



Colorado Desert Archaeology
Society

CDAS Monthly Bulletin

May 2018

Next Season Calendar Dates

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

Summer Tues 9-4	Lab Day	BARC
3 rd Friday 1pm Oct- April	Steering Committee	BARC library
Sunday October 21	CDAS Kick Off Meeting	Steele Burnand
Saturday October 27	La Rumorosa Rock Art Tour	
Sat. Jan 21	Annual Meeting	Steele Burnand
February 23 & 24	Archaeology Weekend	

From The Chair

As the 2017/18 field season comes to a close it is important for us to recognize the significant progress our society has accomplished. At the beginning of this year several of our seasoned veterans stepped down from their positions for a well-deserved rest. Together they represented well over 50 years of hard work and experience. We all owe a sincere debt of gratitude to Susan Gilliland, Carol Black, Sam Webb, and Chuck Bennett for their significant contributions.

This left our steering committee with many important and demanding positions to fill. Public Programs, Continuing Education, Membership, Site Stewardship, Finance, and Field Survey Coordination programs all required new leadership. Together with significant assistance from key individuals from our membership, your Steering Committee has made this transition successful. As we look forward to the next season CDAS is well positioned to continue its mission.

A special thank you to Randy Redfern and Lisa Pridmore for completing site steward set ups on six new sites this spring. Randy spent many hours researching each of these sites in advance in the BARC records, and made at least one and sometimes two exploratory visits to each area to determine feasibility. Together Randy and Lisa made many trips to the field to introduce stewards to their new sites. This helped the new stewards to choose the most appropriate views for their photo stations, and to gain a good understanding of their entire site.

Best wishes to all for a great summer.

John Downing

Notes From the Park

I hate to repeat myself in every Bulletin, but again, April was a busy month. May will feature Fire Training for Hayley and then she'll enjoy a well earned vacation. There are no surveys scheduled for May or June, but a survey to finish up Lucky 5-II will be scheduled, date to be determined.

We all know Jim Bryant from his participation in many of our surveys and projects. Jim is hosting an event at his home in Point Loma to bring together archaeologists and avocational archaeologists and invites CDAS members to attend. Susan Gilliland went last year and said the discussions were interesting and that Jim and his wife were very gracious hosts. This is



Welcome to the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Site near Folsom, Ca.

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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Robin and Hayley in front of a replica of Marshall's saw mill near Folsom, Ca.

scheduled for May 19th. Please contact James Bryant at jamesB499@cs.com. He is encouraging members of CDAS to attend.

Lab will continue on Tuesdays, but we anticipate a thinner work group. We have a huge scanning project and if you want to come in and help us, please do!

In April there were several projects in the park that required monitoring, reviews, and coordination with Cultural Monitor, Mario Morales. I gave a presentation to the Botany Society on Ethnobotany titled "The Alphabet of Ethnobotany". It was well received by the botanists and I learned so much from their comments and queries.

We worked on the preliminary display in the Visitor Center with Dennis Stephen, our District Interpretation Specialist, and although it is far from finished, Hayley did a very nice arrangement of artifacts related to mining and military.

Mid-month Hayley and I attended the annual cultural resources advanced training at Folsom. This is where all or most of the State Archaeologists meet to share information. We receive advanced training in important skills for managing Cultural Resources and this year's theme was how to apply the National Register Criteria in order to effectively nominate cultural resources, both historic and prehistoric, to the National Register of Historic Places.

As part of the training we visited the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park nearby and toured the park. We were also assigned various historic sites to evaluate for possible listing with the National Register. I was part of the team to evaluate the only obvious prehistoric resource in the Park. We were able to collaborate on projects, share ideas and solutions and were treated to the wisdom of some great presenters.

We're inspired to evaluate some of the most important cultural resources in the Colorado District for inclusion in the National Register.

As always, thank you CDAS members for your continued support of the Archaeology Program here in the Colorado Desert District.

Robin Connors

Archeo-Geology Class (aka Jeeology)

Ten CDAS members enjoyed a challenging and informative workshop by retired ABDSP Ranger and Geologist, Fred Jee, on Saturday, April 21st. Fred provided a handbook, with an overview of geology basics, including definitions, diagrams, and important concepts. He took us back millions of years, not the thousands that archeologists usually consider. The rocks of our region date from 540 million years to more recent times, ever changing – heating, cooling, faulting, weathering – with the forces of plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes, gravity, weather, and more.

