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**LET'S LOOK AT FISH: PISCIFORMS IN THE JORNADA
MOGOLLON REGION OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO,
NORTHERN MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS**

Margaret Berrier

7:30 pm Tuesday, April 19, 2022
At Your Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone

Numerous examples of fish imagery are depicted on pottery of the Southwest's ancient Mimbres culture. These are well illustrated in publications and in the Mimbres Pottery Image Digital Database (MimPIDD). However, no significant catalog or publication exists of fish images in the Jornada Mogollon rock art of the Southwest. This presentation documents pisciforms (fish forms) and their distribution in the area. It also summarizes some ethnographic accounts of the use of fish and interpretations of fish iconography. A compendium of rock art pisciforms will facilitate further research on this rich body of neglected aquatic fauna.

Margaret Berrier has a BA in Art Education from Indiana University and worked for a large corporation while pursuing her interest since 1986 in rock art recording as a volunteer. She has researched, recorded, and photographed rock art sites throughout North America and elsewhere. Since moving to Las Cruces in 2006, she has concentrated her efforts on the documentation and study of rock art in southern New Mexico and west Texas. She has led the Doña Ana Archaeological Society's rock art team, and worked as a volunteer for the El Paso Archaeological Society and for the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces. She has also conducted research and documentation with archaeologists Meade Kemrer, Larry Loendorf, Myles Miller, and others. She has published articles on rock art in the journals of the American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA), San Diego Rock Art Association, and the proceedings of the Jornada Mogollon and Mogollon Conferences. During the pandemic she has given numerous Zoom presentations on rock art as well as publishing in on-line journals including the JTAH (Journal of Texas Archaeology and History) and Old Pueblo Archaeology in Arizona. She will have an article in the upcoming ASNM volume and received a grant from the New Mexico Site Stewards Foundation for her free educational Three Rivers Coloring Book.

Margaret received ARARA's Castleton Award in 2017, the Archaeological Society of New Mexico's Brice Award for Archaeological Achievement in 2018, and Jornada Research Institute's Associate of the Year in 2021. She was recently elected to the Board of Directors of ARARA. When she can find the time these days, she enjoys making jewelry that is usually inspired by rock art motifs.

A day or so prior to the 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 MARCH 15, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The March 15 meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Evan Kay.

MINUTES: As there were no corrections or additions to the February meeting minutes, they stand approved as published in the March 2022 Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Obenauf reported that income for the month was \$195 for membership renewals and \$25 as a donation. Operating expenses were \$16.17 for the monthly Zoom license fee, \$23.24 for postage, \$38.40 for newsletter copying, \$40 for annual ASNM affiliate dues, and \$500 for the Directors and Officers annual insurance premium. The one expense related to programs was a Board-authorized voluntary \$500 donation to the Center for the Study of the First Americans.

VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Ann Braswell announced that she has lined up a speaker for the April meeting and has feelers out for May and June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lab/Archives – Karen Armstrong: Return of the team to their work in the archaeology lab is not yet scheduled. Karen Price will be there during UNM spring break. The next collection that the crew will work with is 30 to 35 boxes from the Treasure Hill site in Mimbres country, expected to be completed by summer.

Seminars – Carol Chamberland: Ann Braswell has volunteered to assist her in starting up the seminars again.

Field Trips – Pat Harris: One of the benefits of AAS membership is its field trips. A March 27 field trip will be led by docent Carol Chamberland for a tour of the Albuquerque Museum history exhibits. The Jaral Pueblo field trip has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 9.

Other current venues of potential interest for AAS members may be the current Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (MIAC) exhibit, "Clearly Indigenous." Let Pat know if you are interested; if there are 12 she'll set up a visit with the docent. The exhibit closes June 1.

Pat also asked members to let her know if there is any interest in visiting the Los Luceros Historic Site in Rio Arriba County, north of Española or a trip to the Glorieta Battlefield site. The guide is a professor of history who has specialized in battlefields.

Pottery Southwest – Gretchen Obenauf: The new issue is very nearly done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grant County Archaeological Society has thanked us for supporting their work on their new facility with a \$500 donation.

