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Message from the New Council Chair

Jan Stone

Following the January 26th council meeting in Santa Fe, Candie Borduin as new vice chair and I as new chair, received our "official" instructions from outgoing chair, John Morris. Although Candie and I both are pleased to serve in these council positions this year, we couldn't help but laugh since one of our goals is to enlist new, younger leadership. We are neither new nor young! Candie is from the class of 2000 and my class is 1999.

In fact, after my husband, Ralph, and I received our site assignments, we completed

our field training with Mike Bremer and Rita Skinner, former Jemez archaeologist. Back then we did not even have ATLS and AATLS to do the initial orientation.

To return to the subject of goals: we are doing much better on two of them. Good progress has been made on forming the Site Steward Foundation under the leadership of committee members Gary Newgent, Bill Cella and John Morris (article on pg. 4).

The Training Committee, chaired by Nancy Cella, is in the final stages of planning our next scheduled training, set for April 26-27. We thank all site stewards who forwarded sug-

gestions, distributed flyers, and took calls that helped recruit trainees. Shelley Thompson made sure that ads were placed in area publications.

But, of course, our major goal is to continue having stewards out in the field, which could begin for some of us in the next few weeks. Up here in the Jemez Mountains, we still have piles of snow and there are muddy roads most everywhere in the forest. But spring is just around the corner.

So, happy stewarding. And don't forget to call in/call out.



Passing the Torch:

John Morris, Jan Stone, & Candie Borduin

DATES TO

REMEMBER

April 19: 9:30 a.m.
Wells Petroglyph Preserve Tour

April 26-27: 9 a.m.
Site Steward Training at MIAC

Organizational Changes

In addition to a new council chair and vice chair, Ron Krantz and Ray Willison remain as secretary and treasurer, respectively. New members-at-large in the council are Barbara Riley and Annette Morreale.

Subsequent changes include John Morris, who will be ATL of the Jemez area team. He and Bill Cella now co-chair the Field Operations Committee. Newly appointed AATLs include Ann White (Jemez area) and Irene Wanner (Garcia area). Irene and Nancy Cella are the new co-editors of *Site Lines*.

Jeremy Kulishek has moved from the SFNF Pecos District to the regional office in Santa Fe (505-438-7816). His new title is Assistant Forest Archaeologist.

In any volunteer organization, those who come forward to assume positions of responsibility are to be congratulated for offering their time, enthusiasm and talent. Welcome to new members of the council.

Wells Petroglyph Preserve Tours

Candie Borduin

The Wells Petroglyph Preserve (WPP) located on Mesa Prieta (Black Mesa) just north of Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) opens for public tours on four dates in 2008.

The tours are two hours long and are led by docents familiar with the preserve and history of the area. The tours cover extremely steep and rugged terrain. Hats and water are a must. Walking sticks are strongly recommended as are boots or sturdy shoes.

The Wells Petroglyph Preserve is a world-class rock art area with over 6000 petroglyphs that represent Archaic, Rio Grande style and Historic periods.

Children under ten are not permitted, nor are pets. Tours are limited to 30 participants per day. Groups of 8-10 each will be formed for better viewing, and each group will have a docent

guide. A \$10 donation per participant is requested. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch to eat in the parking lot below the preserve following the tours.

To RSVP, please contact www.mesaprieta@cybermesa.com or Suzie Frazier at 505-852-1351.

Response with tour information as well as directions and a map to the WPP will be sent to confirm your participation.

Tours are scheduled April 19, May 17, September 20 and October 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Mesa Prieta Pueblo Petroglyph

Winter/Spring Educational Meetings

Begun several years ago to maintain communication among site stewards during the fall, winter and early spring months when there's little opportunity to get into the field, these evening educational meetings have been very successful.

We outgrew the first location, Dominic's in Santa Fe, and presently stewards are invited to bring their own supper to the upstairs conference room at the Center for

Museum Resources on Museum Hill in Santa Fe at 5:30 p.m. usually the first Wednesday of each month.

Shelley Thompson and Mike Bremer select outstanding guest speakers from the archaeological community to present a topic of their choice concerning Southwest archaeology.

These talks begin at 6 p.m. and the program concludes by 7:15.

On February 6, Reggie Wiseman spoke about excavations he conducted for the New Mexico Department of Transportation near Roswell. Excavations were conducted on the Fox Site and included Pit House Period and Late Hunter-Gatherer remains.

Reggie was an entertaining and engaging speaker, and as Jeremy Kulishek commented, "No one knows as much about eastern New Mexico archaeology as Reggie."

