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ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE GILA FORKS REGION OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

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7:30 pm Tuesday, October 18, 2022
At Your Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone

The Gila Wilderness is the oldest in the country; its centennial will occur in 2024. This talk presents ongoing archaeological field research in the Gila Forks region of the Gila National Forest and Wilderness. Field studies focus on two sites – Twin Pines Village and South Diamond Creek Pueblo – as representative of pithouse and Mimbres habitation sites in the region. The presentation will discuss new discoveries and how they relate to our research question: how did populations who inhabited Gila River headwaters and were surrounded by a forested environment interact with people who lived in the semi-desert of the Mimbres-Mogollon region of the American Southwest?

Dr. Arakawa is currently Director of the University Museum and Professor of Anthropology at New Mexico State University. He is also a Research Associate with Crow Canyon Archaeology Center in Cortez, Colorado. His primary interest is reconstructing sociopolitical organization among the Ancestral Puebloans in the Mesa Verde region and in the Gila Forks area of the Gila National Forest and Wilderness. His research examines how social scales and power changed through time in small-scale agricultural societies of the American Southwest using demographic, environmental, and material (lithics and pottery) data. To tackle questions of power and scale, he has gained a strong background in archaeological methods and theories, geology, chemical compositional analyses, and GIS technologies. He has also explored topics related to multivocal studies in archaeology, cultural trajectory, gender division of labor, landscape studies, and exchange systems.

Although the AAS Board had hoped to return to in-person meetings in September, the October and November meetings will also be on Zoom. An in-person Holiday pot-luck is planned for December 13, a week early to avoid the holiday crush.

A day or so prior to the October meeting, an email message will be sent to members with the link for the Zoom meeting, which will open around 7 to allow for greetings among friends. Please mute your microphone and turn off your video during the presentation until the question-and-answer session.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President Evan Kay called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

As there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 2022 meeting, the minutes stand approved as published in the September Newsletter. (No August meeting.)

President Kay announced that the October and November meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. The December meeting will be a potluck at the Albuquerque Museum on December 13.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Obenauf: AAS received a generous donation of \$1,000 from member Maggie Knight. President Kay expressed great appreciation for her donation. (Maggie was not present in the meeting).

The one operating expense for the month was \$16.17 for the monthly Zoom license fee. Checking account balance at the end of the month was \$6,668.33.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Mary Raje: There have been no changes in membership.

Newsletter – Helen Crotty: Thanks to the crew that gets out the monthly newsletter, including Carol Toffaleti for proofing, even when on vacation in California this month, Ann Braswell for printing and mailing the hard copy newsletter, and Evan Kay for emailing the electronic version.

Maxwell Collections Crew – Karen Armstrong: The crew is up and running, masked and gloved, after a hiatus during the month of August. They are currently processing artifacts from a Zia site excavated in 1955.

Rock Art – Dick Harris reported that Committee Chair Carol Chamberland is working on one large report, and he is working on others.

Field Trips – Pat Harris Two field trips are scheduled for October: Boletsakwa Pueblo, near Ponderosa, and Quarai Mission Ruins and Mountainair. The Jemez Ranger District archaeologist will be leading the Boletsakwa Pueblo visit.

Pottery Southwest – Hayward Franklin: The latest issue is ready and soon to be posted on line.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Ann Braswell: There are presenters for the October and November meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice President Gretchen Obenauf announced that member Carol Joiner passed away over the weekend. President Kay expressed his condolences.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The offices of President, a Vice President, and one Director-at-Large will be open next year. President Kay asked for people to step up to be part of a nominating committee. These positions are vital to the organization. He will be sending out emails to request volunteers and will attach job descriptions for each.

ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

SPEAKER

Vice President Gretchen Obenauf introduced Allen Dart, executive director of Tucson's nonprofit Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, which he founded in 1993 to provide educational and scientific programs in archaeology, history, and cultures for the public. The presentation "Old Time Religion? The Salado Phenomenon in the U.S.

Southwest” described the distinctive shared cultural traits that have been associated with the so-called “Salado Culture” and discussed how Salado relates to the Ancestral Pueblo, Mogollon, Hohokam, and Casa Grandes cultures of the U.S. Southwest and Mexico’s Northwest.

