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## A LANDSCAPE PERSPECTIVE ON ZUNI SPOTTED CHERT

**Kellam Throgmorton**

**7:30 pm Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

*At Your Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone*

Zuni spotted chert is one of the most recognizable lithic material types in northwestern New Mexico: a lustrous orange or red jasper with brownish dendritic speckles. The chert is found at archaeological sites from the Albuquerque Basin to Chaco Canyon to the El Morro Valley, but the source of the material and its geological origin are not well documented. This lecture discusses the origins of Zuni Spotted Chert, and charts a landscape-level history of how people used the material from the paleolithic Folsom period to late Pueblo III times in the 1000s.

Kellam Throgmorton earned his Ph.D. at Binghamton University in 2019. He is currently the Field Director for the Northern Chaco Outliers Project at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. His research interests include early villages, sociopolitical organization, landscape archaeology, and architecture. Kellam's dissertation considered Chaco landscapes as a form of political action, and he conducted fieldwork at two Chaco outlier communities in New Mexico, Morris 40, near Farmington, and Padilla Wash in Chaco Culture National Historical Park. He assisted in research at numerous outliers, including Chimney Rock in Colorado and Las Ventanas and Aztec North in New Mexico. Kellam has most recently been working at the Haynie site in Colorado. Along with his work at Crow Canyon, he has pursued an interest in Zuni spotted chert, its sourcing, geological origins, dispersal, and use.

*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 APRIL 19, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The meeting was called to order by President Evan Kay at 7:35 p.m.

**MINUTES:** There were two corrections to the March minutes published in the April newsletter. Change Cindy Carlson to Cindy Carson and in the Treasurer's report, the amount of the Directors and Officers annual insurance premium paid was \$663, not \$500.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Tom Obenauf** reported that income was \$515 from membership renewals, \$110 from field trip fees, and \$65 from two donations. Operating expenses were \$16.17 for Zoom fees, \$50 for Lobo Internet DNS hosting, and \$10 for the annual New Mexico Secretary of State filing fee. Program expenses were for our three \$500 donations to the ASNM scholarship fund, the Albuquerque Museum, and the Grant County Archaeological Society for their work on the Mimbres Archaeological Research and Education Center. Checking account balance at the end of the month was \$6,008.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership – Mary Raje:** There are 140 members as of the end of March. The full report is in the April Newsletter.

**Lab/Archives – Karen Armstrong:** With masks and social distancing, the group is up and running with about eight volunteers each week. Prior to the pandemic, they had about 12 people weekly. They began work on the Treasure Hill Mimbres site materials April 13.

**Rock Art – Carol Chamberland:** Sites recorded years ago were recently visited. It was great, and they will keep revisiting.

**Field Trips – Pat Harris:** The second group went out with Hayward Franklin to Jaral Pueblo and the old ranger station. No new field trips are currently planned.

**Pottery Southwest – Gretchen Obenauf:** A new issue will be posted online later this week or early next week.

**Vice President's Report – Ann Braswell:** Speakers are lined up for May and June.

### SPEAKER

Ann Braswell introduced Margaret Berrier, a member of the Dona Ana Archaeological Society and long-time volunteer rock art recorder and researcher, who has concentrated in recent years on the rock art of southern New Mexico and west Texas. Her presentation was about the fish imagery found in Jornada Mogollon petroglyphs. No synopsis was available at press time.

Susan King, Secretary

### MESSAGE FROM KAREN ARMSTRONG, MUSEUM ARCHIVING CREW LEADER

The term *archiving* actually refers to the conservation/preservation of documents on paper. What we do with old archaeological collections of artifacts is more curatorial. We have been trying to think of what to re-name the Crew as we go on, but stay tuned there! Any suggestions?

We meet in the basement lab of the Hibben Center on the UNM campus Wednesday mornings around 9:00. There is an elevator code which is given to each participant, and parking passes are provided. Because of COVID restrictions, we expect everyone to be fully vaccinated and boosted; we maintain social distancing and use masks and rubber gloves. Because of the distancing – at least for the time being – we can have only about eight people around four big worktables that are placed together as one table.

We are currently working on a collection of Mimbres materials recently donated to the Maxwell Museum by Dr. LaVerne Herrington. We are learning about Mimbres culture, especially the spectacular pottery produced in that area.

As always, volunteers are more than welcome. For more information, please email Karen at [fybate@comcast.net](mailto:fybate@comcast.net)

## CALENDAR CHECK

### *Conferences*

**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](http://jornadaresearchinstitute.com)> for registration form or registration online. Contact JRI President David Greenwald <[dgreenwald@tularosa.net](mailto:dgreenwald@tularosa.net)> or call 575-430-8854 with questions or concerns.

**PECOS CONFERENCE** August 11-14 on Rowe Mesa, New Mexico hosted by the Site Steward Foundation. Registration opens May 15, 2022. To be added to the mailing list, visit <[pecosconference.org](http://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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