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AJO CHAPTER WINS BLM'S 2007 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD

In early April 2007, Rick Martynec, advisor to the Ajo Chapter AAS, was informed that we were among eight winners of the "Making a Difference Award" for BLM Volunteers. This award was given for the many hours – at a monetary value to the BLM of over \$30,000 – that the Ajo Chapter has put in doing survey, recording and excavation work on BLM land in the Ajo and Casa Grande area. Cheryl Blanchard, BLM Archaeologist for the Phoenix Office, submitted our chapter for the second year for this honor, and while we received honorable mention in 2006, we were chosen for this award in 2007. Cheryl was extremely pleased to bring us this news and many others at the Phoenix office were also elated, as this is the first time the Phoenix office has had a winner in the national "Making a Difference" recognition awards. This contest was open to all volunteers for the BLM. The other seven winners were recognized for volunteerism in fields other than archaeology.

Winners or their representatives were invited to come, expense-free, to Washington, D. C. on May 9-11, 2007, to attend the awards ceremony at the Department of the Interior offices. Shelby Ballard, founder and chair of the Ajo Chapter, and Rick and Sandy Martynec, archaeologists and Ajo Chapter advisors, were selected by the BLM to attend the festivities. Bud Ballard, chapter member, also represented the chapter. We flew from Tucson to Dulles Airport on May 9th and met with Cheryl Blanchard at the Hotel Washington where we stayed as guests of the BLM. That evening the winners were treated to a gathering and dinner at the "Old Ebbitt's Grill," which is a historic and well-known eatery in downtown

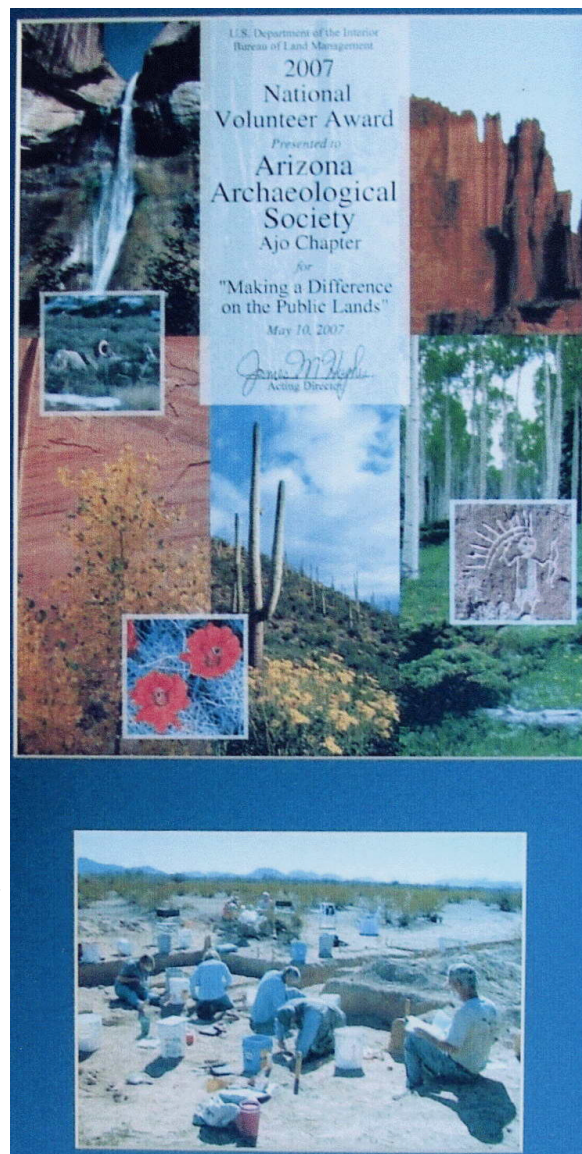
Washington, D.C., where we met the staff of the Washington BLM office and the other award winners. A fine time and good food were enjoyed by all and gifts were presented to the award winners, including a small duffel bag, water bottles, a

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Next deadline is at noon **Friday, January 18th**, for the February issue.



"HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE STATE MEETING?"

