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## **"LIFE ALONG THE RIO GRANDE" IS THEME OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING MAY 3-5 IN ALBUQUERQUE**

Plans for the ASNM 2013 Annual Meeting at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque are progressing. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center has been newly renovated and enlarged (check out its website) and should be a great venue with its own museum and restaurant on the premises. The registration table will be open Friday from 4 until 8 pm, as will the poster display. An Indian Taco buffet bar (with numerous vegetarian selections) will be available in the meeting room prior to the evening program. As previously announced, "Life Along the Rio Grande" will be the theme of the meeting

The Friday evening program will give special recognition to the late Kit Sargeant, a former ASNM member and experienced archaeologist, who discovered the remains of a Pueblo IV structure as well as an Archaic component on the property that she and her husband Arnold had purchased in Albuquerque's North Valley in the 1970s. A number of ASNM members participated in the excavations at the Chamisal Site. Arnold Sargeant will be at the Friday gathering to talk about Kit's work and explain a film made during the excavations. Kit's survey of neighboring North Valley sites and excavation at the Spanish Colonial Los Ranchos Plaza contributed to the understanding of the earlier inhabitants of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

Conveniently located across the street from the IPCC is the Holiday Inn Express Old Town, which is offering a special group rate for reservations made by April 19. See the attached registration form for details and the Group Block Code required for the special price. The hotel's name may be a bit misleading, as Old Town Plaza is about two miles away, but it's in the same part of town between I-25 and the Rio Grande.

Saturday morning's program will begin with a mini-symposium detailing the results of the analysis of the materials recovered from the Chamisal Site. Presenting will be Alex Kurota and his associates whose final report on the site is nearing completion. We hope that the call for papers will add other speakers on the general theme of Life along the Rio Grande. The afternoon session after the business meeting will be open to papers on other archaeological or anthropological subjects. The poster display will be available both Friday evening and on Saturday. Vendor's tables will be located in the meeting room for sales during breaks.

Dr. Matt Schmader, Albuquerque City Archaeologist, will present Bandelier Lecture at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. Dr. Schmader has excavated numerous sites from Paleoindian to Historic along the Rio Grande, most recently at the Piedras Marcadas site where he has uncovered evidence of a battle between Spanish and Pueblo forces.

Sunday field trips are still being finalized but will include nearby sites in Albuquerque. Forms for registration and the call for papers and posters are attached and will also be posted on the Albuquerque Archaeological Society <[abqarchaeology.org](http://abqarchaeology.org)> and ASNM <[newmexico-archaeology.org](http://newmexico-archaeology.org)> websites.

**Note: Dues for 2013 are now payable. Renewal form attached and posted on the website.**

## **LAST CALL FOR NOMINEES FOR THE ASNM BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013 ELECTION**

Charlie Barnes, Nominating Committee Chair, is still looking for nominees to serve as Trustee. His deadline is February 22. Our bylaws mandate that the nominating Committee strive to name Trustees from all the Affiliate Societies. Please submit names with a brief bio or questions to Charlie by email <elrancho5850@gmail.com>, telephone (575-543-8015), or snail mail at 713 W Spruce St #141, Deming, NM 88030. Charlie says, "It's OK to submit your own name. This is a great way for members to learn more about the state society and to contribute their input."

## **RECIPIENT OF ASNM SCHOLARSHIP NAMED GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Greg Sagemiller, Scholarship Chair, received word from Dr. Beth O'Leary, Professor of Anthropology at New Mexico State University, that Robert DeBry, who received an ASNM scholarship in 2012 was recently named NMSU Graduate Student of the Year. The deadline for applying for 2013 scholarships is February 28.

## **SITE STEWARD FOUNDATION IS NEWEST ASNM AFFILIATE**

A hearty welcome to the Site Steward Foundation, the support organization for the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program and New Mexico SiteWatch, whose application to become an ASNM Affiliate Society was approved by the Board of Trustees at their February 2, 2013 meeting. Both programs have been hugely successful in their short existence (see report below by Norman Nelson, New Mexico SiteWatch Coordinator). The programs have worked closely with ASNM and its Certification Council chaired by Roger Moore, which arranges training seminars now attended mostly by Site Steward and SiteWatch volunteers. Unlike other Affiliate Societies, which are local organizations, the Site Steward Foundation is statewide, but its stated purpose: "to support the conservation, preservation, monitoring, education and research of archaeological, historical and cultural resources in the state of New Mexico" is basically the same. The important service of monitoring archaeological and historic sites, however, receives much more emphasis in the Site Steward and SiteWatch programs.

