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ASNMM NEWS

Minutes of the Board Meetings, April 28-30, 2006, Silver City, New Mexico

ASNMM News

Many thanks to Tina Joslin for steering the annual meeting, and thanks also to the other Grant County society members who assisted. The annual meeting will be held in Albuquerque next year.

The results of the election for members of the Board of Trustees were compiled. Anna Walters was re-elected and will continue as treasurer. Greg Sagemiller, John Roney, and Emily Brown were newly elected, with Gary Hein and Tina Joslin serving as alternates. Greg Sagemiller will chair the Scholarship Committee. A motion was passed to have the current ASNMM officers continue with their duties in the new term. Thank you to all who ran for the board this year, and nominations are needed for people willing to run for election next year. Names should be submitted to Nancy Woodworth, PO Box 145, Tijeras, NM 87059, 505-281-7820, or njwood@spinn.net.

There were 316 members in 2005, but membership is down for 2006. Letters will be sent to non-renewing members to encourage them to renew for 2006. A draft brochure for the society was passed around and commented on, and the final version will be one way to encourage new members to join.

La Jornada will soon receive additional publicity through a new listing in EBSCO's full text and bibliographic research databases. These databases are used in close to 90% of the public and academic libraries in the US and Canada, and is used widely around the world. ASNMM will receive royalties on any purchases of full-text editions of the newsletter. EBSCO currently licenses the full text content of over 8000 well-known periodicals and databases, including National Geographic, Newsweek, the New York, the Washington Post, and others. Our hope is that the increased publicity may lead to registration of new members and greater sales of annual volumes publicized in the newsletter.

Audits were completed for 2004 and 2005, and the society was found to be in good standing. A motion was passed to donate \$200 for the Archaeology Fair this year.

The Memorandum of Understanding for the State Sitewatch program was completed and signed. Sally McLaughlin will represent ASNM for the Sitewatch Council.

John Fitch and Maynard Merkt were honored with ASNM Achievement Awards, and three scholarships were awarded by ASNM this year. Nancy Komulainen received money to pursue her thesis on the Role of Maya Faceobe in Belize. Ana O. Lujan was awarded funds for her thesis research on the racial identification of Asian and Native American populations. Matthew J. Hoskins received support to meet his financial need to continue his coursework.

Local Society News

Arlette Miller reported that the Albuquerque Archaeological Society website has been expanded— please visit www.abqarchaeology.org. She also announced that Pottery Southwest has a website: www.unm.edu/~psw. Sid Barteau says the Santa Fe society is active in the Santa Fe National Forest SiteWatch program, and is looking for younger people to join the membership. Dave Kirkpatrick reported that the Doña Anna society is working on a project of identifying artifacts from Cañada Alamosa. Greg Sagemiller says that the Taos society is going to establish a Junior Archaeological Education Program, and is in the process of certifying additional site stewards. \$500 was donated to the ASNM scholarship fund, and 25 life memberships have been awarded. Carmen Johnson was given an “outstanding award”. Members have been recording petroglyphs in the Taos Basin. Roger Moore reported that members of the San Juan society have been volunteering at Salmon Ruins and are involved in archaeoastronomy. He added that the planned paving of the road to Chaco will greatly increase usage of the park, and people should notify their legislators of their objections. Nancy Woodworth said that members of the Torrance County society have recorded many historic and prehistoric sites. Speaking for the Grant County society, Tina Joslin stated that their SiteWatch program is up to 20 members. The society has also assembled an educational trunk that can be taken to schools.

Jerry Brody says the Creston portion of the Galisteo Basin project is done and written up in the annual volume by Jerry and Jean Brody. 25 to 30 people are working with him in the basin, and he encourages members of all the archaeological societies in the state to participate in recording rock art. More on Jean and Jerry’s projects is below. For more information on participating, go to www.rockartnm.com, or email Jerry at jjbrody@unm.edu.

