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SFNF SITE STEWARD 2007 Annual Meeting

The 5th Annual SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting was held September 15 and 16 at the Paliza Campground in the Jemez Mountains. About 35 stewards or over 50% of active



Photo by Rich Cunningham

stewards assembled for a full day of presentations and enjoyable activities. Council Chair John Morris presided over the day's agenda. Attending stewards participated with questions, comments, suggestions and overall interactive involvement with the Program. Mike

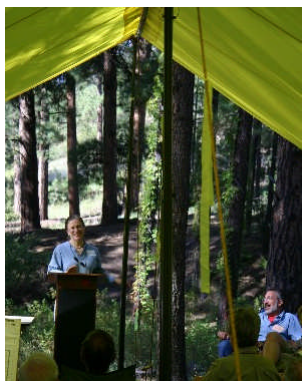


Photo by Terry Ballone

Linda Riddle, District Ranger for the Jemez Ranger District

Bremer gave a State of the Forest report (see summarized minutes elsewhere in Site Lines.)

The highlight of the day was the "chili cook off" organized by Shelley Thompson. Eleven stewards brought large containers of their best chili recipes—traditional, vegetar-



Photo by Terry Ballone

ian, buffalo, beef and chicken based as well as chili salad, chili corn bread and a number of complimentary dishes all contributed by stewards. Empty pots and containers rewarded the makers of the favored recipes.

In appreciation for the donations, Shelley provided each contributor with a container of New Mexico chili products.

Saturday afternoon, Mike Bremer chaired a panel discussion "Making Sense of the Jemez". Jeremy Kulisheck (Assistant Forest Archaeologist) gave an Overview of Human Occupation in the Jemez Region and Anna Steffen (Valles Caldera Preserve Archaeologist) gave a fascinating and informative discussion on the archaeology of the Preserve.

Ron Fields, archaeologist with PNM, presented and demonstrated numerous tools and weapons used by prehistoric Native Americans. Ron, also an ex-

pert flint knapper, is recognized for the authenticity of the tool replicas he makes.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Ron Fields discusses prehistoric Native American artifacts with stewards.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Anna Steffen speaks about Valles Caldera archaeology



Photo by Rich Cunningham

Jeremy Kulisheck demonstrates his skill throwing an atlatl.

Annual Meeting, cont.

The discussion ended with stewards experiencing how to throw an atlatl and examining his many displays.

As evening approached, Mike conducted his now famous archaeological trivia contest for which a number of excellent prizes were donated. The questions this year were a bit tougher but the stewards were up to the challenge. Everyone went home with a prize and the satisfaction of a day well spent.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Tools made of bone, one of the many collections Ron Fields brought to the Annual Meeting for stewards to view

Paliza Campground was opened especially for the Site Steward event. About a dozen camping units were scattered around the large area; campers enjoyed the privacy, quiet, beautiful night skies and camaraderie.

Sundays tours, led by Jemez AATL John Morris included Pejunkwa ("place of the heart") and Kiatsukwa ("mountain sheep place"), aka "Twin Sisters". Both sites are very large with interesting and unique features.

Thanks to members of the planning committee—Mike Bremer, John Morris, Shelley Thompson, Jan Stone and Nancy Cella—for putting together such an enjoyable and educational weekend and thanks to the stewards and guests who attended. If you are interested in helping with next year's annual meeting, please contact John Morris or your ATL.

Council Chair Message by John Morris

As we enter Fall and head toward Winter, I wanted to report on some of the areas the SFNF Site Steward Council is working on.

We are in the midst of working on developing a not-for-profit (501c3) organization for our group. The primary benefit would be that when individuals, including members, contribute money or in-kind donations to our Program, those donations will be tax deductible. There are many other advantages to not-for-profit status, but we will provide more information on those advantages as we progress further. Our initial steps include drawing up by-laws and articles of incorporation. We will also be working on codifying our relationship with the Forest Service to ensure that this will continue to be a mutually beneficial relationship and will not entail any elements that would significantly change the way we work with the Agency.

We are also going to be working on a program to recruit new Site Stewards into our Program and set up a training session for them. The training will be in



If you know of people who have an interest in protection of cultural resources and who would enjoy being a part of our Program, let us know.

April 2008, the specific date to be announced later. The most successful recruiting method is the recruitment of interested people who are known by our current members. This means family, friends, and acquaintances who have an interest in protection of our cultural resources. When we go too far "outside" for our recruiting, we sometimes draw heavily from the ranks of those who are just tourists and who do not realize the seriousness and amount of time and energy involved in being a SFNF Site Steward. When we bring in candidates through our own members or related organizations we find that these are folks who are ready to work, have a very high ethical standard, and who tend to stay with our Program.

