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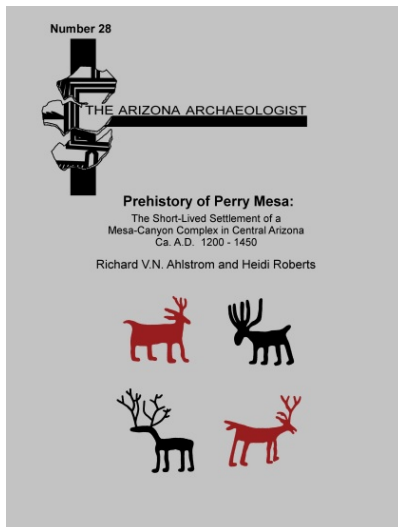
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### Prehistory of Perry Mesa (Arizona Archaeologist #28) Is Back in Print

One of the most popular volumes in the Arizona Archaeological Society's series of research publications, *The Arizona Archaeologist*, is once again available. Members are eligible to receive a copy, in print or electronically, as part of their membership. Others can purchase copies via Amazon.com.



This volume, number 28 in the long-running series, is titled *Prehistory of Perry Mesa: The Short-Lived Settlement of a Mesa-Canyon Complex in Central Arizona, ca. A.D. 1200-1450*, and was written by archaeologists Richard V. N. Ahlstrom and Heidi Roberts.

*Prehistory of Perry Mesa* offers an overview of a small, isolated plateau lying within the mountainous Transition Zone of central Arizona. During the fourteenth century, the area on and around the mesa was home to a population of Native Americans who built several dozen masonry pueblos, the largest of which are remarkable for their size - 100 or more ground-floor rooms, probably two stories high - and, often, for their dramatic settings at the edges of cliffs overlooking deeply incised canyons. The mesa preserves an essentially complete Classic period settlement-subsistence system within a bounded environmental setting. It appears that the people of the Perry Mesa Tradition migrated to this locale, lived there for at most 200 to 300 years, and then moved on.

This volume, a newly scanned printing of the original, spans nearly 120 pages and is richly illustrated with dozens of photographs, maps, and other illustrations.

Members of the AAS can order the print version through their chapter presidents or can download an electronic version from the Research Publications page in the Member-only section of the [AAS website](#). Others should visit the [volume's page on Amazon.com](#) to purchase copies.

--Bill Burkett, Arizona Archaeologist Series Editor

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Monday, Jan. 23**

#### WHITE TANKS REGIONAL PARK OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY

**Saturday, Jan 14, 9 am to 4 pm**

**West end of Olive Ave, 5 miles west of the 101 (Agua Fria Highway).**

AAS members Chris Reed and Phyllis Smith will be at Petroglyph Plaza on the accessible Waterfall trail talking about archaeology generally and petroglyphs specifically. This event always gets a large turnout and we sure could use some help, especially midday. Even an hour would help!

Email Phyllis at [76desert@gmail.com](mailto:76desert@gmail.com) with the time you can help.

**2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Saturday, November. 5, 2016,  
at Prescott Club at Stoneridge  
1601 N. Bluff Top Drive, Prescott Valley, Arizona**

**WELCOME**

**Julie Rucker, President of the Yavapai Chapter** and host of today's Annual Meeting, thanked all the members from various chapters for attending, and their contributions of books and silent auction items. She also thanked the Yavapai Chapter board members for organizing today's event.

**Glenda Simmons, AAS State Chair**, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She announced there is still time to get raffle tickets for the Traveling Quilt and the drawing would be held later.

**Roll Call:** Glenda called for a show of hands for each chapter.

**AAS BUSINESS**

**Introduction of 2017 elected State Officers: Sandy Haddock**

The vote on accepting the new slate of Officers was taken at last night's Chapter Directors Meeting. The vote was to accept the slate. The 2017 Officers are:

Chair, Glenda Simmons  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Cathy Cowen  
Treasurer, Bob Unferth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Ellie large  
Secretary, Sandy Gauthier.

**2016 Financial Report: Bob Unferth**

Bob had a three page report on the income, expenses and investments and the health of AAS' finances. The details are in the minutes of the Chapter Directors Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2016.

**2016 Certification Committee Reports: Chuck Jenkins**

- When the AAS Bylaws were amended in April 2015, Education and Training were added to the Committee for more public exposure. By adding workshops and training in small pieces, these could be combined for a certification.
- Ellen Martin is the Chair for Education.
- Over the past year Chuck has been searching for forms and certification cards upon member requests (items they have lost or misplaced); working with ASM to provide up to date reports on projects (authors have not completed their work or not reported it complete); the Chapter Manual needs to be updated; need volunteers for establishing workshop training.
- One of the goals is reaching out to schools to educate children about archaeology. The BLM has a brochure "Discovering Archaeology in Arizona", possibly this could be used as a guide to create something for schools. The need is there for school education, but AAS needs volunteers to set things up. Ellie said she could have an "Archaeology for Kids" in *The Petroglyph*.
- Glenda pointed out that today's AAS is not like yesterday's AAS. Both SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) and GAAC (Governor's Advisory Archaeological Council) have rules that excavations or other activities are not allowed unless supervised by a professional archaeologist and only professional archaeologists can speak at schools.