On March 11 Dr. Frances Levine provided us with a sneak preview of the New Mexico History Museum now under construction, and told us how the museum will address the history and prehistory of New Mexico. The new museum is expected to open on Labor Day 2009, and is located next to the Palace of the Governors.

For Dr. Levine, creating a new state history museum is about more than putting up a new building and filling it with art and artifacts, it's about creating a community that extends beyond

the museum building to the farthest reaches of New Mexico. "When I look at plans for our new museum, I see what an important building this is for the community, but not just because they will have a beautiful new museum to visit," she says.

"It's important because they will have a place where they can see themselves and their stories reflected as an integral part of the history and future of our state."

Our January 16 speaker was Dick Ford, who spoke on the Many Faces of Rock Art in New Mexico, including rock art from the Archaic Period to the Recent Historic in northern New Mexico.

On April 2, 2008 our featured speaker was Dr. Carla Van West, whose areas of expertise include modeling prehistoric agricultural productivity, tree-ring based reconstructions of paleoenvironments, and the prehistory of the American Southwest.

Her topic was entitled "Tree-ring Dating and Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction."



Dr. Frances Levine, Director,
Palace of the Governors and the New
Mexico History Museum

New Look for our Website

Have you visited www.sfnfsitestewards.org recently? If not, take a look at the update and revisions made by Ron Krantz. One of the updated features of the website provides links to archaeological groups and their forthcoming events instead of listing each on the website itself. We'd like to solicit suggestions for other relevant websites—rock art, archaeological conservation and so on. If you have a recommendation for events not listed with any of these groups, please send it to nancycella@spinn.net or Irene at

Site Steward Foundation

Bill Cella

A non-profit foundation to support the SFNF Site Steward Program is expected to be incorporated this spring.

The mission of the Site Steward Foundation, as it will be called, is to generate and manage resources to support the conservation, preservation, monitoring, education and research of archaeological, historical and cultural resources in the state of New Mexico.

Bylaws and articles of incorporation have been drafted by a committee of the Site Steward Council, and the council will review the documents before they are filed both with the State of New Mexico and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Site Steward Foundation will "receive tax deductible contributions and make grants to support the SFNF Site Stewards and related goals and objectives," said Gary Newgent of the council's foundation committee. "I believe this was our original intent to form a stand alone 501 (c)(3) for the SFNF Site Stewards, rather than associating with another nonprofit," he said.

"This setup will be similar to the relationship between the non-profit Museums of New Mexico Foundation and the State of New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, Museum Services Division," Gary said.

In addition to generating financial resources for the Site Steward Program, the foundation will provide for tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations interested in supporting SFNF Site Steward activities. Foundation members also will be able to deduct mileage associated with site steward activity.

Membership will be open to all interested persons although, at least initially, the primary membership is expected to be drawn from those associated with the SFNF Site Stewards. Nominal annual dues, the amount yet to be determined, will be required of all foundation members. The foundation will not replace the current SFNF Site Steward Council and its existing relationship with the Santa Fe National Forest. Site stewards will be encouraged but not required to be foundation members. Employ-

ees of the Forest Service may join the foundation as private individuals, but they cannot be officers.

The foundation's seven-member board of directors will consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three at-large members. The initial board members will serve until elections at the foundation's first annual member meeting, likely to be held during the site stewards' annual meeting in fall 2008. Elected board members will serve two-year terms and may be re-elected for one additional two-year term.

Besides Gary, other council corporation committee members are John Morris and Bill Cella. The committee consulted with both Mike Bremer, heritage resource manager for the Santa Fe National Forest, and Marcia deChadenedes of the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe. Marcia is experienced in helping volunteer groups organize to support public agencies. The committee is very appreciative of their willingness to support this endeavor.

Shed Antlers: Yours, Mine or Ours?

Annette Morreale

Have you ever wondered if those antlers you stumbled over on a site visit (and tried to hide under your shirt until you returned to your car) can go home with you legally?

The answer appears in this proclamation: "The antlered skulls of deer and elk, as well as the horned skulls of ibex, oryx, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn antelope, are both fascinating and valuable. If found in the field, the skull remains state property unless from an animal taken legally by a licensed hunter during an approved hunting season, or a skull purchased from the State or a

legally licensed hunter. This rule applies to everyone, hikers as well as hunters.

"Deer and elk shed antlers every year. It's legal to have shed antlers in your possession. However, skulls with attached antlers found in the field are only available by purchase from the State. Owners must retain the resulting paperwork. If there is probable cause, Conservation Officers can confiscate any skull if they believe the animal was unlawfully killed or unlawfully possessed. So if you find a skull with antlers or horns attached, leave it there and contact

a Conservation Officer" (New Mexico Game and Trapper Rules and Information, proclamation, 2007-2008 license year). The website is www.wildlife.state.nm.us and the proclamations are free of charge when hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Editor's Note: you may show your interest in supporting the interests of wildlife by participating in the Share with Wildlife program and by purchasing a wildlife license plate (Conservation button on website).