ADJOURNMENT

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

SPEAKER

Ann Braswell introduced Edward Jolie, who earned his PhD at UNM and is currently Clara Lee Tanner Associate Professor in the School of Anthropology and Associate Curator of Ethnology at the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona. Dr. Jolie's talk was entitled "Basketry Shields and (In)Visible Defense in the Ancient Southwest."

Susan King, Secretary

[Ed. note: No synopsis of his talk is available, but Dr. Jolie reports that his paper on basketry shields in the ancient Southwest has been accepted for publication in *Kiva* and should appear sometime this year.]

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM MARY RAJE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The annual membership renewal period has finished as of March 31. We have 137 renewed members including six students. Our policy for free student memberships that requires annual renewal with Student ID or class schedules, has worked out well. Two students did not renew but may no longer be in school. At this point, 14 people who were 2021 members (including the two students) have not renewed. Of these, four renewals are pending as those folks thought the date when they joined in 2021 was their individual renewal deadline for 2022.

I met with Jo Lynne Fenger, AAS Board Member at Large, on March 30 to discuss placement of the AAS brochure in various areas of UNM and other venues. Jo Lynne has graciously agreed to distribute and post them. We also discussed ways to attract and involve students in AAS meetings and activities. It's good to see those brochures we worked on pre-Covid actually getting out into the community.

I will begin updating the Membership Directory in May.

FIELD TRIP NEWS FROM PAT HARRIS, AAS FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

At the March meeting I mentioned possible field trips to the "Clearly Indigenous" exhibit in Santa Fe, the Los Luceros Historic Site, and a tour of the Glorieta Battlefield Site with a history professor. I asked members to contact me for a show of interest if I were to organize a trip for AAS. Only one or two members contacted me, and they were accommodated on the field trips I coordinated for the Friends of Coronado Historic Site. No additional field trips are scheduled at present, but I'm working on it.

CALENDAR CHECK

Free Lectures

YouTube offers videos of past lectures from a variety of sources. Look under New Mexico Archaeology for a general listing. Most organizations that offer Zoom lectures or Webinars also make past lectures available (providing the speaker agrees to be recorded) on their YouTube channels. For The Archaeological Conservancy, see <archaeologicalconservancy.org>; for Archaeology Southwest, see archaeologysouthwest.org, *Archaeology Café Online* under "Things to Do"; for Friends of Coronado Historic Site, see <Kuaua.org>; for Crow Canyon Archaeological Center see <crowcanyon.org>.

Crow Canyon presented a Webinar April 7 with UNM's Distinguished Professor of Anthropology **Patricia Crown** discussing "**The House of the Cylinder Jars: Room 28 in Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon.**" It can be found on the Crow Canyon Website under Programs, *Discover Archaeology Webinars Series*, and press the YouTube Channel button as well as some of the other websites mentioned above.

The February talk for AAS by **Michael R. Waters**, "Archaeological and Genetic Evidence for the Peopling of the Americas" was not taped, but a YouTube video of Dr. Waters's talk for the Texas Archaeological Commission, "**The First Americans and the Debra L Friedkin Site, Texas**" can be found on YouTube by searching that title. It covers some of the same material.

Conferences

ASNM VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING "Taos at the Crossroads of Trade," hosted by the Taos Archaeological Society May 5-7. **Free registration with suggested donation.** Program and list of lecture topics will be sent to registrants. Early registration ends April 15. Visit Taos Archeological Society website <Taosarch.org> for registration form. Contact TAS President Phil Alldritt <taoscluba@hotmail.com>with questions or concerns.

TULAROSA BASIN CONFERENCE Presented by Jornada Research Institute in collaboration with the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County Historical Society June 2,3,4, and 5 at Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso. Pre-registration required. Visit JRI website <jornadaresearchinstitute.com> for registration form or registration online. Contact JRI President David Greenwald <dgreenwald@tularosa.net> or call 575-430-8854 for questions or concerns.

PECOS CONFERENCE August 11-14 on Rowe Mesa, New Mexico hosted by the Site Steward Foundation. Registration opens May 2022. To be added to the mailing list, visit <pecosconference.org>

SOUTHWEST KILN CONFERENCE October 7-10, venue to be announced. Dolores, Colorado or Silver City, New Mexico are under consideration.

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