Site steward, Stan Rohrer, brought photos of his site, which contains huge boulders that illustrate many of the concepts we covered. We also discussed how earth features can help archaeologists make educated guesses to where human settlement might be most likely, or tool making materials might



Fred Jee and the Archaeo-geology class



be located. After lunch, we caravanned up Montezuma’s grade, stopping at several locations to view the eastern edge of the Southern California Batholith (the mountain we stood on, and out to Borrego Mountain). We found examples of a line of vegetation in Culp Valley, indicative of a fault line that had allowed a spring to develop – good choice for a village? For the Native Americans this would have been common knowledge, so it reminded the class not only of how close to nature they lived but also of how far from nature we have come these days. (Unless, of course, you are Fred Jee)

We also stopped in Ranchita to view more of the S.C. Batholith, under our feet, and off to the South and West, and see examples of boulders that had weakened, split, and even picked up a xenolith or two when formed underground many millennia ago. Not familiar with some of these terms? Look for some new geology books in the Begole library soon, thanks to Fred’s generosity. Or if interested in getting started, check out The Rise and Fall of San Diego, by P. Abbott or A Field Guide to Southern California, by R. Sharp.

Sally Bickerton and Gary Holmes

Site Stewards

It was a busy spring season for our new site Stewards. Site set ups were completed in Cougar Canyon, Clark Lake petroglyphs, Ghost Mountain, Sweeney pass, Pina springs, Carrizo Stage Station and Indian Hill. Our new site stewards included Mike and Julie Nyssen, Gary Holmes, Jean Paul Carrera, Dennis Connors, LLouise Jee, Laura Roderick, John Case, Laurie Brindle, and Scott McClintock.

The new stewards were assisted with their setups and initial paperwork by Randy Redfern and Lisa Pridmore. New treasures were found at several sites including Petroglyphs, a Wonderstone arrowhead, and several metates.

As is to be expected, the site visits included some adventures. Mike Nyssen was king for the day saving the crew with his amazing four wheel driving skills when they unexpectedly came upon a muddy bog while rounding a curve in the road heading towards Carrizo Station. John Case was the rescuer when he pulled out Randy’s well traveled Explorer when it refused to engage the four wheel drive.

Randy and Lisa are looking forward to continuing with the new steward setups when they return from their travels in the fall.

Lisa Pridmore

BARC Lab Update

As was reported at the recent CDAS Steering Committee, the BARC Archaeology Lab is buzzing and busy. Astrid has been cataloguing the Begole stone tools that were recently returned to us from an exhibit in the Visitor Center. The tools have been weighed, measured, bagged, tagged and shelved. Gary has taken on the huge task of transferring data from the old Accession books into an excel spreadsheet, truly a monumental task. Lisa has been



John Case and Laurie Brindle celebrate their Clark Lake site set up completion with Randy Redfern



Site Stewardship can be a dirty business



going through the Site Stewardship boxes, categorizing files, alphabetizing and generally straightening them all up for the next season of new Stewards.

Julie continues to type the Begole Collection Spreadsheets, slow going on the data entry, quick on the rock sorting!! Rick has finished the list that prints labels and Hayley tested the auto-create labels and found that this works really well. She is also busy transferring data into TMS. Paula continues to peruse all our library periodicals and is building a list of articles pertaining to our area.

Being a Lab Tech is a sheer joy when you work with such great CDAS members and staff. Thanks to all for continuing to catalogue and curate our important collections.

Julie Nyssen

CDAS Member Don Endicott honored

Since Don was travelling and missed the Volunteer Gala, Sally Theriault found a way to surprise him. Sally caught up with Don at one of his campfire talks to present a special ABDSP Naturalist/Interpreter Award. Don presented Naturalist talks for the park every month of the season. He made 6 Bat talks with 259 attendees, and four mountain lion talks with 178 attendees.

With additional bat talks Don has given at Cabrillo National Monument, and for the SD Natural History Museum Canyoneers (volunteer naturalists), the bat outreach touched nearly 360. Don hopes many of these will become "bat fan" advocates.