**2016 Membership Report: Sylvia Lesko:** Sylvia was not present, therefore there was no report.

**2016 Arizona Archaeologist Publications: Bill Burkett**

- The updated second edition of Boma Johnson's *Earth Figures* may be available in fall 2017.
- A volume about Casa Malpais glyphs, rock art, and astronomy is in the works.

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**2016 AAS Avocational Award: Glenda Simmons**

- The winner this year was Jim Britton. Jim has been a member of AAS for 29 years, having joined AAS in 1988. Glenda read from a page, or two, all of Jim's accomplishments. Jim has completed many, many projects in his long career. He has been a certified stabilization instructor from 2001 to the present. Jim has won many awards and has been recognized as a professional in his field.
- Nominations for this award come from the AAS Chapters. If your chapter submitted one of their members and they were not chosen, please resubmit that nomination for next year's award.

**Other:**

- Chuck Stroh, Yavapai Chapter Secretary, talked about the Photo Gallery on the Yavapai website. Each month a different array of photos from a chapter member will be displayed. This month the photos are from Zuni. Next month will be photos from Bear Ears in Utah.
- Marie Britton recommended turning off the GPS function on your phones or cameras when taking pictures at archaeological sites.
- Glenda talked about Field trips – these are usually for 'members only', but that is up to each chapter to determine.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Gauthier, AAS Secretary

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS**

AAHS	Arizona Archaeological & Historical Society, Tucson; <a href="http://www.az-arch-and-hist.org">www.az-arch-and-hist.org</a> .
ASW	Archaeology Southwest, 300 N. Ash Alley, Tucson; 520-882-6946; <a href="http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org">www.archaeologysouthwest.org</a>
BTASP	Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP, 37615 U.S. Hwy 60, Superior, 520-689-2811; <a href="http://azstateparks.com/parks/BOTH">azstateparks.com/parks/BOTH</a>
PGM	Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix; 602-495-0901; <a href="http://www.pueblogrande.com">www.pueblogrande.com</a>
OPAC	Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 2201 W. 44th Street, Tucson; 520-798-1201; <a href="http://www.oldpueblo.org">www.oldpueblo.org</a>
VVAC	Verde Valley Archaeology Center, 385 S. Main Street, Camp Verde; 928-567-0066; <a href="http://verdevalleyarchaeology.org">verdevalleyarchaeology.org</a> .

Jan. 4, 6:30 pm, PGMA, Phoenix, Talk: *The SRP Canal System* by Leah Harrison, Historical Analyst with Salt River Project's Research Archives. Free and open to the public.

Jan. 7, 8 am-5 pm, OPAC, Tohono O'odham Reservation, Tour: *Baboquivari Peak Sacred Cave, Petroglyphs, and Himdag Ki Cultural Center* with archaeologist Allen Dart; departs from Pima Community College, 401 N. Bonita Ave., Tucson. Fee \$40 (\$32 for OPAC and PGMA members). Reservations and prepayment required by Wednesday, Jan. 4: 520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org).

Jan. 7, 11 am, BTASP, Superior, Guided Walk: *Main Trail Guided Tour* with Jim Shepherd. Tour of 1.5 mile main trail that encompasses Arboretum history, plants, resident critters and geology. Admission \$10; free if you have an Az state parks pass.

Jan. 19, 10-10:45 am, PGM, Phoenix, Tour: *Behind the Scenes Tour* with collections staff. \$5 tour fee in addition to Museum admission; discounts for Museum members. Sign up at the front desk.

Jan. 13, 10-11 am, PGM, Phoenix, Tour: *Plant Tour of Pueblo Grande*. A knowledgeable guide will identify various desert flora and some of the traditional crops used by the Ancient Sonoran Desert People of Pueblo Grande. Free with paid admission. Space is limited; sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot.

Jan. 14, 1:30 pm, BTASP, *Edible & Medicinal Sonoran Desert Plants Walk* led by Dave Morris at BTASP, Superior. A slow-paced tour of the Curandero Trail; has steep sections not suitable for visitors who use wheelchairs or walkers.

Jan. 17, 5:30 pm, ASW, Phoenix, Dinner & Talk: *Look on my works, ye mighty: Modeling Chaco Great House Visibility* by Katherine Dungan, Ph.D. candidate, UA School of Anthropology. At Macayo's on Central.

