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# Flagstaff Pecos Conference August 7-10, 2008



Major highlights of this year's Pecos Conference include a front row seat to knowledge that is literally earth-shaking: Discovery of a massive comet impact 12,800 years ago that just might have ended the Clovis period, melted a good portion of the Canadian ice shield, sparked epic forest fires, brought an end to the Pleistocene megafauna, and ushered in the cold pluvial conditions of the Younger-Dryas. Evidence now seems irrefutable that there was indeed a major comet impact in North America. The "black mat" of Clovis times now is known to contain particles that can only be explained by extraterrestrial origin. Now comes the hard part: What does all this mean, for both our understanding of specific events at the close of the Pleistocene, and our general theories of climatic and cultural change? What are the implications for archaeology (including Southwestern archaeology)? We will have on hand a panel of experts who made this remarkable discovery to present the results of their research and engage our questions. A live presentation of research results will take place on Friday night, followed by a panel discussion on Saturday morning. Pecos participants will be encouraged to ask questions of our panelists in both sessions.

The second major highlight is a badly-needed synthesis of new research on the origins of agriculture in the Southwest. Recent discoveries both north and south have accumulated faster than our ability to absorb and synthesize them. Sponsored by MNA and Desert Archaeology, a group of experts will convene for an advanced seminar at MNA's Colton House just prior to the Pecos Conference. Their discoveries and theories will then be presented in a Friday morning plenary session on early Southwestern agriculture. In the spirit of the original Pecos Conference, this session hopes to present a new synthesis of the origins of SW agriculture in both the northern and southern reaches of the SW, something that so far is unprecedented in SW archaeology. At a minimum, this session promises to highlight recent advances in our understanding of the timing and nature of the transition to agriculture across the SW, and to identify major areas of contention and future research.

In addition, we will highlight the 50th anniversary of the Glen Canyon project and recognize the contributions of David

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Next deadline is at noon Monday, August 18th, for the September issue.

Breternitz to the research programs and development of the Museum of Northern Arizona. Professional workshops will also be presented on state of the art archaeological mapping and imaging, ethical, legal, and procedural dilemmas in CRM, new advances in the identification and dating of ceramics, and more.

**Special Note -- New Event At 2008 Pecos Conference**: We ask archaeologists (professional, avocational, student) and conference attendees to blog the conference in real time, using cell phones and laptops, and we want to link all the blog voices on one page of the Pecos Conference website. The distributed blogging effort will be designed to assist those who cannot physically attend the Pecos Conference. This would be a great way to more deeply involve students and avocational archaeologists. To blog Pecos, we recommend you set up a blog now, using twitter.com, a free micro blog service which allows you to post to the web using your

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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, and the 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.

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- Jerry Mead



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# **Upcoming Events**



March 22 - July 13: MNA, Flagstaff: Grand Archaeology: New Excavations along the Colorado River. An exhibit by Flagstaff adventure photographer Dawn Kish documents recent archaeological excavation and research in Grand Canyon National Park, conducted by MNA in partnership with GCNP. The exhibit is made possible through the generous support of the

Grand Canyon Association. For more information, see http://www.musnaz.org/exhibits/grandarch.html.

June 4, 7:30 pm, PGM, Phoenix - PGM Auxiliary Meeting: Lost Beneath the Lake: Excavations in the Tonto Basin by Glenn Rice. From 1989 to 2003 Glen Rice, in collaboration with a number of colleagues at Arizona State University, directed the excavation of 139 Classic Period sites (A.D. 1250 to 1450) in the Tonto Basin, including five platform mounds and the surrounding settlements. This generated a large data set about the organization of Classic Period platform mound communities showing that the development of Hohokam complexity was based on ritual rather than economic

integration. This lecture is free and open to the public.

June 16, 7:30 pm, Tucson, AAHS Lecture: Landscapes of Fraud: Mission Tumacacori, the Baca Float, and the Betrayal of the O'odham, by Thomas Sheridan, University of Arizona. Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center, 1501 North Campbell Avenue. For more info, see their website at:

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml.