CHAPTER MEETINGS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 th Wednesday of each month 6:30 pm
Agua Fria	Glendale Public Library Auditorium 59th Avenue & Brown, Glendale One light so. of Peoria on 59 th	2 nd Tuesday of each month Meeting: 7:00-9:00 pm September thru May
Ajo/Why		1st Wednesday of each month, November thru May
Cochise	Cochise College Library Conf. Rm. Sierra Vista, AZ	2 nd Tuesday of each month
Desert Foothills	Cave Creek Town Hall 37622 N. Cave Creek Road Cave Creek	2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm September thru May
Homolovi	Homolovi Ruins State Park Visitors Center	3 rd Thursday of each month 7:00 pm
Little Colorado River	Casa Malpais Museum Springerville	3 rd Monday of each month 7:00 pm
Mohave	The Grace Lutheran Church 2101 Harrison Ave., Kingman.	2 nd Friday of each month 7:00-9:00 pm
Northern Az	The Peaks (Senior Living Community) "Alpine Room", 3150 N. Winding Brook Road, Flagstaff (Hwy 180 north of Flagstaff, just before MNA)	3 rd Tuesday of each month Sept. to Nov., Jan. to June 7:00 pm
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington Phoenix	2 nd Thursday of each month Sept. thru June 7:30 pm
Rim Country	Church of the Holy Nativity, The Cottage 1414 North Easy Street	3 rd Saturday of each month 10:00 am
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona	4 th Thursday, Sept. thru May except 3 rd Thursday, Nov & Dec. 7:00 pm
Yavapai	Pueblo of the Smoki Museum 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 rd Thursday of each month 7:30 pm



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, anthropology, 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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For more information, or to contribute, contact Alan Ferg, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson 85721-0026; phone 520-621-2970 or email ferg@email.arizona.edu, or you can send contributions directly to our AAS treasurer, Judy Rounds, P.O. Box 1401, Carefree 85377. Please include your chapter affiliation.

Attention Chapter Officers

Please make sure your Chapter is represented in the AAS Educational Video.

Many of you have contributed to its creation and we want as many members as possible to be represented so that the true spirit of the AAS can be seen by our community. The

producers are looking for approximately five still photographs from each Chapter in three separate categories: "The faces of AAS" (just shots of the great folks in your chapter), "Work done by AAS" (activities involving education and preservation), and "Ancient sites" (scenery style shots of archaeological sites and petroglyphs). You can send them directly to kjp@phqld.net or contact

the Designated Lobbyist directly for pickup of physical photos or other information.

This will be an opportunity for everyone in the State of Arizona to see first hand what a truly incredible group of folks make up this important organization, so please send us your photos.

--Kevin J. Palmer

AVOID THE RUSH—GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWED TODAY

Now is the time to renew your membership. Memberships for the current year will expire on December 31, 2007. As a reminder, those who have not renewed by February 18, 2008, will be removed from the mailing list and will not receive the March Petroglyph.



The Newest ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGIST Will Be Available At The January State Meeting



The publication of Barton Wright's master's thesis on the **Excavations at Catclaw Cave** is at the publishers and will be ready to be distributed at the January 26th State Meeting in Phoenix. Each chapter should have a member at the meeting to pick up copies for members of his chapter. We URGE you to do this to save the publication fund the expense of having to mail boxes of books!

The Petroglyph is published 10 times a year as a service to the membership of the Arizona Archaeological Society. Address correspondence for the newsletter to Editors at thepetroglyph@cox.net or mail to Elinor Large, 945 N. Pasadena #5, Mesa, AZ 85201. Call Ellie at 480.461.0563. Send address changes to the membership chair, Sylvia Lesko, at her address above. Submissions are subject to approval by the editors, advisory committee, or members, and may be edited to best represent the scientific, educational, and organizational objectives of the AAS. Deadline: 18th of each month, at noon.

**Arizona Archaeological Society State Meeting
Sedona, Arizona - October 20-21, 2007
Hosted by the Verde Valley AAS Chapter**

I. Welcome

- A. Chair Brenda Poulos began the meeting by a welcoming statement and thanking the Verde Valley Chapter for organizing the event.
- B. Bud Henderson, Chair of the Verde Valley Chapter explained the logistics for the weekend, thanked his volunteers for their efforts and announced that the after-dinner speaker would be Ekkehart Malotki, whose topic would be on his work with photographing rock art.

II. Call to order - Chair Poulos then called the meeting to order and requested proxy votes be given to the secretary. Roll call followed:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Proxies</u>
Agua Fria	8	3	0
Ajo	0	0	0
Agave House	2	2	0
Cochise	0	0	0
Desert Foothills	9	6	0
Homolovi	0	0	0
Little Colorado	0	0	0
Mohave	0	0	0
Northern AZ	6	5	0
Phoenix	7	6	5
Rim Country	3	2	0
Verde Valley	30	7	0
Yavapai	7	3	5

**III. Approval of May, 2007 State Minutes**

Corrections or amendments were made as follows:

1. Treasurer Judy Rounds made a correction on the reported percentage return on Society investments.
 2. Chair Poulos followed with proofreading corrections in the May minutes.
- All corrections were made and the minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report - Judy Rounds gave the treasurer's report with accompanying handouts:

1. The Fielder Fund has received \$700.56 in donation contributions; interest earned stands at \$714.79 and the total balance of this fund is \$35,069.78.
2. The Publication Fund (*Arizona Archaeologist* publishing) earned \$91.21 and the balance of this fund is \$10,408.26. The cost of one publication is approximately \$6,000.00.
3. The checking account balance stands at \$7,923.78.
4. The savings account has earned \$10.73 in interest and the balance is \$4,341.41.
5. Total assets for the organization are at \$57,743.23, with \$816.73 in interest as of 9/30/2007.

