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## Message from the Chair

Your **Annual Meeting/Chili Cookoff** Committee is delighted to announce this year's get together will be at the historic **Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos on Saturday, September 19**. The main building, designed by renowned Santa Fe architect John Gaw Meem as the Los Alamos Ranch School for boys, was built in 1928. It's a two-story upright structure of massive logs and housed classrooms, a dining hall, and offices. Meem was instrumental in the development and popularization of the Pueblo Revival style, and whether or not you've enjoyed an event in this marvelous setting before, you're in for a special treat.



"The Big House." Fuller Lodge as seen in 1942. Photo credits on page 10).

Our registration and silent auction setup start at 8:30, with programs beginning an hour later. Morning events include Mike's State of the Forest news, munchies, awards, area reports, door prizes, and the usual program updates. We have two stoves (eight burners) and a microwave in a full kitchen. To be on the safe side, please bring a camp stove because we often have more than eight chili pots. You might not need it to heat your chili but we'll see. There are refrigerators, too, for items that need it. We have a large sunny patio for our always

spectacular potluck lunch, then in the afternoon, Ellen McGehee will speak on the history and archaeology of Los Alamos, Joseph (Woody) Aguilar of San Ildefonso Pueblo will add his perspective on the lab's history, and Los Alamos Historical Society docents will lead walking tours of downtown's core area (60-90 minutes).

Cruise the silent auction all day and make your last bid at 4 p.m. We'll tidy up and plan to finish by 5. Again this year, there's no fee but we'll put out the big green jar to collect donations to express our thanks for the docent tours, which are generously being given to us gratis.

When you register in the morning, *be sure to get a door prize ticket as well as a steward survey*. We're interested in collecting feedback on your experiences with the program. Those forms can go under the green jar. Looking forward to seeing you all!

This is the first year in a long time that some of our site visits have been postponed due to rain. Crummy roads are nothing new and surely no one's going to complain about much-needed moisture. I hope you've all managed to reach your areas safely anyway and that things are looking good. Remember, if you have news for *Site Lines*, send it as an attachment directly to Nancy Cella, [nancy-cella@spinn.net](mailto:nancy-cella@spinn.net), or me, [iwan-ner@uw.edu](mailto:iwan-ner@uw.edu). We love printing what's going on in the field and having lots of newsletter contributors.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you September 19.

-Irene Wanner

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## More Annual Meeting Information

Here's the proposed agenda. As always, times are approximate. However, we must have the Fuller Lodge facilities cleaned up by 5 p.m. If you can stay to help the committee members, please do so.

8:30-9:30	Registration, pick up surveys, door prize tickets; silent auction setup
9:30-10:00	State of the Forest, Mike Bremer
10:00-10:15	Break (cruise the silent auction, snacks)
10:15-11:15	Area reports from ATLS (maximum 10 minutes each)
11:15	Site steward awards
11:30-1:00	Lunch (potluck chili cookoff and make bids at the silent auction)
1:00-1:45	Ellen McGehee, "History and Archaeology of the Los Alamos National Laboratory" (LANL)
1:45-2:30	Joseph (Woody) Aguilar, "Pueblo Perspective on the History of LANL"
2:30-4:00	Walking tours of the downtown core area of Los Alamos presented by Heather McClenahan and the docents of the Los Alamos Historical Society
4:00	Close silent auction, turn in surveys, contributions to the green jar
5:00	Wrapped up/cleaned up and disperse

**Five door prizes donated by Council members will be awarded throughout the day. Be sure you pick up a ticket when you register.**

### Think Outside the Pod!

The potluck luncheon will follow the same pattern as last year's lunch at the Paliza Group Campground. If you haven't attended one of these fabulous offerings (site stewards are great cooks), **here's how it works:**