June 19, 7:30 pm, Tucson, OPAC's Third Thursdays program: *Artifacts of Ancient Americans: An Arrowhead Making and Flintknapping Demonstration* with flintknapper Sam Greenleaf at Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, 5100 W. Ina Road Bldg. 8 (northwestern Tucson metro area). Free. No reservations needed. Call 520-798-1201 or go to <a href="http://www.oldpueblo.org">http://www.oldpueblo.org</a> for more information..

**July 5-6**, MNA, Flagstaff: 75th Annual Hopi Festival of Arts and Culture. More than 55 booths brim with fine arts and crafts. Visitors gain insight from carvers, painters, jewelers, potters, quilters, and basket and textile weavers against a backdrop of cultural presentations, storytelling, music, and dancing. Take a taste of Hopi bread or piki baked in outside ovens. Watch Hopi pottery being shaped, painted and traditionally fired. Walk the Museum's Rio de Flag Nature Trail with a Hopi medicine woman. And take part in insightful discussions about the Hopi values of humility, cooperation, respect, balance, and earth

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cell phone or your browser. A more standard method of blogging involves the use of the free blogger offered by Google at <a href="https://www.blogger.com/start?hl=en">https://www.blogger.com/start?hl=en</a>. We ask that every blogger remember to keep confidential sensitive site location information when writing about conference speaker's presentations or when posting cell phone photos of posters and graphics presented at the conference. Poster authors and speakers may need to consider modifications to presentations to enhance the confidentiality of sensitive site data.

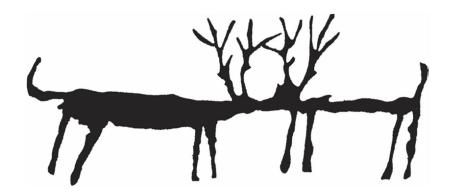
Finally, we need your assistance to fully network the 2008 Pecos Conference -- We are looking for someone with a mobile home with satellite Internet connection to contact us. We hope they can park near the conference site and create a wireless hotspot so conference attendees can sit outside the link and connect via wireless router. If you know a volunteer to provide such service, please let us know.

Thanks,

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— Brian Kenny





# **Deer Valley Rock Art Center**

Summer Twilight Tours by Desert Little Bear!

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Telephone: (623) 582-8007 www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac

The Deer Valley Rock Art Center, a museum and archaeological site located in northwest Phoenix, is pleased to invite you our Summer Twilight Tours.

Join our Public Educator, Desert Little Bear, for a guided tour of the Deer Valley Rock Art Center's spectacular rock art. The Center has the largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the Phoenix Valley! Desert Little Bear is happy to answer your questions about desert wildlife, birds, insects, plants and Native American cultures.

Tours run from 7-8pm on the following Saturdays:

May 10, 2008 May 24, 2008 June 28, 2008 July 19, 2008 August 2, 2008 August 16, 2008

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Deer Valley Rock Art Center is located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, approximately two miles north of Highway 101 and two miles west of I-17.

For more details about public programs, please call (623) 582-8007 or visit: www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/dvrac

# Agave House Chapter



The Agave House chapter held its April meeting on the 23rd at Black Mesa Ranger Station. New business included the rummage/bake sale to be held on May 16th and 17th. Members will be signed up to bring baked goods and to form work teams.

The speaker for the evening was Bill Parker, paleontologist for the Petrified Forest National Park. This department has been at the park since 2001. Bill presented a time-line for the park, beginning with the Devonian Age, 400 million years ago. At this time most animals were fish: there were few land animals. The first to move out of the water and onto the land was Ichtyostega. Reptiles appeared during the Carboniferous Age, 320 million years ago. They divided into three groups, determined by the number of holes in the head behind the eyes. There were: anapsids, with no holes; synapsids, with one hole; and diapsids, with two holes. The Permian Age was the age of mammals, 275 million years ago. A Permian/Triassic extinction event took place 250 million years ago, wiping out 95% of animal life in general, and 70% of land animals. Nature started with a clean slate. The Jurassic Age, 190 million years ago, was the age of the dinosaurs. According to Bill, dinosaurs get all the press, but other animal groups, such as the crocodilians, were more interesting and successful. His focus is the Triassic Age, and the Petrified Forest National Park is an excellent record of that age, with 15-20 million years of change recorded in the rocks there. We learned many fascinating things about the park and look forward to learning more through presentations and field trips.