Chair Poulos announced that it is time to send the Chapter Reports to Mike Magnan or Judy Rounds. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved.

V. Membership Coordinator's Report

Sylvia Lesko reported that there are now 753 memberships with 1,086 members. Each Chapter needs to work on getting renewals, as December is the deadline. Only 52 *Petroglyphs* are delivered by email. Chapters should work on increasing email subscriptions to save mailing costs. Chair Poulos reiterated the importance of the renewals and email *Petroglyph* subscriptions.

VI. Committee Reports**A. Legislation** - In the absence of Kevin Palmer, Shelley Altenstadter delivered the report with notes from Kevin.

1. The 2nd and 3rd Quarter Lobbyist expenditure reports have been filed with the secretary of state.
2. Work with Congressman Rick Renzi on a possible conference has been halted due to the involvement of Mr. Renzi in a Justice Department investigation.
3. The Scottsdale Committee on Archaeology is still in the formative stages and has not met yet. Logan Simpson Design has been hired by the city to record eight petroglyph sites in the McDowell Mountain Preserve.
4. Monde Productions has agreed to produce our AAS Education/ Promotional video. Members of the LPC committee need to critique the narrative draft for this video.
4. Monde Productions has developed an **Archaeology Digital Archiving Project**. Kevin feels that AAS might want to be involved in this. He has received response from professional archaeologists on this and would like to discuss it further with the Society.

B. Education - Joan Young gave the report.

1. As of Nov. 1, the bookmark information will be on the web site. The information has already gone to some schools. Joan will send a packet of information to each Chapter President for distribution in their area.

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2. Information shouldn't just be limited to schools - use the area libraries (as per a suggestion by Trudy Mertens) and other community-centered places.
3. The deadline for entries is December 15.
4. Joan mentioned contacting high schools to start an anthropology elective.
5. Joan needs help with her Education Committee. Please contact her if you are willing to help.

C. Publications

1. **Petroglyph** - Ellie Large, editor of the *Petroglyph*, introduced her team: Linda Dorsey, who is responsible for the layout and format of the publication, and Larry and Sandy Gauthier, who are in charge of the mailing and communication with the post office.
 - a. Larry Gauthier reported on the mailing costs, which depends on whether the publication is flat or folded, the number of pages and the weight of the paper.
 - The cost used to be 22 cents flat, now it's 34 cents; if folded in half, the cost is 13 cents.
 - At 12 pages, it can be folded at the publisher, but at 16 pages the folder won't work. It needs to be kept under 12 pages or use lighter weight paper. A show of hands indicated that a lighter stock would be acceptable.
 - b. Linda Dorsey asked whether the State Meeting minutes should be printed in the *Petroglyph* since they make those copies really long. A show of hands indicated that an edited version of the minutes should be in the publication and a full version should be posted on the website.
 - c. The question was posed as to whether a "letter to the editor" or an "ask the expert" column could be used as a "filler" when needed. This was approved so send comments and questions to Ellie as the editor of the *Petroglyph*.
2. **Arizona Archaeologist** - June Freden presented her report.
 - a. The Mueller Site Report came out a year ago.
 - b. The next publication will be available at the January meeting. A second manuscript is in the process and will be available later in 2008. She asked Chapters to please be prepared to pick up your copies of this publication at the January meeting and to also pick up back copies to sell at Chapter meetings.
 - c. Submit any manuscripts to Allen Ferg with your Chapter Advisor's approval.

D. Certification Department - Chair Bob Lindsay gave the report. As the new Chair, Bob stated that he had been the Agua Fria Chapter representative to the Department for five years prior.

1. The Department has secured the talents of two new professional members as part of the Advisory Committee. Stephanie Whittlesey and Tom Motsinger will replace Lex Lindsay and Gary Stumpf upon their resignations from the Committee.
2. A new Certification Manual Manager volunteer has been secured to take over this responsibility from Jerry Mead.
3. The new Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project is off and running under the guidance of Scott Wood, archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest. Barbara Gronemann is the Project Director and Jerry Mead, Susan Jones, Alan Troxel and Bud Henderson act as organizers.
4. The Q-Ranch Project was very successful this past summer with 21 attendees over the 2-week period and 11 people were certified in stabilization. Principal Investigator is John Hohmann and field supervisors were Jim Britton and Larry Roberts. Joan Clark worked in the lab over the summer and Alan Troxel kept track of the hours for certification.
5. The Elden Pueblo Field School continued with Crew I and II certifications and Ruins Stabilization and Reconstruction certifications. Three certifications were completed in Crew I, four in Crew II, and two in Stabilization. These courses resulted in eight new members. Peter Pilles is the Principal Investigator.
6. A potential new online course is the Rock Art Recording class. Help is needed to get this course from its standard form to the internet, which is no small task. A volunteer is needed to work with Barbara Gronemann to get her course material in the proper format. Fieldwork would still be necessary to be certified. Please contact Bob for suggestions.
7. Susan Jones reported on the Perry Mesa Project. She urged interested members to sign up to begin getting field hours toward certification.

