

SITE LINES

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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

SITE STEWARDS ARE BUSY!

2003 has begun with a marked increase of activity for the SFNF Site Steward Program. Regular site visits are being made in all six Forest areas and educational programs are offered on a regular basis. Plans for an Annual Site Steward Meeting spanning an entire weekend are underway as well as a second Site Steward Training Session for over 20 interested and prospective stewards.



SANTA FE CANYON FIELD STUDY CLASS

By George Gozigian

On Saturday May 3rd, Isaac Eastvold led a class for Stewards of petroglyph sites in the Santa Fe Canyon. This outing proved not only educational but also most inspirational. The abundance of art, much of it complex, is overwhelming, particularly for the first timer to the area.

We were given permission to access the area from the Pueblo of Cochiti. The route we followed took us through numerous sites that span archaic horizons up through P-IV and some colonial Hispanic cruciform designs as well. The terrain is quite rugged and involved scrambling up and down basalt strewn rock fields. All in all, time in the field from trailhead and back to our vehicles spanned nearly six hours.

Participants included: Judith Isaacs, Nora Haskins, Jan Stone, Gary Hein, George Henke, Ed Crow, Don McGovern, Phil Vergamini, Curt Hawley, George Gozigian and Mike Bremer.

Ike has been teaching since 1991 field study courses on what now amounts to eight different SW areas through Santa Fe Community College, The Center for Continuing Education. A 2-day course in the RA of SF River Canyon/La Bajada areas is currently offered June 28-29. The Fall semester will see two 3-day courses in 1) the RA of the Taos Rio Grande Gorge (Oct. 11-13), and 2) the RA of the NM/AZ Borderlands (Sept. 19-21). These courses offer an excellent opportunity to explore the RA of these areas.

Our Site Steward group is indebted to Isaac for volunteering a full day of his time, his considerable knowledge and particularly his passion for the benefit of our stewards.

GPS TRAINING SESSION

There are still openings available for the May 10 GPS Training Session. Mike Bremer and Wayne Nelson will conduct a second **GPS / Compass / USGS Map Training Class** at Poshuouinge for active Site Stewards. Please RSVP by contacting Mike @ mbremer@fs.fed.us or call 438-7846. The class assists Stewards in becoming more familiar with definitions of townships, bearings, declinations, UTM's and how to use the information in field exercises. This is a very worthwhile class and site stewards are encouraged to attend. For those who do not own a GPS, extra units will be available for practice. Bring a bag lunch, dress for the weather and meet in the Poshuouinge parking lot at 9:30 am.

SITE STEWARD ANNUAL MEETING

The **SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting** is planned for **September 6 & 7**. Details will be provided later but this likely will be a full week end (camping optional) event with educational programs and site tours in addition to the Annual Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to meet other stewards and access the tremendous knowledge resource this group possesses among the members.

FRIENDS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM?

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

APRIL SITE STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

The SFNF Site Steward Council met in Santa Fe on April 26:

- ID cards – any active Site Steward not holding a photo ID card issued by the SFNF, please contact their Area Team Leader or Mike Bremer to obtain a card.
- Reminder – when conducting an official site visit, stewards should **carry BOTH their Forest Service Volunteer Agreement and Site Steward ID Card**.
- Site Visit Reports and Reporting – a Site Visit Report should be filed with Mike Bremer ONLY if something adverse has occurred at the site which requires follow-up with the forest archaeologist or law enforcement. An uneventful site visit is reported to the Area Team Leader with notations of what is observed and time spent for travel and conducting the visit. The Area Team Leader completes an annual report and submits

findings and time in the field to Mike at the year-end.

- New Steward Training – the May Training classes were cancelled due to an inadequate sign-up of potential stewards. The classes will be rescheduled for late summer / early fall. 24 people have indicated an interest in becoming Site Stewards with the SFNF.
- Mike Bremer has given permission for potential Site Stewards to make UNOFFICIAL site visits with the Area Team Leader to introduce them to the program in the field.
- A report on Field Operations revealed that several adverse situations have occurred on sites in the Santa Fe National Forest. The Forest Archaeologists and Law Enforcement are involved. These occurrences re-emphasize the importance of the work Site Steward do for the Forest.
- Zella Cox has accepted the position of Area Team Leader for the Garcia Team. Thank you Zella! With Zella moving to the position of Area Team Leader, a **Member at Large vacancy** has opened on the Site Steward Council. Please be thinking of candidates for the position – nominations will be accepted at the Annual Meeting in September and elected by the Site Steward membership.
- Third Quarter Site Steward Council meeting is Saturday, July 26 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe.
- **Stewards – be aware of possible closings of the Santa Fe National Forest for fire season!**

PASSPORT IN TIME

Several Passport In Time programs are being offered for fall 2003. These programs are very informative, provide the opportunity to participate in fieldwork with experienced archaeologists, and offer contacts with people of varied backgrounds and experience.

The fall programs are:

- Anton Chico Hacienda Site: "Text Excavation, Assessment and Stabilization" October 19-24, 8 openings. Applications due August 15.
- Cement Springs Survey – "Reconstructing the Puzzle" September 8-12 in the Gallinas Mountains in central New Mexico. 9 openings, applications due June 15.

SFNF Site Stewards in the Gallina area of Northern New Mexico will be participating in the "Gallina Site Relocation and Documentation" later in May.

See www.passportintime.com for full details.

KU-OUINGE – "STONE PUEBLO RUIN"

By Jeanne Gozjian

Ku, another interesting site in the Rio Chama Area, takes its Tewa name from a column of light colored tuff southwest of the site.

Situated on a small, sheer sided mesa top, Ku's primary occupation is estimated to have been from 1350-1550, A. D., making it a probable ancestral site of the modern Tewa pueblos.

No professional excavation has been done at Ku, so the best guesses assign it approximately 560 rooms, mostly ground floor. There are three large and one small mound, likely room blocks, of adobe and cobble construction. Three depressions suggest small kivas. A big kiva outside of the room blocks appears to have been a walled, above-ground structure made of basalt and cobble. It may have had small antechambers and an entrance ramp.

Ku is a site which proves the need for the Site Steward Program. It has been extensively pot hunted in the past, with one of the small kivas suffering severe damage. The current site stewards reported a dig at Ku 2 or 3 years ago and have recently discovered another suspected dig at an outlier they also monitor.

New site stewards interested in visiting this, and other Santa Fe National Forest sites, should contact their Area Team Leaders to set up fascinating and educational field activity.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- **GPS Training:** Mike Bremer and Wayne Nelson at Poshuouinge on May 10 for active Site Stewards. Please RSVP with Mike @ 438-7846 or mbremer@fs.fed.us
- **Late Summer Site Steward Training Session** dates to be announced – one full Saturday Classroom Session, one two hour evening session, one full Saturday Field Training.
- **GPS Training offered by REI** in Albuquerque; 2nd Saturday of Month 505-247-1191
- **September 6&7 – General Membership Meeting, SFNF Site Steward Program**, details to be announced.
- **School of American Research Lecture Series** www.sarweb.org/members/lecturespresent.htm
- **SFNF SITE STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING** – July 26, 2003 at MIAC from 11am to 2:30pm. All Stewards are welcome.
- **2003 Pecos Conference**, August 14, 15, 16, 17 2003. INAH Centro Cultural Paquime, Casas Grandes, Chihuahua. www.swanet.org

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