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## Message from the Co-Chairs

Did you know that the SFNFSS membership has grown more than 43% since 2009? That's remarkable! And it's a testament to the dedication and commitment of everyone who is involved in the recruitment and training of new members, both in the training program and in the field. Kudos to all of you!

Next month is the annual meeting, September 21-23 at Bandelier National Monument. It's the one event each year that brings all of us together to enjoy the outdoors, to make new friends, to participate in guided tours, and, most of all, to have fun. And don't forget the chili cookoff, the silent auction, and the campfire stories! We hope to see many of you there. (Please see separate story in this issue.)

The council was busy in this last quarter. Candie Borduin and Ann White presented the council with their proposal for the archival data. Job well done! Thanks to Mike Bremer and Gail Bryant for all their hard work in making new ID cards for all the stewards. Rumor has it that it was a very tedious and time consuming job. The new cards along with the Volunteer Service Agreements were released and sent to the

ATLs for dissemination. Once all of the Volunteer Service Agreements are signed by the stewards and the Forest Service, signed copies will be sent back to each of you. We're good to go now for another year!

As reported by Gary Newgent, the Site Steward Foundation has a \$500 grant available for SFNFSS, the New Mexico Site Watch, and the Northwest New Mexico Site Steward programs. October 1, 2012 is the deadline for submitting projects. If you have a project in mind, please contact Gary at [gnewgent@sitestewardfoundation.org](mailto:gnewgent@sitestewardfoundation.org) for more information on this great opportunity. As always, we encourage all of our members to be part of the Site Steward Foundation. If you have not joined or have not renewed your membership, now is a great time to do so. Please visit the website for more information at <http://www.sitestewardfoundation.org>.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on October 20, 2012 at the Forest Service building. Stewards are always welcome to attend.

—Cathy Gates and Ray Willison

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A weaving by Ralph Stone

Photo by Bill Cella

## 2012 Site Steward Annual Meeting Sept. 21 – 23, at Bandelier National Monument

This year's annual meeting will be held at Bandelier National Monument at the **Juni-per Campground**. Stop at the main entrance gate on Highway 4, tell the person in the booth you are with the Site Steward Program annual meeting, then take the first right turn into the campground. This facility has recently been renovated and we are very fortunate to have free access to the park and both group areas for our event. As in past years, camping will be open for both Friday and Saturday nights. The format of the meeting, however, has changed slightly to offer more options for those who want to attend on Saturday only, our main event day.

### Accessibility

Because of the Las Conchas fire in 2011, Bandelier National Monument provides free mandatory shuttle bus service from White Rock to the visitor center if you wish to reach the visitor center by vehicle. Private vehicles are not currently allowed to drive down to the visitor center. Only those using the campground are allowed vehicular access beyond the main gate. Attendees to the annual meeting who are not camping will also be given vehicular access to the campground road. Day parking for the event will be limited to the amphitheater parking area. The parking in the immediate area of the group camp sites will be reserved for those camping and people with accessibility needs. We will have volunteers assigned on that day to guide attendees to the right areas. The free shuttle bus runs every 15 minutes within the park and is available to all site steward attendees who wish to visit the visitor center and/or the cliff dwellings. There is a convenient shuttle stop near the campground on the main park road.

### Saturday Main Events

**9:30** Registration opens. Please bring your own chairs and gather under the yellow shade area in between the two group areas.

**10:00** This portion of the meeting includes opening remarks and introductions, site steward business updates, area and committee reports, and Mike's state of the forest report. Silent auction items will be put on display at the start of the meeting. Remember, this is an important fundraiser for future events! Bring your items to registration and you'll be directed to forms that will be provided for details of your items.