Jan. 17, 6:30 pm, VVAC, Camp Verde, Talk: *A Game for the Gods: Mesoamerican Ball Courts in Arizona and Central America*, by Dr. Todd Bostwick, Director of Archaeology, VVAC. At Cliff Castle Casino Hotel, Camp Verde. Open to the public. Admission is free to members. A \$5 donation by nonmembers is suggested.

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## CHAPTER NEWS



### Desert Foothills Chapter

December Holiday Event: The AZ snowmen (DFC Elf team) orchestrated another successful December Holiday Party at the Silver Spur in Cave Creek. There were close to 80 attendees and the weather was terrific. The effort and detail to welcoming nuances was terrific. The craftiness and inventiveness of our party organizers is always a welcome experience, especially in the area of centerpieces which are unbelievable each year. The highest kudos to Joan, Carol, Jim and Wayne.

2017 Election Results: The results of the chapter's November election taking effect on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> are: President, Mary Kearney; 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Larry Ross; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Joe DeVito; Treasurer, Kathy Queen; Secretary, Alan Troxel; 1-Yr. Dir., Susan Egan; 2-yr. Dir., Liz Wescott; 3-yr. Dir., Tammy Teegardin. As usual, the chapter is fortunate to have a bevy of volunteers. Please look at [www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills](http://www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills) for a complete listing of these volunteers.

January Meeting: Carrie Calisay-Cannon presents *Plants, Inspiring the People; Reflections on Hualapai Ethnobotany of the Grand Canyon*. Where lies the cure to diabetes? "Ask the prickly pear, or the mesquite bean pod...maybe they will tell you." This is the answer you may hear from elder instructors of the Hualapai Ethnobotany Youth Project. The ethnobotanical story of the Hualapai Tribe begins with the plant knowledge the people inherited from their great grandparents who lived entirely off the land. Hualapai grandchildren live in a completely different modern world - a world of cell phones, text messages, and Apple iPods. This presentation shares knowledge about the project's examination of the crucial role that plant resource acquisition plays in Hualapai culture, knowledge that was fine-tuned and perfected over millennia.

Local Hikes: With the cooler weather members are enjoying local hikes again. Please continue to watch for "local hike" information by checking at each month's meeting and/or watch for email blasts! There is "no" pre-registration for any hike prior to its formal DFC announcement.

Chapter Web News: The AAS website, [www.azarchsoc.org](http://www.azarchsoc.org), features a Members-Only page (instructions for access to this section are on the AAS Home Page and DFC Chapter Page.) This page features a collection of links to documents spread throughout the AAS public website. Please take a moment and look at these documents because they are informative and part of our AAS and DFC heritage. If you have information that can expand on these documents, Please Share. Hopefully, each of you checks in on our home page, [www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills](http://www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills), all year long or when away on other activities. Our home page features a quick reference chart for upcoming speakers this fall; detailed descriptions are available under Upcoming Events. Keep up-to-date during the summer or on vacations with our chapter web site and email blasts for reliable Desert Foothills Chapter information.

Classes, Workshops, and Expanded Field Trips: Mary Kearney is the primary contact for classes and workshops at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com) and the only place to sign up or get more information. Classes and workshops are open to AAS members only and DFC members have priority. There is "no" registration on the day of the activity and there is "no" preregistration for any activity prior to its formal announcement.

Botany Workshop Class: This class is open to AAS/DFC members with priority given to DFC members. Class size limit is 12 preregistered members; you can only sign up with Mary Kearney at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com). Tammy Teegardin instructs us on Friday, Jan. 20th from 9:30 am to approximately 12:30 pm in the Cave Creek area. Which food would you choose for your medicine bag? The desert is a rich environment. Learn plant identification techniques; ethical harvesting and safety; and creation of tinctures, salves, infusions, decoctions, etc. There is no registration on the day of the class. Current Status: Wait List Only!

Field Trip: On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> join us for a trip to Palatki and Honanki near the Sedona area, guided by Ken Zoll. We will meet in the Oak Creek Village/Sedona area at 8:45 am. There is plenty of parking at the meeting location but we are carpooling from there. We are limited to 14 members and must carpool with a limit of 4-5 vehicles due to small parking areas, so this is a requirement. This is an all-day event so bring water/snacks/lunch. You

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will need a Red Rock Pass (available online or at the site, \$5). We believe your senior National Park Pass is good at the sites. The roads to the sites are bumpy/dirt/gravel so a little bit of clearance is desirable but it does not have to be a high-clearance vehicle (if your car is new or the love of your life - ride share). As a World Heritage site, the Palatki ruins are a tangible symbol of the past, the ruins mark an unmistakable native presence in Arizona which continues to the present day. This trip is open to AAS/DFC members with priority given to DFC members. Remember that you must be an AAS/DFC member to attend and information or details are available only at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com).

