



Colorado Desert Archaeology  
Society

# CDAS Monthly Bulletin

November 2017

## November Calendar

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

Every Tues 9am-3pm	Lab Day	BARC
Wed & Thu 11/15&16 6am-3pm	Field Day Fish Creek	Robin Connors
Fri 11/17 11am	Solstice Cave Stan Rohrer	Visitor Center Discovery Rm
Fri 11/17 2pm	Steering Committee	BARC Library
Thurs 11/23	Happy	Thanksgiving
Fri-Sun 12/1-3	Cultural Heritage Symposium	Steel Burnand Conf. Center

## October Events:

**Borrego Days:** A fine group of members marched in the parade and carried our new banner advertising Archaeology Weekend. Julie and Carol also entertained guests with tours of the Begole Archaeology Research Center. Pictures at the end of the Bulletin.

**Archaeology Weekend:** The weekend kicked-off with a fun potluck dinner hosted by Carol and Bob. There were over 30 members in attendance and great time was had by all. Sam once again provided seamless organization for our weekend event and was assisted with an impressive number of members. The silent auction was very successful even though we had fewer visitors in attendance than in previous years.

More news about these events will be included in the December Bulletin.

## Remarks From the Park:

Our first survey of the season, a Picacho State Recreation Area overnight, was very productive with Shay McGhee and Martin Rubalcava as our survey volunteers. We went with the intention of updating a site with thirteen features and finished by finding all thirteen of the features recorded in the 1980's and an additional twenty-three more features on the site. Hayley Elsken produced a successful Arch in the Park with the assistance of Gary Holmes and Don Endicott. This was an opportunity to promote the Archaeology of the Colorado Desert District and the contributions of CDAS. Thanks to all for your continued support and contributions to the archaeology of the Colorado  
Robin Connors

## Borrego Springs honors Virginia Perrine

We are proud to announce that CDAS's own Virginia Perrine was honored in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Borrego Days. Virginia received the Lifetime Achievement for Community Service Award and was honored to ride as a grand marshal in the Borrego Days Parade. Congratulations Virginia!!



Hayley, Shay and Martin at Picacho SRA



CDAS member Virginia Perrine is honored in the Borrego Days Parade with the "Life Time Achievement Award" for her service to the community

### 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:

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### Site Stewardship:

Site Steward, John Case, remembers the fun of exploring the large wooded area, including hills and streams, of his small town Iowa childhood. This was the basis for his lifelong interest in nature and the outdoors. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1971 and had a long career in the newspaper advertising business. He moved to San Diego in 1979, working locally for the Escondido Times Advocate, the Penny Saver, and the Los Angeles Times. After retirement, he enrolled in the archaeology program at Palomar Community College. He has truly enjoyed and been challenged by the program, and has earned a Certificate of Achievement as an Archaeology Surveyor and Lab Assistant. He is only a couple of courses away from completing his AA in Archaeology. What a great asset to CDAS he is!

John first became a Site Steward, along with Dan Burger and Dan DiPinto in 2011 through the California Archaeology Site Steward Program, CASSP. They were assigned sites on BLM land in the Mojave Desert, and later, on Palomar Mountain and near Lake Henshaw. In 2013, he also completed CDAS training and now monitors several sites in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, on both East and West Mesas. He and his partners have encountered no disturbances except at the Cuyamaca Rancho SP sites, where they have found evidence of both looters and marijuana growing operations. In addition to his site stewardship work John is an active member of CDAS and has volunteered for events such as Borrego Days and Archaeology weekend.