**Noon:** The CHILI COOKOFF! Further information will be forthcoming.

**1:30-4:30:** The afternoon session is dedicated to two options for touring the park. Those who want to hike can walk down the Frey Trail, which was the only access route to the cliff dwellings until the mid-1930s. This hike will be led by Bandelier archaeologist Rory Gauthier and Santa Fe National Forest archaeologist Mike Bremer (talking all the way, they say). The two-mile trail descends the east canyon wall and ends at the newly renovated visitor center. At the visitor center, hike participants can continue walking the paved trail to the cliff dwellings with Rory and Mike and return to the campground on the shuttle bus. The total time for Frey Trail walk and visit to the cliff dwellings is approximately three hours. Those who do not wish to walk the trail may board the shuttle bus at the campground entrance, visit the cliff dwellings and visitor center, and return to the campground via the shuttle bus.

**4:30 to 5:30:** Happy Hour, trivia quiz (with prizes, of course), awards for outstanding steward service, and conclusion of the silent auction. The Site Steward Foundation will provide a fruit and cheese plate, but we also

## Site Steward Annual Meeting (cont.)

need everyone to bring your favorite snacks for our happy hour potluck. By all means, bring your favorite beverage, too.

For those staying in the campground Saturday, please bring your food for Saturday evening (if you don't fill up at happy hour) and Sunday morning. And don't forget your CAMPFIRE stories!!

### Sunday

No official events are planned; however, for those who wish to hike, suggestions for hikes and maps of the area will be provided by Mike Bremer. The detached Tsankawi section of Bandelier National Monument is located on Highway 4 north of White Rock, near the intersection with the truck (bypass) route east of Los Alamos. This is a spectacular site. You may also find the Bradbury Museum and Bookstore, a small history museum, and Fuller Lodge interesting destinations in Los Alamos.

### Registration

Registration forms have been sent via email to all members of the SFNFSS program (if you have not received that email, please contact me at [ggroff7539@aol.com](mailto:ggroff7539@aol.com).) A \$10 registration fee will be required of all participants. Registration will also be avail-

able on Saturday morning between 9:30 and 10:00.

### Accommodations

Participants who wish to stay in the campground should preregister so that we know how many will be staying in the park on either Friday or Saturday evening. The two group areas on the south side of the loop have been reserved for our use, and there are a few free campsites within these group areas. If you wish to camp at one of the other campsites within Juniper campground, there is a \$12 fee, \$6 for seniors. Please fill out requisite forms. For those who do not wish to camp but want to stay locally, there are several hotels in the White Rock and Los Alamos.

For more information about Bandelier National Monument, you may visit the website at [www.nps.gov/band](http://www.nps.gov/band). Several written publications might be of interest: *The Delight Makers*, by Adolf Bandelier and first published in the 1890s, is an entertaining novel written to help finance his archaeological endeavors. *Bandelier National Monument* by Patricia Powers is a good source for general readers, and *The Peopling of Bandelier*, by Robert P. Powers, examines aspects of the area's archaeology.

- Cathy Gates

## Dr. Jeff Pappas Named New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer

“Governor Susana Martinez has approved the appointment of Dr. Jeff Pappas to lead the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs,’ Cabinet Secretary Veronica Gonzales announced today. Pappas will commence work as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Historic Preservation Division Director on August 20, 2012. ‘Dr. Pappas is exceptionally qualified,’ Secretary Gonzales said. ‘He is extremely well versed in the history of the

West. His background with the National Park Service, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, and as a history instructor at Colorado State University gives him the expertise to be able to identify and protect the cultural resources that are so vital to our state, which is the mission of this important division of Cultural Affairs.’ <http://www.newmexicoculture.org/news/2012.07.16.hpd.director.pdf>”

—*Southwest Archaeology Today*,  
week of July 23, 2012

## Ralph Edward Stone: A Life Well Lived

To say that Ralph Stone was a retired site steward doesn't begin to describe his lifelong talents and activities. He served in many roles to legions of students, colleagues, and friends in Missouri, Texas, and New Mexico. At 84, Ralph died peacefully on June 12, 2012, while in hospice care at Los Alamos Medical Center. Jan and Ralph celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 2.

