

# THE PETROGLYPH

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE CHAIR

Due to the grim reality of the Corona-virus Pandemic, all of the meetings and events that had been scheduled for the last half of March were cancelled as well as the upcoming meetings, events, and conferences to be held in April, thus there is no Upcoming Events page in this issue. Cancelled conferences included the Society of American Archaeology's Annual Meeting which was scheduled for April 22-26 in Austin, Texas, as well as several local Archaeology Month celebrations around Arizona. Hopefully the Arizona events can be rescheduled for this fall.

While it is unfortunate that the pandemic hit during the most popular time to enjoy the outdoors in Arizona, we are blessed to be living in one of the less densely occupied areas of the United States. We can take advantage of the weather to go hiking on our own or in small groups, keeping our distance from each other, and enjoy the abundant sunshine, which is good for us. We can also take the time to catch up on reading new (and old) archaeology books and journals and view some of the many videos of archaeological interest on the internet.

--Ellie Large, Chair

### ARARA Call for Papers

The 2020 Conference of the American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA), scheduled to be held in Great Falls, Montana, on June 5–8, has been cancelled. Despite the cancellation, ARARA plans to print their annual journal, which usually contains the papers presented at the conference. Instead, they are now inviting proposals for papers for the next volume of its annual publication, AIRA 47. Papers on rock art research, documentation projects, and sites are welcome.

Abstracts of 100-300 words should be submitted online by the new April 25, 2020 deadline at <https://arara.wildapricot.org/ConfCallForPapers2020/>. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee and letters of acceptance will be sent via email shortly after the deadline with additional instructions. Please consult the AIRA Style Guide at <https://arara.wildapricot.org/AIRA> for information about paper requirements. Accepted authors will submit final papers to the chair of the Publications Committee by August 1, 2020.

Direct any questions to [araraprogram@rockart.us](mailto:araraprogram@rockart.us).

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**Next deadline is 5 pm,  
Thursday, April 23**

### Arizona Historic Preservation Conference, June 16-18, 2020 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2100 South Priest Drive, Tempe

The conference boasts two full days of programming geared to professionals in the fields of historic preservation, archaeology, cultural resources management, architecture, and planning. Members of the public involved in historic preservation and archaeology through volunteer activities and non-profit or state and local board and commission membership are also welcome.

To register go to <https://register6.net/AHPC/>

## CHAPTER NEWS



### Agave House Chapter

February Meeting: Our speaker, Esther Morgan, Archaeologist for Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, presented *Recent Findings on the Apache National Forest*. Her presentation covered some basic prehistory and history of the Apache Forest including cultural and historical chronology and some of the common site types found. She also shared some recent findings from surveys that were conducted between 2014 and 2019.

Field trips: Field trips are being planned for the spring to include Chevelon Canyon, Homolovi, Petrified Forest, and Amity Pueblo in Springerville. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Next meeting: The March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. Hopefully we will be able to meet in April.

--Era Harris



### Desert Foothills Chapter

March Meeting: Andy Seagle presented *Tim's Cave: The Discovery and The Story*. College professor and photographer Andy Seagle shared an event that testifies to the deep connections of the human experience. As his older brother Tim (an archaeologist) was dying, a defining event in both their lives was beginning. Andy's later discovery of Tim's Cave in the Sedona area gives back to the study of the Colorado Plateau, as well as mirrors the love and shared experiences of these two brothers that is still present today. The events include unique archaeological discoveries, an encounter with "pot hunter" activity, posthumous reunion of friendship with a highly respected lead archaeologist in the Coconino County National Forest Service (Peter Pilles), and a birthday present that began an adventure creating an improbable cascade of Sinagua archaeological serendipity from a 1991 helicopter flight. Family, friendship, community, and fate came together in an amazing tale developed around prehistoric people's evidence found in Arizona leading to Tim's Cave discovery, recognition, and subsequent crime law enforcement investigations!

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Day Trip to MNA and Lowell Observatory.

New Name Badges: Desert Foothills Chapter is taking orders for new name badges. If you would like to order one, the cost is \$20.00. Contact Mary Kearney at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com) for more information. Our members requested new badges for a while, so here is your chance.

April Meeting: Due to the impact of the Corona Virus and many cancellations occurring on a National and Local basis, as well as the National Emergency declared by President Trump, our chapter is canceling all remaining activities through the end of April, which includes the lecture/talk in April. We will reevaluate prior to our May meeting. We hope you understand regarding this unfortunate set of circumstances. Keep your fingers crossed that the entire event passes quickly for everyone, regardless of location around the world.