**Extended Field Trip:** On the road to the Tucson area Feb. 14-15. The cost is \$80 per member with only 10 member slots available. For exact details, schedules, nuances, reservations or wait-listing, contact Mary Kearney at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com) as soon as possible. This is an overnight trip with Day One at the Arizona State Museum and Banister Tree Ring Research Center behind-the-scenes tours on the U of A Campus. Day Two is with archaeologist Allen Dart touring Los Morteros Village and Picture Rocks Petroglyphs as well as a lecture in the Marana area north of Tucson. Hotel or camping Reservations, transportation, food, and fees, etc. are your responsibility. You must be signed up at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com) prior to the event and pay in advance because of limited slot availability. This is the “only” place to register and get information! There is “no” registration on the day of the event and “no” pre-reservations prior to formal announcement. Current Status: Wait List Only!

**Event Preview:** The *Spur Cross Fair* is coming Sunday, March 5. This is a significant outreach event for DFC each year and volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged. If you are new to the chapter, it is a great way to meet fellow members and participate in a worthwhile community event. Whether it is your specific knowledge or willing hands, your participation is always a plus. Please watch for email blasts and the chapter website site at [www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills](http://www.azarchsoc.org/desertfoothills) as this year’s details emerge and develop.

--Roger Kearney



### Homolovi Chapter

**Last Meeting:** The Homolovi Chapter had no meeting in December, and the November speaker was changed at the last minute due to a family emergency with the scheduled speaker. Instead, Abraham Arnett from Flagstaff presented research on the rich archaeological evidence in the Hay Hollow Valley east of Snowflake AZ, an area that has not been studied much since the 1960s-1970s when Paul Martin and associates surveyed the area. Arnett’s research shows a pattern of long habitation, including some large unstudied sites that could shed much light on the prehistoric popularity of the area.

**January Meeting:** In January, our speaker will be Rob Weiner of Santa Fe, with a talk entitled *New Perspectives on Chaco Canyon: The Importance of Mesoamerican Exotica and Gambling*. Despite the immense amount of research and data from Chaco, fundamental questions still remain, for example, what gave Chaco the power to draw the labor necessary to construct monumental Great Houses and roads within the canyon, and to exert influence over a vast region twice the size of Ireland? Recent research has used two lines of evidence – exotic goods of Mesoamerican origin found at Chaco such as macaws and cacao, and oral traditions of the Pueblo and Navajo people that describe large-scale gambling in the canyon – to shed light on the compelling ceremonialism and ideology that may have fueled Chaco’s regional influence. Rob will describe how gambling that brought together groups from across the Chaco world, in tandem with stimulating sensory rituals of sound, taste, and sight, offer new insight into the power underlying Chaco’s regional influence across the American Southwest.

Rob was the Cordell Prize winner at the 2016 Pecos Conference (the prize for the best presentation by a speaker aged 35 or younger). He is a Research Associate with the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University and a Research Fellow with the Solstice Project. His research focuses on the Chaco Phenomenon with particular emphasis on ritual, cosmology, and Native oral traditions. He has conducted archaeological fieldwork in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Turkey, and Rhode Island.

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The Homolovi Chapter's regular meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Winslow Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center (Historic Lorenzo Hubbell Trading Post), 523 W. Second Street in Winslow. You can also join us and the speaker(s) for dinner at 5 pm at the Historic La Posada Turquoise Room (on your own tab).

--Sky Roshay



### Little Colorado River Chapter

December Meeting: The Little Colorado River Chapter celebrated the holiday season by electing new officers at the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas party. The new officers are: Pres.: Earl Cochran; VP: Sheri Anderson; Sec.: Bev Dishong-Smith; Treas., Ann Wilkinson; 3-yr. Dir., Terry Leef, 2-yr. Dir., Hartley Anderson; and 1-yr. Dir., Lynette Cross. Linda Schuster will be the new program chair. The new officers are already settling into their new positions, asking questions, clarifying positions and generally affirming that a change of leadership is often necessary to the well-being and continuation of an organization. After the election of officers, it was announced that Lynette Cross, director of the Casa Malpais Museum and Archaeological Park has decided to retire as of the end of Dec. Lynette has done a terrific job of promoting and preserving the Casa Malpais site and we are sad to see her retire but pleased that she will be continuing with the LCRC. The afternoon concluded with a potluck lunch and a fun gift exchange.