The next board meeting will be held in mid-September in Tijeras.

Other News

ASNM’s Rock Art Recording Project: The Archaeological Society of New Mexico (ASNM) began documenting rock art in the 1960s to help protect and preserve New Mexico’s ancient heritage. As its program evolved its procedures became increasingly systematic and have the potential for creating objectively descriptive inventories of all human-made marks at rock art sites. ASNM-RARP data are given to ARMS, the archaeological archive for the State of New Mexico in both paper and digital form. The goal is to provide researchers with a comprehensive, flexible, user-friendly data base. ASNM’s Rock Art Recording Projects will give workshops and field training to potential rock art recorders in New Mexico, especially those belonging to ASNM and ASNM affiliated archaeological societies.

During the last decade, ASNM-RARP has created a data base of about 10,000 petroglyphs from sites in the Galisteo Basin southeast of Santa Fe. Most were made by Pueblo people between about 1200 and

1700 but many others were made by Archaic, Plains, Athabaskan, Hispanic, Anglo and (perhaps) PaleoIndian people who lived in, used, or passed through the area during the last eight or ten thousand years. The Galisteo Basin program is a cooperative one with (among others) the Friends of Archaeology and the Albuquerque Archaeological Society.

Reburial at Mesa Verde: The Hopi Tribe reburied remains of more than 1,500 ancestral Puebloans and associated funerary objects during a closed ceremony at Mesa Verde National Park. The site was agreed upon by the park's 24 affiliated tribes, and now holds the remains from 1,528 individuals of whom Navajos, Zunis, Hopis and other Pueblo tribes are descendants as well as 4,889 funerary objects, and the remains of 26 individuals who could not be identified with a specific tribe. The remains and objects date from 500 to 1300 A.D. and were excavated at various times between the 1890s and 1990s.

Most Endangered Places: The National Trust for Historic Preservation released its annual list of America's 11 Most Endangered Places. In Washington, D.C., the Arts and Industries Building, the first museum of the Smithsonian Institution and the masterpiece of architect Adolf Cluss, is closed indefinitely and risks falling into obscurity. In Lower Manhattan, the "Survivors' Staircase," the only remaining above-ground fragment of the vanished Twin Towers, which offered a path to safety for many who fled the World Trade Center, is threatened with demolition for construction of a new office tower. In New Orleans, the heart and soul of the city - the modest, colorful shotgun houses, bungalows and Creole cottages that line the streets of the Lower 9th Ward and working-class neighborhoods such as Mid-City, Holy Cross and South Lakeview—are "red tagged" for demolition. Elsewhere on the Gulf Coast, the historic communities and landmarks of Mississippi also suffered incalculable damage and face an uncertain future nearly one year after Katrina.

Long Walk: An advisory board to the National Park Service has recommended that the events and routes of the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Long Walk be commemorated by designating the Long Walk as a National Historic Trail. The recommendation comes out of a feasibility study consisting of general public meetings, meetings with tribal members, and two conferences.

Rock Art Vandalism in Utah: A Washington County rock art site was vandalized. A site steward of the Land Hill petroglyph site, a land form that fronts the Santa Clara River and contains more than 175 separate panels of American Indian petroglyphs, reported the vandalism two weeks ago. Officials from the Bureau of Land Management's St. George field office hope the public will come forward and are offering a reward for information about the incident.

Santa Fe Plaza: Santa Fe city preservation planners partnered with the National Park Service and the state Historic Preservation Division to identify historically significant features in the Santa Fe Plaza to develop guidelines and design criteria for ongoing maintenance and future preservation projects. Researchers determined that the plaza today looks much as it did during the Territorial period, ca. 1866. One of the most important features is the Soldier's Monument—a sandstone obelisk honoring soldiers who fought in the Civil War that also marks the center of the Santa Fe Land Grant.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The 2006 Pecos Conference will be held August 10-13 at Navajo Lake, New Mexico. This year's theme is "One Hundred Years of Archaeology and Preservation in the Southwest". People wishing to give a presentation should list the title on their registration form. Note: there will be no poster sessions this year. 1-page handouts are okay. Paul Reed (preed@cdarc.org) and Linda Pierce (lpierce@cdarc.org)