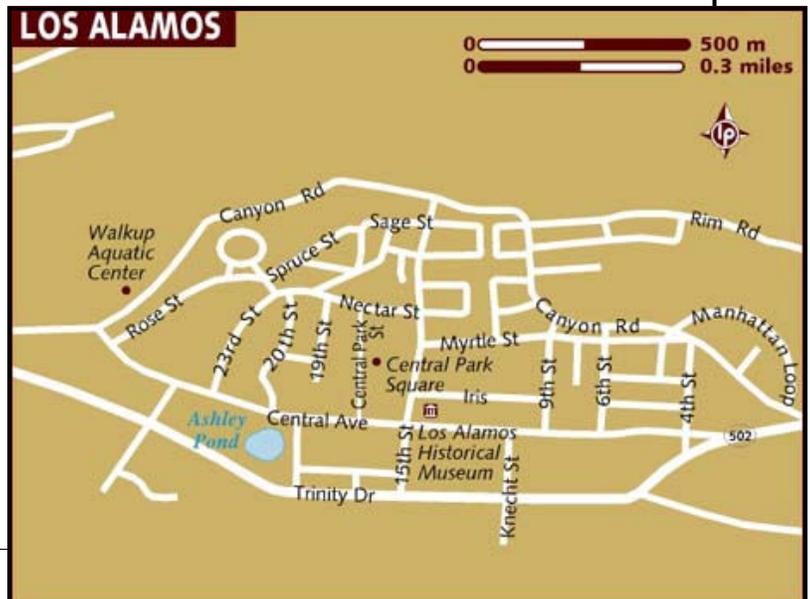
- Any chili can play. New Mex, Tex Mex, or Mex Mex. Red, green or white. Hatch, jalapeño, habanero, poblano, or serrano. With or without meat or beans. Hot or cold, side, appetizer or main dish. It just has to have chile in it. If your dish requires heating, bring it in a pot or pan that can be heated on the kitchen stove. Also, an appropriate serving utensil – big spoon, fork, spatula, whatever. A hot pad or oven mitt is a good idea too. Those of you who brought camp stoves in the past might bring them along again. If we have more than eight pots of chili, we can heat the rest outside on the patio.
- Some non-chili salads (green, cole slaw, fruit, etc.) would be nice
- Condiments to accompany any chili dish are welcome (crackers, shredded cheese, bread, etc.)
- And desserts . . . .yes, please.

Bowls, plates, eating utensils, cups, and napkins will be provided.

This event is *muy delicioso!* We are looking forward to tasting everyone's dishes again this year, and thanks very much.

(Thanks to Shelley Thompson for the original text.)

On the map below, look for Ashley Pond between Central Avenue and Trinity Drive. Fuller Lodge is across the street at 2132 Central Avenue, between 20th and 19th streets. Note that Route 502 divides at the east end; take the right fork.



## August 25 Council Meeting Highlights

Several changes in team leadership and council officers were confirmed by council vote. Elaine Gorham is the new AATL of the Gallina Team; Jo Douglas remains as ATL. At the May 30 team meeting at El Bruno's in Cuba, they decided to split the major tasks of leadership.



Standing back row, from left: Frances Underhill, Bill Cella, Mike Bremer, Ramey Douglas, Gary Newgent and Diane Lenssen. Standing middle row, from left are Carol McKee, Shelley Thompson, Jo Douglas, and Nancy Cella. Seated in the front row, from left are Elaine Gorham, David Strip and John Lenssen.

Photo by El Bruno's employee

Steve Lund has resigned, and Gary Newgent graciously agreed to become Caja del Rio ATL, once again. Thank you, Gary! Replacing Steve as secretary on the council is Stella Davidsen; thank you, Stella!

Stewards are reminded that backcountry permits are limited to the closed roads within your team's area to your sites only. The permits do not entitle stewards to drive on closed roads elsewhere in the forest.

Nominations were sought for the annual awards for outstanding contributions to the organization.

Ten stewards have completed their probationary period and are now Certified Site Stewards. From the Pecos Area: **Richard Martinez, Edell Mayer, Tom Mayer, Sharon Paris, Ross Pope, Felicia Probert, Joslyn Werner, Ron Whately, and Steve Wright.** Frances Underhill, of the Gallina team, is now also a Certified Site Steward. Congratulations, every one!

## San Luis Valley Archaeology Tour, July 9-11, 2015

Eleven SFNF and Site Watch site stewards joined in a fascinating three-day archaeology tour of the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

The first day we spent with Ken Frye, who has retired as the Heritage Program Lead on the Rio Grande National Forest. Ken took us to four rock art sites dating from 6,000 years ago to the De Vargas crossing of the Rio Grande in 1694.



At the end of the day, we had a group dinner in Alamosa and Ken gave us a PowerPoint presentation on the rock art of the valley.