The Big Chili Cook-Off

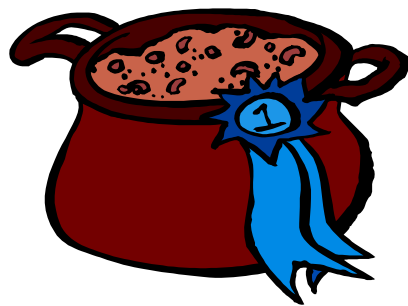
Remember the multiple pots of great chili at our annual meeting at Paliza Campground? Thanks to Shelley Thompson and Will Dearholt for cooking up this idea (pun intended).

Among the offerings were Shelley's Holy Moly Red Chile Posole, Café Pasqual's Green Chile and Pork Stew (Paul Jones and Barbara Riley), Green Chile Chicken Chowder (Candie Borduin), Wild Caribbean Black Bean Chili (Nancy Cella) and several more. We'll include these delectable recipes in future Site Lines. Those who haven't sent in their recipes, please send them to [nancy-](mailto:nancy-cella@spinn.net)

cella@spinn.net. Every pot held a delicious offering, and everyone won a prize.

Shelley's Holy Moly Red Chili Posole

Marinate overnight and smoke or grill pork tenderloin until medium. Chop into rough cubes.



Sauté a chopped onion or two and a few cloves of crushed garlic in olive oil. Add your favorite spices to taste. I use salt, pepper, cumin, smoked paprika and whatever else catches my eye in the spice pantry. In a big pot, combine the onions/garlic/spices, the chopped pork, a quart or so of your favorite red chile sauce. I like the big tub of Señor Piño mild from Sam's Club. Stir in a really big, industrial-sized, drained and rinsed can of Juanita's posole (also from Sam's), and let the whole thing simmer for a couple of hours. Add water as needed to maintain desired consistency. Eat with freshly squeezed lime juice and four shots of tequila. (Note: Tequila is optional but definitely puts the holy moly in the posole).

Field Season 2008

Spring weather will come soon, the roads will dry up, and another field season will be under way. Yes, it will.

Post Your Future Site Visits

As you begin to contact your team members to begin monitoring your sites, please think about posting your scheduled date on the list server by addressing an email to sfnfsitesteward@yahoogroups.com (if you have signed up to be on the list server). Several site stewards have indicated their interest in visiting other areas in addition to monitoring sites in their own area; please share this information with all site stewards. To be effective, you should post your site location, date, and time as far ahead as is practical and indicate how many people you can take with you. Be sure to provide contact information so interested stewards can reply directly to you to make arrangements.

Rattlesnakes

Since we are often in the more remote areas of the Forest, be aware that the spring warmth lures rattlesnakes out of winter hibernation to bask, find food and mates. They are often hungry, cranky and not overly tolerant of humans tramping around their basking places – often on rocks in the sunshine. Remember the warning: the first person who walks by wakes him up, the second person makes him mad, and the third person gets the strike. Besides being aware of where

your feet are, the best protection is to wear ankle length boots and large floppy pants – a strike does less damage to clothing than bare skin. Rattlesnakes like rocky, sandy areas as well as beneath small shrubs, like snakeweed. Be alert and avoid a painful reminder that we are often far from emergency medical aid. If you are climbing, don't place your hand on a rock above you without first checking who's on that rock besides your hand. Most importantly, leave snakes alone to pursue their activities.

Field Gear

Spring is a good time to check your field gear. Take a look at the contents of that old first aid kit. Check flashlight batteries, your vehicle fitness, and essential items in your day pack. Need a new pair of field boots?

Water Bottles

And then there are the warnings about plastic water bottles. Of the four types of water bottles, the safest kind to reuse is stainless steel, although these cannot be frozen or filled with hot water. Single-use and polycarbonate bottles are made from petroleum, and can degrade, leach chemicals or retain bacteria. Recycle or reuse these for other purposes. HDPE bottles are also made from petroleum, but are reportedly safe to reuse (information from *Time* magazine, 3-24-08, p. 65).

Here, There and Everywhere: Ham Radio for Site Stewards

Annette Morreale

Our fearless leader, Mike Bremer, is a practical and thoughtful one. He knows that even the most routine of Site Steward visits can turn into an adventure given unexpected encounters with mechanics, weather, or people. Mike earned his amateur radio license in July 2006 and became licensed by the FCC shortly thereafter as KE5JHR. Believing both in the "magic" and practicality of ham radio as a potential safety tool for Site Stewards, he arranged a class for those interested early last year.

