

SITE LINES

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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

SITE STEWARD COUNCIL NEWS

Highlights of the August 17 Site Steward Council meeting are as follows:

- Zella Soich (now Cox – Congratulations Zella) was welcomed as the newest member to the Council.
- Site Steward ID – Mike Bremer, Heritage Resource Manager indicated all Site Stewards must have a copy of the **signed Forest Service Agreement** in their possession. If you do not have a copy of the agreement, please contact your Area Team Leader. Mike and the Council are working on developing a type of ID card for Stewards to carry while in the field with the Forest Service Agreement.
- **New Site Steward Training** is scheduled to begin **Saturday, October 19** with Basic Training. Mike Bremer will oversee the first session of training; Field Training for Evidentiary Collection and assignment and orientation to Areas and Sites will occur later in the fall. Twenty-five people have expressed an interest in the program.
- Wayne Nelson is assisting Area Team Leaders to understand the process of completing Site Files and initiating that process. Each monitored site should have a complete Site File; most are incomplete at this time. Site Stewards interested in learning this process, please contact your Area Team Leader.
- Mike Bremer is giving a **GPS training session** for ACTIVE Site Stewards at Poshuingue on Saturday, **September 14** 9 am to 3 pm, with the assistance of Council members. Please RSVP with Mike @438-7846 or mbremer@fs.fed.us by September 7.
- Zella volunteered to be Co-Coordinator of the Education and Training Function Group. Mike Bremer is interim Co-Coordinator for Communication.
- Susan Scott, long time Site Steward and Area Team Leader for the Rio Chama, is moving to Connecticut. We will ALL miss her. In addition to being a very active Steward, an Area Team Leader, Susan contributed extremely

interesting articles to the Newsletter.

- As an Area Team Leader for Caja del Rio has not been identified, the Caja and Rio Chama will temporarily be combined under one Team Leader. Mike and Lee Borduin will propose an Area Team Leader for the combined areas.
- Mike and George Gozigian (Council Chair) will interact regularly with Art Krupicz (State Coordinator) regarding activities of each group.
- Minutes of Site Steward Council meetings, Function Organization Chart and current Projects Progress and Completion Log are available upon request. Please e-mail / call Jan Stone @ 505-829-3318 or stone@sulphurcanyon.com or Candie Borduin @ 455-2882 or borduin@att.net.

Saturday, November 16, 2002 1-4 pm

SITE STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture Training Room

SANTA FE, NM

Open to all Site Stewards

ARCHAEOLOGY AT WORK ELSEWHERE IN NEW MEXICO

Contributed by Jeanne Gozigian

This spring, the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, in partnership with Las Golondrinas, the "living museum", began a project underwritten by an Environmental Protection Agency grant. One of SFBG's educational sites borders Las Golondrinas. It is called the Leonora Curtin Natural History Area. It is a rare wetland area and contains a pond which Las Golondrinas uses to supply water for running its historic mill. The pond had silted in over the years and needed dredging to remain viable.

Before dredging could begin, Las Golondrinas' archaeologist had to survey the site to be sure that no archaeological sites were contained within the area to be disturbed. This was determined to be the case; in addition, the grant supervisor had to send letters to six pueblos with possible ancestral connections to the area to give them an opportunity

to protest disturbance. None did.

It is encouraging to realize that these checks are in place in the state of New Mexico to minimize damage to our resources. Historical and archeological resources may be anywhere that potential activity is planned.

FRIENDS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM?

Please forward [Site Lines](#) to other interested folks who may be interested in becoming a SFNF Site Steward. Those interested in Site Steward Training may contact Mike Bremer @ mbremer@fs.fed.us or call 438-7846 or Curt Hawley @ askibum@aol.com or 474-3397

THE HACIENDA

Contributed by Paul and Linda McClendon

As Site Stewards for the Hacienda, also known as El Viandante, We have been involved in an ongoing research project into the who, what, when and why of this site. The Hacienda site is a 75 acre parcel of land on a larger 26,000 acre tract that became a part of the public domain in 1939 after it was sold by original Anton Chico Land Grant to the Gross Kelly Company in 1930. The Forest Service took over management of the 26,000 acres in 1947

The improvements on the site include an 8 room, cut stone house, stone corrals and thousands of feet of stone walls, along the north bluffs overlooking the Pecos River between El Cerrito and Tecolotito. A house this large is very unusual for the area as typically the little subsistence ranches observed in the area have only two or three room dwellings.

Our research leads us to believe that the buildings were probably built in the late 1860s or early 1870s, as two early books from the 1865 era discuss the ford on the river where the Hacienda is located but make mention only of a rancher that lived two miles away. The oral history investigation gave us the name of the Jaramillo Family who occupied the site as a commercial venture. With their oxen, they assisted wagons in fording the Pecos River. These wagons were carrying supplies to the traders and ranches to the south and then bringing wool north across the river to Las Vegas or the railhead. With the many corrals we assume that herds of sheep and then later cattle were also brought across the river at this location. The northern terminus, at its heyday from 1880 to about 1902, was probably the Santa Fe railhead at Bernal and the wagons carried supplies south as far as Lincoln County. There is a similar site across the river that was occupied by the

Baca Family, relatives of the Jaramillos, that we feel was part of the overall picture. Some speculation has been given to use by the Comancheros during their later period but there is no good evidence to support this thought.

An interesting sidelight, three different sources all told us about the “ladies of the evening” that were at the Hacienda to entertain the wagoners. From nearby old-timers, we learned that the site was abandoned prior to the mid 1930s.

There have been four PIT projects for this site, the first for historical research and the last three out at the site doing stabilization and some archeological “digging”. While we are blessed with an abundance of surface litter, due to funding, forest fires and time constraints, little has been done in the way of identifying or dating the bulk of the artifacts collected. What we have done so far though, does support the time frame that was established through the historical research.

Sadly, we have not been able to locate any descendants of either the Jaramillo or Baca families that were connected with the site but maybe sometime.....someone..... somewhere.....

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- SFNF Site Steward GPS Training, led by Mike Bremer, September 14 @ 9am to 3 pm at Poshuingue Site. Please RSVP by September 7 RSVP with Mike @438-7846 or mbremer@fs.fed.us Please bring your GPS, users manual, a bag lunch and water. One does not need to own a GPS unit to attend. 9-12 am - use of GPS; 1-3 site mapping, etc.
- Santa Fe Archaeological Society, “Updated Look at the Valles Caldera” by Anna Stephan, Jemez Ranger District, SFNF September 23, 7:30 pm @ Courtyard by Marriott on Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe
- New Mexico Archaeology Fair, “Once Upon A Time in Southwestern New Mexico”, October 4 & 5, Silver City @ Gough Park. (505) 827-3989
- SFNF New Site Steward Training, October 19, full day, location to be announced. Please contact Candie Borduin @ 455-2882 or borduin@att.net.
- Santa Fe Archaeological Society, “Kivas are Corn Cribs”, Robert Adams, Underwater Archaeologist. October 21 @ 7:30 pm, Courtyard by Marriott in Santa Fe.

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