



Colorado Desert Archaeology
Society

CDAS Monthly Bulletin

December 2017

December Calendar

<http://www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org/calendar>

Every Tues 9am- 3pm	Lab Day	BARC
Fri-Sun 12/1-3	Cultural Heritage Symposium	Steele Burnand
Sat 12/9 7am-3pm	Field Day Little Blair Valley	Robin Connors
Fri 12/15 1pm	Steering Committee	BARC Library
12/15 to 12/29	Steering Comm Nominations	email cblackgolf@ hotmail.com
Sat 12/16 10am	Seldom Seen Stones	ABF
Sat 12/16 5pm	CDAS Holiday Party	Julie & Mike Nyssen
Sat 12/30 7am	Indian Hill Field Trip	RSVP to Pat Downing

From the Chair

Looking behind and looking ahead. It has been a very busy fall season with Borrego Days, Archaeology Weekend, Silent Auction, Ice Cream Social, Potlucks, classes, lectures, meetings, fieldtrips, and lab assignments! There is much more in our future as well. Check this and other bulletins for upcoming goodies for CDAS. Just this month there will be the Cultural Symposium, a Potluck at the Nyssen's, a CDAS Steering Committee meeting, Dr. Runnels class and more. CDAS presses on, stay tuned!!

Also coming up and of importance, will be Steering Committee elections, just on the horizon. In addition, the Committee will be submitting several by-law changes for all to consider.

In January, I will be stepping down as the temporary Chairperson. My appointment was meant to fill in for Susan Gilliland, who was unable to complete her tenure. I have enjoyed learning this process and look forward to continuing my time as a Steering Committee member.

Please plan to stop by our Holiday Potluck on December 16th, 5:00 pm. Hope to see you all there.

Julie Nyssen

Remarks From the Park:

This November, several Park projects are underway including a rehabilitation of a site in Cuyamaca, accompanying a group interested in monitoring the stream flow in Coyote Canyon and consulting with SDG&E about a pole replacement at Vallecito. I attended the Rock Art Symposium in San Diego. I consulted with planners regarding a trail design up at the Radio Towers atop Lookout Rd. in Cuyamaca. I gave a talk to a group of State Park interpreters for a training conducted by Dennis Stephen called "Understanding and interpreting the Desert" that included a field trip to Mine Wash. I also gave a talk for Visitor Center Volunteers-in-training, providing information about the cultural resources in ABDSP, and how to protect them.



Fish Creek rock shelter with stacked stones

We continue to work closely with Briana Puzzo from ABF to finalize our plans for the Cultural Heritage Symposium presented this coming weekend, December 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Robin Connors

Site Steward Interview:

Kathy Bryson, currently living in Idyllwild, shared that the Cuyamaca Mountains have greatly influenced her since she attended camp there in grade school. She and her family, rock hounds and lapidary arts hobbyists, spent time during her childhood at their mining claim in Julian, as well as hiking and exploring the Cuyamacas.

While taking a photography class at ABDSP in 2012, Kathy signed up for the Archaeology for Citizen Scientists class and soon Joan Schneider's passion became hers. In 2013, she also became a Site Steward, and stewards, in her words, "a stunningly beautiful and culturally significant site in the Cuyamacas". Scarred by the 2003 fires, it still has many massive black oaks, wide meadows with a seasonal stream, and many bedrock milling features".

Led by Bonnie Bruce, she and several others spent 5 months surveying the site. Near a popular trail, the location allows the public to enjoy the site, but unfortunately, it has also led to a diminishing number of artifacts. Signs of illegal artifact hunting have been found. Kathy hopes that the work of site stewards, archaeologists, and Rangers will lead to a greater appreciation and respect for the cultural remains. She added that she feels honored to be able to volunteer with CDAS, and to spend time joyfully working in the attempt to document, preserve, and protect the archaeology of the areas she works in.