The May meeting will be held on May 22nd at the Black Mesa Ranger

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Station, at 6:30 pm. Those who choose to may join us for dinner at Chaparral Restaurant at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ralf Kurzhals, at 928-536-3056.

— Diane Collins

# Agua Fria Chapter



Mr. Dave Morris was the ever fascinating and colorful speaker at the May 13th meeting. His lecture, Harvest of the Desert, provided insight into the use of plants of early people, some of which are still being used today.

As a follow-up to his lecture in April, on April 26th, Mr. Cliff Hersted led members on a hike along the Agua Fria River (on Arcosanti property) to view some pronghorn walls and a hunting scene petroglyph. Along the way, an old ranch site and corrals provided a great photo opportunity, as well as a modern ranch that raises buffalo in addition to other livestock.

Members of AAS that worked at "The Gatlin Site" should be very proud of their accomplishments this season. The 3 pit houses were completed, including the interior of the display house. The major mudslingers were Phyllis Smith, Rob and Ella Pierpoint. The walls and ceiling were covered with saguaro ribs and the floor was plastered with mud. Fred Hulstrom did a magnificent job with the floor and the hearth. Bob Lindsay and Mary Lawrence expertly constructed the 2 final ramadas. Larry and Sandy Gauthier worked on installing the cedar fencing in several areas along the trails. Sandy Haddock, Bob, Mary and Ella pitched in to help with the fences. Roy Pierpoint was the workhorse for the group as always; he made sure the building materials were

ready and at hand for each work session. In the fall, work will commence on the building of the replica platform mound.

The Chapter has submitted the nomination for Dr. David Doyel for the Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award for his work at "The Pierpoint Site", "The Gatlin Site" and his support as the Chapter Advisor. Roy and Ella Pierpoint were nominated for the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Awards in Public Archaeology in the Avocational Archaeologist category for their work at "The Pierpoint Site" and "The Gatlin Site".

Mr. Dutch Duering has been approved as the Calderwood Project Advisor. There will be some planning sessions during the summer in preparation for starting the labs in the fall. The Project Leads will contact people by phone with the planning dates and times.

The Chapter will resume meetings in September. Everyone have a great summer!

— Sandy Gauthier

# Desert Foothills Chapter



The Chapter closed the season with an excellent presentation, "The Sierra Ancha Then and Now", by Richard Lange of the Arizona State Museum. Lange has been working in the Sierra Ancha since 1981 and has recently published a book with his colleagues: Echoes of the Canyons: Archaeology of the Southeastern Sierra Ancha, Central Arizona. Emil Haury first documented the 20 cliff dwellings there over 70 years ago, and wood from the cliff dwellings was important in demonstrating the utility of

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tree-ring dating in areas other than the Colorado Plateau. Most of the cliff dwellings were occupied from ca. AD 1280 to 1330, and the majority of prehistoric settlement in the southeastern Sierra Ancha also dates to this period. Lange and his colleagues did the first major research since Haury and told the story of these remarkable cliff houses were in use for only 40-50 years, but have stood for over 750 years.

This last session was also our dessert spectacular. It was a delight to have such a great group of members attending, ranging from founding chapter members to newly joined members.

The Chapter's field trip to the Museum of Northern Arizona on May 3 was hosted by Dr. David Wilcox, Senior Curator of Anthropology at the MNA, who took us through the Museum's collection rooms, showing us a broad array of treasures. We saw the magnificent pottery, shell, textile and katsinam collections, as well as getting an overview about the role of the collections rooms. Dr. Wilcox then led a visit to a group of Coconino sites located west of Flagstaff. One major site may well have been a convening area for ritual or other major occasions. It had several spacious plazas and a series of stone divider walls creating a layout where hundreds of people could gather. The site was located on a hilltop with a vast view that could have allowed signal communications from extensive distances. We also visited several habitation sites nearby. This was the first exposure to the Coconino peoples for most of us.