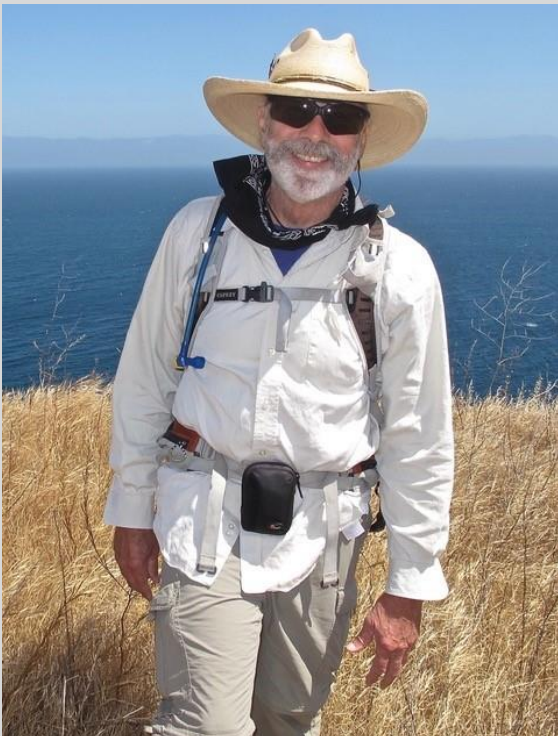
Sally Bickerson

### Archaeology Class – We need your help!

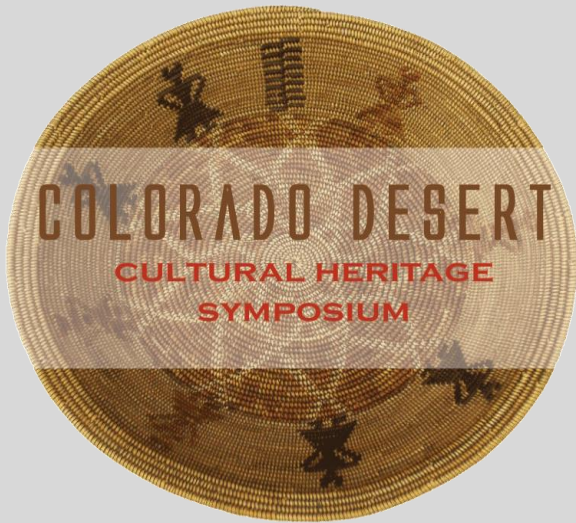
The dates have been set for our next Archaeology Technician class. It will begin on February 9<sup>th</sup> and continue through March 17<sup>th</sup>. The format will be the same as in previous years with Friday evening classes and Saturday field work.

This is our biannual effort to recruit and train new members. For our Site Stewards who are interested in becoming Archaeology Technicians this is your opportunity. Current members can assist by reaching out to people who have shown an interest in joining CDAS as Site Stewards and/or Archaeology Technicians in the past and forwarding the names and contact information of those who would like to join us to me.

Please email me at: [johndowning2014@outlook.com](mailto:johndowning2014@outlook.com)  
John Downing



Site Steward John Case



## Visitor Center Parking Fee

It has just been announced that the park day use fee of \$10 now applies to parking in the ABDSP Visitor Center lot. Park volunteers can display their ABDSP Volunteer 2017 dashboard sign, or put their 2017 Volunteer In Parks pass on the dash.

## Upcoming Events:

Anza Borrego Foundation Cultural Heritage Symposium

Friday-Saturday December 1-3 2017

<http://theabf.org/2017-colorado-desert-cultural-heritage-symposium>

## Sponsored by other groups:

The Barona Cultural Center and Museum:

Pine Needle Basket making Saturday 11/18 10:30- 3:30

<https://www.baronamuseum.com/events-classes>

California Rock Art Foundation:

CRAF offers field trips of interest for rock art aficionados. Upcoming trips are to Little Lake and Little Petroglyph Canyon in the Cosos

<http://www.carockart.org/events.html>

San Diego Rock Art Association:

Don't miss "Rock Art 2017" \_ November 4, 2017

<http://www.sandiegorockart.org/>



John Case & Lauri Brindle carry the sign in the Borrego Days parade while Rick & Paula Huls hand out flyers



Carol Black gives Borrego Days BARC tours



30+ CDAS members enjoyed the wonderful potluck venue at Carol Black and Bob Blum's home. And no one fell into the pool!



**The food was the fabulous!**



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