E. Website - Jerry Mead reported on the website.

1. He urged members to sign up to receive the *Petroglyph* online as it saves the Society money.
2. Jerry informed the attendees that updates for Chapter information is slow in coming. Only four Chapters (Agua Fria, Phoenix, Desert Foothills, and Verde Valley) have updated their pages. It is very important to keep them updated.
3. Jerry thanked Belinda Urquiza for getting the "Achievements" page up to date with Alan Ferg's help. If anyone has suggestions, see Belinda.
4. There is a new page for the Perry Mesa Rock Art Recording Project.
5. To make sure that Jerry reads your message, please put "mead" in the subject line.

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Agua Fria Chapter



The Agua Fria Chapter's Christmas Party on December 16th was a great success. The food was excellent and plentiful, and the gift exchange was riotous. Several gifts were stolen a number of times and there was talk of "meet you in the parking lot," but in the end everyone went home full of good food, spirits and holiday well wishes.

We changed the dinner meeting place for the speaker to make it easier for most folks to attend. It is now at the Applebee's on the northeast corner of 59th Ave. and Peoria Rd., same time- 5:00 pm. See you there on January 8, 2008.

The speaker will be Andy Seagle and his topic is Tim's Cave. This will be a very uplifting lecture, sure to tug at your heartstrings. Please join us for an inspiring lecture.

— Sandy Gauthier

Ajo Chapter



The Ajo chapter held its first meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5th at the Ajo Library, marking a permanent change to the first Wednesday of each month. The annual spaghetti feed and welcome dinner was held at the home of Rich and Linda Davis, where several gallons of spaghetti, salads and numerous desserts were consumed.

During the following meeting a call for nominations for the 2008 season resulted in Shelby Ballard being nominated for chapter president. The remaining nominations include: vice president; Sandra Renner; Rick Martynec continuing as archivist; Kamie Jetter continuing as treasurer

and Linda Davis assuming the position of secretary. Our directors will be Jim Gilman, Richard Thompson and Caroline Steva. The speaker for the evening was chapter member Jim Jetter, who spoke about excavations and explorations in the northern part of Pennsylvania where he and his wife Kamie had been participants. The fascinating talk revolved around the geography, prehistoric trail systems and rock shelters that made up the rich cultural environment of their former home state.

Plans were made for several field trips. The first chapter-sponsored event will be to the White Tank Mountain Park on Dec. 19, where Shelly Rasmussen will guide interested members to petroglyph sites. Other suggestions for trips are on the table and dates will be determined at our next meeting.

Our field season has also begun, with a request by Joe Tuomey, archaeologist for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, for assistance by qualified members to survey portions of the Monument near Alamo Canyon. Member Richard Thompson will head up the survey team and all interested members are invited to participate after a brief orientation session. Joe also holds out the promise of other back-country projects including monitoring and rerecording remote sites. Our Ajo chapter is very fortunate to have been able to develop a rapport with local land managers, who support our work and allow us to do research and site monitoring in their respective jurisdictions.

The Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge is requesting volunteers to do mitigation repairs on roads made by illegal immigrants in the refuge. It is truly appalling to witness the damage and refuse that they leave on all

federal lands near our border.

January 3rd marks the resumption of our Black Mountain sites excavation project. We will be excavating for three days per week and having lab on a fourth day. We will continue to concentrate on an Archaic site, where last season we excavated a number of overlapping Late Archaic period pithouses. Radiocarbon dating of charcoal samples determined these pithouses were used over 2800 years ago and substantiated the dates of closely associated San Pedro style projectile points. Middle Archaic period point styles have been found in and near this site and we hope to acquire older carbon dates from this year's work. Pollen samples have also been submitted for testing and we are eagerly awaiting the results which may give us clues as to climate changes and plant resource availabilities for that time period. Our archaeological advisory team of Rick and Sandy Martynec will give a PowerPoint presentation and speak about this excavation and it's findings following our January meeting, which will be held at the Ajo Library, Wed., Jan.2 at 6:30 pm. Chapter members are grateful to the BLM for recognizing our award winning work and supporting us in present and future research on their lands near Ajo.

— Rich Davis

Cochise Chapter



Our January meeting featured Rebecca Orozco and a great presentation on her many adventures in a variety of exciting locales. In December our chapter enjoyed a fantastic pot luck and "white elephant gift" party at member Chris Lowing's home. A hearty thank you to Chris for

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her hospitality.