Sally Bickerson

Notes from the Field

We previewed this year's Fish Creek survey site with Lisa Pridmore and Randy Redfern, and conducted a two-day site survey with Rick and Paula Huls, Gary Holmes, Lisa Pridmore and Randy Redfern. We recorded 49 features. There was a small fire in Cuyamaca related to reforestation activities and we did a post burn survey. We worked with Natural Resources to survey an area at Palomar Mountain scheduled for a prescribed burn. I monitored an excavation for an electrical conduit replacement at the Amphitheater in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.

Robin Connors



Kathy Bryson visits her Cuyamaca site.

Your CDAS Steering Committee

The Steering Committee Meetings are held once a month during the season and are open to all members. Should you have any comments or suggestions for the committee and cannot attend please contact one of the following members:

Chair	Julie Nyssen janyssen@gmail.com
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Don't Miss the CDAS HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Saturday, December 16, 2017 5-8pm

The Nyssen's House

Please see attached flyer

Field Trip to Indian Hill 12/30

Join Site Stewards Lisa Pridmore and Susan Gilliland for an exciting field trip to Indian Hill. The walk is 2 level miles each way, total estimated walking time 3 hours. Cancelled if rain. Please bring lunch, water and a hat. Since this is a sensitive site only CDAS Archaeology Technicians or Site Stewards are eligible to attend. Sorry, no guests.

Meet - 7am at the BARC or 8:30 am at the Mortero Washturn off of S-2. Space is limited so contact Pat Downing to RSVP.

pdsnewmail@gmail.com

714-321-3955

Updated Ranger Contact for Site Stewards

Based on conversations with the Acting Superintendent, Robin is recommending that site stewards contact SURCOM (State Park Emergency Dispatch) at (951) 443-2964 regarding disturbances, impacts or illegal activity noted while visiting sites.

With rangers in short supply, you will get the best response when you call SURCOM, who will know exactly which ranger is currently on duty and can notify them by radio, rather than waiting for a phone call to get through.

It is not necessary to let the area ranger know before conducting a routine site visit. However Robin encourages stewards to let her know in advance when they are going to make a field survey of their site.

Carol Black

14th Annual Archaeology Weekend October 28 & 29

I want to acknowledge the following individuals for their volunteer work during our 14th Annual Archaeology Weekend on Oct 28-29th. Of course many hours of work was put in weeks before the event happened.

This was a CDAS team effort and your dedication and hard work made it happen!

John Bickerton, Sally Bickerton, Kathy Bryson, Gary Holmes, Kevin Smith, John Case, Laurie Brindle, Don Endicott, Jim Bryant, Lisa Pridmore, Randy Redfern, Paula Huls, Rick Huls, Mary Bennett, Chuck Bennett, Pat



Robin Corriens, Rick Huls, Gary Holmes and Paula Huls cleaning out the BARC storage room on Nov 7, 2017

Hard at work.



Mr. Archaeology Weekend
THANK YOU SAM!!!



John and Sally Bickerson encourage site stewardship

Downing, John Downing, Carol Black, Bob Blum, Dennis Connors, LuAnn Thompson, Astrid Webb, Ava, Suzanne Emery, Virginia Perrine, Becky Rusk, Susan Gilliland, Julie Nyssen, Steve Russell; and our speakers: Rae Schwaderer, Joan Schneider, Robin Connors, Diana Lindsay; and to staff: Hayley Elsken, Abby Barker, Regina Reiter, Sally Theriault, Ashley Kvittek.

To each of you I extend a very special *thank you!*
We couldn't have done it without you.

Silent Auction Report

Not well attended compared to previous years.
Breakdown of proceeds; Treasure Table = \$203.40,
Drawing = \$198.00, Bid/Buy = \$2, 805.50, Ice Cream Social
Donations = \$47.00 plus remaining deposits of \$18.59 for a
total of \$3,272.49 less credit card fees of \$38.71 for a
Grand Total of \$3,233.78 in Silent Auction.