January Meeting: The Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature our new president as the speaker. Earl will be reviewing the work our chapter did over a period of several years to catalog and conserve the artifacts from Casa Malpais. Excavation at the site occurred between 1991 and 1997 but the artifacts were never completely cataloged and were stored in very poor conditions. They are now recorded and stored in archival containers and are available to researchers. The meeting will be held at the Springerville Heritage Center at 7 pm and the meeting is open to the public.

--Carol Farnsworth



### Phoenix Chapter

January Meeting: The speaker for our Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Melissa Kruse-Peebles from Native Seeds/Search, Tucson; her topic is **4,000 years of Farming in the Sonoran Desert**. People have been farming in the Sonoran desert for centuries using strategies that maximized water and used varieties of crops that are well adapted to arid conditions. Tepary beans, fast-maturing corn, cushaw squash, cotton, amaranth and more thrived in ancient gardens and farms. But these crops are not just found in the archaeological record - they survive today and contribute to our local sense of place and diverse food-ways. This presentation will be an overview of the last 4,000 years of farming in the Sonoran Desert and the future of these quintessential regional crops.

Melissa Kruse-Peebles is the Education Coordinator for Native Seeds/Search, a non-profit organization focused on conserving and promoting arid-adapted crops from the Southwest. She received her PhD in Anthropology with a focus on archaeology from Arizona State University. Her research has focused on the ways people in the past and present farm in the desert Southwest by improving soil and managing water. Her work at Native Seeds/SEARCH has included management of the seed bank which includes nearly 2,000 varieties of seeds and hosting educational workshops on seed saving and arid-lands gardening and farming.

December Meeting: About 30 people attended our Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting which included our holiday potluck, which featured roast turkey and ham, salads, a variety of casserole dishes, and delicious desserts. The evening's talk featured Sylvia Wright, Docent, Phoenix Art Museum, whose topic was **The Art of Ancient Egypt: A Visit with The Little Giants**. Her presentation gave us a general orientation to the Egyptian dynasties as seen from small works of Ancient Egypt art from the prehistoric period through the era of King Tut (25th Dynasty). It was both educational and entertaining.

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Election for 2017 Phoenix Chapter Board: We held our annual election of officers for the 2017 chapter board. Our board is: President/Programs, Ellie Large; Exec. VP/Cert. Rep., Marie Britton; Treasurer, Bob Unferth; Secretary, Ellen Martin; 1-yr. Dir./Field Trips, Phyllis Smith; 2-yr. Dir./Membership, Nancy Unferth; 3-yr. Dir., Vicki Caltabiano; Archivist - Vacant. If anyone would like to attend our board meetings, please contact Ellie Large at 480-461-0563 or [elarge@cox.net](mailto:elarge@cox.net) so that she can send you the agenda and meeting time and place.

January Book Sale: We will have a book sale before and after the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the proceeds to be donated to PGM, so please bring your books, journals and magazines to the January meeting. We plan to start setting up the tables for the book sale around 6:30 pm before the meeting. Books on archaeology would be great, but magazines, journals and books on other subjects are fine, especially those with a southwestern emphasis.

January Field Trip: On Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Wright will lead an all-day field trip to Oatman Point (in the Gila Bend area) to see petroglyphs, the village site, and the historic massacre site. 4WD, high-clearance vehicles are required. It will be rough hiking, with no trail, through thorny vegetation; hopefully the snakes will still be asleep. We will carpool (truck pool?) from the Gila Bend area. This is a fantastic site and well worth seeing in spite of the challenges. With Aaron along we will learn a lot - and no test! You must be an AAS member, priority given to Phoenix Chapter members; YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS TRIP. Further details on time and meeting place will be sent to those who sign up. Sign up at the meeting or email Phyllis at [76desert@gmail.com](mailto:76desert@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Speakers:

- Feb. 14: Gina Gage, Northland Research, *Historical Ranching in the Big Sandy Valley* (near Wickiup)  
March 14: Todd Bostwick, Verde Valley Archaeology Center, *The Megalithic Temples and Tombs of Malta: Early Religion and Ritual in the Mediterranean, 3,600 BC - 2,500 BC.*  
April 11: Scott Wood, Retired Tonto NF Archaeologist, *Excavations at Goat Camp Ruin, Payson.*  
May 9 Andrew Darling, *Interpreting Landscape and Ethnohistory in the O'odham Story of Creation*

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 17: Archaeology Cafe, *Look on my works, ye mighty: Modeling Chaco Great House Visibility* by Katherine Dungan, Ph.D. candidate in UA's School of Anthropology. 5:30 pm at Macayo's on Central.