So, if you know of people who would enjoy being a part of our Program and whom you know would be good to work with, let us know. We will be putting a new invitation letter and application on our Web Site in about 6 weeks.

I hope you are able to continue your monitoring activities for a good long time. The weather continues to hold, and this is one of the best times to be "out and about in the hills".

2007 SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting Minutes

Secretary Ron Krantz documented the minutes for the Annual Meeting; the following highlights the content.

Introductions of guests included Linda Riddle, the new District Ranger for the Jemez Ranger District of the SFNF.

Treasurer Ray Willison reported a balance of \$475; requests for donations were made and by the end of the day, another \$475 had been added to the treasury.

501c3—Gary Newgent reviewed the progress made on the Program becoming a 501c3. He gave a handout of 7 benefits and a few disadvantages for becoming a non-profit organization.



Photo by Rich Cunningham

Treasurer Ray Willison gives the treasury report

Gossen, Lana and Jeff Straight, Dean Williamson

- Caja del Rio – Walter and Pat Farr, Ray and Corinne Willison

- Gallina – Hutch and Barb Hutchinson, Earl Peterson, Joni Parman

- Garcia – Irene Wanner

- Jemez – Courtney Porreca, George Perkins, Joshua Madalena, Cindy Stearns, Jon Steen, Ann White

State of the Stewards—John Morris recognized some seasoned veterans that have helped the organization for a long time. Five such people attending the meeting included Terry Ballone, an original Site Steward from October 1997, Jan and Ralph Stone and Lee and Candie Borduin.

Mike emphasized that stewards are expected to make site visits monthly.

Leadership changes and needs:

- Jeff Straight has accepted the ATL position in the Pecos to replace Bill Cella who will be changing his area of affiliation.
- Rich Cunningham accepted the position of AATL in the Pecos in July.
- The Field Operations Coordinator position is open to replace Lee Borduin
- Stewards are reminded that they can monitor sites in more than one area.

Continuing Education—Shelley Thompson indicated that 7 presentations will be scheduled for the Site Steward lecture series starting October 3 and ending April 2, 2008.

Communications—Candie Borduin reported that Communications has

four components.

- **Site Lines Newsletter** is an electronic document focusing on volunteers, team activities, and upcoming events. Candie would like to retired as editor and is looking for a replacement.
- **List Server:** A free service that distributes messages from list members to the entire list's subscribers. Candie would like to retire as List Server Manager.
- **Web site:** Eleanor Gossen is the web manager. The site costs \$30 each quarter plus a \$100 fee every five years.
- **Site Signs:** Candie has these available as needed for posting at critical sites.

State of the Forest—Mike Bremer announced that the top two leadership positions have changed in the Forest Supervisor's Office. He had many nice things to say about the new individuals.



Photo by Rich Cunningham

Gary Newgent discusses the option of the Site Steward Organization becoming a not for profit 501c3

New Steward Training—John announced that about 30 new stewards need to be recruited; training is scheduled for next April.

New Council officers will be elected this fall to enter office in January, 08. Shelley and John are not eligible to serve.

Stewards newly certified this past year include:

- Rio Chama – Kenneth Paul Jones, Nancy Krantz, Barbara Riley, Grant and Arabelle Luckhardt
- Pecos – Gail Anne Bryant, Rich Cunningham, Eleanor and Gary

The Forest Travel Management Plan changes will become effective in 2010 and will have impact on steward activities.

No Passport in Time (National Forest Service volunteer program) programs are planned for 2008.

Mike needs Affiliated Stewards to help with office work, including doing data entry and tracking Steward's hours and mileage.

Mike emphasized that sites should be monitored monthly.



Rich Cunningham

Mike Bremer discusses the State of the Forest

2007 Pecos Conference

The 2007 Pecos Conference was held this year at its place of origin—the Pecos National Monument including the beautiful Forked Lightning Ranch. The theme of the 2007 conference was the Galisteo Basin Culture and Northern Rio Grande and the roster



to staff the registration table both days of the conference and all slots were readily filled with volunteers including



teers!



Eleanor Gosson, Bob McCarthy, Rich Cunningham, Gary Hein, Will Dearholt, Dean Williamson, Pat and Walter Farr, Bill and Nancy Cella and John and Diane Lenssen. Thanks to those volun-



Jeremy Kulishek, Assistant Forest Archaeologist is credited with organizing the poster sessions—always a popular and interactive educational center.