Susan King, Secretary

TWO FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER: A CHALLENGING HIKE ON THE 15TH AND AN EASY WALK ON THE 22ND

Pat Harris, Field Trip Chair, announced that the field trip on October 15 to the Boletsakwa Ruins located north of the town of Ponderosa in the Jemez Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest is for **12 members who are currently in good physical condition**. The length of trail is about a mile, mostly on a road, but the last quarter mile rises gradually until reaching a couple of steep sections for an elevation gain of 250 feet. There is a steep drop-off downslope. Walking sticks are recommended. Time: 2 to 3 hours visiting the pueblo. A district archaeologist, an assistant district archaeologist, and a site steward will accompany us to see kiva, wall ruins, sherds, grinding slicks, artifacts, petroglyphs, and midden.

This trip is filled but interested members may sign up for the wait list. There are always dropouts. To sign up, contact Pat at trips@abqarchaeology.org or patparhar@comcast.net.

The October 22 field trip is a 0.4-mile walk on a loop gravel trail at Quarai Mission near Mountainair, part of the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument. Our guide will be Murt Sullivan, a retired ranger from the Monument. To see are the impressive, stabilized walls of the mission church and seventeenth-century pueblo, probably one of the largest wall-and-beam structures in North America. Also present are mounds representing the archaeological sites of earlier buildings. The Salinas Valley has been home to a variety of peoples and cultures for hundreds of years. As an aside, fall is one of the loveliest seasons to visit this mission.

We will spend an hour or so at Quarai and then drive on to Mountainair for lunch at the Shaffer Café (burgers, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, salads) in the Shaffer Hotel, known for its striking Pueblo Deco and original Folk Art decor. For a change of pace, we will take a walking tour of Mountainair, seeing tile mosaics and art galleries and finish up with the National Park Service one room exhibit, a 14-minute video and bookstore. A full day of a variety of experiences.

There will be the usual AAS Trip Fee of \$10 per person for this field trip. Limit is 20 current members. To sign up, contact Pat at trips@abqarchaeology.org or patparhar@comcast.net.

NEW MEXICO ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 10 to 3 OCTOBER 15 AT BERNALILLO MUSEUM

The New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, in collaboration with the Bernalillo Community Museum, 118 Calle Malinche, is hosting the 2022 Archaeology Fair. Featured are demonstrations of old and new archaeological technologies, including drones, and varied exhibits, including a live turkey, to appeal to all ages.

AAS SEPTEMBER 14 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

President Evan Kay called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

Present were Gretchen and Tom Obenauf, Ann Braswell, Susan King, Jo Lynne Fenger, John Guth, Pat and Dick Harris, Mary Raje, and Helen Crotty. Also present was Thatcher Seltzer-Rogers, AAS member and assistant webmaster, and the new president of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico.

Nominations for Board positions will be requested of the membership at the September 20 meeting. The makeup of the nominating committee was discussed. In-person monthly meetings will resume in January 2023 at the Albuquerque Museum. Possible speakers for upcoming monthly meetings were proposed for consideration, and future field trip ideas were put forth. There were no motions for Board decisions during the meeting, which was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Susan King, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Joiner 1943–2022

Carol, a long-time Albuquerque resident and AAS member, died Friday, September 16 at age 79. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Carpenter. A retired librarian and intrepid scholar, she held Masters degrees in history and anthropology, and she assisted Joan Mathien for several years researching the early twentieth century Chaco Canyon field schools. Although she had not been active in AAS for some time, she continued her membership and subscription to the print Newsletter. She leaves behind family and many friends who will miss her and her wry sense of humor.

CALENDAR CHECK

Free Lectures

“Coastal Archaeology and Historical Ecology for a Changing Planet “by Rick Torben, Curator of North American Archaeology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, on Thurs-day October 20 at: 7:30 PM, in the Anthropology Lecture Hall (Rm. 163) on the UNM Campus. LIII Journal of Anthropological Research. Parking in metered space along Redondo Rd. or Las Lomas.

“The Significance of Blackdom in New Mexico’s History,” by Timothy E. Nelson at 7 pm on Friday November 11, in the Anthropology Lecture Hall (Room. 163) on the UNM Campus. Keynote speech for the New Mexico Archeological Council’s Fall Conference “Underrepresented Groups in New Mexico History.”

Conferences

The New Mexico Archeological Council Fall Conference, “Underrepresented Groups in New Mexico History,” from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on November 12, 2022 at the Hibben Center on the UNM Campus.

Southwest Symposium January 5–7, 2023 at La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, hosted by Maxine McBrinn and Judith Habicht-Mauche. Conference Theme: “Attributes to Networks: Multi-scalar Perspectives on Understanding the Past in the Southwest US and Northwest Mexico.” Registration information at southwestsymposium.org/registration/.

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