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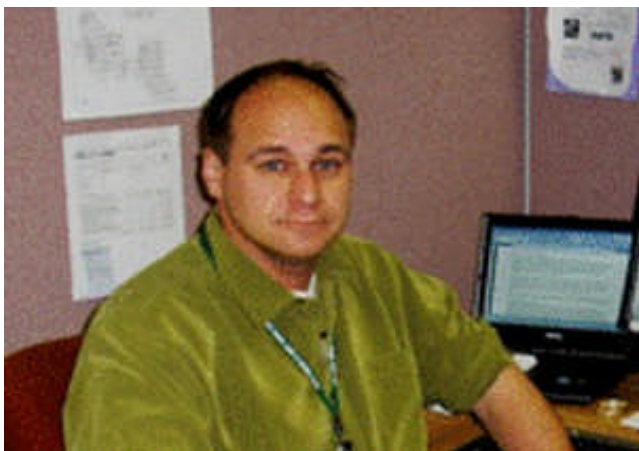
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Where We're At

By Mike Bremer

It's hard to believe that it's already February. Seems like we just finished the annual meeting but that was almost five months ago. Since then we participated in the New Mexico Site Watch Annual Meeting and had a Site Steward Council meeting, and we're already in the process of planning next year's annual meeting. Right now it looks like we'll be at either the Paliza Group Campground in the Jemez or at the Holy Ghost Campground in the Pecos. Either way, it promises to be another great event. Upcoming on the horizon is the 80th Pecos Conference at Pecos National Monument August 9-12. We hope everyone can have the opportunity to participate.

Many of you already know Jeremy Kulisheck but what you may not know is that Jeremy is the new Assistant Forest Archaeologist on the Santa Fe, meaning he now works in the



Supervisor's Office. Jeremy has a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico, and a Master's and PhD from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. If you've worked with Jeremy before, you know how fortunate we are to have him on our staff. As the Assistant Forest Archaeologist he plans on taking a large role in working with the Site Steward program. If you have been in the field with Jeremy or participated in one of his lectures you know he has a lot to contribute. If you haven't met Jeremy please take the time when you see him next to introduce yourself.

In February we held Amateur (HAM) Radio operator training for interested stewards. I am very pleased that all who attended sat through the class and passed the exam with flying colors. The use of amateur radios in the field should provide an additional means for us to stay in touch with each other. As we offer more educational opportunities such as the radio training and our Wednesday night lectures we hope to provide you with additional benefits of participating in the program.

I am extremely pleased with the contribution all the stewards have made to the program. We could not meet many of our unfunded mandates if it wasn't for your contribution to the field. Thanks for all that you do.



Council Chair Message by John Morris

Here it is “high winter”. Can spring, and the renewal of our monitoring activities, be far behind. I hope not.

While we do not have our monitoring activities to divert our attention, I want to go out to all of you with a plea for help in the administration and some other duties of the organization. For some time now, Candie Borduin has been the overall Communications leader. She has been taking care of Web Site details, managing the List Server, and has continued to produce our outstanding newsletter, “Site Lines”. She has done all of this in addition to her role as ATL of the Gallina area. And there are several other activities she has been very active with in the program.

Candie has asked for a well-deserved break from the extra duties, and I am reaching out to the membership for help in that effort. First of all, if you have any skill, ability, knowledge, and desire to become the editor of “Site Lines”, now is the time to step forward. Candie had done an excellent job with the newsletter and she and I are con-

vinced that among our group we certainly must have someone who can step right in and carry on that tradition.

The newsletter is published quarterly, although we do not adhere to a strict schedule. The software used is Microsoft Publisher converted to Nitro PDF to reduce size for mailing on the List Server (must be under 750,000 bytes). Candie stands ready to give the new editor help and assistance as they get their sea legs under them. Please think about it and let me or your Area Team Leader know if you are interested in taking on this responsibility.

As far as the List Server is concerned, Candie reports that management and maintenance of the system is not at all difficult to learn and that Yahoo has very good Help menus to work out difficulties. Again, Candie and her predecessor, Gary Hein, will



be available to help a new manager of the List Server get up to speed. Please give some thought to see if you might be able to help with this important, primary communication function.

As far as turning over the Web Page management duties, we might have found someone to step into the fray. One of our newer and already extremely hard-working Stewards has volunteered to see if they have the necessary skills to take over that duty. This person is taking on the duties at least on a temporary basis, and might be able to take over permanently. However, if any of you would also like to help in this effort and assist the potential new Web Site manager or join in and work as a team, let us know.

Thank you for your consideration of these situations. Hang in there, and just realize that snow-free, mud-free roads are hopefully just around the corner.

Open House at the Stone’s

Jan and Ralph Stone are known to open their home in the Jemez to all sorts of visitors. Year round residents in the Horseshoe Springs area, they keep their bird feeders full and sometimes even offer hay to four legged critters.

