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Site Steward Annual Meeting, Sept. 18-20 Chupadero Springs Campground, Gallina Area

If you've been reading your recent e-mail messages from Ann White, chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, you are well aware of the forthcoming get together of the Santa Fe National Forest site stewards. This year's event may be the first visit to the Gallina area for many site stewards, and you're in for a real treat. The area is quite beautiful, the ancient sites are different from those in other areas of the forest, and we'll be camping out – real camping out – amongst good folks who enjoy the outdoors. For many, it will be an experience to be out at night in the dark – real dark — in fact, even the moon won't show up on Friday, so bring flashlights, star charts, telescopes... and maybe a few ghost stories.

Ann suggests that we bring EVERYTHING; her list is comprehensive; here are some further thoughts.

Firewood: A fire ring of sorts is near the center of the camping area, and dead and downed wood is on the ground in the surrounding trees and shrubs. Since this has been used as a camping area in the past, however, it's probably not wise to depend entirely upon what we can find on the ground or dead

branches in surrounding oak clumps. So bring firewood from home. As well, those who own such implements, please bring a small saw, axe, or hatchet.

Your Kitchen: Camp stove, pots, a portable table, hand wipes, a big plastic bag for trash and smaller ones to wrap sandwiches. Remember camp chairs, too. Even a card table could come in handy.

Water (at least one gallon per person per day:) And dishes, dish soap and towels, maybe a clothesline and clothes pins.

A first aid kit is always good to include.

Tent and accessories: sleeping pad, sleeping bag, pillow, i.e., everything to make home away from home.

Campfire treats: can there be a successful campfire evening without marshmallows? Or s'mores? And a hand-held implement to toast your treat.

Warm clothing: Gallina-area locals David and Elaine have warned us about low morning temperatures. Be assured that at that altitude, the air cools rapidly as soon as the sun sets, and mornings will stay cold until the sun is well up the next day. Bring warm sleeping cloth-

ing, a hat and gloves, long johns, down or fleece vests, rain jackets, etc. You'll be thankful for that insulated pad under your sleeping bag, in or out of a tent. Synthetic fabrics and wool retain heat better than cotton, particularly if they get damp. For daytime, remember sunscreen and sunglasses.

Flashlights and lanterns: To find your way back to your vehicle or tent, make sure that your lighting source can be easily carried with you. Spare batteries are a good idea. And two light sources are better than one in case one stops working.

Campfire stories: Bring along a favorite fireside story stored away in your memory.

The Site Steward Foundation will sponsor a **silent auction** during the happy hour celebration on Saturday afternoon. If you have an item you'd like to contribute, please contact Shelley Thompson at shelley.thompson@state.nm.us as soon as possible.

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More Annual Meeting

Friday night happy hour will be at David Strip and Elaine Gorham's home. Please bring your liquid refreshments; David and Elaine offered to supply the "heavy appetizers." Directions to their house are included in Ann's notice below; if you can carpool, it will make parking less congested.

The **Annual Chili Cook-off and Tasting** is on Saturday from noon to 1:30 pm. Please notify Shelley at the e-mail address above by September 10: 1) what chili dish you will bring and 2) whether you will be bringing a camp stove. And remember to bring a serving utensil and any tables.



Included in Ann's notification is a **registration form**; mail it in to Ray Willison as soon as possible. (Ann's information is presented on page 3, including the registration form).

The Saturday afternoon presentations will prepare us for the Sunday site tours, which promise to be varied and most interesting. Candie will provide descriptive handouts for each site. Here's a preview:

Largo Gallina Excavated Unit House

This site is unique in that it is the only excavated structure of its type with visible architectural representation of the Gallina culture. The building represents a valuable scientific and educational training tool for Gallina visitors and researchers. Interior structures preserved within the unit house consist of two bancos (storage units) with a fire deflector situated in between. The original structure had fitted sandstone lids covering the bancos and an access/ventilation hole at the bottom to which a ceramic plug was fitted. The site was excavated in the 1970s and left open. Florence Hawley Ellis's field crew constructed a rough pole and plywood roof over the exposed site in the late 1970s. The roof has been replaced and maintained since. During the 2008 winter, major damage occurred to the roof with subsequent deterioration of the interior structures. The Excavated Pit House has been recommended as

one of the three structures to be stabilized in the Gallina Stabilization Project, the first of the Site Steward Foundation's conservation programs.

