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ASNM News

Note from your new Editor

For all those who keep track, Volumes 2 and 3 for 2008 have been combined into a single issue as was the case in 2007, but we hope to go back to four issues a year and cut costs through email distribution and omitting color in the print version. Submissions for the December issue of La Jornada should be sent to Helen Crotty by December 1st. Email is jhcrotty947@gmail.com, snail mail is 1366 State Road 344, Sandia Park, NM 87047.

Election Results

Congratulations to our new Trustee Arlette Miller and welcome to returning Trustees Bradley Bowman, Gary Hein, and Meade Kemrer. Ann Owen and Helen Crotty were elected alternates. President John Hayden, Vice President Meade Kemrer, and Treasurer Anna Walters will continue in their current positions and Arlette Miller will replace Tina Joslin, who resigned, as Secretary.

2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting to be held in Taos next May 1-3 will honor Paul Williams, BLM Taos Field Office Archaeologist and founding member of the Taos Archaeological Society. The theme is "Between the Mountains—Beyond the Mountains." A full weekend of activities is planned, including contributed paper presentations and posters, vendor sales, museum tours, the Bandelier Lecture and Awards banquet, a film exhibit, scholarship student papers; and field trips on Sunday to petroglyph sites in the Taos valley, Taos Pueblo tours, and other field trips. An opening reception will be held on Friday afternoon. The host hotel is the Best Western Kachina Lodge and Meetings Center at 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte. Further details about the conference and lodging options will be posted soon on the Taos Archaeological Society website www.taosarch.org. See the call for papers on page 7 of this issue.

ASNM Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Matthew Nelson and Christina Butcher. Matthew Nelson, a graduate student at UNM, is researching "Navajo Area Health Services: Balancing Wellness and Tradition," and Christina Butcher is an undergraduate at NMSU working on an oral history of Southern Tutchone First Nation elders.

Treasurer's Report

Updated figures from Treasurer Anna Walters at press time show a profit of \$828.07 for the Annual Meeting and final costs of the Annual Volume at \$7824.76 for design and printing and \$669.04 for mailing. After renewal notices went out in July, we have 280 dues paying members for 2008, down a bit from 297 in 2007 and 288 in 2006.

La Jornada

As mentioned in the Editor's Note above, the board voted to move to an electronic newsletter starting in 2008 in an effort to cut costs. The membership renewal form asks for an email address if you have one. You will then receive an email with a link to the electronic newsletter. Members who wish to continue receiving a print copy are asked to pay an additional \$5.00 per year to help cover costs of printing and postage.

John Hayden is looking for a new logo that symbolizes the purposes of ASNM for the newsletter masthead and for the letterhead. Members are invited to send suggestions to John (johnhayden@q.com) or to Helen Crotty (jhcrotty947@gmail.com).

ASNM ANNUAL PAPERS HONOREE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for honorees for the 2010 volume of ASNM's Annual *Papers* are requested. Each year, ASNM dedicates a volume of its *Papers* to someone who has made significant contributions to Southwestern archaeology. Nominee names are requested from individual ASNM members and from affiliated societies. Letters of nomination should give the nominee's name, address, date of birth, education, occupation, and archaeological society affiliations. Describe the wonderful and illustrious things the nominee does or has done that caused you to propose his or her name. Summarize his/her activities in Southwestern archaeology, including publications, research, teaching, public education, ASNM or related organization activities, site conservation, etc. Please send letters of nomination by January 15, 2009 to Karen Armstrong, 1705 Chelwood Park Boulevard, Albuquerque, NM 87112. If you need more information, call Karen at (505) 294-8218, or email fybate@comcast.net.

2009 Richard A. Bice Award for Archaeological Achievement

The board voted in 2007 to change the name of the Archaeological Achievement Award to the Richard A. Bice Award for Archaeological Achievement, and to include information on Dick Bice's accomplishments when presenting the award in the future. The president of each of our affiliate societies recently received a letter and an award nomination form for the 2009 Richard A. Bice Award for Archaeological Achievement. The award recognizes individuals from our affiliated societies who have contributed in some manner to promote archaeology in general. They need not be archaeologists. Please contact your society president to nominate any deserving individual or individuals whom you believe to be worthy of this distinguished award. All award nominations must be received by January 30, 2009. For additional information, contact Bradley Bowman, Bice Award Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 582, Cedar Crest, NM 87008. Telephone: (505) 281-4745 or e-mail: bradleybowman@earthlink.net.

Call for Nominations to the ASNM Board

Members of local societies are encouraged to run for the Board of Trustees of ASNM. People interested in running or in nominating someone else (with their permission) for the position should contact Nancy Woodworth at (505) 281-7820 or njwood@spinn.net by January 31st so that their names can be submitted to the Board at the February meeting.