This five point bull elk took up residence on their property and had no qualms about checking out the Stone residence for more interesting treats. Ralph reports three other elk report in daily to bump the birdfeeders with their noses and perhaps find a little hay.

The Stones enjoy their four legged visitors along with the winged regulars.

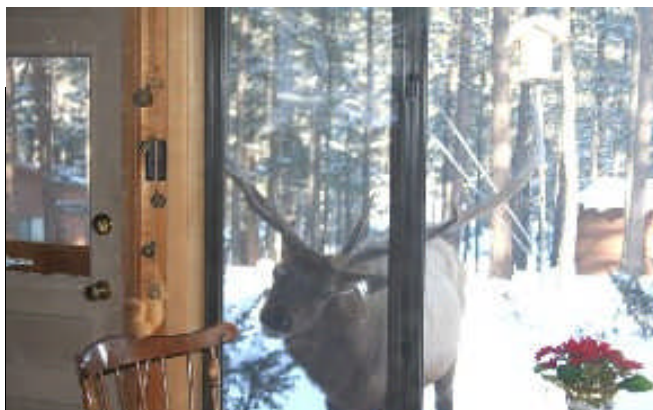


Photo by Ralph Stone

“He is inquiring if we have anything inside that he might like to dine on.”

Site Steward Educational Dinner Meetings

January 10, Cherie Scheick, founder and director of Southwest Archaeological Consultants presented on "Santa Fe—Beneath These City Streets."

Cherie founded Southwest Archaeology in 1984, now a prominent contract archaeological company in Santa Fe.

Nancy Cella, Secretary for the SFNF Site Steward Program, documented a summary of Cherie's presentation:

"Like many locales in the world, the land now named Santa Fe has been inhabited for centuries, and the remains of subsequent population groups overlie evidence of past human activities. City and county ordinances now require that archaeological investigations be conducted prior to



*Photos by Rich Cunningham
Cherie Scheick, founder and director of Southwest Archaeological Consultants,*

and during construction activities on private property."

The full text of Nancy's overview can be found on the SFNF Site Steward website at www.sfnfstewards.org

February 7, Chris Chavez, lead Land Surveyor on the SFNF spoke on "A Brief History of Land Grants and

Homesteads on the Santa Fe National Forest".

Chris has worked on the Forest for many years and is very familiar with the history of land grants and homesteads. He is the resident expert on the Forest on land grant history plus his

family history is tied to local land grants and homesteads.

In his talk, Chris focused on the San Joaquin Grant—Canon de Chama and Anton Chico. Tracing the history of the grants back through Spanish and Mexican, occupations, Chris explained the US occupation also challenged the rights of land owners to the land. To this day, settlements are not clear, nor are boundaries of the grants.



Chris Chavez spoke to almost 30 stewards and guests, sharing his extensive knowledge of land grants in Northern New Mexico.

Chris is very enthusiastic about the Site Steward Program and encourages Stewards to contact him regarding

unmarked historical finds. He can be reached at the Forest Office in Santa Fe.

Passport In Time for 2007

Two Passport In Time projects have been announced for the first half of 2007 in New Mexico.

The multiyear **Gallina Site Relocation and Documentation** with Mike Bremer, Jeremy Kulisheck and other Forest staff is scheduled May 13-18, 2007.

The sites, previously recorded by Herbert Dick in the 70's, are located in or near the rugged Llaves Valley north of the town of Gallina.

Camping is in a primitive

Applications for the New Mexico Passport In Time Projects are due in early March, 2007

campsite, however, motel rooms are available nearby in Cuba.

Applications are due March 11,

2007. Gallina Site Stewards who wish to attend should contact Mike directly.

The Cibola National Forest PIT Project has plans to install a new roof on a historic cabin at the Water Canyon Ranger Station in the Magdalena Mountains. Deadline for application

for this PIT Project is March 5.

These projects are a wonderful opportunity to work with knowledgeable and seasoned archaeologists and dedicated volunteers in a Forest setting. All projects are a week in length and require the volunteer to participate the entire week.

For information and application forms for any PIT Project, please refer to the website at www.passportintime.com highlight "Current Projects" then "New Mexico".

Watch the website for other Passport in Time Projects for later in the year.

New SFNF Supervisor

Daniel Jiron, appointed as the SFNF Supervisor last fall, has extensive experience in working with land management agencies.

Jiron came to New Mexico from a three year stint in Washington DC office of the US Forest Service, where he worked as a press officer. He has worked with the Colorado Pike and San Isabel National Forests and the Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands as public affairs officer. Jiron was a district ranger with the Pike and Utah's Wasatch-Cache National Forests for seven years, then named Regional Director of Public Affairs for the Intermountain Region prior to going to Washington.