Hacha Ridge

This large Gallina village with a well-preserved agricultural terrace system and remains of grinding bins make Hacha Ridge unique. The site is a Gallina phase ridgetop complex that includes six pit houses, two unit houses, a system of six or more agricultural cobble terraces, and a row of grinding bins. The Gallina village is situated in an area of high-density similar village sites as well as small family units on the western slope of Dead Man Peak; Alkali Spring is to the west with another intermittent spring at the base of the ridge. The extensive Huerfano Mesa settlement lies just to the west of Hacha Ridge.

Nogales Cliff House

This is the largest of six documented Gallina structures located within natural caves or overhangs. Set in a small east-west lying canyon off Spring Canyon, the dwelling is near a permanent spring. Heavy vegetation and undergrowth conceal the ruin, which is completely invisible from the canyon bottom. Due to heavy visitation and recent flooding in the area, extensive damage has occurred to this unique site. Nogales Cliff House has been recommended as one of the three structures to be stabilized in the Gallina Stabilization Project. Since the SFNF will be closing the site to the public in the near future, this visit is a special opportunity for stewards.

Rattlesnake Ridge

Rattlesnake Ridge is the largest documented village site in the Gallina area. Extending more than half a mile along a ridge, the village comprises nine single unit dwellings, two multiroom structures, three towers, three pit houses, related storage rooms, and a reservoir system. Numerous excavations have been conducted at Rattlesnake Ridge including those by F.H. Hibben in the late 1930s, Roger Greene in the '960s, and Florence Hawley Ellis between 1976 and 1989. The Forest Service constructed a path to the primary site features; backcountry hiking trails lead to the remainder. Bg 20-1 is the largest excavated tower in the Gallina region. It has remained open since the 1980s and now is showing moisture damage at the base and in the northwest wall. The tower and one other feature at Rattlesnake have been recommended for stabilization.

- Candie Borduin

Even More Annual Meeting

INVITEES: All site stewards, spouses or significant others, presenters, special guests.

DIRECTIONS: From Albuquerque, travel north on 550 through Cuba; three miles north of Cuba turn right on Hwy. 96, continue 11 miles to junction of Hwy. 96 and SR 112; turn left onto SR 112 and proceed north 14.4 miles. At this point, you will see pipe corrals on your left; turn left just past the corrals at the next TRACK (just 50-100 feet) and drive west into the camp area. If you come to the end of the pavement, you have gone too far. (Approximately 2 – 2.5 hour drive)

From Santa Fe, travel north on Hwy. 285 to Espanola, turn left to cross the Rio Grande to Hwy. 84 and turn right on Hwy 84, continue NW to Hwy 96 (turn-off to Abiquiu Reservoir), turn left on Hwy 96, and travel through the town of Gallina to the junction with SR 112 (about 35 miles). Turn right on SR 112 and proceed 14.4 miles. At this point, you will see pipe corrals on your left; turn left just past the corrals at the next TRACK (just 50-100 feet) and drive back into the camp area. If you reach pavement, you have gone too far. (Approximately 2 – 2.5 hour drive)

CAMPING: The campground is primitive. Campers, camp trailers and RVs are all appropriate if they can function without power hookups. Portable toilets will be available.

LODGING: Frontier Motel, 6474 Main St., Cuba, NM (575) 289-3474

WHAT TO BRING: EVERYTHING! BYOB, clothing for the weather (nights will be cold), rain gear, chairs, eating utensils, cook stoves, flashlights, camping equipment if applicable, sunscreen, water and food for all meals if camping, etc. Sack lunch for Sunday tours

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18, 2009 – Social Hour & heavy appetizers at David Strip and Elaine Gorham's home in the Gallina Area (please RSVP on Registration Form)

Saturday, September 19, 2008 – All activities at or in Campground

9:30 a.m. – Registration

10 – 11:00 – General Meeting

11:15 – 12:00 – State of the Forest – Mike Bremer

12 – 1:30 p.m. – Chili Cook-off

2 – 4:30 – Presentations: *Archaeology of Chupadero Area* by JR Gomolak, and Tim Siemen; and *Geology of the Chupadero Area* by Jamie Gardner

5:00 - Social Hour, Trivia Quiz, Awards, Prizes and Silent Auction. Please bring appetizer and liquids.

Evening – Campfire, stargazing (new moon). Please bring a telescope and knowledge of stars if you have them.

Sunday, September 20, 2009 - Site tours: Largo Gallina Unit House, Rattlesnake Ridge, Hacha Ridge, Nogales Cliff House

SILENT AUCTION

Don't miss the silent auction Saturday afternoon during the trivia and happy hour celebration. The auction will benefit the Site Steward Foundation and though it, the organizations it serves - the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program and New Mexico Site Watch. Look for interesting gifts, hotel accommodations, and author signed books on New Mexico art, history and culture topics, and more.