## **SITELWATCH 2013 REPORT**

**Norman B. Nelson**

The SiteWatch Annual Meeting is coming up on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Hibben Center, starting at 9:30 AM and ending at 4:00 PM. The morning speakers this year include Dr. Eric Blinman and Chuck Hanaford of the Office of Archaeological Studies, who will make replicas of prehistoric artifacts and give members the opportunity to make their own artifacts. Afternoon speakers include Matt Schmader, Albuquerque Open Space Director, talking about the Piedras Marcadas site in Albuquerque, and Dr. Rick Hendricks, NM State Historian, talking about Spanish/Pueblo Warfare. In between speakers will be a business meeting for the Site Steward Foundation and a segment of time for the Chapter Coordinators to discuss any successful events or raise issues in search of answers. Lunch is provided to members free of charge, thanks to the Site Steward Foundation. A silent auction will be held, as well, with funds going to benefit the foundation.

SiteWatch has held two basic trainings in the past few months. Silver City hosted a training in October at the USFS headquarters for the Gila. Twenty-one new volunteers were greeted while 8 current volunteers came for a refresher. A second training was held in January at the Sandia Ranger District office in Tijeras, just outside of Albuquerque. Thirty-six new volunteers representing 7 of the 15 chapters were at the training while 6 volunteers were at the training for a refresher. More trainings are anticipated. One is tentatively scheduled for Santa Fe at a time and date to be announced. Other trainings are scheduled as requested.

With the training at Sandia Ranger District the Sandia/Tijeras Chapter has been revitalized. Two chapters have reorganized with new Chapter Coordinators. Marilyn Markel now coordinates the Southwest Chapter, while the North Central/Taos Chapter has Carmen Johnson as Chapter Coordinator. In addition the Southeast Chapter has subdivided into a Carlsbad branch coordinated by Zuzana Cartwright and a Hobbs branch coordinated by Will Atwood. Many thanks to all involved.

We now have 268 active members in SiteWatch, which compares favorably with the Arizona program. Arizona has three times the population and 670 active members, so hats off to New Mexico! In our last annual report to the agencies, SiteWatch was able to claim 613 sites monitored state-wide. Our volunteers have donated over 1,646 hours and 15,098 miles (excluding the Santa Fe Forest program and the Northwest Chapter...they report separately for funding purposes. Our numbers would easily double with their inclusion!). Our volunteers make it happen!

I would like to thank ASNM for the society's support of educational programs which SiteWatch members can take. In particular I would like to thank Roger Moore of Chaco for his continued efforts.

## BOOK REVIEW

*Southwestern Pithouse Communities, AD 200-900*, Lisa C. Young and Sarah A. Herr, editors, 2012. University of Arizona Press, Tucson. 232 pp. \$55 (cloth) ISBN 978-0-8165-2973-5.

Reviewed by Thomas C. Windes

This important book is one of a number of archaeological overviews over the past two decades that examines a period of Southwestern occupation, most primarily during the Puebloan periods. The fortuitous timing of this publication along with the recent book on the *Crucible of Pueblos: The Early Pueblo Period in the Northern Southwest* (Richard Wilshusen, Gregson Schachner, and James Allison; 2012) provides us with two in-depth studies of the early Puebloan settlement in the Southwest. The latter specifically examines the Pueblo I period across the Colorado Plateau; the book reviewed here examines general pithouse architecture and occupation for eight centuries across the greater Southwest.

The book contains 14 chapters by accomplished Southwestern archaeologists who gathered at the Amerind Foundation in 2007 to focus on the Puebloan, Hohokam, and Mogollon pithouse populations between AD 200 and 900. The editors lead off (Ch.1) by discussing the volume's focus of the changing social relations among and within groups as they shifted from a basic subsistence forager strategy to one dominated by farming.

Michael Diehl (Ch.2) explores the paleobotanical and osteofaunal data from four paleoenvironmentally and culturally distinct Southwestern regions (Mimbres and the Tonto, Tucson, and San Juan basins), marked by the introduction and later improvement of corn along with the beginnings of pottery as important events that led to increased reliance on agriculture. Three chapters (Ch.3 by Henry Wallace and Michael Lindeman; Ch.4 by Douglas Craig, Henry Wallace, and Michael Lindeman, and Ch.5 by Jeffrey Clark and Patricia Gilman) review the Hohokam in southern Arizona as village formation changed and developed over agricultural use rights, leadership, settlement continuity, immigration, and community identities. Unlike other areas, early large pithouse villages were commonplace in the Hohokam region.