The 2008 Pecos Conference is scheduled to be held in Flagstaff .

of speakers included noteworthy experts on the Galisteo Basin, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

Brent Abel, District Archaeologist, sent out a request to Site Stewards

Photos by Candie Borduin

Memorial—Rich Cunningham

SFNF Site Steward Richard (Rich) Cunningham passed away October 3. A graduate of the Site Steward Class of 2006, Rich eagerly and actively became involved in the Program. A member of the Pecos Team, he and several of his team members did extensive reconnaissance in addition to their regular monitoring activities. In July, Rich became the AATL for the Pecos Area.

In addition to working with the Forest Program, Rich had become very active in New Mexico Site Watch and at El Rancho de Las Golondrinas as a docent. He had particular talent in working with children and could easily captivate and hold their attention; he has been described as an “amazing volunteer”.

Rich was an excellent photographer. His talents were utilized in rock

art recording and in the Forest Program for contributing regularly to Site Lines covering educational events, the Annual Meetings and other Site Steward activities. It was Rich’s intent that the photos from the Site Steward Annual Meeting be used in this issue of Site Lines. With permission from his wife Beverly, his documentation of the recent Annual Meeting is included in this issue.

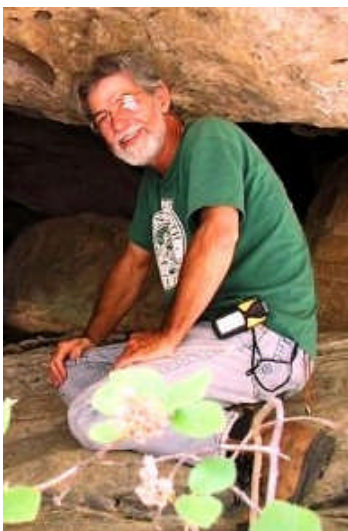


Photo by Bill Cella

Prior to moving to New Mexico, Rich consulted on environmental planning, policy, impact, and research with the Department of Energy in Washington DC. He continued to consult in the field of environmental remediation

when he moved to Santa Fe.

In Mike Bremer’s words: “I can’t begin to convey to you all how this saddens me. Rich was one of those people who brought life to the group; I’m sorry that he is gone physically from our lives. I know that in the year or so that I knew him that he certainly enriched mine and those with whom he was associated in the Steward group. He was a very gentle and kind person with an interesting and inquisitive mind. I hope his spirit has found peace and that we can continue to remember him for the truly good man that he was.”

Rich is survived by his wife of 37 years, Beverly, his brother Dan, five beloved nieces and nephews and friends made during his volunteer activities in the 3 years he lived in Santa Fe.

Memorial donations may be made to El Rancho de Las Golondrinas, 334 Los Pinos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507. Please include notation of donation.

SFNF Site Stewards Monthly Lecture Series

Once again, we are pleased to offer ongoing education and enrichment opportunities in the form of the annual lecture series. A wide variety of prominent experts in the archaeology of the southwest have been invited to speak to stewards this year. Subsequent speakers will be announced as they are confirmed for specific dates.

The Wednesday evening gatherings start at 5:30 with a bag lunch—water and desserts are provided. Speakers begin at 6:00 pm and the program concludes by 7:15pm.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

November 7—"Archaeology of the Caja del Rio"
Presented by James Snead

December 5—"Fermentation in Prehistoric New Mexico" presented by Glenna Dean

January 9—TBA

February 6—TBA

March 5—TBA

April 2—"Tree-ring Dating and Paleo Environmental Reconstruction" by Carla Van West

Programs will be held at the Center for Museum Resources on Museum Hill, but we may experiment with other locations as well.

Questions? Ideas for Speakers? Please call or email Shelley Thompson at: 505-476-1145 or

shelley.thompson@state.nm.us

Chile Recipes Requested

Special thanks to all the folks who brought such wonderfully tasty chili dishes to the Annual Meeting September 15. They were amazing and we were all well fed. Please submit your delicious recipes for publication in a future issue of Site Lines. Chile recipes should be emailed to Shelley at

shelley.thompson@state.nm.us.

Please submit your recipe to Shelley by November 30, 2007.

Thanks for sharing!

*Please submit
your chili recipes
for use in
Site Lines*

Tours

Do you ever wonder how your fellow stewards hear of and attend so many interesting archaeological tours? Opportunities abound in Northern New Mexico and are easy to access.

The State Land Office sponsors 3-4 free day long tours each year. Tours for 2007 included Pueblo Blanco, Four Corners Navajo Pueblitos Sites and the Folsom Site.