PLEASE RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 IF ATTENDING

PLEASE MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO: RAY WILLISON, SITE STEWARD FOUNDATION, INC, P.O. BOX 32224, SANTA FE, NM 87594. REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON (THE SITE STEWARD COUNCIL AGREED ON THIS AMOUNT TO COVER EXPENSES).

Number of people attending: ____

Camping? ()yes ()no Nights: () Fri () Sat

RSVP for Happy Hour at David Straight and Elaine Gorham's? () yes () no

Please make check payable to: SITE STEWARD FOUNDATION, INC.

Steward Name(s):

Name of Guest(s):

Special Needs of Attendee(s):

Site Steward Foundation News and Upcoming Events

The Site Steward Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) created in 2008. Its mission 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. The Site Steward Foundation maintains relationships with organizations such as the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward (SFNFSS) and New Mexico SiteWatch programs, and other organizations with similar goals and interests.

The next Site Steward Foundation board of directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2009, from 10:00 am - noon (optional lunch) at the Flying Star Restaurant in Bernalillo. Foundation board meetings are held quarterly and Foundation members are always invited to attend (similar to the SFNFSS council open meeting policy). We ask only that members who want to attend a board meeting contact a Foundation board member (garynewgent@yahoo.com or osito@newmexico.com). The Foundation board meeting October agenda will be posted on the

Foundation's website (see below for web address) prior to the board meeting.

The Foundation website is currently under construction with incomplete pages. Soon, however, it will have the capability to accept credit card donations and dues online. It is also investigating options, fees, etc., and anticipates having an online capability this autumn, perhaps as early as mid-September. More details will be announced at the site stewards' annual business meeting on September 19.

The Foundation supports the annual meetings held by both the New Mexico SiteWatch and the SFNFSS programs. It also organizes and offers site stewards tours of archaeological and historical sites throughout New Mexico.

Autumn Tours

Valles Caldera Tour - Thursday, September 24. Foundation Members Appreciation Tour (sold out)
Ojito Wilderness Tours - Sunday, November 1 and Sunday, November 8. Foundation Fundraising

Tours (please contact Beth Parisi at osito@newmexico.com for details)

More Foundation-sponsored tours are currently being planned for 2010. Suggestions are welcome.

Grant Applications

As a nonprofit organization, the Foundation can apply for grants for specific goals and projects from other organizations. Currently, two grant application projects are underway:

1. Apply for grant funds for an annual part-time statewide New Mexico SiteWatch Coordinator for the state of New Mexico.
2. Apply for grants to fund the restoration and stabilization of archaeological sites in the Galina area of the Santa Fe National Forest. The sites are mentioned above in the annual meeting story.

Check out the Foundation's new, but incomplete, website at www.sitestewardfoundation.org or www.sitestewardfoundation.com.

- Gary Newgent, President

DIRECTIONS TO DAVID STRIP AND ELAINE GORHAM'S HOME

From the campground area, turn south on SR 112 and travel 3.3 miles to Forest Road 313, turn west and continue 3.8 miles to Forest Road 312; turn right and continue almost 4 miles to David and Elaine's driveway. Please park on one side of Forest Road 312; you can turn around using their driveway or continue a short distance past their driveway and

turn around at the entrance to a well head. There is not room on their property for cars to park. The drive from the campground to David and Elaine's home will take almost 20 minutes. Please bring a flashlight for returning to your car. From Hwy 96, travel north on SR 112 11 miles, turn left on Forest Road 313 and follow directions listed above.

Do You Know? . . .Why Historic Preservation Law is Important?

Yet again, archaeology is in the news and, depending on your orientation, all is well or all is hell. While most archaeologists and historic preservation specialists welcome the attention to a significant preservation issue, it has been a painful time for many including professional archaeologists. Whether we should have sympathy for the families affected by the string of busts is a matter of perspective. As our grandmothers taught many years ago, "...if you can't do the time, don't do the crime." I understand the heartache some feel at the loss of community members and I understand the upheaval that accompanies radical change but it is a consequence of willfully violating the law. This time there were widespread arrests and confiscation of cultural materials out of the homes of people who managed to get themselves tangled up by running afoul of the large body of historic preservation law in this country. One huge difference between this series of busts and earlier ones arises from the distinction between looters and acquirers. A primary intent of this action was to interrupt the cycle of demand by decapitating the market for antiquities. It has long been the contention of many archaeologists that purchasers of antiquities provide the incentive for those who pillage sites by paying high prices for the loot.