can be contacted more information. For conference details and a registration packet, visit www.swanet.org/2006_pecos_conference/index.html. Those registering before July 1 get \$5.00 off, and web registration is available this year at www.cedarc.org/pages/getinvolved/pecos_conference.php. Those without web access can call or write the Center for Desert Archaeology, 300 East University, Suite 230, Tucson, AZ 85705 (520-882-6946), or the Salmon Ruins Museum, PO Box 125, Bloomfield, NM 87401 (505-632-2013).

The Center for Desert Archaeology now offers *Southwest Archaeology Today*, a free moderated email news service for people interested in archaeology, anthropology, history, and historic preservation in the American Southwest and Mexican Northwest. More information is at www.cdarc.org/pages/library/sat.php.

Advance orders are now being taken for *Thirty-Five Years of Archaeological Research at Salmon Ruins, New Mexico* (3 volumes), edited by Paul F. Reed. Volume 1 is the introduction, architecture, chronology, and conclusions; Volume 2 is the ceramic studies, and Volume 3 contains the archaeobotanical and other analytic studies. The publication date is June, 2006. Pricing is \$79.95 for the set; individual volumes are \$29.95 each. Orders can be placed at www.salmonruins.com (or call the Salmon Ruins Museum at 505-632-2013), or www.cdarc.org (or call the Center for Desert Archaeology at 520-882-6946).

The newest Southwest Seminars series, *Voices from the Past*, begins June 19 and continues through August 21st. Lectures are Monday nights at 6:00 at the Hotel Santa Fe. Admission is \$10 per person or \$50 for a series subscription, and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Palace of the Governors. Additional information can be had at www.southwestseminars.org or by calling 505-466-2775.

Submissions for the next issue of *La Jornada* are due August 31st.

In Passing

It is with immeasurable sorrow that we face the loss of long-time GCAS member Dave Matthews. Dave was one of those rare individuals who joins a volunteer organization like GCAS and makes a difference that will never be forgotten. Less than two years after joining our group, Dave took on the office of vice president, which is the most demanding position we “offer.” Dave said he might need “a little help” with the job, but nobody ever did it better. Dave’s knowledge of this area, his enthusiasm and hard-work ethic made his outstanding performance a sure thing. Dave held this position longer than anyone in recent club history. He went on to serve two terms as GCAS president.

No matter what the task, Dave could *always* be counted on to shoulder more than his share of the load. When the possibility of a statewide site steward program appeared on the horizon, Dave took the bull by the horns and became the club’s representative toward this goal. When, in part due to Dave’s determination, the SiteWatch program became a reality, Dave took the position of program coordinator for this area. Dave’s outstanding performance has always been appreciated by GCAS, but was also recognized on a statewide level when he received the Outstanding Archaeology Achievement Award from the ASNM for 2003. It is gratifying that the state society recognized a truly great contributor when they saw one.

Mere words cannot express the appreciation we all feel for Dave’s contributions, or the loss we all feel at his passing. Thank you, Dave, for being you and for gracing our lives. We will never forget you.

Jeff Young, GCAS President

Affiliate Societies

For your information, the ASNM Newsletter carries this list of Archaeological Societies that are affiliates of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico. Corrections, updates, and e-mail contact addresses are appreciated along with news of local activities.

Members of local societies are encouraged to join ASNM.

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El Paso Archaeological Society
PO Box 4345
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Grant County Archaeological Society
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Silver City, NM 88062
President: Dave Matthews

Midland Archaeological Society
PO Box 4224
Midland, TX 79704
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Plateau Sciences Society
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San Juan Archaeological Society
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Santa Fe Archaeological Society
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