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ASNM NEWS

Election Results

Congratulations to Carolyn (“CJ”) Johnson, who was newly elected to the Board of Trustees. She will serve as Secretary, replacing Arlette Miller, who has retired. Re-elected to new three-year terms were Bradley Bowman, Carol Condie, and Gary Hein. The Trustees voted to retain current officers Doris Morgan as President, John Roney, Vice President, and Anna Walters, Treasurer.

At the business meeting, the revised bylaws were accepted as mailed to the membership. Major changes involved updating and restating the purposes of the organization, updates throughout to allow for electronic voting, some new wording to satisfy requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, and a provision for members not attending the Annual Meeting to vote not only for Trustees as they do now, but also on bylaws revisions.

Archaeological Achievement Awards Go to Unglaub, Schuyler, and Wells and Grief

The 2011 Richard A. Bice Archaeological Achievement Awards were presented to members of three ASNM affiliated societies. LeRoy Unglaub’s was given “in recognition of outstanding contributions to New Mexico archaeology through preservation and documentation of rock art sites and service to the Doña Ana Archaeological Society and the ASNM Rock Art Council.” Lou Schuyler’s was “in recognition of outstanding contributions to science in the preservation of archaeological materials, through her study and publication of a paper on the jewelry of Tijeras Pueblo, current research on the jewelry of Pottery Mound, the creation of a database for the Tijeras Pueblo and Pottery Mound collections, and years of service as a member of the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo.” Dorothy Wells and Gary Grief were recognized for their “outstanding contributions to science; for years of service to the Taos Archaeological Society, for their efforts with the BLM in the production of publicly accessible rock art recording field reports, and with special recognition for continued devotion to the recording of numerous rock art sites in the Taos Valley and perseverance in the preservation of The Carson Reservoir Petroglyph Site.”

Thanks to the affiliate society presidents who responded to the request for nominations, and please be thinking of worthy recipients for 2012.

2012 Annual Meeting Scheduled April 20 to 22 in Moriarty

Host societies Torrance County Archaeological Society and the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo announce that the Annual Meeting has been scheduled a week earlier than usual, April 20, 21, and 22, because the meeting venue, the new Moriarty Civic Center building, was not available for the customary last weekend in April. The committee, chaired by John Hayden, is already planning an exciting program focusing on a multi-disciplinary approach to the geology, geography, prehistory, and history of the Estancia Basin and its salt lakes. Moriarty, located on I-40 about 28 miles east of Albuquerque, has numerous motels. A list of accommodations will be provided in the next newsletter.

Notes from the Meetings of the Trustees, April 29 and 30

Membership: Dolores Sundt, Executive Secretary, announced 212 memberships current as of April.

History and Archives: Joan Mathien reminded the board that a new historian is needed. Whoever holds this position need not be a board member.

Special Publications: Joan Mathien reported that the Casamero report is ready and will be for sale at the meeting and listed on the ASNM web site. Dave Kirkpatrick said that the Lambert volume may be ready in the fall. Mini-biographies and graphics will be tackled over the summer by interns from New Mexico State University. The Mera volume will also be worked on this summer, according to Emily Brown.

New Mexico Historic Preservation Division: Acting State Archaeologist Jan Biella reported that planning is proceeding for the 2012-2016 time frame, and comments are being solicited on the website www.nmhistoricpreservation.org. January 6, 2012 is the centennial of New Mexico's statehood, and individuals, organizations, and communities are encouraged to participate and list their activities on that website.

SiteWatch: State SiteWatch Coordinator Norman Nelson says there are now 16 chapters, more than 350 individuals have received training, and 520 sites are being monitored. The northeastern part of the state needs a chapter.

Bylaws Revision: The Board discussed a letter from a member who objected to the rewording of the Purposes section but approved the changes as voted upon electronically and submitted to the voting membership.

Next Meeting: The fall meeting of the Board will be in Socorro on October 15. The precise location will be determined at a later date.

