. However, Lynch was considering art from long ago. The Neanderthals of 30,000 years ago did not produce art, although they frequently buried their dead with garlands of flowers. Art appears with the Cro-Magnon on the walls of their caves. These caves were not habitation sites. Were they sites for rituals? Art galleries? One cave could only be reached by crawling on one's belly for a mile. Yet art is a means of communication; it needs not only an artist, but a viewer as well. Lynch finished her illustrated talk with a comparison of some classic art with Southwestern rock art, ending with Michelangelo's David and Kokopelli.

I urge you to take a look at the

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January/February 2006 issue of Archaeology magazine and to read the article on site stewards called "Guardians of the Past." One of the featured site stewards is Yavapai Chapter's Joe Vogel. He is pictured in the article beside his plane from which

he does aerial reconnaissance.

Neil Weintraub, archaeologist of the Kaibab National Forest, will speak to us in February.

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 928-778-0853.

— Mary I. S. Moore

Agua Fria National Monument and Bradshaw-Harquahala Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environment Impact Statement

The much-awaited Bureau of Land Management DRAFT plan for the Agua Fria National Monument is now available in hard copy and on CD. To obtain a copy of the plan, email AZ_AFNM_Bradshaw@blm.gov or call 623-580-5500. You may also write to Bureau of Land Management, AFNM/Bradshaw-Harquahala Plan, 21605 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027. After you have had a chance to review the plan, you are invited to attend formal public meetings to be held in February and March listed below. Also on February 1 is a "get acquainted" meeting to learn how to negotiate the Internet availability of the plan using ePlanning once available at www.az.blm.gov.

Major issues identified in the plan include "identification of lands that would be made available for disposal, management of recreation and public access, designation and management of Special Area Designations, management of areas having wilderness characteristics, and management of visual resources." There are five management alternatives for managing these 967,000 public acres which emphasize NO ACTION (Alternative A), recreation and resource development (Alternative B), makes land available for recreation and resource development with greater opportunities to experience natural settings than Alternative B (Alternative C), preservation of undeveloped primitive landscapes and opportunities for non-motorized recreation (Alternative D), provision for balanced resource use and protection of and long-term sustainability of sensitive resources (Alternative E - THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE!!!)

The Draft includes the Agua Fria National Monument and the Bradshaw-Harquahala areas as they are often adjacent to one another and may therefore affect one another as to their use.

AAS members are especially encouraged to obtain a copy of the plan, review it, and attend the PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS listed below.

AFNM BH DRMP/DEIS Meeting Schedule

ePlanning "Get Acquainted" Workshop:

Feb. 1, 7-9pm Black Canyon City Library, 34701 S. Old Black Canyon Hwy., Black Canyon City

Public Comment Meetings:

Feb. 7, 6-8:30pm Deer Valley Senior Center, 2001 W. Walhalla Lane, Phoenix

Feb. 8, 6-9pm Albins Civic Center, Black Canyon City

Feb. 9, 6-9pm Buckeye Chamber of Commerce, 508 E. Monroe, Buckeye

Feb. 16, 6-9pm Wickenburg Community Center, 120 N. Valentine St., Wickenburg

Feb. 23, 7-10pm Bradshaw Mountain Middle School, 12255 Turquoise Circle, Dewey-Humboldt (tentative pending facility approval)

Feb. 28, 6-9pm Pima County Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation, 3500 W. River Road, Tucson

Mar. 2, 6-9pm BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma

Mar. 7, 7:30-10:30pm New River Community Association, Desert Valley Baptist Church, 42425 N. New River Road. See

http://www.blm.gov/az/LUP/aguafria/comments/new_river_scoping.pdf

— Connie Stone

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