On a more serious note, the Cochise Chapter of the AAS is considering a restructuring. No officers were elected in December because no new warm bodies were able to replace officers who have run several years in a row. Without new officers or a restructuring, the chapter will not be able to sustain itself. Attendance at our chapter meetings and events is at an all time low.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, we will gather in our usual place at Cochise College in Sierra Vista (Room 313) to discuss what, if any, measures can be taken to revitalize the chapter.

— Denise A. Agnew

Desert Foot-hills Chapter



December ended a wonderful year for the Desert Foothills Chapter with a delightful holiday dinner meeting at the Satisfied Frog in Cave Creek. The dinner meeting was well attended. The meeting was filled with activities.

At the beginning of the dinner, the Chapter held its election for Board Members, with an excellent group of veterans and some new board members as well. We are looking forward to another excellent year. The chapter reached an all-time high in membership in 2007, had a number of field trips as well as outstanding speakers. With an outstanding board, many more good things will happen in 2008.

In keeping with a tradition started several years ago, chapter member are the presenters at the holiday dinner. There were three presentations: Paddi Mozilo shared photos from the Three

Rivers, N. M. field trip from October, with a selection of shots of the 20,000 petroglyphs that are located there, as well as side visits to the nearby White Sands National Monument. That was a great trip and one the chapter may go on again this year. Brenda Poulos, our State Chairperson and former Chapter president, then took us on a tour of ancient sites in Turkey from an archaeological tour she led several years ago. We went from Istanbul to the ruins of the ancient Hittite capital, to cave dwellings in central Turkey and then to the early cities on the Mediterranean coast - quite a trip! Grace and Paul Schoonover took us with them on their trips they have taken at Christmas time and showed us Australian rock art and some of the magnificent rock art in Baja California.

The Chapter had a very successful silent auction with many wonderful items, many of which were created by our members – quite a talented lot. We raised a good amount of funds and people came away with some great holiday gifts.

The Chapter was very pleased to have with us a number of archaeologists who have worked with us during the year: Dr. David Abbott of ASU, Mark Hackbarth of LSD and our Chapter advisor, Kevin Smith, the Spur Cross Park Ranger, and Connie Stone, Acting Manager of the Hassayampa BLM District.

Please put January 9th down on your calendars for a presentation by Todd Bostwick, Phoenix City Archaeologist, on the Hueco Tanks site in Texas. This is one of Todd's favorite places and we will all find out why Hueco Tanks is so special during his session.

Also in January, the Chapter will be holding an outstanding one-day

pottery identification class with Tonto Forest archaeologist, J. Scott Wood, Archaeologist for the Tonto National Forest and author of *Checklist of Pottery Types for the Tonto National Forest*. The Class will be held Jan 19, 2008 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is currently to be held at the Tonto National Forest Cave Creek Ranger Station at 40202 N. Cave Creek Rd, Scottsdale, however, space is limited to 20 and more than 20 have already signed up. If it appears more than 20 will actually attend, other accommodations will have to be found. Contact Larry Morehouse, mascasa@extremezone.com (or 623-465-0107) if you will attend the class. Bring a lunch and a magnification device.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday and a great 2008!

— Jay Chatzkel

Little Colorado Chapter



The December meeting was held concurrently with the annual Christmas Party; this year at the beautiful and comfortable straw bale house home of members Sher and Gene Brown.

Under discussion were the pending removal of the Casa Malpais Museum from its present location to a portion of the old Springerville High School, and the continuing cataloguing of the Casa Malpais collection. The move of the museum is premature, but apparently there is space and the chapter members will be involved in the move. Cataloguing of the collection continues on Fridays, 12 to 3 pm at the present museum, and will continue after removal to the new facility.

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Recently, members assisted Doug Gann of the Center for Desert Archaeology in rebuilding several walls that had been tumbled, either from animal or environmental stress. Over the next few months, the chapter will be enjoying member presentations on Chaco Canyon, Archaeology of Greece and later, Egypt.

— David W. Rohlander

Mojave Chapter



At our December meeting, Mohave Chapter officers were elected for 2008. Congratulations to John Ainlay, President; Larry Castillo, Vice President; Gale Dom, Secretary; Connie Ainlay, Treasurer; Edith ("Edie") Dignan, Third Year Director; Bruce Schneider; Second Year Director; Larry Mozis, First Year Director; and Loren Wilson, Archivist.

The scheduled Dec. 8th and 9th survey of the historic mining town site of Signal was cancelled due to that rarest of local phenomena – rain! The survey will be rescheduled after the holidays.

Mohave Chapter meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Friday of each month at the community room at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison Ave in Kingman. Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 12th. For more information, please contact John Ainlay at 928-753-2600 or jainlay@ctaz.com.