Notes from the April 30 Membership Meetings

About 100 to 125 participants registered for some or all of the sessions. Kudos to Committee Chair Mike Hughes and to his assistants David Kirkpatrick and Pat Beckett and the volunteers from the Doña Ana Society for all their hard work—and brickbats to the Ramada Palms Hotel for their failures with the sound systems both for the program and for the banquet. The audio was activated in time for most of the papers but the microphone arrangements for the banquet were never adequate. As usual, a big wedding took precedence over our relatively small Annual Meeting. Aside from these problems, the meeting rooms and gathering spaces were comfortable.

The program focused on the theme “Partners and Colleagues,” and the tributes to and reminiscences of the late Meli Duran by Mike Hughes and by her husband and fellow 2011 Annual Volume Honoree, David Kirkpatrick, were especially poignant. A few other papers explored the collaboration theme, but several were on more general topics. Students were featured again this year in a session chaired by David Stuart and including two of his students in an interesting exploration of family caloric requirements and likely food sources during three periods between A.D. 250 and 1100.

At the business meeting, Doris Morgan asked for a moment of silence honoring the memories of colleagues and fellow members who had died during the year. These included Richard Woodbury, the 2005 Annual Volume Co-honoree, Lewis Binford, and long-time ASNM members Priscilla Ellsworth, Dudley King, Bettie Terry, and Mary Utsinger.

The results of the election of Officers by the Trustees were announced: Doris Morgan, President; John Roney, Vice President; Carolyn Johnson, Secretary; and Anna Walters, Treasurer. Arlette Miller was thanked for her service as Secretary.

Affiliate Societies were asked to suggest nominees for next year so that they can be represented on the Board by a Trustee or Alternate. Our bylaws mandate that the Nominating Committee strive to name Trustees from all the Affiliate Societies.

The bylaws revisions were approved as presented.

Affiliate reports were received from the Albuquerque, Doña Ana, Grant County, Midland (TX), Taos, and Torrance County societies as well as the Friends of Tijeras Pueblo.

The Torrance County society will host the 2012 annual meeting, which will focus on the Estancia Basin and its salt lakes from the Clovis era forward. [Note that the meeting will be April 20-22, which will conflict with the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, but the desired venue was not available otherwise.]

Carol Condie is the 2012 Annual Volume honoree.

Proceeds of the silent auction at the banquet will benefit the school bus program at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. [The auction raised \$710, which was donated to the Museum's Big Yellow Bus Fund.]

At the Banquet and Awards meeting, Richard A. Bice Achievement Awards were presented to Leroy Unglaub, Lou Schuyler, and Dorothy Wells and Gary Grief (details on page 1).

For perhaps the first time ever, six of the eight ASNMM Scholarship recipients were present to be introduced to the membership.

The Bandelier Lecturer was Christine VanPool, who spoke on the Casas Grandes Symbolic System and Recent Research at the 76 Draw Site.

ASNMM AWARDS \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO EACH OF EIGHT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Scholarship Committee selected eight students from four different universities to receive \$500 scholarships each. The Committee wishes to thank all the faculty members who recommended these students:

