

Please join us for the next meeting of the Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society. The meeting will be on Thursday, January 23rd beginning at 7:00 PM at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Rd. in West Sedona. We will begin with a brief business meeting, followed by Jim Turner presenting *The Shadow Catchers: 150 Years of Arizona Photography*.

January Meeting Program

Jim Turner of the Arizona Humanities Council will be giving a talk titled *The Shadow Catchers: 150 Years of Arizona Photography*.

For more than a century and a half some of the world's best photographers focused their lenses on Arizona. In addition to the renowned Edward S. Curtis, Kate Cory lived with the Hopi and represented them in photographs and on canvas, while C. S. Fly gave us the famous Geronimo pictures. In the 20th century Josef Muench's pictures brought the movies to Monument Valley, Dorothea Lange captured Dust Bowl families, Barry Goldwater depicted Navajo and Hopi culture, and Ansel Adams glorified Arizona's skies, canyons, and mesas. This presentation's powerful images make the land and its people come alive. There will also be significant emphasis on the archaeology of the area and its people.

Before retiring from the Arizona Historical Society, Jim Turner worked with more than 70 museums across the state. He co-authored the 4th-grade textbook *The Arizona Story*, and his pictorial history, *Arizona: Celebration of the Grand Canyon State*, was a 2012 Southwest Books of the Year selection. Jim moved to Tucson in 1951, earned a M.A. in U.S. history in 1999, and has been presenting Arizona history for more than forty years. Jim is an author/editor for Rio Nuevo Publishers, author of *The Mighty Colorado from the Glaciers to the Gulf and Four Corners USA: Wonders of the American Southwest*.

On Saturday, January 11, there will be a 3-Pueblo day trip led by Dr. Dave Wilcox. This trip will include Pueblo Grande, Mesa Grande, and Casa Grande. We will begin with a 9:30 meet-up at the Pueblo Grande Museum to visit the ruins which are located at 4619 E. Washington St., in Phoenix. From there, we can follow each other to the next two sites. If you would like to carpool with others, please let me know and I will give you their contact information beforehand. It should take about two hours to arrive at Pueblo Grande. Please bring a 'brown bag' lunch, water, camera and anything else you might need. There will be admission fees. Anyone interested please contact Linda at aplaceinthesun@commspeed.net or call 928-451-4790 before January 9.

On Saturday, January 18, from 1:30-2:30 PM, we will have our second Youth Program Presentation that is co-sponsored with the Sedona Public Library. The title of this presentation is "Verde Valley Geology- Rocks, Fossils, & Minerals with Specimens From Other Regions", with Becky Solon & Bill Hedglin. Both are Directors with the Mingus Gem & Mineral Club in Sedona and Cottonwood.

There will be a Casas Grandes (Paquime), Mexico trip with Fiesta Tours, scheduled for **April 6-10, 2020**. This trip will include a four-night stay in Mata Ortiz Village (home of a lot of famous potters), with a side trip to the 'Cave of the Olla', as well as a couple of other cave sites. Please check out the tour company for yourself. They have been doing tours to Mexico and international places for over 25 years. IF anyone is interested in going on this awesome tour please contact Linda at aplacethesun@commspeed.net or call 928-451-4790 by January 20.

The VVCAAS yearly election from the December 19 Holiday dinner & meeting, which was a great success in both regards, resulting in a new board member (3-year Director) Peggy Barksdale. A big change for next year (decision made after the election) will be Tom Cloonan taking over as Treasurer and Jerry Ehrhardt assuming the 1-year Director. This decision will be voted on at the January 6 VVCAAS Board Meeting and will surely pass unanimously. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Stupak for her role as 1-year Director for 2019. Karen also stepped up and gave of her time and efforts for the AAS State Meeting, and provided much help as volunteer for this event. Thank you, Karen!!

If anyone is interested in taking the 'Introduction to the Prehistory of the Southwest' course, please contact Linda @ aplacethesun@commspeed.net . The cost is \$20 and consist of eleven weeks (two hours each week) of lessons to be held at the Sedona Public Library during the afternoons.

You can renew your chapter membership at this month's chapter meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Information

Chapter meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the public meeting room at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Rd. in West Sedona.

February 27, 2020, 7:00 pm: Dr. Frank Bungartz, Lichenologist. will give a presentation on *Biodiversity, Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation of Lichenized Fungi*.

March 12, 2020: Arizona Humanities Speaker Evangeline Parson-Yazzie will have a presentation of *The Navajo Long Walk (1863-1868): Through the Eyes of the Women*. This presentation will be held at the Mary Fisher Theatre from 1:30-2:30 pm and will be a free presentation for all in honor of Women's History Month & Archaeology Month.

March 26, 2020: In lieu of our monthly chapter meeting, Author & Photographer Larry Lindahl will do a presentation on his book *Ancient Southwest-the Guide to Archaeological Ruins*. This presentation will be held at the Mary Fisher Theatre from 1;30-2:30 pm at a cost of \$10 per person. Larry will also have his signed books for sale. Both of these presentations will be advertised in the International Film Festival website (<https://sedonafilmfestival.com/>) and in the local newspapers. Please mark you calendars!

April 23, 2020: TBD

May 21 (3rd Thursday), 2020: Dr. Ron Liponi will present *New Patterns in Rock Art of the Borderlands Wilderness*.

The meetings are free to the public. Donations are gladly accepted.

For additional information on our upcoming meetings, please visit our [website](#).