— Gale Dom

Phoenix Chapter



Chili Booth: A large number of members helped setup, cook, serve, and takedown the chili booth at the annual Pueblo Grande Indian Market which was held on Dec. 8th & 9th at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix. Sylvia

Lesko and Marie Britton took over the reins from Gary Yancy and put in many hours making sure that we had everything that was needed and that all of the equipment worked properly. They were lucky to get the booth put up before it started raining on Friday, and managed to find a relatively dry location for the booth. The chilly weather may even have helped our chili sales!

Chapter Meetings: We had a good turnout for our Holiday Potluck on Dec. 13th. The food was plentiful and delicious, as usual. We held our annual election after the meal. Sylvia Lesko stepped down as President and will be Archivist in the coming year; Marie Britton will be President; Al Arpad will be the new Executive Vice President; Frank Fitch will be our new Certification Dept. representative, and Todd Bostwick and K. J. Schroeder are our Chapter Advisors. For a complete listing see the AAS website.

Dr. Barbara Stark, from ASU's School of Human Evolution and Social Change, explained *The Debate about the Olmec Legacy in Mesoamerica*, taking us on a quick tour of the locations where Olmec-related artifacts show up in Mexico and Guatemala, and showing us slides of some of the fascinating Olmec stonework, which ranges from small jade or greenstone figurines to huge basalt heads.

On Jan. 10th, Dr. Thomas Morton, from ASU's College of Design, will talk about Roman architecture in North Africa, where he is currently excavating a site. On Feb. 14th, Dr. Shereen Lerner (or an Irish colleague) will discuss their ongoing excavations in Ireland.

The next field trip will be on Sunday, Jan. 27th. Tom Harvey will lead a hike to Hieroglyphic Canyon in the Superstitions for the Winter State Meeting. A parking lot has been built at the trailhead.

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



The chapter held its annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Prior to the potluck, the chapter board met to discuss current and future activities and business. Following are the newly elected board members and advisors: Evelyn Christian, President; Larry Nemeth, Vice President; Courtney Rogers, Treasurer; Barbara Gustafson, Secretary; Fred Grove, Director; Monte McCord, Director/Publicity; Sandy Carson, Archivist/Certification Representative; Dr. Penny Minturn, Advisor; and Ed Spicer, Advisor.

Our speakers for the event were Bob and Del Wright. They presented a slide show entitled "Searching for Indian Ruins in the Tonto and Other nearby Forests," which outlined their more than ten years of exploring the backcountry of Arizona in search of remote ruin sites. They also discussed the various modes of transportation they utilized in their quest and the equipment they took with them. A highlight of their presentation concerned some of the unusual individuals they met along the way.

The Chapter has also begun the initial process of establishing a separate,

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interim board to form a foundation that will seek to re-establish a museum for the artifacts and displays in possession of our chapter. Once the board is established, it will undertake an active campaign to acquire both the land and funding for the museum.

— Monte McCord

Verde Valley Chapter



The Verde Valley Archaeological Society held its November meeting at the Sedona Public Library. Our speakers were Lisa Leap and Ted Neff, who have been working in the Grand Canyon, under the auspices of the National Park Service.

Lisa Leap's work deals primarily with the preservation of natural and cultural resources in the Canyon. She works closely with the tribal representatives of the eleven tribes who claim cultural affiliation with the Canyon. She also involves as many tribal representatives as possible in the preservation work: the building of check dams, trail work, the lining of gullies with rocks, construction of brush structures, and in data recovery and salvage.

Ted Neff, of the Museum of Northern Arizona, is working in the Canyon with the goal of acquiring artifacts which cannot be preserved in situ. The Canyon shows a long history of human occupation, from Pueblo I pottery and Pueblo II masonry to proto-historic roasters. Some of his finds include one whole structure atop another, a structure with four walls and a midden deposit within the structure, postholes with posts, a complete buffalo bone, and a whole Tusayan corrugated pot.

Our December meeting will be held at the Sedona Public Library on the 20th at 7:00 p.m. We will have no speaker,

but we will have a festive time, with music, a slide show, and our members' favorite desserts and finger foods.

Our January meeting will be held on the 24th, at the Sedona Public Library. Our speaker will be Travis Bone. Travis has been an archaeologist for the Coconino National Forest Service, Red Rock Ranger District, since October 2006. Tentatively his topic will be "Fire Effects on Archaeology."

The volunteer efforts at the Museum of Northern Arizona have been temporarily suspended due to holiday activities and travel plans. In January we will be back at work again, cataloguing, photographing, and analyzing.

Jerry is trying to keep up his site survey work, weather permitting. The January dates will be the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th.