- 1) Stacia Fine, New Mexico State University, for an intern enrollment in the Las Cruces Cave Project in Belize at caves in the Cliquibul Caves National Park, which is under the auspices of Dr. Holly Moyes of the University of California at Merced;
- 2) Brian Halstead, a graduate student in a Master's program at NMSU, for tuition assistance to enroll in Fall 2011 classes and to continue work in an intern program with Human Systems Research and with the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum;
- 3) Jason Nevins, Master's candidate at New Mexico Highlands University for book costs and analysis by optically stimulating luminescence (OSL) at Los Alamos National Laboratory for dating human remains from the Philmont Scout Ranch (Jason presented a paper on this project at ASNMM's 2010 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe);
- 4) Aaron Roth, Master's candidate at NMHU for a project entitled "Evaluate a Possible Pattern of Pathologies Based upon Ancestry and Gender: The Story of Urraca Man" to include radiocarbon dating (Aaron also presented a paper at ASNMM's 2010 Annual Meeting);
- 5) Nadir Ayadi, an NMSU Master's candidate defending the thesis "Digitalization in Historic Preservation," for an internship at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, and at the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, Santa Fe, New Mexico;
- 6) Joshua Foster, NMSU graduate student, for tuition to continue studies based on the Kipp Ruin, a Mimbres site, for a thesis "Grinding and Milling Features of Mortar Holes" for a better understanding of the processing of native plants;
- 7) Stephanie Nutter, a graduate student at Eastern New Mexico University pursuing a Master's degree, for a study of alignments between Southwestern archaeological sites dating AD 900-1450, and located between 107° and 109° West longitude from southern Colorado to northern Mexico;
- 8) Clayton Pilbro, a University of New Mexico senior, for work on an Honors Thesis entitled "Fossil Records of Early Primate Evolution from the San Juan Basin to the Bighorn Basin, Wyoming."

TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA PROGRAM HONORS MESA PRIETA VOLUNTEER PETROGLYPH DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project and the Taos office of the Bureau of Land Management were awarded the Take Pride in America Award of 2011 for the Outstanding Public-Private Partnership category by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Twelve members of the project traveled to Washington, D.C., in July to accept the Award, which was presented to them in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House.

The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project is chaired by its founder, ASNM member Katherine Wells with the assistance of ASNM member and 2009 Annual Volume Honoree Paul Williams, archaeologist with the Taos BLM Office. The Project takes up to 15 students ages 13 to 18 from the Ohkay Owingeh and Kewa Pueblo areas on a two-week journey into the past every summer.

In its 10-year existence, the petroglyph project, partially funded by Vecinos del Rio, has discovered about 20,000 petroglyphs on the 12-mile-long Mesa Prieta—or Black Mesa—35 miles north of Santa Fe. There are an estimated 40,000 petroglyphs on the entire mesa. Made by the ancestors of today's Ohkay Owingeh and Kewa pueblos, some of petroglyphs date back 5,000 years to the archaic period. There are also petroglyphs from the Pueblo and historic periods. The students, after a day of training, record the petroglyphs with digital cameras and GPS locators. During the two weeks in June that the students hunt these historical artifacts, they record an average of 50 petroglyphs each.

Kelsey Medina, 20, a member of the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and currently an adult mentor for the program has been discovering and recording petroglyphs of her ancestors for six years now. "We're learning about our ancestors," she said. "We're walking in their shoes almost as if we are seeing what they saw." [Adapted from the *Santa Fe New Mexican*]

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Laboratory of Anthropology Library 2011 Book Sale Canceled. Allison Colborne announces that for a variety of reasons, there will be no book sale this year. Donations of books—all kinds of books other than cheap softcover fiction and textbooks (unless they are about archaeology)—are gratefully received all year long. People can also support the LOA Library by purchasing online at www.abebooks.com/bookseller/MIACLAB, where over 800 of the better books are currently listed. Queries are welcome.

Please contact Allison Colborne for information about donations of “adopted” current journals and periodicals by phone at 505-476-1264 or email allison.colborne@state.nm.us. She is always looking for donations of theses and especially dissertations dealing with New Mexico archaeology or anthropology.

Pecos Conference Anniversary. Andrew Hemmings, an archaeologist at the University of Texas, writes: “I think I am the first to note in print that both events happened on the same day. August 29, 2001 is the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the first Pecos conference at A. V. Kidders camp AND it is the 80th anniversary of Carl Schwachheim finding the first in-situ Folsom point with the bison at Folsom, New Mexico. Numerous authors have noted that A. V. Kidder and Frank H. H. Roberts had to wait for the Pecos Conference to end before heading to Folsom to verify the finds. August 29, 1927 is a very big day to remember in the history of American, nay, World, archaeology!”