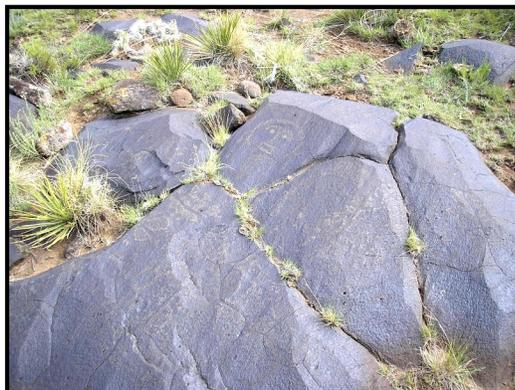


Photo at far left shows a typical rock pile site;

Photo above is a close up of rock art. Note face (now very faint) on the top rock.

Photos by Bill Cella

### San Luis Valley Archaeology Tour (cont)

On the second day, Fred Bunch, archaeologist from the Great Sand Dunes National Park, took us to four sites at the park. We visited a scarred tree site, the Cattle Guard Folsom Site where at least 49 bison were procured in one or possibly more hunting events, the historic Trujillo Homestead site, and a sand blowout site where the sand has been wind blown down to an archaic archaeological site. Members of our group found a partial point, ground stones, and lithics. We also had a chance to practice our atlatl skills. On the way to the blowout site, we were lucky to see a bison; they are in a protected area.



Above: A blowout at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument; note the dunes at the base of the mountains. This is where a partial archaic projectile point (below) was found; shifting sands reveal artifacts



Above: Fred Bunch explains the scarred tree; the bark from a ponderosa pine was carefully peeled away on one side to extract the inner bark—a tasty treat in the spring-time.



at any time.



Bison photo by Beth Parisi; all other photos by Bill Cella.



Above: Fred Bunch explains how an atlatl is assembled; we all had a chance to aim at an imaginary bison at the Cattle Guard Folsom site. Stella Davidson hurled the mightiest spear.

On day three, we went out again with Ken Frye and visited English Valley, where Mark Mitchell, of the Paleo Cultural Research Group, was testing a Folsom/Early Archaic site with a university field school. We then went on to visit rock art sites on the west side of the valley, and an archaic habitation site on a private ranch.



Mark Mitchell shows the profile in a test pit (one of a dozen or so) at the Folsom/Early Archaic site on a bench overlooking a broad valley; the profile clearly indicates several occupational strata.

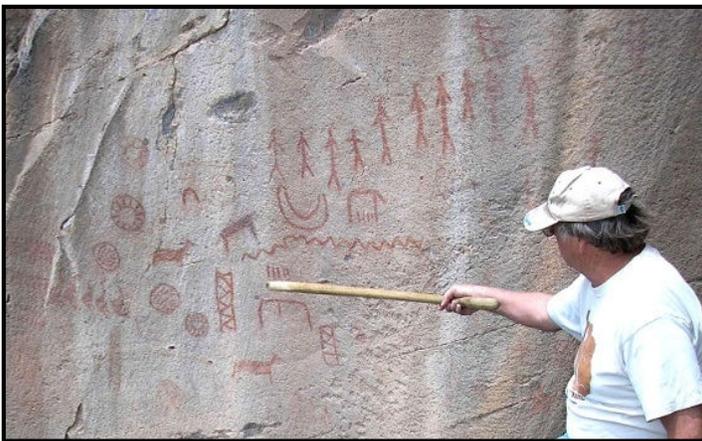
## San Luis Valley Archaeology Tour (cont)



We scrambled up a rocky slope to see the Apache pictographs, below, explained by Ken Frye. The pictographs tell a story—can you decipher their story?



Gary Newgent and rock art showing what appears to be a map. The photo below is a close up photo of the same rock.



Gary Newgent photo by Beth Parisi. All other photos by Bill Cella.



We were all fascinated with the wide variety and density of sites in the southern portion of the San Luis Valley and hope to visit the northern portion in an upcoming tour.

— Beth Parisi

## Evidence of Mayan Cell Phone Use?

Recent research indicates that the Mayans may have possessed what appears to be a primitive type of cell phone. Note the characteristic posture and thumb position of this user.

[Mural by Carlos Vierra in St. Francis Auditorium, Museum of New Mexico, 1918). Photo and caption by Paula Lozar.



## Foundation Update, August 2015

The Site Steward Foundation recently awarded two grants totaling \$1,400. A grant for \$400 was awarded to the SFNF site stewards for additional temperature sensors for expansion of the research of ridge top and valley site locations in the Gallina area. Another Foundation grant for \$1,000 was awarded to the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project for new trail signage on Mesa Prieta.