The Chapter is moving to finalize its plans for a tour of major Maya sites in early 2009. For more information, please contact Jay Chatzkel at

progprac@aol.com, or call: 623-826-7194

This fall and winter the chapter will continue to bring an outstanding series of presentations and field trips. Please join us for these events.

mesas. The second field trip will be to Chavez Pass and Rock Art Ranch (there may be a fee for this- or he may let us in for free!) Check our web site

The Chapter is pleased to host the Fall State Meeting in Cave Creek on October 4-5. Make your plans for attending now.

In closing, we would like to thank everyone that helped make this year's programs and events so successful. Our best wishes for a wonderful summer to all

— Jay Chatzkel

### **Homolovi Chapter**



We have a busy summer planned! Archaeologist Lisa Young and her crew will be arriving the first of June to work for six weeks on the pit house village located next to the Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitor Center. Lisa will be the speaker at our June meeting and will discuss the early habitation period at Homolovi.

Lisa will also be doing two teacher's workshops in June - one for Hopi teachers and one for teachers with Native American students.

A series of workshops will be held each weekend in June. This is a cooperative effort between the Homolovi Chapter of the AAS, Arizona State Parks, The Hopi Tribe, and Northland Pioneer College. These workshops will be discussing Hopi Culture, cultural resources management, and cooperative projects with the Hopi tribe. We will have two field trips. The first trip will be to the Hopi Mesas (\$50 fee), where we will first visit the cultural center with a private tour of the museum, then visit

Sipaulovi for a tour of the village and then visit Kykotsmovi for a discussion on Hopi ceremonies and visitors to the mesas. The second field trip will be to Chavez Pass and Rock Art Ranch (there may be a fee for this- or he may let us in for free!) Check our web site at <a href="https://www.homolovi.com">www.homolovi.com</a> for details and updates. Northland Pioneer College is offering this course for 3 hrs of credit, however you may also attend as a non-student. Those attending the field trips must either be signed up with NPC or be members of the AAS (due to insurance concerns)

Hopi artists will be at the Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitor Center each Saturday through at least August.

Suvoyuki Day is the big annual celebration at Homolovi. This year there will be activities at the park on Saturday and the celebration will be continued on Sunday at Sipaulovi on Second Mesa. We are quite excited about this cooperative effort with the Hopi! Again, visit our web site for details and to sign up for the morning fun run.

Come join us for an adventurous summer!

— Karen Berggren

# Little Colorado River Chapter



The April 21st meeting was held in the newly renovated Casa Malpais Museum, in its new location at the rear of the old Springerville High School. After a brief business meeting, members Sheri and Hartley Anderson presented a very interesting slide show on their visit to Jordan, concentrating on the ruins at Petra. Their presentation was supplemented

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with maps of the area, and much of the history of the general area. Following that, member Elizabeth Planteen presented some slides of rock art along the Little Colorado River, photographed during one of her recent hikes.

Meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Casa Malpais Museum. AAS members are welcome to attend. The cataloging of the Casa Malpais collection is almost completed and only data entry remains to be done, with the assistance of the Center for Desert Archaeology, which will supply the software for the data entry. During last months' meeting, a Charette was conducted to discover ideas for improving the museum, especially working with the continuity of the displays.

For more info, contact Dave Rohlader, President at 928 333 0521, cell 928 245 3356 or fax at 928 333 3799.

— Dave Rohlader

# Phoenix Chapter



On May 8th, the Phoenix Chapter held its 2nd Annual Pre-Meeting Social to recognize the South Mountain Rock Art Recording Project volunteers. A free buffet dinner and drinks were provided. Two speakers from the South Mountain Project were featured: Aaron Wright discussed "Styles of Hohokam Petroglyph Production in the South Mountains" and Will Russell discussed "Examination of South Mountain Petroglyphs in the Context of Hopi Clan Symbolism." In addition, Todd Bostwick, Phoenix City Archaeologist, gave a short talk about PGM's current exhibit and his forthcoming book, "Beneath the Runways: Uncovering the Past at Sky Harbor Airport."