OTHER NOTES FROM THE ASNM BOARD MEETING

Publications

Emily Brown assumed chairmanship of the Annual Volume committee and will be assisted by Carol Condie, Dave Brugge, and Karen Armstrong, with Regge Wiseman as advisor.

Dave Kirkpatrick reported for the Special Publications committee that the Casa Mera volume is undergoing peer review, but no publication date has been fixed. A pre-publication announcement is planned so that most, if not all, of the publishing costs will be prepaid.

The Marjorie Lambert volume of memoirs “Bits and Pieces from the Past” is moving forward slowly. Dave has identified museum collections that have photographs of the people mentioned in Marjorie’s manuscript. He is working with Allan Ferg, Arizona State Museum archivist, on photos and brief biographies of these people.

Regge Wiseman reported that the first 11 issues of the Laboratory of Anthropology Bulletins (originally published during the 1930s and early 1940s) will be reprinted. Each bulletin will have a separate update prepared by a specialist. The updates pull together more recent literature and the current thinking and interpretations pertinent to each bulletin. As can be imagined, some of the updates are as long as or longer than the original bulletins. Ted Frisbie has written a biography of H.P. Mera. Some of Mera's drawings of "whimsical characters" and some of his site survey maps may also be included if space permits. The team assembling this volume includes Emily Brown and Rory Gauthier as well as Reg. It will be published as a Special Publication of the ASNM. Date of availability is still a couple of years off.

Rock Art Council

Gary Hein reported that the Rock Art Project, formerly directed by one or two people, will now be reorganized along the lines of the Certification Council. Dave Kirkpatrick is preparing draft by-laws. Representation on the Council from all of the affiliated societies and organizations is envisioned, and the purposes include (in part): providing education about rock art; establishing standards for rock art recording; providing training and assistance to meet the standards; providing assistance in submission of rock art records in the New Mexico Cultural Inventory System; and developing communication and working relationships with rock art recording groups in New Mexico and the Greater Southwest Region. Interested rock art recorders currently working on plans for the Rock Art Council will be reviewing and editing the draft to produce by-laws acceptable to the group and to the Board.

Certification Council

Roger Moore reported that the Certification Council’s by-laws are being updated. The possibility of including SiteWatch as part of the program will be discussed at the next meeting. There have been no recent requests for certification. Roger suggested that perhaps the program has been forgotten by local societies.

Richard Avery Bice Bequest

John Hayden reported that Dick Bice included in his will a generous bequest to ASNM to be used for reporting and archiving the records and materials recovered by the ASNM Field School Vidal Project conducted near Gallup, New Mexico during the approximate period 1980-1993. More information will be forthcoming when details have been worked out.

SiteWatch

Phil Young has retired from the Historic Preservation Division, which has run out of money to fund the SiteWatch program, but he will continue to coordinate the program for three months to get contracts in place. The State Archaeologist is to take over the program July 1. [See more details on pages 4-5]. John Hayden noted that this great community-based program with over 275 volunteers across the state generates a lot of interest and fills a huge void left by the lack of excavation opportunities.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Glenna Dean Resigns as State Archaeologist

Glenna Dean, who as an ex-officio ASNM Trustee has been an active participant in the Board meetings, resigned her position as New Mexico State Archaeologist, effective 28 August 2008, to join the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, Inc., in Espanola. Her new duties will involve working with Historic Preservation Division, other preservation organizations, federal and state agencies, communities, and local governments. Despite having resigned, Glenna continued to spearhead the very successful Los Lunas Archaeology Fair September 26-27 and will attend the Trustees' meeting in October.

The ASNM Board seconds Carol Condie's remarks on notice of Glenna's resignation: "You've done such an outstanding job that replacing you will be almost impossible. You're going to be sadly missed—not only by contractors and federal and state people, but also by the public at large (among whom you have innumerable fans)."

New Mexico SiteWatch Loses Funds and Staff Coordinator – from the Sitewatch Newsletter

New Mexico's cultural sites and patrimony attract visitors and significant out-of-state dollars to the state. SiteWatch is a volunteer program coordinated by the Historic Preservation Division and funded up until 2008 by public and private partnerships. Founded on the belief that preserving New Mexico's cultural heritage is essential to our state's and nation's knowledge and quality of life, SiteWatch seeks to conserve and protect cultural properties by coordinating the efforts of agencies, citizens and landowners with those of volunteer site stewards who serve as educational docents and monitors of local cultural resources. In FY08 SiteWatch stewards reported ongoing unauthorized excavations on Santa Fe County Open Space lands in the Galisteo Basin, at sites in Grant and Sierra Counties, and disrupted illegal looters in the act of digging a site on the Cibola National Forest in Torrance County, resulting in three Federal investigations.