On February 16, 2007 licenses were granted to those who successfully passed the Technician's examination (see box).

With any new language, the devil is in the details. Perusing catalogues, buying radios and related equipment, learning and become proficient at both listening and communicating can be both vexing and exhilarating. Upgrading to a higher class license (General or Amateur Extra) brings more air privileges and a chance to move from local to international communications. Active operators know the ham radio hobby can keep one busy and out of trouble for the rest of one's life.

Classes, with helpful, encouraging instruction and study books make earning a ham radio license accessible. Sessions and testing are held often in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos. Interested site stewards can contact Mike or Annette.

Two hams in Los Alamos, Bill Boedecker (NM5BB) and Charles Rogers (KJ5KU) do the classes locally and across the state, usually on the demand of a largish group (last week St John's Search and Rescue, recently the N.M. Department of Health, etc.). There are also classes regularly in Albuquerque through CNM (formerly TVI) and published in its class catalogue. Other classes pop up here and there, and we hear about them on the radio.

Bill and Charles will announce their plans for upcoming classes well in advance over the radio, so people planning on upgrading to a higher license can plan to study and test along with the larger class. Others may join their classes if there is room. If you'd like their phone numbers, please contact Annette.

After a year of practice in listening and talking I believe in the

power of Amateur Radio and fellow hams to render assistance when the unexpected occurs in the forest.

Two recently learned tips to share with fellow hams: "The Wilderness Protocol (see page 101, August 1995 QAT) calls for wilderness hams to announce their presence on, and to monitor the national calling frequencies, for five minutes beginning at the top of the hours, every three hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while in the back country. A ham in a remote location may be able to relay emergency information through another wilderness ham who has a better access to a repeater. Calling frequencies are: 52.525, 146.52, 223.50, 446.00, 1294.50, MHZ."

In an emergency situation, holding the PTT button and pressing 1,2,3 will get a direct line for help to the State Police district office hearing the call.

Being prepared for any eventuality is part of the challenge of any Site Steward or outdoor adventurer.

Consider earning your ticket and becoming an active ham.

KE5MPW - Wayne Nelson

KE5MPX - Robert Greene

KE5MPY - Will Dearholt

KE5MPZ - Annette Morreale

KE5MQA—Sal Morreale

KE3MQB—Dwight Fieselman

KE5MQE—Bill Rogers

Site Steward Training, April 26-27, 2008

Vacancies in all area teams necessitate a new site steward training weekend. We have shortened the program to 1½ days, which will include organizational topics on Saturday morning and in-field training on Saturday afternoon. This year, we will use the educational area in the arroyo behind the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (MIAC) where Forest Service archaeologists at each "site" will discuss how to monitor the various kinds of sites stewards might encounter.

Area presentations will take place on Sunday morning, with time at the end for questions about any topic presented. Revised brochures about the program have been distributed to Forest Service and BLM offices, as well as at selected other locations.

The Training Committee is asking each ATL and AATL to attend these events and mingle with the new trainees to help evaluate their potential for becoming effective site stewards. We need your input about this

new batch of potential site stewards and look forward to the opportunity to get together again.

Any site steward who wants a training refresher is welcome to attend any or all presentations.

The schedule for the two days at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture is shown below. We will use the large training room to the left of the front desk, and eat lunch in the work room downstairs. At 2:15 on Saturday, we will meet at the picnic table outside the Museum building. Please join us.

Saturday, April 26

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 – 12:00	Cultural Resource Management, Site Steward Organization
12:00	Lunch – brown bag, please
12:45 pm	Leadership Roles, Operations and Site Monitoring
2:15	Assemble outside MIAC, visit three sites in arroyo east of museum building
4:00	Adjourn

Sunday, April 27

8:45 am	Sign In
9:00-11:45	Becoming a Member, Area Presentations by Area Team Leaders
11:45	Site Steward Foundation
12:00	Q&A, Evaluations, Choose Area of Preference
12:30	Adjourn, Mingle, Brown bag lunch

End Notes

Irene and I welcome submissions to *Site Lines* from SFNF Site Steward Program members. Have you been on a great hike recently? Seen some outstanding rock art? Know about an upcoming conference or seminar? Please share the information with us.

If you send photos, please compress them for email submission, or send a CD via snail mail. Hike descriptions and other information you think stewards would find interesting can be sent to iwanner@myuw.net or nancycella@spinn.net.

And don't forget to notify your ATL or AATL when you plan a monitoring trip, call in when you return, and don't go out in the field alone.

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