Chapter Web News: The web address for the chapter website is the best place for evolving DFC Chapter news and updates, [www.azarchsoc.wildapricot.org/desertfoothills](http://www.azarchsoc.wildapricot.org/desertfoothills). If you are gone for the summer, taking a vacation anytime, or unable to attend meetings; this is an excellent information source. The chapter website slide show files are back up and running. PLEASE NOTE, the DFC 2020 membership renewal form is available on our chapter website.

**Classes, Workshops, Special Events and Expanded Field Trips:** Mary Kearney is the primary contact for classes, workshops, special events or trips at [maryk92@aol.com](mailto:maryk92@aol.com) and the only place to sign up or get more information. Remember that classes, workshops, and trips are open to current AAS members only with DFC members having priority. There is no registration on the day of the activity or for any activity prior to the formal announcement.

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--Roger Kearney



### Homolovi Chapter

The Homolovi Chapter will not meet in April. If we meet in May, we will send an announcement. May we all stay safe and healthy during this time.

--Sky Roshay



### Little Colorado River Chapter

March Meeting: Our program for the March meeting was of course cancelled. Next month we hope to do a field trip to the Homolovi ruins near Winslow.

--Earl Cochran



### Northern Arizona Chapter

Our April speaker is Don Keller, who wasn't able to speak in March.. The meeting will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>, providing the Coronavirus is over.

--Antoinette Beiser



### Phoenix Chapter

April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Our April meeting has been cancelled because the Pueblo Grande Museum cancelled all programming, events, tours, and lectures through the end of April due to coronavirus concerns. Ron Parker, author of *Chasing Centuries: The Search for Ancient Agave Cultivars Across the Desert Southwest*, was the scheduled speaker. He has agreed to speak at our Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting instead.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting: If we have a May meeting\*, Don Liponi, photographer and editor of *La Rumorosa: Rock Art Along the Border, A Survey of Kumeyaay and Related Artwork in Southern California, Volume 2*, will be the speaker and he will have books available for purchase. He will be sharing some of the Shaman-oriented themes which have been clarified in this new effort. During the past ten years of this project, they have discovered beautiful and meaningful evidence for support of a number of Shamanistic characteristics from the Native Americans which should be of value to anyone interested in this spiritual communion. The book was published by Desert Trails Publishing in 2019; it contains 350 glossy pages, 9" x 10", and retails for \$25. (\*I have already asked him if he could reschedule his talk for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> if we have to cancel the May meeting.)

March 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Allen Dart gave a very well organized and interesting talk on *The Antiquity of Irrigation in the Southwest*, tracing the development of irrigation systems in Arizona to at least 3,500 years ago. He gave us an overview of ancient irrigation systems in the southern Southwest and discussed irrigation's implications for social complexity. The presentation was made possible by the AZ Speaks program, the longest-running and most popular program of Arizona Humanities, a statewide 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Book Sale: We had several tables of books for sale and did fairly well; we stored the remainder at PGM to sell at our next meeting, hopefully on May 12<sup>th</sup>; if not we will finish it at our Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Raffle: We will also be selling raffle tickets for the Acoma pot at the May meeting; if not we will do so at our Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can buy tickets for the raffle before the evening's presentation and the winning ticket will be drawn afterwards.

Upcoming Events:

Fall: ***Agua Fria National Monument - Pueblos and Rock Art.*** Due to the low number of people with suitable vehicles, the destination has been changed, but will still require high clearance, possibly 4WD. The road will be typical Perry Mesa - think of it as a cheap Disney ride! Date will depend on the weather of course.

Fall: ***Loy Butte Area Pictographs Hike*** led by Wayne Swart; near Honanki, outside Sedona. Meet at the Sedona Library at 8 am. Moderate hike of about 4 miles round trip on mostly level ground, half of which is off trail. There is a less than 100 ft. ascent to the pictographs at the destination. Limited to 15 people. For more information email Eric Feldman at feldbrain@gmail.com.

Phoenix Chapter Meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. We take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant on 44th Street and Washington just northwest of the museum. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-390-3491 or mbrit@cox.net) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

--Ellie Large



**Rim Country Chapter**

Due to concerns for the health of our members and current CDC guidelines, our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled. We hope to have Rich Lange present about Homol'ovi II at some future date. We hope to be able to hold our May meeting, but only time will tell....

