



Colorado Desert Archaeology  
Society

# CDAS Monthly Bulletin

March 2018

## March Calendar

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

Tuesdays 9am-3pm	Lab Day	BARC
Fri. 2/9-Fri. 3/23	CDAS Arch Tech/Site Steward Class	Robin Connors
Sun. 3/4 9 a.m.	Cont Education The Big Picture & Arch Photography	BARC Library Paula Huls
Thurs-Sun. 3/8-3/11	SCA Annual Meeting	Crown Plaza Hotel San Diego
Fri. 3/16 11 a.m.	<a href="#">Garra Revolt</a> <a href="#">George H Phillips</a>	Visitor Center Discovery Room
Fri. 3/16 1 p.m.	Steering Committee	BARC Library
Fri. 3/23 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	<a href="#">ABDSP</a> <a href="#">Volunteer</a> <a href="#">Gala</a>	Roadrunner Club
Sat. 3/24 7.a.m.	Field Day Lucky 5	BARC Gary Holmes

## From the Chair

Another busy month has passed with progress being made on many fronts. The sale of the Begole Mobile has been finalized with net proceeds of \$8,150 being added to the CDAS account. Paula Huls has volunteered to coordinate our Continuing Education program and has scheduled two classes. See details below.

The Archaeology Technician class has started and will include Site Steward training, we look forward to adding new CDAS members. Roger Riolo has joined Astrid in our library and has started a program to add books meaningful to our work.

Your Steering Committee has begun planning for the next season so mark your calendar with the following dates:

Season Kick-Off Meeting:      October 20, 2018

Annual Meeting:                      January 26, 2019

Archaeology Weekend:              February 23 & 24, 2019

Our next Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the BARC library. All members are welcome to attend. If you have information or questions for the committee and cannot attend please contact me or one of the other committee members and share your views.

John Downing

## Notes from the Park

The archaeology tech class is going very well, from a small but fascinating site in Glorietta Canyon to a larger site in Harper Canyon that we've been faithfully surveying every Saturday. On Friday we even had some fun with Cupcake Stratigraphy! Students were asked to do an auger sample on a cupcake with many layers of different "soils" using a straw. We then cut it in half and measured the strata. Then we ate them...

Both Hayley and I are looking forward to the upcoming Society for California Archaeology and expect some wonderful presentations. CDAS will have two participants in a poster session about site stewarding. Sally Bickerton and Suzanne Emery will be showing off their sites.

The BARC is busy with CDAS committees working hard on various projects that lead us on to our program goals.

Robin



Karen and Tony Di Lorenzo and Jean Paul Carrera, with Hayley Elskan. This is part of last Saturday's crew.

### 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	John Downing <a href="mailto:johndowning2014@outlook.com">johndowning2014@outlook.com</a> 714 615-2137
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Secretary	Mary Lou White <a href="mailto:Maryloulizard@gmail.com">Maryloulizard@gmail.com</a> 760 765-2331
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## CDAS March Program – The Garra Revolt

Join CDAS for a public program presentation by retired Professor of History George Harwood Phillips. Phillips discusses conflicts between early American settlers and Native Americans leading to the pan-Indian Garra Revolt of 1851. This coordinated uprising sent shockwaves throughout the state. Martial law was declared in San Diego while in Los Coyotes Canyon a band of Cahuillas engaged troops sent out to put down the Revolt. A State Park monument at the Santa Catarina parking area in the Canyon commemorates this uprising. Join us Friday March 16th, 11 a.m. in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

## Long Distance Clovis Movement

For our February Visitor Center program, Dr. Steven Holen presented a talk about Long Distance Clovis Movement to a standing room only audience. Dr. Holen shared his extensive knowledge of Clovis lithics and migration patterns in the Great Plains area in the early Holocene. Holen identified migration patterns over long distances when he mapped the sites where Clovis points were found. He compared these sites to their quarries of origin based on the type of lithic material. Many of his examples came from the collections of private individuals who not only cooperated with his research, but in some cases donated their collections.

At the conclusion Dr. Holen and his wife Kathleen were presented with honorary membership in The Colorado Desert Archaeological Society. We are hopeful the Holens will return to the Colorado Desert District soon and continue their work.