Monthly Meetings: The Phoenix Chapter meets at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 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. If want to have dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or [mbrit@cox.net](mailto:mbrit@cox.net)) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

--Ellie Large



## Rim Country Chapter

December Meeting: Archaeologist Allen Dart was the featured speaker for our last meeting of 2016. His presentation, *Arts and Culture of Ancient Southern Arizona Hohokam Indians*, was outstanding. Why couldn't learning have been this interesting and entertaining back when we were all in school? His discussion included examples of the progression of the Hohokam's lifestyle, arts, and crafts from the 5th century to their still mysterious disappearance during the 15th century. The December meeting (read 'party') was a huge success, with plenty of food and plenty of people to enjoy it. The annual election of officers for the coming year was held, and most noteworthy was the unanimous election of our new president for 2017, Karen Benjamin.

January Meeting & News: Ed Spicer, Activities and Field Trips Coordinator, announced our first field trip of the new year. On Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> we will caravan to visit the V-V Ranch Annex Petroglyphs Site and then tour the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. Ken Zoll will be our guide and host. The trip is limited to AAS members only; if you haven't already signed up, you should contact Ed ASAP. And by the way, Ed is looking for activity and trip ideas for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, Ed would like to hear about them.

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Our Speaker Coordinator, Evelyn Christian, has arranged for Jerry Ehrhardt to be the guest speaker at our January general meeting. Jerry has been involved with numerous archaeological excavations for both the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests, along with the Museum of Northern Arizona. In 2007 he was honored with the Arizona Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Award. Jerry's discussion will be the *Historic Indian Trails of the Verde Valley and the General Crook Trail*.

Reminders: Chapter dues for the 2017 year are now due and payable; \$35 for a single membership, and only \$40 for a family membership. If you haven't paid already, you can send your payment to Carolyn Walter, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1613, Payson AZ, 85547. And a friendly reminder/invitation to all other AAS members, (not Rim Country Chapter members). We meet the third Saturday of each month; if you are visiting in the Payson area for a three-day weekend or whatever, consider joining/guesting with us, we'd love to see you. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.

--Wayne Walter



**San Tan Chapter**

January Meeting: The speaker for our January meeting will be Douglas Craig who will be speaking about *Casa Grande Ruins in the Hohokam World*. He will discuss work in and around Casa Grande and how it fits with current ideas about Hohokam. Dr. Craig has been a professional archaeologist in southern Arizona for more than 30 years and has been employed by Northland Research, a private environmental consulting firm, since 1993. For the past 15 years he has served as Senior Archaeologist and Principal Investigator for most of Northland's Arizona projects. Dr. Craig has directed large-scale excavations at prehistoric sites across the southern Southwest, including the Grewe site near the Casa Grande Ruins and the Meddler Point platform mound site in the Tonto Basin. His published studies have focused on Hohokam social and political organization.

December Meeting: Our guest speaker was Dr. Todd Bostwick from the Verde Valley Archaeology Center, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the *The Dyck Rock Shelter, a Sinagua Habitation Site overlooking Wet Beaver Creek in Central Arizona*. In 2014, the Verde Valley Archaeology Center received a large collection of prehistoric artifacts from a Honanki phase (AD 1100-1300) Sinagua rock shelter located north of Montezuma Castle. The rock shelter was excavated in the 1960s and 1970s by a professional archaeologist at the request of the landowner, Paul Dyck, and includes well-preserved cotton textiles, yucca cordage, wooden artifacts and a diversity of food remains. We had a very good turnout for our annual Holiday Potluck meeting - 34 people - which is about capacity for our little museum!

Chapter Meetings: The San Tan Chapter meetings are held at the old school Museum at 20425 S. Old Ellsworth Rd., in Queen Creek (on the corner of Queen Creek and Ellsworth Loop Roads). Parking is now behind the museum and enter via the front door. Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of month September thru May. The presentation begins at 7 pm. For more information on our chapter, contact Marie Britton at 480-390-3491 or email [mbrit@cox.net](mailto:mbrit@cox.net) or Earla Cochran 480-655-6733 or email [earlaken@centurylink.net](mailto:earlaken@centurylink.net).

--Marie Britton



**Verde Valley Chapter**

January Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room of the Sedona public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, at 7 pm. The evening's program will be on *Archaeological Sites in Libya*, presented by Spence Gustav. Libya has a long and complex pre-history but has not received the same level of interest or study as its North African coastal neighbors Tunisia or Egypt. Arguably the finest evidence of Roman culture, art, and architecture could be found in Libya. Tourism seclusion in modern times and a desert climate resulted in the superlative preservation of archaeological sites attributed to the Berbers,

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Greeks, Romans and Ottomans. Libya was once again opened to outside influences in the early 2000s. However, the current civil war has put the preservation of these sites at extreme risk. Much has been reported about protection and destruction of sites in Syria, Iraq and other countries during the recent time period. Little is known of the sites in Libya. Photographs of a range of sites in a wide variety of areas of Libya will be presented to show the status of these sites just prior to the Arab Spring. Many of the sites are well known to the outside world due to relatively easy access during recent periods of political stability. In addition, sites will be shown that were not frequently visited by westerners in the past and are now in essentially inaccessible locations.

