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NEW MEXICO ARCHEOLOGICAL COUNCIL ESTABLISHES AWARD HONORING LOU SCHUYLER

As reported in the June AAS Newsletter, Lou Schuyler had been hospitalized since early May. She lost her battle with cancer on August 9 (see obituary on page 3). Later that week, Meaghan Trowbridge, President of the New Mexico Archeological Council, announced the establishment of the Lucy C. Schuyler Award “to recognize significant contributions to the published archaeological literature based on legacy projects. The Schuyler Award will be awarded to one author or team of authors each year, at the NMAC fall conference, provided a suitable individual or team can be identified.

“One goal of the award is to honor Lucy Schuyler—universally known as Lou—for her years of preparing detailed reports containing previously unpublished information on legacy projects. The archaeological sites that Lou helped document include Tijeras Pueblo, Pottery Mound, Comanche Springs and the Metzler Ruin, and the Correo Shrine Site. She began her volunteer effort in 2004, after she and her husband retired to Albuquerque. At the time the award was created in July 2021, she continued this effort....

“Each recipient will receive a plaque. The award will also come with a cash prize of \$250.00. If the award is to more than one individual, the cash prize will be split among the recipients. The award committee will seek donations to create a permanent fund for the award.”

Donations to the Lucy C. Schuyler Award may be made to the New Mexico Archeological Council (or just NMAC), P.O. Box 25691, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

AAS MEETINGS TO CONTINUE ONLINE THROUGH 2021

At its August 11 meeting, the AAS Board voted to continue holding virtual meetings via Zoom rather than in-person meetings at the Albuquerque Museum for the remainder of the year. Speaker for the September 21 meeting will be Keith Prufer of UNM’s Department of Anthropology. The December meeting has been moved to December 14 to avoid the holiday crush, and efforts are underway to offer an outstanding lecture on that date. Much as we all miss meeting with friends in person, one advantage of virtual meetings is being able to hear discussions on timely subjects by prominent experts in the field whom we could never expect to bring to Albuquerque. It has been suggested that in lieu of our holiday party we have a potluck celebration when we are finally able to meet again in person.

ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NAMES KAREN ARMSTRONG WINNER OF THE ALEX LINDSAY UNSUNG HERO AWARD

As is customary, the Arizona Archeological and Historical Society announced winners of its annual awards at the Pecos Conference held in Mancos, Colorado August 5-8. Karen Armstrong was announced as the recipient of the

Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr. Unsung Hero Award. which recognizes the importance of individuals whose work has often gone unacknowledged, but is critical to the success of others' archaeological, anthropological, or historical research.

Karen began her project of archiving neglected collections from various excavation projects in storage at the Maxwell Museum in 2004, and Lou Schuyler was among her first volunteers in the archiving crew. Lou's advanced math and computer skills were put to use in developing the procedures still used today. Lou eventually went on to other projects, but Karen continued to assemble the Archiving Crew volunteers at UNM's Hibben Center weekly during the academic year. Karen often did the data entry herself on other days. To date, the crew has processed materials from some 50 collections. The crew was scheduled to resume its work this September prior to the surge in Covid-19.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11 ZOOM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Evan Kay.

Present were: Evan Kay, Gretchen Obenauf, Ann Braswell, Susan King, Tom Obenauf, John Guth, Pat Harris, Mary Raje, and Helen Crotty. Cindy Carson joined in later.

Evan Kay announced that he has been accepted into the new Master of Science program in Historic Preservation in the UNM School of Architecture and Planning, beginning this fall. As the class meets on Tuesday nights, he may have some scheduling problems.

With the Covid-19 Delta variant surge, the Board voted to suspend AAS in-person meetings at the Albuquerque Museum through December 2021 and hold meetings by Zoom instead.

Vice President Gretchen Obenauf announced some deeply sad news: longtime AAS member and much-valued volunteer Lou Schuyler has passed away. The Board plans a special announcement to the membership.

Treasurer Tom Obenauf reported that income for the past month was \$80 from two new memberships plus one reinstatement and a \$500 donation from Diane Roussel-Dupré to be applied "where it's most needed." Present options for the gift include the ASNM Scholarship Fund and the Archaeological Conservancy if they have a site in New Mexico, but no decision was made. The sole operating expense for the month was the Zoom fee of \$16.17.