Although FY08 saw approximately 275 volunteers actively monitoring cultural resources statewide, SiteWatch participation is projected to drop this year. It would be the second year the program has operated without a statewide coordinator. Housed at HPD, the coordinator job was funded through federal and state agency agreements, but those funds dried up when inflation impacted federal, state and county budgets. Yet, SiteWatch volunteers last year saved the same entities \$350,000 in salary and \$60,000 in mileage because citizen volunteers were willing to invest their time and resources into protecting our cultural heritage

The need for volunteer site stewards is stronger than ever. Governor Richardson imposed a year long moratorium on oil-and-gas exploration and drilling in Galisteo Basin while state agencies investigated the potential consequences to cultural resources and the environment. Site stewards stepped up to the task, proving to be valuable community-based resources who assisted HPD, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and Santa Fe County land managers in better determining possible effects. The stewards were the eyes and ears of the state in the field and would continue as such in sensitive areas such as the Galisteo, Permian and San Juan Basins if their efforts were again coordinated through HPD.

Federal agencies have shown their support for this statewide partnership in the past, and are waiting to see a show of financial support from the state. In FY09, HPD and our volunteer site stewards look for support from the Legislature so their work protecting New Mexico's cultural legacy can continue and grow. The program applied for the national Preserve America Stewards designation. An appropriation of \$60,000 to fund an existing FTE is being sought by program partners through

the House Appropriations Committee, and is endorsed by the Archaeological Society of New Mexico (pending Oct. 18th approval), the New Mexico Archaeological Council, and the Site Steward Foundation (a 501(c)(3)).

Site Steward Foundation - from the SiteWatch Newsletter

The Site Steward Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) is awaiting final approval of its application to become a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and will begin to seek members and contributions in early 2009. The Foundation has been created for the purpose of generating and managing resources to support the conservation, preservation, monitoring, education and research of archaeological, historical and cultural resources in the state of New Mexico.

The primary mission of the Foundation will be to aid organizations such as the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program and the New Mexico SiteWatch Program in addition to other organizations with similar purposes and objectives. Examples of how funds may be used are for education, training and equipment for site stewards, stabilization and restoration of sites, etc.

As a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, the Foundation will be able to receive government and private foundation grants as well as tax deductible business and individual contributions. Free radio and public service announcements can also be obtained due to the Foundation's non-profit status.

Membership benefits include tax deductions for non-reimbursed charitable volunteer mileage at the rate of \$0.14 per mile and tax deductions for annual membership dues and donations to the Foundation. Of primary importance are members' hours spent volunteering as a Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward or SiteWatch Steward; such time can be used to receive matching grants to the Foundation.

Site stewards and anyone interested in the preservation and conservation of archaeological, historical and cultural resources in the state of New Mexico are encouraged to join the Site Steward Foundation, Inc. For further information about membership and contributions, please contact the Site Steward Foundation, Inc. at: sitestewardfoundation@yahoo.com or by writing to P.O. Box 32224, Santa Fe, NM 87594.

For further information and to see the SiteWatch newsletter, click the "Forms" link on the SiteWatch website at <http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/PROGRAMS/sitewatch.html>. The permanent SiteWatch email address is dca-hpdsitewatch@state.nm.us, with messages currently forwarded to PhilYoung and to the Deputy Director of HPD.

Pecos Conference 2008 – Report from Flagstaff

In a departure from the usual Pecos Conference emphasis on field reports, four plenary sessions, two each day, filled the mornings with focused and cutting-edge information for attendees. Two of these had rather specialized appeal: "Celebration of One Hundred Years of Cooperation, Collaboration, and Progress" was concerned with the role of the Museum of Northern Arizona and other Flagstaff institutions in archaeological research. "Mega-Databases in Southwestern Archaeology" was a panel discussion among managers of such databases regarding initiatives to insure long-term maintenance of existing mega-databases, access, functionality, aspirations and future directions. More detailed information www.swanet.org/2008_pecos_conference/advanced.html.

Of more general interest was the subject "Latest Research on the Earliest Farmers," in which participants in a Colton House Advanced Seminar co-sponsored by the Museum of Northern Arizona, Desert Archaeology, Inc., and the Center for Desert Archaeology participated in a panel summarizing their research and later took questions from and engaged in discussion with the audience. Exciting findings from new microbotanical techniques, some of them controversial, are pushing the dates for the origins of horticulture in the New World much earlier than previously

thought. And warfare, apparently absent among hunter-gatherers, seems to emerge with the concept of property in settled agricultural communities. The results of the seminar are to be posted on the Internet and published in a special issue of *Archaeology Southwest*. Watch the Center for Desert Archaeology website (cdarc.org) for more information about the seminar and for news on Southwest (and global) archaeology. Also of general interest was the session entitled “The Comet Theory About the End of Clovis and the Black Mat,” which was preceded on Friday night by a PowerPoint presentation in the NAU Library “Theory of Comet Explosion 12,900 BP, the Clovis Black Mat, and Other Matters” by some of the panelists. The panel discussion was lively, with several panelists contesting the notion of a comet as the causative agent but none denying that some sort of sudden and extensive catastrophe ended the Clovis culture and caused the extinction of the last remnants of Pleistocene megafauna. For more details and an explanation of the “Black Mat,” see the article “Younger Dryas ‘Black Mats’ and the Rancholabrean termination in North America” by Vance Haynes in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science* for May 6, 2008 (Vol.105, No.18:6520-6525).