Pat Downing



Don receiving his Naturalist/ Interpreter award

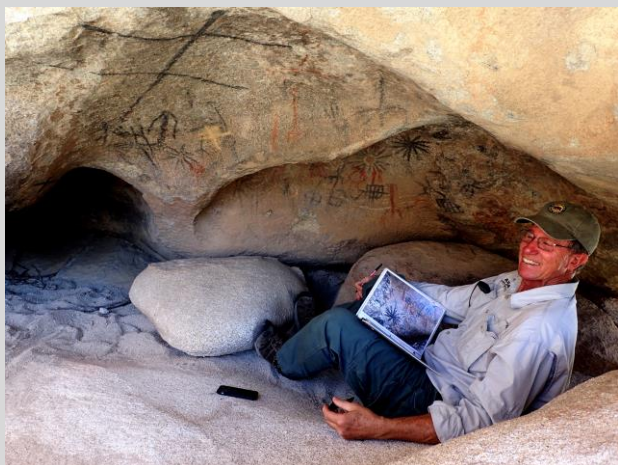
A summer reading suggestion

Summer in Borrego Springs is a quiet time - time to unwind and relax a bit. To keep the little gray cells active, try some light reading. We're reading a series of books written by W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear, who are both archaeologists. Kathleen is a former state historian and archaeologist for Wyoming, Kansas, and Nebraska for the U. S. Department of the Interior. W. Michael holds a master's degree in archaeology and has worked as a professional archaeologist since 1978. The series is North America's Forgotten Past Series and the first book is entitled, "People of the Wolf." The plot is interesting about how people migrated into North America but the authors delve into the culture, how they hunted, made tools, made lodgings, and how they re-acted to "others." The "People of the Wolf" was interesting enough for us to get the second book, "People of the Fire." Happy reading, everyone!

Paula Huls

La Rumorosa Rock Art Tour

Join us Saturday October 27 for a full day tour of La Rumorosa rock art site and the Tecate and Campo Alaska Museums. For details [see the flyer:](#)



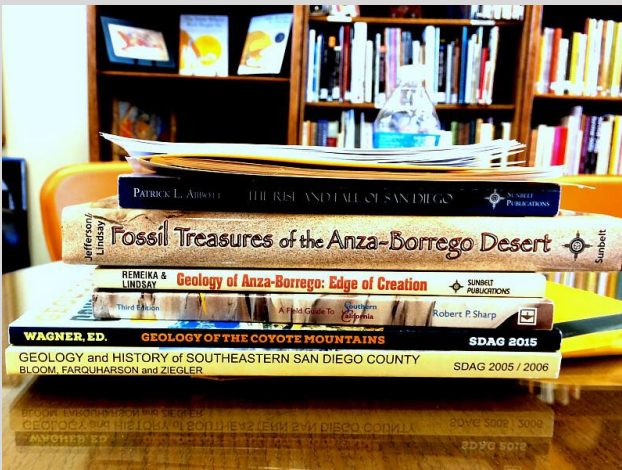
New site steward Scott McClintock at an Indian Hill photo station. Scott, John and Pat Downing are now stewarding Indian Hill as Lisa and Randy have taken on three new sites



Sherry Mitchell on a recent Site Steward visit



Crotalus mitchellii neonate, a speckled rattlesnake. Don Endicott's idea of fun on a site steward visit.



Don't miss just some of the Geology books now in our BARC library

Your CDAS Bulletin:

As we end our first season with the CDAS Bulletin we will be taking a break until our October edition. I love that this edition has 9 photo contributors! **This is your Bulletin**, so let us hear what you like, and any new ideas you may have, and even what you don't like. Submissions of articles are very welcome. Do you know of an event which might interest other CDAS members? Send me the information to share.

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Sponsored by other groups:

California Rock Art Foundation:

CRAF offers field trips of interest for rock art aficionados.
<http://www.carockart.org/events.html>

Coachella Valley Archaeological Society

List of scheduled speakers
http://www.cvarch.org/Meetings_Agenda.html

Malki Museum

Fall Gathering
October 14
<http://malkimuseum.org/fall-gathering/>

Imperial Valley Desert Museum:

<http://www.ivdesertmuseum.org>



Mike Nyssen and Lisa Pridmore discover an illegal campfire

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Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

invites you to a one day Tour

La Rumorosa Rock Art in Vallecitos and Campo Alaska Museum

Itinerary:

9:00am - 9:30am arrive in Tecate, CA (U.S. side of the Border)

Transportation at Border Mexican side

9:30am - 11:00am Guided tour of Kumiai museum/Tecate Community
Museum

11:00am Travel to Town of La Rumorosa

12:00pm Lunch in Restaurant near Rock Art Reserve

1:00pm - 2:30pm guided (Spanish & English) tour of Rock Art-Vallecitos

2:30pm - 3:30pm Campo Alaska Museum

4:30pm - 5:00pm Arrive at border for return

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REGISTER NOW!!

October, 27, 2018

Cost per person:

\$75.00 Dlls

Cost Includes:

**Transportation, Guide, Entrance fee to Vallecitos and
Museums, Lunch, Water, Tips and donation to CAREM.**



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