The March meeting of the Rim Country Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society was very well attended. Our guest speaker was Janine Hembrode, whose talk was on ***Patterns in Petroglyphs: Hints of the Hohokam Cosmology.*** She shared ten cosmological themes that have been noted in the petroglyphs in the Saguaro National Monument and Tucson area. We will all look at petroglyphs with boxes, pathways and ladders differently, along with depictions of things exiting the bodies of animals and humans depicted in petroglyphs. Rock art found in small rock shelters suggests that these places may have been sacred places, areas where spiritual transformation or emergence may have occurred. Depictions of flowers and other culturally significant plants were discussed. The concept of spirals as potential solar markers was also explored.



Janine Hembrode and Hikers with Petroglyphs

After the meeting, the presenter and several other participants were led to a petroglyph site south of Payson by Sharon and Dennis Dubose to apply these concepts, accompanied by our speaker, Janine Hembrode. From the trailhead we first hiked up a narrow, rocky, brushy trail a short distance. Then we pretty much followed the contour line for a half mile to the edge of the site. The remainder was downhill over brushy rocky ground.

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Janine Hernbrode discussing  
Petroglyphs on a Boulder



Photographing a Petroglyph



Hiker Photographing a Petroglyph

We found a number of boulders and boulder clusters with one, a few, or a lot of petroglyphs on them. Many of the petroglyphs we found illustrated points in her presentation at the meeting. Lively discussions about the petroglyphs and their possible interpretation ensued between Janine and hike participants and among groups of hikers. Several petroglyphs found on boulder groups on this hillside site provided interesting examples. After we stopped for snacks and lunch, we found additional petroglyphs that had not been located previously. Everyone had a good time and was impressed with the fine work of the prehistoric Americans who made these images, even if we did not fully understand them.

-- Chris Tetzloff



### San Tan Chapter

March 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Jacob Butler from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community gave our group an interesting and knowledgeable talk about his history and community. His talk was to be on his work in their community garden, but it was much more. Mr. Butler spoke about teaching ancient Hohokam traditional gardening to fellow tribal members in the community garden that he has developed. He has learned that young people are more receptive to learning the old ways of their Hohokam ancestors than older tribal members who are more assimilated into the dominant American culture.

March 28<sup>th</sup> Mini Expo: Our *Invitation to Arizona Archaeology* mini expo was cancelled due to concerns surrounding the spread of the coronavirus. We have worked hard to make this event happen, but with the state of this pandemic we feel we should also cancel the event. Our chapter plans on rescheduling this event after all concerns of the virus have been improved. Our April 8<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting is also cancelled.

--Marie Britton



### Verde Valley Chapter

March 26<sup>th</sup> Program Postponed: The presentation that was to be given at Mary Fisher Theatre on March 26<sup>th</sup> by Larry Lindahl has been postponed and will be rescheduled a later date. Anyone who bought a ticket for this event will be able to use it once we have rescheduled the event.

Field Trips & Picnic Cancelled: All of the field trips through the month of April have been cancelled, as well as the Chapter Picnic scheduled for April 19. All of these will be rescheduled at a later date.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Cancelled: Our Chapter meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled and the speaker will be rescheduled at a later date.

--Jon Petrescu

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### Yavapai Chapter

February Field Trip: In February we visited the Kelly Site. This is a little-visited hilltop site west of Prescott near Skull Valley. Several long double-stacked walls with fill protect the site's ridgeline approach. Inside the exterior walls there is a walled enclosure (about 40' x 80') featuring an overlapping concealed entrance. In addition, the remains of a small exterior structure was located to the east with a circle of stones inside, although the latter may not be original. Some sherds are to be found but very few. The site offers magnificent 360° views of high desert wildlands.



Inside the large main enclosure



Part of the exterior wall



Concealed overlapping entrance to the main enclosure

Field Trips Postponed: In view of the pandemic both the extended field trip planned for April and the late March visit to the Fitzmaurice site in conjunction with the Verde Valley Chapter have been postponed.

March Meeting: Our March chapter meeting & dinner has been cancelled due to the virus scare. Information on future meetings and speakers will be provided once we have visibility. In the pipeline we have:

- Richard Ryan on Ice Age Arizona - Plants, Animals, and People
- Terry Robbins on the Arizona Site Steward program
- Archaeology in the Prescott National Forest
- Ceramics
- Bears Ears

Book Sale: Since there are no scheduled meetings, Chapter President Andy Christenson will be available at the Museum of Indigenous People (formerly the Smoki Museum) to check out books from our library to members. Andy is usually at the museum on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. You can also call him at 928-308-5758 to make arrangements.