Response to “First” Rock Art Field School Photo

Previous Editor Emily Brown received a message—unfortunately too late for the last issue of *La Jornada*—from Steve Lekson about the identity of people photographed in what was actually the second ASNM Rock Art Field School of 1973 held in the *Dinetah*, east of Bloomfield and centering on Delgadito Canyon. Misidentified as the “Gay Barbre?” at left is Priscilla Eastwood, and the person identified as Priscilla is really Diane Van Elsacker. Steve reports further that Priscilla had just lost her husband, Vince; she's living at the Frasier Meadows retirement community in Boulder, still working on her pottery and Colorado archaeology. We hope to present more information about the photo and early Rock Art Field School participants in a future issue of *La Jornada*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Archaeology Festival

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 2008 Archaeology Festival at La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico from 12:00 to 7:00 PM on November 1, 2008. The day-long event brings together archaeologists, educators and other experts—from Santa Fe and around the country—to host various educational, hands-on activities for teachers, parents, and children to enjoy.

Rock Art Symposium

The San Diego Museum of Man’s 33rd Annual Rock Art Symposium will be held at the Otto Center at the San Diego Zoo on November 3rd, adult registration \$45. For more information or to download a pre-registration form, go to www.museumofman.org/html/flyer__rock_art_2008.pdf.

Free Public Lecture

Paul F. Reed, “Prodigy, Rebel, or Stepchild: Salmon, Aztec, and the Middle San Juan Region in the Chacoan and Post Chacoan Periods” on Thursday, November 13, 7-9 p.m. in Hibben Center 105, University of New Mexico. Book signing to follow.

Archaeological Conference

New Mexico Archaeological Council (NMAC) Fall Conference at the Hibben Center, University of New Mexico “Migration or Emulation: Chacoan Presence in the Middle Rio Grande” on Saturday, November 15, with optional field trips November 16, registration \$20 for current members or \$45 including NMAC membership through 2009. See www.nmacweb.org for registration form and program details.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ASNM Annual Meeting May 1-3, Taos, New Mexico

Between the Mountains—Beyond the Mountains

Honoring Paul Williams, BLM Taos Field Office Archaeologist
and Founding Member of the Taos Archaeological Society

In keeping with Paul Williams's career protecting, preserving, and managing cultural resources in northern New Mexico, the theme for the ASNM 2009 Annual Meeting will be contributions to the archaeology of the Northern Rio Grande. The Northern Rio Grande is the region between the San Juan and Tusas Mountains on the west and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains on the east, from the Albuquerque area on the south to the San Luis Valley on the north. While the Northern Rio Grande can stand as its own region, its Native and Euroamerican residents also had ties to regions beyond the mountains, west and east. We encourage avocational and professional archaeologists to submit proposals for papers and posters that focus on one of two central themes:

- Between the Mountains: Prehistoric-Sites and Historic-Sites Archaeology of the Northern Rio Grande
- Beyond the Mountains: Prehistoric-Sites and Historic-Sites Archaeology of Adjacent Regions in Relation to the Northern Rio Grande

Specifically, we encourage proposals for papers and posters that present new and thoughtful approaches to and results of research related to the Northern Rio Grande.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Title of Contributed Paper: _____

Title of Poster Exhibit: _____

Presentation Abstract Here:

To ensure timely publication of the program and notices, please note the following schedule of deadlines:

Abstracts due: January 14th

Notification of acceptance: January 23rd

Deadline for flash drive or CD: April 8th

Please send all materials to: Carmen Acosta Johnson, Ph.D., 831 Witt Road, Taos, NM 87571

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As a New Mexico non-profit corporation, ASNM is one of the oldest of its kind in the United States. The Society has a number of affiliated local societies listed below. ASNM encourages and assists others to unite to preserve, study, protect, and promote appreciation of the prehistoric and historic cultural resources of New Mexico. Membership: Individual, Family, Institution \$25 (Print Newsletter by First Class Mail is \$5 extra), Contributing \$35 or more. Privileges: Enrolling in ASNM Incremental Certification Program and Seminars, ASNM newsletter, and annual volume of *Papers of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico*.

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