Discussion was held regarding a nominating committee, and it was noted that people were more willing to volunteer or agree to serve if it was known that at least some present Board members were willing to run again.

The meeting adjourned around 7:40.

Respectfully submitted by Susan King, Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The AAS Bylaws specify that a nominating committee of two or more members be solicited at the September meeting and present a slate at the October meeting. This is designed to assure that a board of directors does not become self-perpetuating. In recent years, it has been difficult to recruit anyone willing to serve on the Board, or even anyone to serve on a Nominating Committee. Please consider volunteering to become a member of the Nominating Committee or perhaps to accept one of the Board positions and speak up at the September 21 meeting or contact info@abqarchaeology.org.

PECOS CONFERENCE 2021

Joan Mathien reports that this year's Conference, held August 5 to 8 in Mancos, Colorado, was great, with over 500 in attendance. The Silent Auction took in over \$3,000. Next year the conference will be held on Rowe Mesa with Gary Newgent as organizer.

Ten young (under 35) archaeologists competed for the Cordell/Powers prize. The winners were: Kelsey Hanson, Cordell plaque; Chris Schwarts, Powers plaque; Ali Levisy, second prize; Liv Winnecki, third prize; Sean Field, Honorable Mention; Daniel Perez, Honorable Mention.

AAS AUGUST 17 BONUS ZOOM PRESENTATION

John Tibbets, son of Joe Tibbets, who, along with three others, survived 29 days in a snowy wilderness after a plane crash near Annette Island, Alaska in February, 1943, offered AAS members a personal review of the amazing events that he described in *Hearts of Courage*, published in 2008. For those who missed it, used paperback copies are available on Amazon. The Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Library unfortunately does not list a copy among its holdings.

IN MEMORIAM

Lucy C. Schuyler
1946–2021

Lou, as she was known to us, was born and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Her undergraduate degree was in Applied Mathematics from Brown University, and her graduate degree was in Operations Research from Columbia University. The majority of her professional career was spent at IBM, where she served as analyst and consultant. She also worked as the information officer for a major publisher, and as an independent consultant. After retiring from successful careers in the New York area, Lou and her husband Hank Schuyler relocated to Albuquerque in 2004. Pursuing a lifelong interest, Lou joined the Albuquerque Archaeological Society and Friends of Tijeras Pueblo. She also began doing volunteer work for the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology. She continued this work for 17 years, until the sudden onset of cancer.

Lou's first task at the museum was to create and populate a preliminary spreadsheet database for the Tijeras Pueblo collections being reorganized by Karen Armstrong's volunteer archiving crew. She repeated this task during the crew's reorganization of the Pottery Mound collections. She then began working with field and laboratory notes and collections records to create descriptive reports on unpublished legacy projects. Several of her reports reflect her interest in Native American jewelry. Before becoming ill, she completed the draft of her final series of reports, providing a room-by-room description of the 1970s field school excavations at Tijeras Pueblo. Parts 3 through 6 of that report are currently being edited for publication.

As a volunteer for AAS, Lou used her organizing skills to help Carol Chamberland plan the AAS 50th anniversary celebration at the Open Space Visitor Center in 2016. She had volunteered in 2011 to serve as Newsletter mailer. For almost ten years, she saw to the printing of the Newsletter and mailed it to the members who had opted for a print copy. During the pandemic, she printed a limited number of copies on her own printer up until she was hospitalized in early May.

Aside from archaeology, Lou had a lifelong interest in the textile arts. After moving to Albuquerque, she pursued ceramics, jewelry, and weaving. Her pottery was displayed on her own website, and she was also an accomplished seamstress. Lou was a remarkable, creative, gracious, and generous person, and she is missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. She is survived by her husband Hank.

No public memorial is planned. Donations in her memory may be made to any of her favorite charities: American Indian College Fund (collegefund.org); the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology's Sargeant Fund (unmfund.org/fund/sargeant-fund/); The Outpost Performance Space, P.O. Box 4543 Albuquerque, NM 87196. Or to the newly established Lucy C. Schuyler Award, New Mexico Archeological Council, P.O. Box 25691, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

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