To those who knew him, Ralph assumed an appropriate role:

- to his sailing buddies, he was a sailor;
- to five generations of students and colleagues, he was a mentor, teacher, playwright, lyricist and composer;
- to his weaving friends, he was a weaver;
- to friends, a hiker, traveler, photographer, good conversationalist;
- to neighbors, leader for the Horseshoe Springs Association in the transfer of Forest Service land to private ownership;
- to site stewards, he served as a great listener, guide, and always a good companion.

Most of us in New Mexico knew him in his retirement, not realizing he graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.A. in philosophy, studied at Brite College of the Bible (now Brite Divinity School), and earned a M.A. from Union Theological

Seminary in New York City.

For 26 years in Fort Worth, Texas, he served on the staff of University Christian Church as Associate Minister to Youth and Students and Social Ministries. In 1976, Ralph and Jan moved to Dallas, where he became the first executive director of the

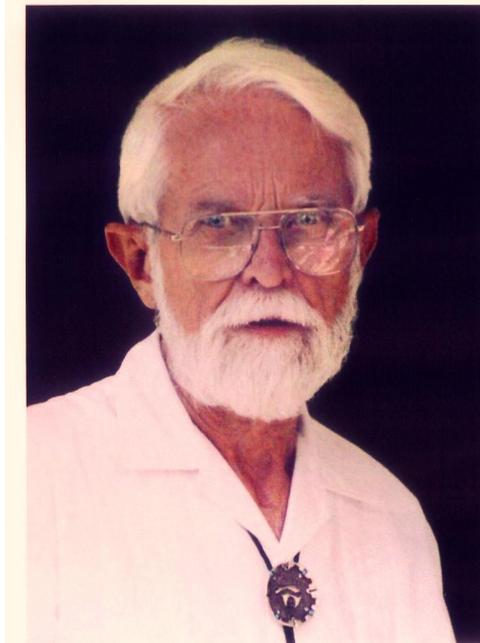
Thanks-Giving Square Foundation. He and Jan retired to Horseshoe Springs in 1991, and became site stewards in 1999.

In addition to being awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Texas Christian University, Ralph was recognized by the Santa Fe National Forest for his three years as a fire lookout volunteer at Cerro Pelado (1995). Horseshoe Springs Association recognized his "dedicated leadership" as president, 1992-96, and in 2009, he was chosen "member of the year." Both Ralph and Jan were recipients of the 2011 Brite Alumni Award for Innovative ministry.

Memorial celebrations were held in Horseshoe Springs in late July, and in Dallas in early August. Jan will visit Ralph's hometown, Jefferson City, Missouri, in late September. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ralph E. Stone Fund for Religion/Theology and the Arts at Brite Divinity School, TCU, Box 298130, Fort Worth, TX 76132. This fund will perpetuate his ministry and continue his influence on future generations of students and the wider church.

Rest well, dear friend.

—Nancy Cella



Ralph Stone

Photo by Shaun Zimmerman

## Site Steward Foundation News

The Site Steward Foundation Board of Directors is seeking volunteers for the positions of **Treasurer** and **Member At Large**. The Board of Directors meets quarterly, usually in Santa Fe. The volunteer for the Treasurer position should be located in the Santa Fe area in order to access our P O Box and banking account in Santa Fe. The Foundation supports site stewards state-wide and the Board of Directors currently lacks representation from northwest and southeast New Mexico. Please contact Gary Newgent [gnewgent@sitestewardfoundation.org](mailto:gnewgent@sitestewardfoundation.org) if you are interested in joining the Board of Directors of the Site Steward Foundation.

The Site Steward Foundation is pleased to announce a \$500 grant program for projects for Site Watch stewards, the SFNF Site Stewards, and the Northwest New Mexico Site Stewards. Projects to be considered should be related to site stewardship, including conservation, preservation, monitoring, education and research of archaeological, historical, and cultural resources in the state of New Mexico.