We will not have a regular June meeting in Phoenix, however, we are working on a field trip to either the Homolovi Ruins or the Rock Art Ranch in Chevelon Canyon for June or July. Details will be sent to the membership as soon as plans are completed.

We have a full schedule of speakers for the fall, starting in September with Joanne Taktikos, archaeologist with Archaeological Consulting Services, on Excavations in Olduvai Gorge. In October, Aaron Wright, from the SMRAP, promises to be ready to present preliminary results on the distribution of rock art in the South Mountains. In November, Sarah Herr, Center for Desert Archaeology, will present results from the Payson to Heber project, and in December, Andy Seagal, Mesa Community College, will bring lots of photographs to accompany his talk on the discovery of Tim's Cave and the recovery of its looted artifacts.

The chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St. in Phoenix, starting at 7:30 pm. We usually take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at Monti's La Casa Vieja on Mill and Rio Salado in Tempe. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or mbrit@cox.net) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

— Ellie Large

# Rim Country Chapter



On Saturday, May 17th, RCCAAS

held a combination classroom and field training event at its office and the nearby Goat Camp Ruins located within the town of Payson.

Scott Wood and Denise Ryan, Tonto National Forest Archaeologists, were our principal presenters at this meeting. The event included a classroom presentation and field session on archaeological survey fundamentals in the Tonto National Forest (TNF). Participants included RCC volunteer surveyors, RCC general members, members of the general public, and some Verde Valley Chapter members

The purpose of the event was to prepare volunteers to participate in a Hilltop Survey conducted on the following Tuesday. Seven volunteers from RCCAAS and two members from the Verde Valley Chapter went with Dr. David Wilcox of the Museum of Northern Arizona to conduct the chapter's first hilltop survey at the Hardscrabble Fort Ruins site. This survey provided the chapter with an initial opportunity to support Dr. Wilcox in his ongoing research on hilltop sites located in many locations around the state.

Ed Spicer, chapter advisor, recently returned from leading seven of RCCAAS members on a weeklong camping trip to Zuni, El Morro, Chaco, Salmon and Aztec Ruins and Mesa Verde.

Fred and Wendy Grove are working with Dr. Penny Minturn on cleaning up and refining the Risser Ruins Site located in Payson. Fred would like to enlist some others for a brief two hour refinement of the site. He is also planning to take interested members and others out to Risser site once a month in conjunction with the Northern Gila County Historical

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Museum as part of their admission there.

Our guest speaker for the June 21st meeting will be Joe Vogel from Prescott. His talk for the meeting is entitled: "Birdseye View of the Agua Fria National Monument" and will include a slide show on the monument. It will start with photos of La Plata which will become the interpretive site open to the public. From there it goes on to more photos of sites, forts, lookouts, check dams, terraces, racetracks, etc. Joe is an avid pilot who may also include aerial photos of some of the sites around Payson that he has flown over in the past.

- Monte McCord

# **Tubac/Santa Cruz County Chapter**

There was no stopping the flurry of excitement surrounding "business at hand" at the May chapter meeting. Aside from the energy boost from the quinoa salad Sharon Sevara, our treasurer (and owner and operator of Yardwoman—a natural herbal/food store in Tubac) shared with the group at our potluck, there was no accounting for the membership's enthusiasm during this strictly business meeting except a very genuine demonstration of enthusiasm itself for helping make our chapter grow. With a very appropriate theme of "Many Hands Make Short Work," committee members shared with the group the results of their month-long info gathering on an array of topics which in turn generated a lot of discussion and decision making.

Of interest to the broader AAS membership is the vote to change the meeting date to the second Thursday of the month to eliminate conflicts

with other groups' meetings including the Old Pueblo Archaeology's Third Thursday programs.

After much discussion based on an excellent summary of what it would take for our chapter to host a state meeting by Alan Sorkowitiz, the group (as Alan explained to Sylvia Lesko "...decided that we are not well positioned to host the January 2009 meeting, but we are indeed quite interested in hosting the May 2009 one." A special thanks to Sylvia, Judy Rounds and others who provided guidance to both Alan and Nancy Valentine.