Attendance Report

According to Sally Theriault, attendance at the Visitor Center during Archaeology Weekend totaled 755. This was a 50% higher visitation rate than for the other three weekends in October. This compares to attendance 2,344 in 2015 and 3,661 in 2016. This indicates that for best attendance Archaeology Weekend should be held during the Park's winter season, probably after the holidays in the spring.

Sam Webb

Thank you to Our Major Donors

The Silent Auction Committee would like to take this opportunity to give our commercial donors recognition of their generous support to our Silent Auction. Without such community support, we would not be able to offer public lectures, train volunteers or support the Cultural Symposium with Anza Borrego Foundation. We are very grateful and appreciative of such generosity in the Borrego Springs community. So, if you use the services provided by any of the following, please take a moment to say "Thank you."

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| Big Horn Fudge Company | Bike Borrego |
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| Simpson's Hair Designs | Ocotillo's Fashions |
| Regalos De Borrego | Matson Gallery |
| Jake's | Twisted Sisters |
| Chamber of Commerce | Kendall's |
| Pala Casino | Sea Art |
| Borrego Springs Resort | Pine Hills Lodge |
| Harrah's Casino | Pablito's |
| El Borrego | ABF |
| Caspersan Glass Works | Borrego Sun Newspaper |



Dennis Connors instructs pottery makers



Suzanne Emery making yucca fibers

Center Market
Frederick's
The Springs at Borrego
Borrego Outfitters
Frugal Coyote
Michele's Natural Gifts
Charlie's Hair Design

Jilberto's
Borrego Pool Supply
Desert Auto
Palm Canyon Resort
Bargain Barn
The Birdwatcher
Anza Borrego Desert State
Park Store

Rick & Paula Huls

Three new Steering Committee Members Needed

We will have three (3) positions coming open on the Steering Committee for next year. Each of the available positions are for a three year term of office. Nominations will be open December 15th through December 29th.

CDAS highly values the contributions of members and ask you to consider nominating yourself or another member. To be a nominee, one must be an active member of CDAS, having completed and recorded at least 40 hours of volunteer activities or successfully completed two (2) or more Site Stewardship visits during 2017.

The Nominating Committee consists of Acting Secretary Carol Black and CDAS member Kathy Bryson. To submit a nomination, please email cblackgolf@hotmail.com. All nominees who accept the nomination will be put on the ballot. To be eligible to vote CDAS members must have submitted their 40 hours to Astrid prior to the end of the year or completed 2 site stewardship visits during the year.

Electronic voting will begin January 5th, 2018 and close January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Active members will notified by email from ABF with a link to vote .

Carol Black

Photo Credits: Robin Connors ,Sam Webb and Laurie Brindle



Beautiful Pai Pai basketry



Our silent auction raising funds to support our mission

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Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00 - 8:00 pm

at

The Nyssen's House

3198 Country Club Rd.

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

RSVP to:

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BYOB



Anza-Borrego: In Focus



Sicco Road

Seldom Seen Stones:

the Robert Begole Collection of "Palaeolithic" Stone Tools from Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Instructor: Curtis Runnels, MA, PhD, FSA, Professor of Archaeology, Boston University

Large bifacial stone tools that resemble early Palaeolithic stone tools from Africa, Europe, and Asia were collected in the park by Robert Begole many years ago. In light of the recently published Cerutti Mastodon site in San Diego, which suggests that humans were in southern California as much as 130,000 years ago, Begole's collection of stone tools is being re-examined, along with the sites where they were found. In this talk, the Begole artifacts are compared with stone tools from other American sites, such as Blacks Fork in SW Wyoming, which we are studying in an effort to determine the age and cultural connections of these possibly early stone tools.

Following this introduction, we will examine some of the most characteristic stone tools from the Begole collection. The class will move to the Begole Archaeological Research Center for the hands-on session.

December 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Lecture: 10:00-11:00 a.m. (water and coffee provided)

Break for lunch and relocation: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Hands-on session: 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Class Registration Fee: \$35 / \$25 for ABF members

Lecture Only: \$5

Meet: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center
401 Tilting T Dr.
Borrego Springs, CA 92004



For details and registration:

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