## The Library Corner

### March Book of the Month

Title: *El Capitan: Adaptation and Agency on a Southern California Indian Reservation*

Author: Tanis C. Thorne

Published: 2012 by Malki-Ballena Press.

Pages: 183.

This is a story of two Indian villages locked in a legal battle with the City of San Diego for close to twenty-five years. This struggle had county, state, and national implications. Two small Kumeyaay villages located only a few miles apart on two separate tributaries of the San Diego River were being flooded to create the El Capitan Reservoir.

In the 1930's completion of the dam project forced the people of El Capitan Grande village and Los Conejos to be relocated to new reservations. Barona and Viejas reservations were created from ranchland purchased by the City of San Diego. What remains of the El Capitan Grande Reservation is by far the largest parcel of land of the three reservations. However, it is uninhabited, landlocked, rugged terrain without access to water.

El Capitan Grande became a reservation 1875. The villages were traditional Kumeyaay habitation sites. The land transaction



Dr. Steven Holen showing Clovis points from different quarries

for the reservoir was initially carried out without resident permission or knowledge. This book makes for a riveting read and offers much insight to the history of east San Diego County US/Indian relationships from the 1800's and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Roger Riolo

## April Continuing Education Program

April 21st, 2018 (Saturday)

9 am to 2 pm

### Archaeo-Geology presented by Fred Jee

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[For class details see the flyer.](#)

Paula Huls

## Volunteer Gala RSVPs

Don't miss the annual ABDSP Volunteer Gala Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Roadrunner Club 6 to 9 p.m. This event honors all park volunteers, and is free of charge. Dinner will be served. CDAS members may RSVP by email rather than needing to go to the Visitor Center to sign up. Once the dinner options have been announced (Sally estimates March 7) you may email your meal choice to [anzaborrego.visitorcenter@parks.ca.gov](mailto:anzaborrego.visitorcenter@parks.ca.gov)

## Help is need for our CDAS Library

CDAS Members: If you have a favorite read you would like to recommend for the BARC Book of the Month please drop an email to Roger Riolo at [rlriolo@bendcable.com](mailto:rlriolo@bendcable.com)

Looking for a way to contribute hours as a CDAS member? We are also seeking volunteers to help us set up regular hours of operation for the BARC library. Library current public hours are now Thursdays and Friday afternoons. Please contact Roger Riolo (email above) or Astrid Webb for more information.

## Sponsored by other groups:

Society for California Archaeology

March 8-11 Annual Meeting

San Diego Crown Plaza Hotel

<https://scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/2018-annual-meeting-2/>

California Rock Art Foundation:

CRAF offers field trips of interest for rock art aficionados.

Upcoming trips are to Little Petroglyph Canyon in the Cosos.

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



Your Steering Committee at work



Little Petroglyph Canyon in the Coso mountains.

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**Coachella Valley Archaeological Society**

List of scheduled speakers

[http://www.cvarch.org/Meetings\\_Agenda.html](http://www.cvarch.org/Meetings_Agenda.html)

**Malki Museum**

Agave Harvest, Roast and Tasting

April 7 and April 14

<http://malkimuseum.org/agave-harvest-and-roast/>

**Imperial Valley Desert Museum:**

Deserts Around the World

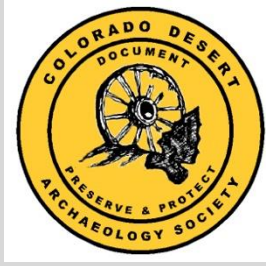
Carole Ziegler

Saturday March 17 10-11 a.m.

<http://www.ivdesertmuseum.org>

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We will start at 9:00 am in the BARC Library. The classroom session will be approximately 2 hours. Then we'll take a short break and form into carpools. The second half of the class will be out in the field to view some of the geologic formations discussed earlier. You need to bring a lunch as the lunch break will be out in the field. We plan to return to the BARC by 2:00 pm.

To register, please contact Paula Huls at [randphuls@gmail.com](mailto:randphuls@gmail.com). This session is open to all archaeology volunteers at no cost. **You must register as class size is limited to 20.** Bring lunch, water, hiking shoes & hat. 4WD is recommended. We will be carpooling, so when registering please indicate what type of vehicle you have, how many passengers you can take, or if you'll need a ride.