With the change in meeting dates confirmed, our chapter can now begin firming up program speakers. Because of the outreach by our chapter advisor, Deni Seymour, and members Jim Farley and Nancy Daunton, the list of speakers agreeing to talk to our group includes, among others, Arthur Vokes, curator ASM; Big Jim Griffith, folklorist; and Allen Dart of Old Pueblo Archaeology. Until we have dates confirmed and listed on the AAS website, please feel free to request being on the chapter's e-mail meeting notice contact list by e-mailing Nancy directly at tubacval@aoo.com.

Thanks to Jim Farley, plans are in the works to host, here in Tubac if possible, future sessions of the SW Prehistory and Ceramics courses to assist our members, as well as other members, on the path to certification.

The tour of Terrante Presidio, conducted by Deni on May 3rd, was a huge success with more than 60 participants, some of whom were so enthusiastic they joined her volunteer roster. The next day backfill was accomplished in one day and as Deni said in a "thank you" to volunteers, she would "still be out there were it

not for these dedicated A-team volunteers." Deni will be picking up the work at Terrante in the fall, as well as work on other projects, which will be posted on her website at www.seymourharlan.com.

The group was encouraged to continue to track the progress of legislation to name the Santa Cruz Valley as a National Heritage Area. Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Raul Grijalva and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the bill, if passed by the Senate, might be a funding opportunity in support of the Tubac/SCC Chapter projects down the road.

While much of the chapter's "taking care of business" through the summer months will be in support of its rapid growth and matters specific to the chapter and region, input and participation from all AAS members who wish to share in the enthusiasm here in the Santa Cruz Valley, in whatever way they can, is welcomed.

— Nancy Valentine

# Verde Valley Chapter



The Verde Valley Chapter held its April meeting at the Sedona Elks Lodge, 110 Airport Road, at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker was Jerry Ehrhardt, the 2007 Recipient of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission's Award for Avocational Archaeologists. Jerry discussed surveys of Sycamore Canyon by members of the Verde Valley Archaeological Society, as well as his study of aboriginal trails through Central Arizona. He presented his discoveries of 155 previously unknown prehistoric Southern Sinagua and Honanki sites, and

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(Continued from page 9) current theories concerning a line-ofsight communications system extending more than 20 miles.

Our May meeting will be held at 7 pm (928) 649-0412, or on the 22nd at the Sedona Public Library. The speaker will be Neil Weintraub, the South Kaibab Zone Archaeologist for the Kaibab National Forest. Neil is responsible for the protection, management, and interpretation of more than 6500 archaeological sites in the Kaibab National Forest.

Neil will speak about the Boynton Canyon Survey that he and John Whittaker (Archaeology Professor, Grinnell College, Iowa) conducted throughout 1989. Coconino National Forest Archaeologist Peter Pilles had described several sites in Boynton Canyon that intrigued John and Neil, and so they voluntarily spent their weekends thrashing through manzanita and scrub oak, while dodging rattlesnakes. During that year they fully documented 72 mostly Honanki Phase (AD 1100 -- 1300) cliff dwellings. At the same time, John and Neil both were disturbed by the growing impacts to archaeological sites in the canyon as a result of unmanaged visitation, a consequence of Sedona's booming tourism industry. Almost 20 years later, Neil recently revisited many of the sites in Boynton with Sedona District Archaeologist Travis Bone. There is much encouraging news to report about the condition of the sites in Boynton!

Many of our members will be traveling, or indulging in other pursuits over the summer. so I'd like to give a partial list of items of interest for those of you who would like to keep your archaeological hand in:

Work will be continuing at MNA, on several of Dr. Dave's projects; Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project, at Brooklyn Basin, with Bud Henderson as Coordinator,

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Projects for Peter Pilles, with times and dates to be announced: Digital photography of the V-V petroglyphs;

The completion of the V-V survey and site cards, as well as the setting up of Interpretive Signage;

V-V historical survey, including construction of a platform and trail; Fnishing excavation holes at V-V; Astudy of Sacred Mountain, including its check dams and forms of irrigation;

Categorizing the Elden and Honanki artifacts;

A field trip to Partridge Creek in late

Field Crew Member Class, June 23 --

Rock Art Recorder Class, July 28 --Aug. 1;

Pecos Conference, Aug. 8 -- 10; Stabilization and Reconstruction Class, Aug. 11 -- 15;

Archeoastronomy of the Southwest, beginning on Sept. 6th;

Our September meeting on the 25th, at the Sedona Public Library.