2011 Pecos Conference Attendance Down, Interaction Up. Perhaps because of the remote location, fewer people than usual attended this year's Pecos Conference on the Arizona Strip. Those who managed the long drive, however, were rewarded with cool weather (no serious rain), tall trees, great food and music, and more opportunities than usual to catch up with friends and colleagues—even a chance for some to drive off to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to enjoy the wildflowers and the herd of beefalo seen along the way as well as the awesome view at the end. David Purcell, Conference Chair, reports that his initial count of 350 registrants was too high, and that the actual number was 312. With fewer attendees, presentation time for papers was extended, and a question-and-answer period was possible at the end of each session. Camping facilities, though primitive, were adequate, and the excellent Burnett Family Bluegrass Band played non-stop toe-tapping music that had most of the audience dancing until they closed down at 9:30. No complaints from campers about music keeping them awake!

Joan Mathien to be speaker at New Mexico History Museum September 24. AAS and ASNM member Joan Mathien will present “The Role of Gems and Minerals in the Pueblo Worlds,” at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 24 in the History Museum Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 through the Lensic, www.ticketssantafe.org. A retired National Park Service archaeologist, Mathien worked on the Chaco Project analyzing ornaments and minerals and was editor for many of the project’s publications. Currently she is researching the Chaco field schools held from 1929-1942 and again in 1947. She will talk about how Native Americans in the Southwest used gems and minerals for beads, pendants and mosaics pieces; known sources for some of the minerals; methods used to “fingerprint” minerals such as turquoise; possible trade relationships that moved goods between different cultural groups; and the continuity of the gems’ use into the present.

Remains of a Fort Ancient Culture Serpent Mound Believed Found near Mariemont, Ohio. Archaeologist Ken Tankersley discovered the serpent shape in 2007 and has since used satellite imagery and tracking and GIS to firm up his findings. Tankersley published his findings in *The North American Archaeologist*, in 2008, but excavations since then by Harvard archaeologists failed to see the shape. The mound, constructed sometime after A.D. 1400, is extraordinarily large. At about 7 feet high and 2,952 feet long, it is twice the length of the Great Serpent Mound, and Tankersley says it is better preserved. He believes it was built by women as a symbolic landmark and to channel water down to their village below, which is the Madisonville site or earthwork. The mound is aligned with the setting sun, with the serpent's head facing west, where the sun disappears. This seems to be related to the Great Horned Serpent myth about the serpent eating the sun. The Great Serpent Mound also faces west.

Mariemont officials didn’t become aware of the serpent mound until Tankersley gave a presentation earlier this year at a Mariemont Civic Association meeting. The city is now taking steps to clear the site and protect it. [From Mike Ruggeri, see <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20110731/NEWS01/110801008/Mariemont-serpent-mound-discovered?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>.]

CALENDAR CHECK: UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Conferences

Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference October 7-8, El Paso, El Paso Museum of Archaeology and El Paso Archaeological Society. Info at cdarc.org/-sat/jornada_mogollon_conference_2011.doc.

Plains Anthropological Conference October 26-29, Tucson, Marriott University Hotel. More information at www.u.arizona.edu/~mzedeno/plains/ or contact María Nieves Zedeño (University of Arizona) at mzedeno@email.arizona.edu.

New Mexico Archeological Council Fall Conference “Pre-Ceramic Hunters, Foragers, and Early Farmers in New Mexico” November 12. University of New Mexico Hibben Center. \$20 NMAC members, \$45 non-members (includes one-year membership). Info from Dave Phillips at dap@unm.edu.

Southwest Symposium “Causation and Explanation: Demography, Movement, Historical Ecology” January 14-15, 2012, Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Student Union Ballrooms A and B. Information at www.unm.edu/~swsympos/index.html.

ASNM 2012 Annual Meeting April 20-22, Moriarty, New Mexico. Details in the next issue of *La Jornada*.

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