A tour of the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado was held by the Foundation July 9 - 11, 2015, and attended by 11 participants. The trip consisted of visiting rock art, archaic and historic sites in the southern portion of the valley. On July 12 and 13, three members of the Foundation, Beth Parisi, K. Paul Jones, and Phil Young, conducted site steward training to a new group of site stewards recently formed in the South Park National Heritage Area near Fairplay, Colorado.

The Foundation had vendor tables at the Santa Fe National Forest Centennial Celebra-

tion on July 18th at the Santa Fe ski basin and the Pecos Conference on August 7th and 8th in Mancos, Colorado. At the Pecos Conference, David Strip presented the results of the research done by Elaine Gorman and him over the past 18 months, entitled "Ridge-Valley Temperature Differences as an Alternative Explanation for Gallina Site Locations." The 2016 Archaeological Society of New Mexico annual meeting will be hosted and sponsored by the Foundation April 29 - May 1, 2016, at The Lodge hotel in Santa Fe.

If you are not a member of the Site Steward Foundation, please consider joining today. The Foundation now accepts debit and credit cards for membership dues and donations on our website [www.sitestewardfoundation.org](http://www.sitestewardfoundation.org). If you would like to be notified of Foundation tours and activities, please subscribe to the email list on the Foundation website.

— Gary Newgent, President

## South Park, Colorado, Site Steward Training

On July 12th and 13th, 2015, three members of the Site Steward Foundation, Beth Parisi, K. Paul Jones, and Phil Young, traveled to Fairplay, Colorado, and presented a one and one-half day site steward training to a brand new group of potential site stewards in the South Park National Heritage Area of Colorado.

Twelve new stewards were trained to monitor seven sites ranging from the Paleo-Indian to historic period. The South Park project started with an idea from Dr. Susan Bender, retired archaeology professor from Skidmore College.

Dr. Bender had been bringing her field school students to South Park and recruiting local volunteers since 2001. Upon her retirement, she decided to start a site steward group in order to protect the nearby cultural resources.

The training was a great success and the new volunteers are a dedicated group with a deep commitment to the area.

This was the Foundation's first outreach effort outside the state of New Mexico and we hope to continue working with stewards in our neighboring states.

-Beth Parisi



At left: Site stewards in training, South Park, CO.

At right: SFNF training team – Phil Young, Beth Parisi, Dr. Sue Bender, K. Paul Jones

Photos by Beth Parisi



## South Park, Colorado, Site Steward Training (cont)



Drill



Probable shrine in the South Park area

Photos by Beth Parisi

## 2015/16 Wednesday Night Education Lectures

Gail Bryant has announced the speakers and their lecture titles for the coming fall/winter season. As usual, she has gathered some outstanding speakers for us. All lectures will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the conference room of the SFNF Forest Service office, 11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe. As usual, brown bag at 5:15 and talk at 6 p.m.

- September 2: Eric Blinman, Office of Archaeological Studies  
"Modeling Southwestern Climate, Water, and Economy from the Past to Present"
- October 7: Jessica Badner, Office of Archaeological Studies  
"Reviewing Rail Yard Finds up to the Present"
- November 4: Polly Schaafsma, topic to be announced
- February 3: Mike Bremer, topic to be announced
- March 2: Nadine Ulibarri, Archaeologist, Pojoaque Pueblo, topic to be announced

## Portugal Tour Update

Your fellow Santa Fe National Forest Site Stewards and Site Steward Foundation members, Isabel Carvalhal and Beth Parisi, would like to invite you to join them on an Archaeology and World Heritage Tour of Portugal, April 11 to 22, 2016.

THERE IS ONE SPACE LEFT ON THIS TRIP. Please contact Isabel or Beth if you are interested in joining the trip or have any questions; there will be a waiting list.

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(This is not a Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward or Site Steward Foundation sponsored tour)

## A Monitoring Trip to Remember

Irene and I wandered out to the Garcia one fine Saturday morning to check the site in Garcia Canyon. The trip was more interesting than usual but turned out fine.

The first thing we ran across was a very large log lying across FR416V as we got near Chupadero Canyon. The log is probably 3 feet in diameter at least and stretches across the road. It'll be a chore to get it off the road. There is a go-around, though, so the log has been there at least a little while. We used the go-around to get to the Chupadero Canyon road.