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— Louise Fitzgerald

### Yavapai Chapter

At the May 15 meeting, Dave Mehalic presented "Archaeology on the Line: Historic Preservation and the border in Southeast Arizona's Sky Islands." The Coronado is the only national forest in the U.S. on the Mexican border. Dave and his fellow archaeologists are working to survey

and save the prehistoric and historic sites, while working within the mandates of Homeland Security legislation, and while smugglers, immigrants and the Border Patrol crisscross the landscape with new paths, roads, and fences,

Chapter president Fred Kraps will introduce us to eastern archaeology at the June 19th meeting, speaking on "The Moundbuilders of the Mid-Ohio Valley: the Adena and Ohio Hopewell Cultures (1000Bc - 500 AD)." This will be the last formal meeting until September, but members and their families are invited for a potluck picnic on August 21st. The group picnic area at Thumb Butte has been reserved, and will be available after 4:30. We'll plan to eat around 5:30.

In April, fourteen chapter members, led by Charley Steger, visited several sites east of Flagstaff, including two pueblos, a ballcourt, and two deep pithouses in shallow caves. One pithouse had plastered walls, and the other had remnants of the original roof. The group saw many types of sherds and a few shell artifacts. Pete Lupescu will lead the May 24 field trip to a hilltop site behind Granite Mountain and to several small petroglyph sites along Tonto Wash north of Iron Springs Road.

Our chapter will continue it's tradition of providing prehistoric crafts for the children at Sharlot Hall Museum's annual Folk Arts Festival, held June 7 and 8 this year. However the building that housed the chapter's lab and artifact exhibits has been demolished. so the open house that attracted many adults will have to wait until new quarters rebuilt

— Susan Jones

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July 21–25, ASM, Tucson - Archaeology Summer Camp for Adults. The Arizona State Museum is the state's official repository for all archaeological materials uncovered on public lands. With ever-expanding urban development, thousands of objects are brought in every day. Before an object becomes part of ASM's world-renowned collections, it first gets processed in the museum's repository - the largest and busiest non-federal facility in the country. Through hands-on work, you will learn how objects are in-processed, accessioned, recorded, packaged, and stored. Lectures and tours round out your week-long experience. \$300, \$270 ASM members. For more information, see their site at <a href="https://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/public/archcamp/">www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/public/archcamp/</a> index.shtml.

**August 2-3**, MNA, Flagstaff: *59th Annual Navajo Festival of Arts and Culture*. A visit to the Navajo Festival is like traveling to the Navajo Nation. An authentic presentation of the Navajo "Beauty Way" philosophy of

living in harmony is offered by more than 55 Navajo artists, storytellers, and cultural interpreters from many clans. Witness multi-generations of rug weavers working on traditional upright looms throughout the Museum. Diné Women's presentation of rug weaving takes the audience on a journey from sheep shearing to weaving techniques and the meanings behind intricate rug designs. Enjoy hoop and traditional dancing, a retrospective fashion show, and ancient and modern Native music. Artists demonstrate jewelry, painting, beading, and pottery techniques. Cultural customs and ways families are using to keep traditions strong are discussed. Explore the tribe's intricate language with a Navajo linguist and come to understand many ancient legends and traditions. Hike with a Navajo ethnobotanist and learn the Native uses of local plant life. For more information, see their website at http://www.musnaz.org.

**Aug. 7-10**, Flagstaff: 2008 Pecos Conference. See <a href="https://www.swanet.org/2008\_pecos\_conference/index.html">www.swanet.org/2008\_pecos\_conference/index.html</a> for more information.

**Oct. 4-5,** Cave Creek: AAS Fall State Meeting hosted by Desert Foothills Chapter.

# Pronghorn Walls at Arcosanti Pronghorn Petroglyph at Arrastre Creek

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To serve as a bond between the professionals and the avocational non-professionals

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