The grant will run from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 with a submission deadline of October 1, 2012. Quarterly project reports are due March 1, 2013,

June 1, 2013, and a final project report due December 1, 2013. Please contact Gary Newgent at the above email address for more information.

An article about the Site Steward Foundation will appear in the September issue of *Green Fire Times*. The issue will feature articles about the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area and some of the organizations that have been awarded grants from them.

Fall tours to Mesa Prieta and a multiday trip to Hueco Tanks outside of El Paso, Texas, are in the planning stages. Stay tuned for specific dates and more details.

In our continuing efforts for the Foundation to have state-wide outreach, we will be holding our next quarterly board meeting at Silver City on November 11, courtesy of our board member-at-large Bill Hudson. Bill is also the president of the Grant County Archaeological Society.

Don't forget to use GoodSearch and GoodShop for your online shopping; both offer dividends to the Foundation. Please visit us at our website and on Facebook!

[www.sitestewardfoundation.org](http://www.sitestewardfoundation.org) and Site Steward Foundation, Inc. on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/sitestewardfoundation).

—Beth Parisi and Gary Newgent

## Educational Meetings, 2012-2013

All the forthcoming meetings will be held in the conference room of the Santa Fe Forest Service office at 22 Forest Lane, Santa Fe, NM. Doors open at 5:30 for those who wish to bring a brown bag supper and visit with other stewards; the lecture will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 7 p.m. Since 2005, these lectures have featured a wide variety of speakers, most frequently introducing or reacquainting us with an archaeological topic. Meetings are

usually scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October, omitting December, and ending in March. Although our New Mexico winters are often mild, site monitoring activities often taper off; these meetings provide an activity that encourages social interaction among stewards assigned to different field areas.

Note that the 2013 dates will be announced by email.

## Educational Meetings, 2012-13 (cont)

**October 3: Maria T. Garcia**, Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor. The title of her talk is Cholula to Santa Fe: A Personal Journey (with detours) on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

Maria T. Garcia grew up in south Texas just two hours from the Mexican border. As a child, she visited Mexico City, Teotihuacan and other pyramids, and the National Museum of Anthropology. These trips had a lasting effect on her. Years later, she returned to Mexico to attend summer school at the University of the Americas in Cholula, Puebla. She stayed five years, obtaining a B.A. and M.A. in anthropology, having worked on excavations in Puebla, Chiapas, and Campeche. Back in the States, she worked as an archaeological consultant in Texas, New Mexico, California, Wyoming, and Idaho. In the '80s, she enrolled in the Ph.D. program in archaeology at the University of Calgary. As part of that program, she spent three field seasons working near Capitan, N.M.

Twenty-three years ago, she started her career with the Forest Service as an ar-

chaeologist. She moved on to jobs as a public affairs officer, deputy district ranger, district ranger, deputy forest supervisor, and now is forest supervisor for the Santa Fe National Forest. She is convinced her degrees in anthropology made it all possible.

**November 7: Rick Wessel**, archaeologist, New Mexico Department of Transportation, working on NM 550 and the new road for Pecos National Historical Park

**January: Tim Maxwell**, Ph.D., Emeritus, Office of Archaeological Studies, will talk about his trip to Mexico.

**February** - our very own **Jeremy Kulisheck**, Ph.D. now Forest Archaeologist for the Cibola National Forest, Albuquerque office, talking about anything he wants to talk about!

**March** - **Polly Schaafsma**, Almost enough to call her our own, talking about anything that interests her. This event will mark the third year in a row she has graciously presented a winter lecture to our site stewards.

—Gail Bryant, Education Committee Chair

## Did You Know? Cultural Sensitivity and Visiting Sites

As site stewards, our main job involves the inspection of sites on forest land to determine if there have been changes to those sites sufficient to arouse attention and to determine if something needs to be reported to the proper authority. Sites assigned to stewards make up some of the most significant archaeological sites on the forest. From the beginning of training, stewards receive indoctrination in the ways of site protection that we hope instills in them a strong preservation ethic. The emphasis on protection and preservation remains strong within the program similar to

the Force in *Star Wars* and, as managers, we appreciate stewards keeping tabs on the condition of sites and reporting changes promptly.