For background stories of this topic, please check the following web sites: <http://www.cdarc.org/page/e8tm> (Durango Herald);

http://sfreporter.com/stories/stealing_the_past/4962/1/ (Santa Fe Reporter).

Archaeologists and historic preservation advocates have worked tirelessly to educate the public about the value of cultural resources and the vital connections between materials and their context. The loss of context from indiscriminate removal of the nation's patrimony leaves holes in the story and compromises our ability to weave an already complicated story. The mechanism the country has chosen to enable us to tell the story lies in the body of preservation law that started with the enactment of the 1906 Antiquities Act.

While the Antiquities Act signals the intent of the federal government to preserve the nation's heritage, its ability to preserve was compromised by time and the lack of amendment. By the early 1970s, it became apparent that the Act no longer had the force of law behind it, and cases prosecuted under it failed to achieve the desired effect due to limits of jail terms and financial penalties. In 1979, Congress and the President passed the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA). This act forms the basis for prosecution of crimes since its enactment. Under its umbrella, protection of the nation's cultural patrimony is better served. Besides protecting resources from

intentional looting, it also addresses trafficking of materials that have been illegally obtained and that pass through a variety of jurisdictions. This act was the primary basis for initiating the investigation responsible for the events in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah.

Clearly the people of the United States, through their legislative support for the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, feel a strong connection to the past as represented by the physical remains of those who have gone before. It is a crime to willfully remove these materials, transport them for the purpose of sale, and possess them outside of public repositories. Enforcement of these laws is not an easy job. Our interaction with law enforcement officers responsible for overseeing ARPA cases reveals them to be highly professional and sensitive to the rights of those accused of violating the law. Lurid stories of house raids and poor treatment sound like the histrionic protests of a guilty conscience. Gut reactions to such accusations overshadow the seriousness of the crime and the amount of effort that went into the investigations resulting in the searches and arrests. As you read the paper and watch the news coverage of stories about antiquity law enforcement, remember our nation values its past and is serious about protecting it. -J. Michael Bremer, Forest Archaeologist

Snake Gaiters™ . . . Better than Flipflops!

On several of our site stewarding trips to the Garcia Area, we have encountered rattlesnakes near the sites. We have not had any really close encounters, where a steward was nearly bitten, although these snakes certainly can inflict a painful and, at times, fatal bite.

I was given a set of Snake Gaiters™ last year from Cabela's, and have been wearing them on site visits ever since. They are light and fairly comfortable and extend from my boot up to just below my knee. They haven't been too

hot to wear though it's a little bit of a relief to take them off at the end of a hike. A flap fits over my boots and they flex slightly as I walk. I particularly feel better wearing them when walking through high grass and brush or areas where we are crawling over downed logs and I can't see the ground as well as I would like. Several outdoor and hunting stores carry Snake Gaiters™ in addition to Cabela's. They come in a range of sizes and colors to suit the wearer's needs. - Will Dearholt, Garcia ATL

If you would like to receive weekly emails about current archaeological doings, you can subscribe (free) to: *Southwest Archaeology Today*, by contacting Archaeology Newsletter Editor [SAT-Editor@cdarc.org].

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2010 Site Steward Training: Call for Applicants

On March 20, 2010, the next site steward training will take place in Santa Fe on Museum Hill. The big change is that everything will fit into one long and busy day, which might attract more trainees as well as folks from distant locations who won't now have to stay overnight or drive over twice. Current stewards can make a huge contribution to the coming project. Please think of folks you know who might be interested, and direct them to the website (www.sfnfsitestewards.org) for information. They will again be able to print application forms from the website to be snail mailed in by January 31 (PO Box 31943, Santa Fe, NM 87594). The link to Upcoming Site Steward Training will soon be updated with relevant details. Interested people are also welcome to e-mail Irene Wanner, iwanner@myuw.net, for further details. More information will also appear in the winter Site Lines.

-Irene Wanner

SAVE THE DATES

- Sept. 18-20: Site Stewards Annual Meeting, Gallina area
- Sept. 24: Valles Caldera Tour (SS Foundation, sold out)
- October 7: Educational Meeting, Forest Service Building, details forthcoming
- November 1: Ojito Wilderness Tour (SS Foundation, check their web site)
- November 4: Educational Meeting, Forest Service Building, details forthcoming
- November 8: Ojito Wilderness Tour (SS Foundation, check their web site)

[Call for contributions!](#)

Co-editors of Site Lines, Nancy Cella and Irene Wanner, would welcome news, features, suggestions...even complaints from their fellow stewards. It's your newsletter, after all, so send ideas to nancycella@spinn.net or iwanner@myuw.net.

We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks!