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**ANCIENT TEXTILES, BASKETS, WOOD, AND HIDES FROM
SOUTHEASTERN UTAH: LATEST FINDINGS FROM THE CEDAR
MESA PERISHABLES PROJECT**

Laurie Webster and Louie Garcia

**7:30 PM, Tuesday November 14, 2017
Albuquerque Museum of Art and History
2000 Mountain Road NW**

During the 1890s, thousands of prehistoric perishable artifacts were excavated from alcoves in southeastern Utah by local “cowboy” archaeologists. Most were shipped to museums outside of the Southwest, where they were largely forgotten by archaeologists and the public. Who were these early collectors, where did these objects go, and what insights do they provide about the ingenuity and daily lives of the early inhabitants of southeastern Utah? In this presentation, Laurie Webster and Louie Garcia will discuss their recent research with these collections and highlight some of the extraordinary 1000 to 2000-year-old textiles, baskets, hides, wooden implements, and other perishable artifacts from sites in this region.



Top and side views of Basketmaker II coiled basket with original contents of maize, pinyon nuts, and squash seeds, ca. A.D. 100-300, Grand Gulch, Utah. Collected by the Hyde Exploring Expedition in 1893-94. American Museum of Natural History catalog number H/13133.



Dr. Laurie Webster is an anthropologist who specializes in the perishable material culture of the American Southwest. She is a visiting scholar in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Arizona and a Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History and the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. In 2011 she founded the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project to document perishable collections from southeastern Utah. She lives in Mancos, Colorado.

Louie Garcia is a Tiwa-Piro weaver and linguistic arts educator from Albuquerque. He received his M.A. in Language Literacy and Sociocultural Studies from the University of New Mexico and is founder and president of the New Mexico Pueblo Fiber Arts Guild, an organization dedicated to the preservation and revival of traditional Pueblo fiber arts. Since 2014, he has served as a team member of the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project.

MINUTES OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

October 17, 2017

President Carol Chamberland convened the meeting at 7:31 PM with a welcome to all current members, numerous visitors, and three new members.

Refreshments – Gretchen Obenauf brought a cake to honor Marc Thompson at his last AAS meeting before moving to Florida and to recognize his contributions as past President and Director of AAS.

Meeting minutes for September 19, 2017 were approved and stand as published.

REPORTS

Treasurer – Carol Chamberland gave the treasurer's report in the absence of John Guth. The liability insurance that AAS purchased previously was canceled. John is researching other options.

The society has a balance of \$5741.86 in checking and \$9000 in savings.

50th anniversary Volume – Helen Crotty reported that with the help of volunteers she hopes to have the volume ready in 2018.

Membership – Mary Raje stated that membership renewal forms will be on the table after the meeting. She plans to announce the renewal campaign in November. Joining now means that membership is good for 14 months. Mary reminded members that donations to AAS are tax deductible.

Archiving group – Joanne Magalis reported for Karen Armstrong who was absent. She said the group is processing artifacts from the Sandia 7 Site, which is a cache of lithics. Volunteers are always welcome to join the archiving group on Wednesday mornings at the Hibben Center between 8:30 and 11:30.

Rock Art – Dick Harris reported that the team went out every Tuesday this month. Carol complimented the Rock Art team, saying it was a pleasure to work with such competent people.

Field Trips – Pat Harris said no trips are planned for the rest of this year. She asked for ideas for 2018 trips.

Nominating Committee – Carol reported that the committee, composed of Peggy Gilbert, Joan Mathien, and Margery Barol, will prepare a slate of officers and directors for 2018 to be published in the November Newsletter. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

ASNM Annual Meeting – Nancy Woodworth explained that as an affiliate of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico the Albuquerque Archaeological Society will be hosting the 2018 ASNM Annual Meeting. She asked members to consider volunteering to help with this important event.

Seminars – Hayward Franklin will be teaching a class on the pottery of the Central Rio Grande Valley on October 21 at the Hibben Center. Carol announced that two potential seminars are planned, one in December or January on lithics and another in March on mapping.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Courney and Ginger Foerster reported on SiteWatch in the Albuquerque area and encouraged interested people to ask for the contact information about becoming a site steward.

The Los Ranchos newsletter has an article on Kit Sargent's photos of the Chamisal Site that were given to Los Ranchos de Albuquerque by her family.

Tom Windes announced that there will be a talk on Bears Ears on October 26 at the Bachechi center.

Matthew Barbour presented the first William and Dolores Sundt Award for Extraordinary Service to Dolores Sundt for her 25 years of service as Executive Secretary of ASNM.

Matt announced that an ASNM Special Publication on Guisewa has recently been issued; a copy can be purchased from Diane Courney for \$10.

The Friends of Coronado Historic Site is hosting a Festival of Cultures on Saturday October 21 from 10–4. There will be Aztec dancers at 11:00.

Gretchen announced that Carol Condie, who is a member of the Board of The Archaeological Conservancy, bought several copies of an issue of *American Archaeology* featuring Laurie D. Webster's Cedar Mesa Perishables Project. Dr. Webster will be the speaker at the November AAS meeting.

SPEAKER:

Gretchen Obenauf introduced Amy Thompson, a doctoral candidate at UNM, who spoke on "Cities of the Jungle: Ancient Maya Community Organization and Urban Development in the Southeastern Maya Lowlands, Belize, Central America. A synopsis was not available at press time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Foerster, Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR AAS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2018

The Nominating Committee, composed of Peggy Gilbert, Chair, Joan Mathien, and Marjorie Barol, has announced the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2018. Carol Chamberland for President, Gretchen Obenauf for First Vice President, Evan Kay for Second Vice President, John Guth for Treasurer, and Ginger Foerster for Secretary. For Directors at Large, Cindy Carson and Maggie Knight are nominated.

Nominations from the floor will be solicited at the November meeting. If there are additional nominations, a ballot will be distributed prior to the December meeting for a final vote at that time.

DOLORES SUNDT HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AS ASNM'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



The William and Dolores Sundt Award for Extraordinary Lifetime Service to the Archaeological Society of New Mexico was to be awarded to Dolores at the 2017 Annual Meeting Banquet May 6 in recognition of her long service as Executive Secretary, but the ceremony had to be postponed when she suffered a broken hip in a fall on the previous day. Dolores wanted to wait until she could stand and walk again to receive the award. The Nambé plaque was presented to her by ASNM President Matt Barbour at the September 19 meeting of AAS. Dolores assisted her husband during the 10 years as he served as Executive

Secretary for ASNM. Then after his death, she continued in the role for an additional 25 years until retiring in July 2015. Bill was, and Dolores continues to be, a long-time member of AAS.

2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Mary Raje, Membership Chair announces that the 2017-2018 Membership Directory will be emailed soon to all members who receive their Newsletters electronically. Those with print memberships may request a Directory by contacting info@abqarchaeology.org or telephone Helen Crotty at 281-2136.

Mary also reminds us that dues paid now are credited through 2018. A membership form is attached for your convenience. All dues except those paid after October 1, 2017 expire December 31, 2017.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

The Society for American Archaeology Asks Help in Saving the Antiquities Act: Congressman Rob Bishop is sponsoring a bill, HR 3990, the National Monument Creation and Protection Act, which would essentially do away with the Antiquities Act as we know it today. The measure has already been approved by the Natural Resources Committee. The next step is a vote in the full House, and help is needed to stop this legislation. The most effective action is to telephone, write, or email your representative individually rather than signing a petition.

CALENDAR CHECK

Free Public Lecture

The Merchant Site: Old and New Discoveries at a Prehistoric Village on the Mescalero Plain of Southeastern New Mexico by Myles R. Miller, Friday, November 12, 7:30 pm, Hibben Center 106.

Conferences

New Mexico Archeological Council Fall Conference November 11, 8:00 to 4:30, Hibben Center on the UNM campus. Subject: Permian Basin Programmatic Agreement in the Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office Area of SE New Mexico. Contact Cherie Walth at cwalth@swca.com for registration form and program.

Navajo Rug Auction November 17, viewing at 11:00 am, auction at 1:00 pm, Prairie Star restaurant, Bernalillo. Proceeds benefit the Maxwell Museum and the weavers.

ASNM Annual Meeting May 4-6, 2018 at the Nativo Lodge in Albuquerque. Preliminary notice.

ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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2017 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To contact officers or committee chairs, or to change mailing or email address, email info@abqarchaeology.org or consult Membership Directory. Current members can sign up for field trips at meetings or by emailing trips@abqarchaeology.org.

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Renewal _____

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I/We would be interested in working with the following committees:

- Greeters (name tags & guest signup at meetings);
- Membership (keep track of membership lists and send renewal notices) and/ or---
- Assist Membership chair with display and signups at archaeological events;
- Field Trips (arrange for trip or assist chair with signups and follow up);
- Laboratory (assist with Hibben Center archival work);
- AAS *Newsletter* editorial assistant/trainee;
- AAS 50th Anniversary Volume Editor, assistant, researcher;
- Board of Directors and position desired;
- Other (describe on back).

To download the form go to the **Join AAS** tab on our website abqarchaeology.com, click the upper right pop-out icon. Mail the printed form and your membership dues check (payable to the Albuquerque Archaeological Society or AAS) to:

Treasurer, Albuquerque Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 4029

Albuquerque, NM 87196-4029

Questions about Membership? (address or email changes, current dues verification, etc.): Email info@abqarchaeology.org

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