On the 22nd of December, the Red Rock District of the Coconino National Forest is hosting a first-time event to observe the Winter Solstice at the V-Bar-V Heritage Site. This site has the largest collection of Sinagua petroglyphs in the Verde Valley, including a solar calendar. The observance will include an indoor exhibit by Lowell Observatory of images that pertain to the astronomical explanation of the seasons. In addition, Ken Zoll, author of Sinagua Sunwatchers, will describe the Sinagua solar calendar, leading up to the winter solstice being marked on the solar panel at 3:15 pm, as the sun passes the sandstone bluff (weather permitting).

Another Prehistory of the Southwest class will begin in January, if about 10 people are interested. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings.

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budandjoy@earthlink.net.

— Louise Fitzgerald
Yavapai Chapter



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Over sixty people enjoyed our December potluck. Thank you to Florence Reynolds for coordinating it, to Don Chase for crafting the argillite ornament favors, and to all the members who helped make it a success. After dinner, Dr. Sandra Lynch, curator of Anthropology at Sharlot Hall Museum, spoke from the heart about her passion for Native American music. She showed us her remarkable collection of instruments, played tracks from a variety of CD's to demonstrate how music is used for curing, wooing, and in ceremonies, and even danced for us. She closed the evening with her beautiful performance in sign language of "Prayer Song."

On Thursday January 17, join us for a talk on historical archaeology, when Neil Weintraub, archaeologist with the Coconino National Forest, will speak on recent studies related to the Anita Copper Mine (1897-1905) near the Grand Canyon. On February 21, Stewart Deats, project manager with Envirosystems, will talk on the 2006 Simonton Ranch excavations in the Verde Valley. Remember that before our meetings, we usually have dinner with our speakers; call Gloria for details.

Field trips continue as a popular activity. On Nov. 17, fifteen members

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joined Cliff Herstad on Perry Mesa, where he took them to the features he thinks are prehistoric antelope hunting walls, as well as petroglyphs and the Rosalie Mine pueblo group. It was an enjoyable outing, prompting lots of discussion among the participants. The Jan. 26th field trip will be to Mesa, where Jerry Howard, curator of anthropology with the Mesa Museum of Natural

History (f.k.a. Mesa Southwest Museum), will lead a tour of the new Hohokam exhibit there, followed by a tour of Mesa Grande, a Hohokam platform mound.

Elections for chapter board members were held at the November meeting. Many thanks for their hard work go to Frankie Edel, who stepped down as Archivist, and Ginger Johnson, who stepped down as Librarian and

Director. Filling their positions are Nancy Cannon as Archivist and Ron Robinson as Director. Returning for 2008 are Fred Krap, President; Gloria Grimditch, Vice President; Dawn Kimsey, Secretary; Jim Christopher, Treasurer; and continuing Directors Susan Jones and Mark Millman.

— Susan Jones



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6. The domain name “azarchsoc.org” was renewed for 3 years at a cost of \$63.00.

7. Work on a new method of managing the website has been suspended due to the illness of Steve Davie. Jerry is still working on it.

F. AAS Professional Archaeologist Award—Bud Henderson reported on the latest award which was presented to Lex Lindsay at the AAC Conference in Mesa by Chair Brenda Poulos.

1. Next year's award nominations will be due by the January 2007 meeting.

2. The Nominating Committee will remain intact for next year. Please make your nominations to Bud through your Chapter President.

VII. Old Business:

A. File your Chapter Reports **NOW**. They are due in December.

B. A reminder was given concerning the State Publication loan available to any Chapter who wants to publish and needs start-up funds. Please apply - this is a good use of State funds.

C. Chair Poulos gave an update on the AAS Screensaver/Slideshow CD. Jim Blaugh didn't get enough photos to make a CD, but will try again in a couple of years.

VIII. New Business

A. The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of officers for 2008. Bud Henderson announced the following:

- Chair - Sylvia Lesko
- First Vice Chair - Jim Graceffa
- Second Vice Chair - Ron Robinson
- Treasurer - Judy Rounds
- Secretary - Sandy Haddock. Haddock declined and Bud will find another nominee. If you would be interested in this position, please notify Bud.

B. Chair Poulos announced that a new Chapter has been formed in Tubac, which will be called the Tubac, Santa Cruz County Chapter of AAS. The Chapter was formed with 11 members and the professional archaeologist who has agreed to be their advisor is Deni Seymour.

- To accept this new Chapter into the AAS, a motion was made by Fred Hulstrom and Paddi Mozillo seconded. Without discussion the motion carried and welcome is extended to the Tubac, Santa Cruz County Chapter!

C. Chair Poulos brought up the topic of protecting member's personal information. She indicated that some chapters have distributed membership directories while others have not. Chair Poulos indicated that if we distribute this information we lose control of it and pointed out that several years ago, as a state organization, we voted not to do it. The question was posed by the Chair as to whether we should put this in the state by-laws in order to prevent liability issues. She further suggested that only Chapter board members have access to the information. For the full discussion, see the website.