Twenty-five attendees per tour are selected on a first come—first served basis. To be placed on the notification e-mail list, contact Gino Romero at G Romero@slo.state.nm.us.

By joining the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, stewards become eligible to join the Friends of Archaeology. "Friends" sponsors several day long as well as multiple day tours around the Southwest for very reasonable rates. To join, see membership@museumfoundation.org.

Most professional archaeological and rock art recording societies offer tours to members. The annual Pecos Conference schedules numerous tours to sites in the host area.

Volunteer in Mike's Office

As winter approaches, many stewards will be unable to access their sites for monthly monitoring. Mike is requesting help from volunteers in the Forest Office in time frames that fit the volunteer's schedules. This may mean a few hours on a one time basis or a regular schedule in the office determined with Mike or Jeremy and the volunteer's availability.

Examples of assistance needed are to input site records into the database, organize project and site files, organize and inventory the library, organize and inventory collections, general office work, etc.

The Site Steward Program has a position called "Affiliated Steward" for stewards who prefer to work in an office setting rather than in the field. Mike has been grateful for several stewards, Eleanor and Gary Gossen who do work regularly in the office in addition to their site monitoring.

The Forest Office will be moved to its new location "sometime" this winter and a lot of help would be appreciated from volunteers assisting in the move to the new building.

ATLs and AATLs often need field assistance for various activities. A database for tracking site steward visits and site inspection needs to be developed and maintained. Also a Site Steward membership and status data base development and management is needed. These are just a "few" of the things Mike could use help with in the office.

*The Forest staff is
moving to the new office
this winter—
Volunteers' help will be
appreciated!*

New Mexico Site Watch Annual Meeting & NM Archaeology Fair

The Site Watch Annual Meeting was held this year October 11 and 12 in conjunction with the New Mexico Archaeology Fair in Grants. A number of SFNF Site Stewards also volunteer with and monitor sites for the State Site Watch Program.

Roger Moore of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico and the National Park Service at Chaco Cultural Center presented the ASNM basic Site Survey course, one of five areas of certification with ASNM. Gretchen Obenauf, Archaeologist, BLM, Rio Puerco Field Office and Erin Hudson, Sandia District Archaeologist provided valuable input relative to their experience.

About 20 Site Watch and SFNF Site Stewards gathered at the impressive, new NW New Mexico Visitor Center in Grants for the excellent all day class.

Participants were introduced to lithic, ceramic and hand tool identification, types of sites found in New Mexico, description of the many features which may be found at sites, archaeological survey techniques and the components of site documentation using the Laboratory of Anthropology Site Record. Also discussed was extensive information on site mapping and photography. Subsequent documented field work is required to complete certification in site surveying.

Friday, Phil Young, State Site Watch Coordinator conducted the agenda of the annual meeting in-

cluding introductions, presentations, door prizes and awards.

Jacqueline Guilbault, Valley Improvement Association, presented an interesting and useful discussion on the various challenges of site monitoring on private land opening new perspectives for stewards to be aware of encountering. Stewards shared their various experiences which emphasized that monitoring private land introduces different and complex situations which can differ greatly from monitoring public lands. Site Watch volunteers monitor sites on private, BLM, State, Bureau of Reclamation and conservancy lands—all providing varying experiences.

Erin Hudson and Scott Worman, PhD candidate at UNM and instructor in Archaeological Theory at UNM, both members of the 2007 UNM Ethics Bowl Team, presented a compelling discussion on archaeological ethics. Scenarios were distributed to small groups to discuss and respond to the entire audience. Topics included dealing with collections of artifacts without proveniences and without knowledge of origin—private or public land. A second scenario dealt with what action should be taken or not taken when visitors are encountered on a site.

Phil Young awarded the David Matthews Award for "Diligence and Mastery in the Stewardship and Protection of New Mexico's Cultural Resources to Jim Copeland, BLM

Archaeologist, Four Corners and to Lee and Candie Borduin, SFNF Site Steward Program and Site Watch.

ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR GRANTS, OCTOBER 11 & 12

The New Mexico Archaeology Fair Friday afternoon and Saturday, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Division, Department of Cultural Affairs and organized by State Archaeologist Glenna Dean, attracted hundreds of school children to the more than 50 booths as well as many interested adults. Many of the booths provided hands on activities for the students including atlatl throwing, ceramics painting, grinding grain using metates and manos as well as multiple information distribution booths.

Booths exhibited excellent examples of stone tools, points, wearing apparel and other prehistoric Native American items. Others exhibited the skills required in making prehistoric Native American products. Several vendors sponsored booths with flint knapped knives, spears and trading post items.