2007 Pecos Conference

Mark your calendars and register early for the 2007 Annual Pecos Conference to be held this year at the location of origin—Pecos National Historic Park. The conference starts Thursday evening, August 9 with check in and a reception. Presentations are given all day August 10 and 11 and area tours are arranged for Sunday, August 12.

The purpose of the Pecos Conference, as Alfred Vincent Kidder put it in summing up the first such gathering, is to..."bring about contact between workers in the Southwest field to discuss fundamental problems of Southwestern prehistory; and to formulate problems of Southwestern prehistory; to pool knowledge of facts and techniques, and to lay a foundation for a unified system of nomenclature."

Deliberately informal, the Pecos Conference now is attended by almost equal numbers of professional and avocational archaeologists. On site camping make the experience become a total immersion into sense of southwestern archaeology.

It is a good chance to see old friends, meet new ones, pick up fresh information, organize future conferences and have a great time!

For full information and registration material, please refer to the website (which is being developed) at http://www.swanet.org/2007_pecos_conference/



Wells Petroglyph Preserve Tours

The Wells Petroglyph Preserve located on Mesa Prieta (Black Mesa) just north of San Juan Pueblo opens for public tours four dates in 2007. The tours are two hours long and are led by docents familiar with the Preserve and history of the area..

Tours are scheduled April 14, May 19, September 22 and October 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The tours cover extremely steep



and rugged terrain. Children under ten are not permitted, nor are any pets. Participants are limited to 30/day and will be divided into groups of 8-10 each with 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.

The Wells Petroglyph Preserve is a world class rock art area with over 6000 petroglyphs representational of archaic, Rio Grande style and historic periods. To RSVP, please contact mesaprieta@cybermesa.com or 505-852-1351.

Geocaching

Most of us have heard of or perhaps participated in the activity of geocaching—using a GPS, compass and map to locate an exact location marked by another group/person, usually with a token "prize" to be found at the location.

Geocaching is primarily conducted on public lands—BLM, State, Forest—as one of the objectives is to be in the beautiful outdoors of New Mexico. A downside of this popular activity is the use of historic and or archaeological sites to sequester the "prize".

Since this activity can sometimes affect historic and archaeological sites, site stewards need to be alert to any disturbances caused by more frequent traffic in site areas. Many geocaches are near Battleship Rock, hot springs, and the mesas on the western side of the Santa Fe National Forest. The groups (www.geocaching.com) have bylaws that require members notify land managers when a geocache is placed. Mike should be notified if any disturbance to a site is discovered as a result of this activity.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

Site Steward Dinner and Educational Meetings—Center for Museum Resources, 725 Camino Lejo, Museum Hill, Santa Fe. Meeting dates are: March 7 and April 4. Speakers are announced over the SFNF Site Steward List Server.

Laboratory of Anthropology Brown Bag Lunches, 4th Friday of month @1200, Meem Auditorium, Lab of Anthropology.

Southwest Seminars, Lecture Series, Monday nights 6-7 pm, Hotel Santa Fe, Fee. www.southwestseminars.org

Historic Preservation Month, May 1-31; Awards Ceremony in Santa Fe, May 1. Location and details TBA

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Gallina Artifacts—Phase II

In between the January snows, Forest Volunteer Denver Burns traveled to Santa Fe from Fort Collins, CO. for a week to lead Phase 2 of the Herbert Dick Collection artifact assessment and catalog session. Seven members of the Gallina team worked throughout the week to complete another 80 boxes of the 250 box collection.

The collection had been in storage at Adams State University in Ala-

Diane and John Lenssen, Elaine Gorham and Lee and Candie Borduin worked a total of 204 hours to nearly complete the effort. Denver has fastidiously developed a data base for each artifact and any information accompanying the items.

Between the many boxes of pottery shards and dendrochronology specimens, the group uncovered delights such as a whole Gallina olla, a comb arrow shaft straightener, carefully crafted arrowheads and knives, ceremonial objects, beads, axes, hoes and numerous hand tools.

The field notes which normally accompany such a collection are missing. The artifacts are identified by site number and in some cases artifact number but give limited information as to their initial source.

Plans for the collection now include organizing the artifacts by site, completing the data entry and preparing the collection for ARMS.

Thank you Gallina Team Members for your time, enthusiasm and good work!



Photos by Candie Borduin
 This obsidian knife is almost five inches long

mosa, and then was moved to Ft. Burgwin when Dr. Dick moved to Taos in the 1980s. When Ft. Burgwin needed to move the collection, Mike arranged to have the collection brought to Santa Fe in the late 1990s. A PIT project in 2002 began rebagging and inventorying the artifacts. Denver, who participated in that PIT project, offered to take over the effort and since has been managing the collection. The primary aim of the project is to rebag the materials into archival containers and inventory the remains. An inventory of the remains may help answer questions about excavated sites and excavation provenience.

Gallina team members Barb and Hutch Hutchison,



The excavation of intact or nearly intact Gallina pots is fairly unusual due to the extreme destruction of the sites.