Spence is a retired petroleum geologist with an MSc in Geology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. For 35+ years he lived and worked overseas. This provided great access to a range of archaeological sites. He has a BSc degree in Archaeology/Anthropology from Hunter College-CUNY. He gained archaeological experience in field and laboratory methods in the US and also Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar, and South Africa. Besides being a rock hound, he became seriously involved with photography at an early age. His older sister (now a retired Professor of Anthropology/Archaeology) asked him to do some photography for her in the field and at the American Museum of Natural History. This led to his working his way through college and graduate school as a technical archaeology and paleontology photographer.

After retiring to Sedona from Tripoli Libya in 2007, he became an active member of the Sedona Friends of the Forest where he is a docent and docent trainer at Palatki and Honanki ruins. He is currently part of a team, supervised by Forest Service archaeologists, working on a multi-year project photo documenting in detail the 'conditional status' of numerous archaeological sites. Their latest project is to create 3D visual models at various sites in the Red Rock District. He is also an active member of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Verde Search and Rescue Posse.

Verde Valley Chapter: For over 40 years, since 1973, The Verde Valley Chapter of the AAS has been actively involved in the archaeology of the Verde Valley and the greater Southwest. We are a volunteer organization with a long history of supporting professional archaeology. We work hand-in-hand with the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Museum of Northern Arizona Research Center and Northern Arizona University. Whether you are a novice or professional, the Verde Valley Chapter welcomes everyone with an interest in archaeology and anthropology.

Monthly Meetings: Please join us this month for this fascinating program. Admission is free. For additional information or questions, check out our website at [www.azarchsoc.org/VerdeValley](http://www.azarchsoc.org/VerdeValley) or contact Nancy Bihler at 928-203-5822.

--Nancy Bihler



**Yavapai Chapter** - Happy New Year to everyone from the Yavapai Chapter!



December Meeting: Our Christmas/Winter Holiday Party was held on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Yavapai Chapter gathered together to celebrate the season in the pueblo building of the Smoki Museum. It was bustling with fun, food, and festivities. The hall was decked out in the morning by creative elves (Susie and Gay Kinkade, Warner Wise, Sue Ford, Chris Cone, and Julie Rucker) who adorned the tables and walls with colorful embellishments that set the scene. Toward the evening, members along with their families and friends arrived in record numbers (I stopped counting at 57) dressed in holiday sparkle and toting bowls and trays of delectable potluck dishes that could not have been surpassed by the finest caterer. Photo on left by Julie Rucker: Joan Krauskopf, Irene Komadina, and Pat Glasgow.

Adding to the joyous occasion were special activities. Merriment filled the air with sounds of laughter, chatter, and live, acoustic guitar music by Kayle Koeppen. In keeping with tradition, Sue Ford collected over 130 pounds of food for the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank. Artist and poet Christine Sutherland, guest of Saveria

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Judge, surprised us with two copies of her book, *Grand Canyon*, that served as delightful door prizes. Distant acquaintances were fondly represented as well, by placing their names on an Auld Lang Syne poster.

The party-goers embraced all that is good and revered about the holiday season. Community, family, and friendship occupied the pueblo that night. The board of the Yavapai Chapter sincerely thanks all who contributed in the making of a cherished memory for 2016 and looks forward to a bright new year with this wonderful group of people. Photographs from this festive event can be seen on the webpage: [azarchsoc.org/Yavapai](http://azarchsoc.org/Yavapai). (Reporter: Julie Rucker). Photo on right by Julie Rucker of outgoing president Julie Rucker and 2017 president Irene Komadina in a moment of Selfie-expression.



**January Meeting:** Our first meeting of 2017 will be Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Smoki Museum Pueblo. Our first speaker of the year is Rich Lange whose talk is titled *Echoes in the Canyons: The Cliff Dwellings of the Sierra Ancha in Central Arizona*. Rich is semi-retired from the University of Arizona and Arizona State Museum. He served for over 30 years as Associate Director of Arizona State Museum's Homol'ovi Research Program. Fieldwork on the cliff dwellings was done between 1981 and 1996, with a final report completed in 2006. At ASM he was involved in surveys of thousands of acres of State Trust lands, was the field director for field schools at the Hohokam site of Los Morteros in the Tucson Basin, and helped direct the Homol'ovi Research Program, studying the landscape and the ancestral Hopi villages near Winslow. His interests are in ceramics, architecture, and archaeological mapping and dating techniques. (Reporter: Susie Kinkade)

**Member's Photo Gallery:** The address for our chapter's web page is [azarchsoc.org/Yavapai](http://azarchsoc.org/Yavapai). Scrolling down that page will reward you with the YAVAPAI CHAPTER MEMBERS PHOTO GALLERY. From Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> we have been treated to photographs by Jim Hays who shared his images of Bears Ears and Natural Bridges. A new photo essay will be posted from Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

--Charles Stroh

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**...More Upcoming Events...**

Jan. 17, 7:30 pm, AAHS, Tucson, Talk: *Archaeology in the Valleys of the Sierra Madre Occidental, Sonora, Mexico* by archaeologist Matthew C. Pailes. Free.