Sarah Herr (Ch.6) follows by discussing the transitional zone along the Mogollon Rim between the Colorado Plateau and the lower elevations where there was a low early population density marked by diversity and variability that left weak patterns of community and tradition.

The focus then shifts to two chapters on Mogollon pithouse occupation in southern New Mexico. Steve Swanson, Roger Anyon, and Margaret Nelson (Ch.7) examine the early settlement longevity and organization, where settlement was concentrated along perennial streams with much arable land that helped provide for long-lasting communities. Thomas Rocek and Alison Rautman (Ch.8) look at the occupations of the Jornada Mogollon in south central NM where agricultural dependence occurred rapidly in the highlands but more slowly in the lowlands. Small momentary early pithouse groups tended to repeatedly return to the same sites over long periods. True village formation, however, occurred much later in the 1000s and 1100s.

Next the northern Rio Grande and the Colorado Plateau occupations are reported. Chapter 9, by Steven Lakatos and Stephen Post, reveals that pithouse villages were loosely aggregated residences, which helped manage arable lands but with an emphasis on hunting and gathering in the highlands. Here there was a focus on long-term stability facilitated by common technological usage, with residential mobility promoting differences in village compositions.

Richard Wilshusen, Winston Hurst, and Jason Chuipka (Ch.10) discuss the emergence of large highland villages from scattered pithouse hamlets in the Northern San Juan by the AD 700s followed by substantial depopulation

of the region by AD 900. Lisa Young and Dennis Gilpin (Ch.11) examine the northeastern Arizona-Chuska-Chaco region where early pithouse hamlets were the norm but with scattered rare large BM III and Pueblo I villages having community structures, which anticipates the later rise of Chacoan greathouse communities that began in the late AD 800s. The region experienced much mobility through time given the paucity of reliable well-watered environments for long-term agricultural stability. Matthew Peeples, Gregson Schachner, and Edgar Huber (Ch.12) review the Zuni region, which shares and overlaps the early history of the San Juan Basin—increasing complexity of village life but mainly seasonal occupations practiced by mostly scattered hamlets with little clustering before AD 900.

Two overviews treat the subject of early pithouse communities: Wirt Wills (Ch. 13) discusses household and village organization and property rights in the Southwest, while Sarah Schlanger and Douglas Craig (Ch.14) contrast the changing demographics and agricultural dependence within the Mesa Verdean and the Phoenix Basin-Middle Gila regions.

Illustrations—mostly black-line and shaded graphs and maps—are informative and nicely done throughout the book. Photographs (2) are kept to a minimum. Eleven appendices provide the background site lists, site size and dates, and their sources for the sample of pithouse sites selected for many of the chapters.

This book provides a wealth of information and regional overviews regarding the changing strategies and pithouse settlements across various regions in the Southwest during the critical shift to agricultural dependence and the rise of complex village life. This book should be on the shelf of all those with an interest in the early Southwestern pithouse periods, along with its companion volume, *Crucibles of Pueblos*.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

**Feds Recover Ancient Inscriptions.** Petroglyph panels cut and chiseled off an eastern Sierra rock art site sacred to Native Americans have been recovered by federal investigators, U.S. Bureau of Land Management officials announced January 31. The suspected thieves have not been identified and the investigation is continuing into one of the worst acts of vandalism ever committed on the 750,000 acres of public land managed by the BLM field office in Bishop. <http://lat.ms/Y3DVfK> [From Southwest Archaeology Today, a service of Archaeology Southwest.]

**Study Finds No Evidence for a Clovis-Era Comet Impact.** Comet explosions did not end the prehistoric human culture, known as Clovis, in North America 13,000 years ago, according to research published in the journal *Geophysical Monograph Series*. Researchers from Royal Holloway, together with Sandia National Laboratories and 13 other universities across the United States and Europe, have found evidence which rebuts the belief that a large impact or airburst caused a significant and abrupt change to the Earth's climate and terminated the Clovis culture. They argue that other explanations must be found for the apparent disappearance. <http://bit.ly/UQn7LK>. [From Southwest Archaeology Today].