We also try to tell stewards about the changes sites can go through. We live in a world where entropy rules and sites are subject to those rules as are my hair and waistline. We also live in a world where archaeological sites were the homes and work places of the ancestors of modern day communities. As with many populations around the world, ancestral sites on the Santa Fe hold special significance for the descendant communities,

## Did you know? (cont.)

especially the modern Pueblos. Because of the continuity in community tradition, many of the sites we monitor also function as special places in the traditional practice of many communities. Because of the time depth on the Santa Fe, this practice may not be related to traditional tribal communities but may extend to long-term Hispanic or other historic communities also associated with the forest.

Traditional practice can result in the placement of artifacts or features on ancestral sites. In some cases, these features or artifacts may look out of place or obvious to those inspecting sites. We understand the disconnect of seeing a strange rock pile or unusual artifacts placed on archaeological sites; however, we also need to evaluate the possibility these features or artifacts may be associated with the traditional practices of local communities. When stewards encounter something that seems out of place, we strongly recommend they follow the process outlined for them in classroom and field training, i.e., report it in writing to your Area Team

Leader (ATL), who will then report it to a Forest Service archaeologist or other cultural resource specialist. The personnel with the Heritage Program will consult with local traditional communities to determine if the feature or artifacts need to remain in place or can be dismantled. Because of the sensitive nature of many traditional practices, you may or may not hear back from the Heritage staff regarding the disposition of the feature or artifacts. We ask that you understand and take pride in having done the right thing in reporting the occurrence.

When we train you as stewards, we hope to give you the tools to be sensitive to changes on the sites you monitor as well as tools to be sensitive to the possibility of different cultural uses on your National Forest lands. There are not many places in the National Forest system that have the cultural diversity through time we see on the Santa Fe and in that case, we can consider ourselves to be blessed.

—Mike Bremer

## Four-wing saltbush

### *Atriplex canescens*, Goosefoot Family (Chenopodiaceae)

Four-wing saltbush gets its common name from the seed, which has four paperlike wings that project from the seed at right angles. "Saltbush" refers to the alkaline soil habitats in which the plant grows statewide. The genus name, *atriplex* (AH-tri-plex), is from the Latin word for herbs and shrubs, while the species name, *canescens* (kah-NES-kenz), means grayish-white or hoary, a reference to the color of the leaves. The family name Chenopodiaceae is derived from the Greek words that meaning "goose" and *pous* meaning "foot."

Four-wing saltbush is well adapted to a wide range of temperature and soil conditions. It is highly tolerant of drought, salinity, and alkalinity, and occurs at elevations between 3,000 and 8,000 feet. Shrubs grow an average of two to three feet tall.

Native American uses of saltbush include crushing the blossoms and mixing with a little water to create a soap for washing or treating ant bites. The four-winged seeds, high in niacin, were ground and cooked as a cereal, and the leaves were used in flour for cakes and breads. Ashes of burnt saltbush served as a leavening ingredient for breads, in making a lye to soften the hulls of corn, and as a food coloring. The bush was also useful in construction, and the twigs and stems were handy for making a variety of tools.

Some of the information for this article is taken from *Wild Plants of the Pueblo Province* by William W. Dunmire and Gail D. Tierney.

-Beth Parisi

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Four Wing Saltbush

Photos by Beth Parisi



Pecos team stewards: new steward Taugie Sliath with Brian Martinson

Photo by Cathy Gates



After last spring's training, the Caja del Rio Area team acquired several new members. This photo was taken at Los Aguajes pueblo on their field training day, June 13, 2012. L to R: Mike Bremer ( Acting ATL), Steve Lund, Charlie Lee, Paula Lozar, Will Karp, and Howard Turner.

News item sent by Paula Lozar; photo by Anne Baldwin

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