Then we noticed car tire tracks as we rounded the west end of Chupadero Mesa and continued down the road (going north) toward Garcia Canyon. As we started into Garcia Canyon, we realized there was a passenger car stuck in the road. No one was around so we hopped out of the Jeep and hiked to it. It's wedged into the very badly washed-out section of that road; the car has a lot of dents and some flat tires. The car is a white Pontiac Grand Am. A skateboard on the back window shelf makes one think a teenager might be involved. There are also bumper stickers all over the back of the vehicle. The tracks were very fresh so it was wrecked there after the last rain, which was the previous night. No sign of any people. When we got back to Los Alamos, I walked into the LAPD



bldg and talked with a dispatcher. She called around among the officers and someone had already reported the problem. Evidently, someone tried to get it out of there last night and wasn't able to retrieve the vehicle according to the officer the dispatcher contacted. I am not sure of the story there but she thanked me and I left. That car might not be easy to recover. . . it's quite a ways back there and not in good shape.



Then on the way back, we were just grinding along by the old pumice mines with the windows down and heard what I thought was a leaky tire and what Irene thought sounded like a sprinkler coming on (which makes no sense). In a few seconds, we realized we had driven by a rattlesnake. We hopped out to look for him, but stayed on the road where we could see. If he hadn't rattled again, we would have missed him up on the road cut. It turned out to be a really large rattlesnake, perhaps almost six feet long. Unfortunately, I couldn't see very well through my cell phone camera in the sun, so I just shot a bunch of photos and they are fuzzy. There must have been some water on the lens.



All photos by Will Dearholt

By the way, the Garcia Canyon site is fine. And, of course, we saw cows nearby.

— Will Dearholt

## The Big Ku II Clean Up

Remember K. Paul Jones' story in the Spring 2015 issue of *Site Lines* about the mess left by visitors to the Ku II site? To quote from page 11:

*This site has been the victim of recurring acts of vandalism. Residents in the area appear to view this part of the SFNF as their personal playground without restrictions. In addition to off-road vehicle traffic, they have cut down several trees for bonfires. They have turned the area into a shooting range with clay pigeons and empty, gallon-size milk cartons as their targets (see photos). On top of that they feel no compulsion to retrieve and remove their empty cartridges. Finally (we hope), they view the area as their personal dump site for various materials including even soiled diapers.*



Below is an overall view of the "before" scene.



Above photo by K. Paul Jones

Anne Baldwin and Mike Bremer put together a team to clean up the area, and clean it up they did on June 9, 2015.

The accompanying photos tell the rest of the story. The firefighters who helped may have wondered if their training included these tasks!

Thank you, Anne and Mike, for initiating and seeing through this necessary task.



Clean-up photos by Anne Baldwin



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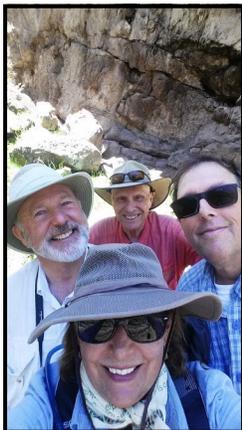
## The Polvadera Pictographs

One of the sites assigned to the Rio Chama stewards is known as the "Polvadera Pictographs." It gets its name from the fact that the images are located on the roof of an overhang just a few steps away from Polvadera Creek. Most of the objects painted on the roof (see photo) are astronomical in nature. But there is also a one-horned awanyu. The predominant color is white, but there are red circles within two of the moons (sun?).



Photo by K. Paul Jones

Last June, I had the opportunity to lead Anne Baldwin, Mike Bremer, and John Pitts to this site. The photos include a selfie of the four of us taken by Anne—with the pictograph site in the background. Mike had seen the pictographs more than a decade ago, but was anxious to see them again. This was the first opportunity for Anne and John. All three were impressed with the pictographs, including John who is an avid explorer of petroglyph and pictograph sites around the world.



The three-mile walk to the site is part of the pleasure of visiting the pictographs. It's a gradual ascent that takes you along the rippling creek, with a combination of narrow canyons and a beautiful valley with wildflowers and tall pines that fortunately survived the South Fork Fire a few years ago.

If this description entices you to join me for a future site visit, just contact me by email ([kennethpauljones@q.com](mailto:kennethpauljones@q.com))

— K. Paul Jones

Photo at left by Anne Baldwin; photo above by K. Paul Jones

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