Jan. 19, 6 pm, OPAC, Tucson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays Dinner & Talk: *Native Roads: A Pictorial Guide to the Hopi and Navajo Nations* by historian Jim Turner. At the Village Inn Restaurant, 6251 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson; an Arizona Humanities-supported free presentation. Guests may select and purchase their own dinners from the restaurant's menu. Call 520-798-1201 for a reservation before 5 pm on the Wednesday before the program date.

Jan. 21, 10 am-Noon, PGM, Phoenix, Demonstration: *Drop-In Discoveries*. Join Ron Carlos, Maricopa Potter and Jacob Butler, Onk Akimel O'Odham Artist, on the back patio for a drop-in informational program and demonstration about the process of making pottery.

Jan. 22, 2-3 pm, PGM, Phoenix, Musical Performance: *One World, Many Voices...Two Language*, a bilingual musical performance and presentation on Aztec-style instruments by Canyon Records recording artist Xavier Quijas Yxayotl. This presentation accompanies the premiere exhibit *One World, Many Voices: The Artistry of Canyon Records* at Pueblo Grande Museum; the exhibit is included with regular Museum admission. Tickets for this event are available online at [pueblogrande.com](http://pueblogrande.com) for \$10 in advance, or \$12 the day of at the Museum; children under age 6 are free with a reserved ticket. Discounts for Museum Members available.

Jan. 27, 10-11 am, PGM, Phoenix, Tour: *Guided Tour of the Park of the Four Waters*. This tour takes you through undeveloped, natural desert to the ruins of prehistoric Hohokam canal systems. Space is limited, register at front desk in Museum Lobby. \$5 tour fee is in addition to Museum admission, please sign up at the front desk to reserve your spot. Discounts for Museum Members.

Feb. 1, 6:30 pm, PGMA, Phoenix, Talk: *Native Arizonans at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition*, by Dr. Nancy J. Parezo, Professor of American Indian Studies and Anthropology at the University of Arizona. Free and open to the public.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - 2016 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED ON DEC. 31.**

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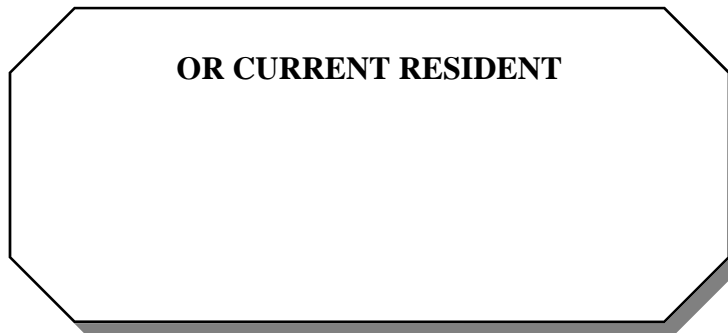
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<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed., 6:30 pm	Gloria Kurzhals 928-536-3056
Desert Foothills	The Good Shepherd of the Hills Community Building, 6502 E Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Glenda Simmons 928-684-3251
Homolovi	Winslow Chamber of Commerce 523 W. 2nd Street, Winslow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm	Karen Berggren 928-607-1836
Little Colorado River	Casa Museum, 418 East Main Springerville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon., 7 pm	Sheri Anderson 928-536-2375
Northern Arizona	The Peaks "Alpine Room" 3150 N. Winding Brook Road Flagstaff	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues., 7 pm Sept. thru Nov., Jan. thru June	Evelyn Billo 928-526-3625
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington, Phoenix	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Nancy Unferth 602-371-1165
Rim Country	Church of the Holy Nativity, The Cottage 1414 North Easy Street, Payson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat., 10 am	Carolyn Walter 928-474-4419
San Tan	San Tan Historical Society Museum Ellsworth & Queen Creek Roads Queen Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Marie Britton 480-827-8070
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road Sedona	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs., 7 pm, Sept. thru May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 7 pm, Nov and Dec.	Terrilyn Green 928-567-7116
Yavapai	Pueblo of the Smoki Museum 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 6:30 pm Sept. thru Nov. Jan. thru June.	Joann F. Read 928-925-6358



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