The New Mexico State Land Office had an ample supply of free Heritage Preservation Month posters, always a desirable collector item. Most of the government land management agencies had educational booths with multiple handouts as well as the Museum of New Mexico Van of Enchantment.

Give and Take by Annette Morreale

We always like to leave the SF National Forest the way we found it, part of that leave no trace ethic learned long ago, but sometimes are compelled by both respect and revulsion to pack out others' trash that degrades our Caja sites and disgraces nature's beautiful canvas.

When we don't have a vehicle packed for survival, camping and coolers for later grocery shopping,

we manage to carry three small buckets with secure lids, such as the kind that cat litter comes in. One gathers glass bottles, usually beer, the other metal cans. The third is stocked with half a dozen or more plastic bags for pickup of those disgusting unmentionables we find hanging from cholla and littering the ground around. The glass and metal can be washed off at home and recycled and the trash pitched into

our own garbage headed for the transfer station without putting our hands on it.

If stewardship is defined as a managing or caretaking, then occasionally collecting garbage helps to set the standard for the behaviors we expect of others.

It's part of the give and take of being a conscientious Site Steward.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

November 7—SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting, "Archaeology of the Caja del Rio" by James Snead

November 16, - Gila Cliff Dwellers National Monument Centennial Celebration. <http://www.nps.gov/gicl/>

December 1—SFNF Site Steward Council quarterly meeting, 9am, Forest Office in Santa Fe, open to all Site Stewards

December 5—SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting, "Fermentation in Prehistoric New Mexico" presented by Glenna Dean

January 9—SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting—TBA

February 6—SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting, TBA

March 5—SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting, TBA

April 2 SFNF Site Steward Dinner & Educational Meeting, "Tree-ring Dating and Paleo-environmental Reconstruction" by Carla Van West

April TBA—SFNF Site Steward new steward training.

Southwest Seminars—fall lecture series "Father Earth, Mother Sky", October 22 at Hotel Santa Fe, 6pm www.southwestseminars.org or 505-466-2775

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Point of View by Annette Morreale

Sal and I recently spent a few days in Trinidad, CO attending the biennial Santa Fe Trail Symposium. Alternating with the Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous held in Larned, KS, the heart and middle of the Trail, the Symposium moves across the length of the trail to host sites (2005 McPherson, KS, 2009 Arrow Rock, MO) to provide an opportunity for "rut nuts" to bring history alive. The gathering offers scholarly presentations (NM historian Marc Simmons was the keynote speaker), trips and tours, and time to investigate the presenting city and outlying areas. Coupled with time to "catch up" with old and new friends around a shared interest, it is at once a time to look back at the past and toward the future.

Those familiar with Trinidad know that I-25 plows through the center of town, not unlike the road through Los Aguajes in the Caja del Rio. Exiting the fast highway into the Victorian town allowed us to step back in time and investigate the history and archaeology and to imagine the west as it once was.

The Loudon-Henritze Archaeology Museum at Trinidad State Junior College is a small repository sharing local finds in geology, paleontology, and archaeology from Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. (Call for seasonal hours). These visitors were impressed not only by the presentation and interpretation of local finds but also by a student body that without exception, made eye contact and pleasant conversation to outside visitors while we visited the campus. Of interest to some is the gunsmith degree offered here, one of four in the country.

Other surprises await new visitors as they "walk in the footsteps of dinosaurs, Native Americans, fur trappers, traders, pioneers, cowboys, coal miners, and more" as the Welcome Center brochures suggests by visiting local art, archaeology, and history museums and by getting out and about and off the beaten path.

Visiting Trinidad from a different point of view had much in common with viewing our sites with new eyes. We have been exploring the edges of our Caja sites more often of late; coming in from a different direction, walking out, about and beyond. Looking down and looking back and really looking into what is there and what is not. We have discovered heavy use where there used to be none, old and new trash and campfires, cut fences and recently lightly used two tracks turned into seriously rutted thoroughfares. Along with the discouraging new trails and human abuse has come the delight of seeing more clearly, the more we visit and the slower we go, a place of some mystery and intrigue. We would have missed it had we blown on through in our hurry to be finished and on our way out. Slowing down and digging in has changed our points of view not only for our sites, but Trinidad too.

For information contact:

- Santa Fe Trail Association www.santafetrail.org
- Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned KS (620 285-2054)
- www.trinidadstate.edu (719 846-5508)
(Louden-Henritze Archaeology Museum)
- Colorado Welcome Center (719 846-9512)
- Following the Santa Fe Trail - A Guide for Modern Travelers. (Simmons, Marc and Jackson, Hal)