IX. Announcements—

- The Winter 2008 State Meeting will be hosted by the Phoenix Chapter Jan. 26-27 at the Community Room at Pueblo Grande Museum.
- The Spring 2008 State Meeting will be hosted by the Northern Arizona Chapter in Flagstaff.
- The Fall 2008 State Meeting will be hosted by the Cochise Chapter in Sierra Vista.
- Marie Britton, Phoenix Chapter member, announced the Pueblo Grande Indian Market Chili Booth needs volunteers for this year. The Market will be held at Steele Indian School Park on Dec. 8 and 9. Gary Yancy was thanked for his service as the Chili Booth organizer for 15 years. Marie Britton and Sylvia Lesko will now organize the volunteers.

The Business meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The Host Chapter Report—Bud Henderson presented the host Chapter report for the Verde Valley Chapter.

The morning meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. for lunch.

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book on BLM recreation areas and lands, and D.C. Christmas ornaments.

On the morning of May 10th, the winners met with the Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, in his office. Secretary Kempthorne gave a short speech of commendation, other BLM staff members talked about the "Making a Difference Award," and BLM managers introduced and described the winners' accomplishments. Introducing the Ajo Chapter of the AAS was Chuck Otto, the acting District Manager of the Phoenix BLM office. The winners were then asked to say a few words, and then the awards were presented to each. The awards were personalized by including photos of volunteers at work on their project

(see photo).

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony we were bussed to the newest of the museums in Washington, D.C., the Museum of the American Indian, for lunch and a tour of the museum. The building itself was most interesting, especially to those of us from the Southwest, as it was designed to resemble cliffs and cliff dwellings (see photo). Lunch consisted of Native American foods from all across the nation, such as buffalo, venison, fish, spring bulb salad, corn pudding, cranberries, squash and blossoms. It was a most unique meal. Displays in the museum included women's dresses of leather, grasses and cotton and wool fabrics, animal art and forms used in décor and vessels and displays of lithic

tools and projectile points. One section was devoted to Tohono O'odham culture, showing Ak Chin farming and saguaro fruit harvesting. A life-size display of three forms of boats included a Hawaiian outrigger style, a reed boat like those used on Lake Titicaca, Peru, and a skin Umiak style from northern Alaska.

We flew home tired but happy and so glad for the opportunity to be recognized for the work all our chapter members have done. It was a surprise to be recognized for doing what is a joy to us, the work itself.

— Shelby Ballard and Rick & Sandy Martynec



Upcoming Events

Jan. 12, 8-11 am, PGM, Phoenix: *Petroglyph Hike: Mormon Trail, South Mountain*. Difficult. Advance registration is required. Fee is \$5 for Non-Members, and free for Members.

Jan. 14, 7 pm, Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona. 2008 Sedona Lecture Series: *Pueblo Social History: Upstreaming into the Past* by Dr. John Ware, Southwestern archaeologist, Exec. Director of the Amerind Foundation, and author of *Pueblo Culture: The Present as Key to the Past*. Tickets for each lecture are \$6 for MNA and Muses members and \$7 for nonmembers, or \$20 members and \$25 nonmembers for the four-lecture series. Tickets are available the night of the lecture at the door. Advance tickets can be obtained at

928/774-5213 from the MNA or in Sedona at 928/282-8437.

Jan. 17-19, ASU, Tempe: 20th Anniversary Southwest Symposium: *Movement, Connectivity, and Landscape Change*. Jan. 17: Registration and Reception from 4 to 7 pm in the Anthro Building. Sessions run from 8 am to 5 pm on the 18th and 19th in the Carson Ballroom, Old Main Building. Cost is \$50 plus a \$10 late fee for registering after Nov. 15th. For more information and to register, see their website at www.public.asu.edu/~ndwilso1.

Jan. 19, 8 am – noon: Pueblo Grande site stabilization - normally each third Saturday 8 a.m. till noon, Sept. till May. Enter the park through the iron

gate at the far south-west corner of the museum building next to the canal. For information contact Jim Britton at 480-827-8070, or email him at jabritton@cox.net.

Jan. 21, 7:30 pm, ASM, Tucson: AAHS Lecture: *Pueblo Social History: Upstreaming into the Past* by John Ware, Director of the Amerind Foundation. Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center, 1501 North Campbell Avenue. For further information and directions to the auditorium, see their website at <http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/aahs/lectures.shtml>.

Jan. 26, 10-11 am, PGM: **Park of Four Waters Tour**. Fee is \$5 for Non-Members, and free for Members.

Chapter Treasurers Reminder

Please prepare to create & submit your chapter IRS Form 990 no later than January 15, 2008. These will be sent to AAS Financial Advisor, Mike Magnan. Thank you for addressing this in a timely matter. For more information contact the AAS State Treasurer, Judy Rounds. Thank you for addressing this in a timely manner.

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To aid in the conservation and preservation of scientific and archaeological data and associated sites

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

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