## CALENDAR CHECK: UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**SiteWatch Annual Meeting** February 17, 9:30 to 4:00. UNM Hibben Center. Open to SiteWatch volunteers and those who have completed training but not yet received an ID card. Questions? Contact Norman Nelson, Sitewatch Coordinator <[NormanB.Nelson@state.nm.us](mailto:NormanB.Nelson@state.nm.us)>.

**ASNM Annual Meeting “Life Along the Rio Grande”** May 3-5. Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque; Registration form attached, Call for Papers on AAS and ASNM Websites; 100-word abstracts due by April 1.

**Pecos Conference 2013 August 8-11.** Flagstaff, Arizona. Details to be announced on the website: [http://www.swanet.org/2013\\_pecos\\_conference/contact.html](http://www.swanet.org/2013_pecos_conference/contact.html)

**Jornada Mogollon Archaeology Conference** October 4-5. El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Call for Papers 200-word abstract deadline August 13. Contact Marilyn Guida, [GuidaMR@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:GuidaMR@elpasotexas.gov).

**Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference** October 17-19. Santa Fe Community Convention Center. Registration \$225, Banquet \$75. Big name speakers. Details at [Paleoamericanodyssey.com](http://paleoamericanodyssey.com).

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# ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

May 3-5, 2013, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12<sup>th</sup> Street,  
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**HOSTED BY THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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Contact < [info@abqarchaeology.org](mailto:info@abqarchaeology.org) > with any questions.

**Note that banquet tickets will not be available after the April 26 early registration cutoff date.**

**Lodging reservations at Holiday Inn Express, Old Town**, (directly across the street from IPCC) 2300 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Albuquerque, NM 87104, 505-842-5000. **BE SURE TO SPECIFY GROUP BLOCK CODE ANM** for the group rate of \$89.99, plus tax, for either a Queen or a King room. Cutoff date is April 19. Rate includes complimentary hot breakfast, indoor pool, microwave and mini fridge, wired and wireless Internet. Plenty of parking spaces. Easy walk to IPCC, crossing with the light at 12<sup>th</sup> and Indian School.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS**

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO ANNUAL MEETING**

Hosted by the Albuquerque Archaeological Society

May 3-5, 2013 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM

Theme: Life Along the Rio Grande.

Papers and posters related to the theme “Life Along the Rio Grande” are especially desirable, but papers and posters on other archaeological or anthropological topics are also welcome.

People have lived along the Rio Grande for centuries. Some early inhabitants hunted bison and collected plant foods. Some became agriculturalists whose gardens flourished with the availability of abundant water that also attracted migrating birds during the spring and fall. The Saturday morning program will include a symposium focused on Chamisal Pueblo, which is on the property purchased by Kit and Arnold Sargeant when they moved to Albuquerque in the 1970s. There will be an open paper session in the afternoon. Dr. Matt Schmader, Albuquerque City Archaeologist, will be our Bandelier lecturer at the Awards Banquet; his talk will provide a broader picture of the archaeology of the Rio Grande Valley.

#### **Paper Specifics:**

Paper presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes each. Abstracts, limited to 100 words, are due by April 1, 2013 to: Program Chair F. Joan Mathien <mathiefj@unm.edu>. Submissions should include author(s)'s name, address, telephone number, email address, affiliation, and a short biography (100 words or less).

Abstracts will be reviewed by the program committee. All authors will be notified of their place on the program by e-mail by April 10, 2013. Submission of digital media (flash drives, memory cards, etc.) should be submitted to the program chair on or before April 29. Microsoft PowerPoint is the preferred format.

#### **Poster Specifics**

Posters will be displayed on Friday May 3 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday May 4 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The author may stand by to explain his or her poster at any time during poster sessions on Friday or Saturday, but this is not a requirement.

The poster must be sized to fit within the frame of a 6' x 4' corkboard or be mounted on a stand for tabletop display.

If interested in displaying your poster, submit an abstract (limited to 100 words) by April 1 with your name (as you would like it to appear in the program), address, telephone number, e-mail address, affiliation, and a short biography (100 words or less) to <info@abqarchaeology.org> with “Poster Submission” in the subject line. Or email any questions to the same address. Abstracts will be reviewed by the program committee and authors will be notified of acceptance by April 10, 2013.

Further details about the conference will be posted from time to time on the websites of the Albuquerque Archaeological Society <abqarchaeology.org> and Archaeological Society of New Mexico <newmexico-archaeology.org>.