Willow Lake Pit Houses: Chapter docents will not be in attendance during March & April, this may be extended depending on circumstances.

At the Museum of Indigenous People: In response to the virus threat the Museum has been closed for March and the Spring Auction and the Contemporary Native Arts Festival have been cancelled. Information is available on the museum's Events webpage.

--Ian Critchley

### UPCOMING CONFERENCE - WE HOPE!

2020 PECOS CONFERENCE, Mancos, Co. August 6-9; registration opens April 2020. [www.pecosconference.org](http://www.pecosconference.org)

**From Archaeology Southwest:**

**This Week's Issue of Southwest Archaeology Today for 03/25/2020**

**Educational and Public Archaeology Resources Online**

Last week, Lewis Borck (University of Missouri) organized a community-crowdsourced spreadsheet of archaeology/history-oriented educational and public content online as a resource for teachers and students looking for activities/readings/videos they can do at home during social isolation and quarantine. The document may be edited by those who wish to add resources. Everything is welcome, and there is a particular interest in histories/archaeologies often missed by K–12 education. Borck asks that people share it on social media to raise awareness of the resource. The spreadsheet is at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aGq85WU70SVjx22OJXqwA2mwzq2fMS5sVghlzvTlb5I/edit?usp=sharing>.

**CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE**

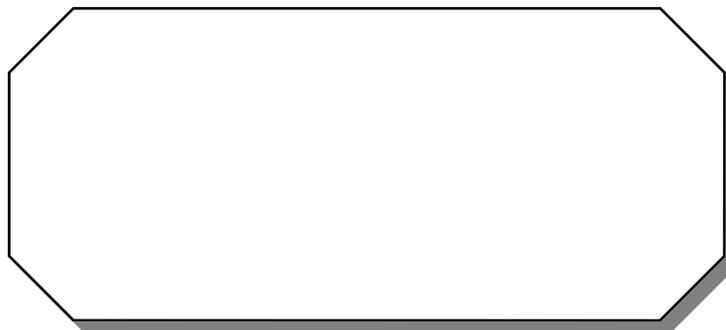
<b><u>Chapter</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Membership</u></b>
Agave House	Black Mesa Ranger Station Conf. Rm. 2748 Hwy. 260, Overgaard	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed., 6:30 pm	Era Harris 928-713-1282
Desert Foothills	The Good Shepherd of the Hills Community Building, 6502 E Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Glenda Simmons 928-684-3251
Homolovi	Winslow Chamber of Commerce 523 W. 2nd Street, Winslow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm Sept. thru Dec., March thru June	Karen Berggren 928-607-1836
Little Colorado River	Casa Museum, 418 East Main Springerville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon., 7 pm	Tony Contreras 970-210-3238
Northern Arizona	The Peaks "Alpine Room" 3150 N. Winding Brook Road Flagstaff	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues., 7 pm Sept. thru Nov., Jan. thru June	Bob Malone 202-882-6918
Phoenix	Pueblo Grande Museum 4619 E. Washington, Phoenix	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Vicki Caltabiano 480-730-3289
Rim Country	Payson Library 328 N Mc Lane Rd, Payson	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat., 10 am	Dennis Dubose 541-921-7760
San Tan	San Tan Historical Society Museum 20425 S Old Ellsworth Rd. Queen Creek, Az 85142	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7 pm Sept. thru May	Marie Britton 480-390-3491
Verde Valley	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road Sedona	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs., 7 pm, Sept. thru May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 7 pm, Nov and Dec.	Tom Cloonan 206-849-8476
Yavapai	The Museum of Indigenous People 147 North Arizona St., Prescott	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30 pm Sept. thru Nov., Jan. thru June.	Scott Sutton 503-320-7396



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**OBJECTIVES of the AAS:**

- To foster interest and research in the archaeology of Arizona
- To encourage better public understanding and concern for archaeological and cultural resources
- To protect antiquities by discouraging exploitation of archaeological resources
- 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
- To increase the knowledge and improve the skill of members in the discipline of archaeology
- To participate in investigations in the field of archaeology and to put the information so obtained into published form
- To publish a journal and such monographs as the publications committee deems appropriate

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