



Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

CDAS BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org/calendar

- **LAB DAY & LIBRARY OPEN**
Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
B.A.R.C.
- **FIELD DAY: PINYON MOUNTAIN**
Saturday, 11/10
See *Better Impact* for details
- **CDAS Speaker: Cindy Stankowski**
"The 10,000-year History
of our Desert"
Friday, 11/16, 11 a.m.
Visitor Center (Please see page 4)
- **CDAS Steering Committee**
Friday, 11/16, 1 p.m.
BARC Library

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee convenes once a month during the season (October through April). Meetings are open to all members. If you have any comments or suggestions and cannot attend a meeting, please contact one of the following members:

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FROM THE CHAIR

JOHN DOWNING

We have a fresh new look for our Bulletin this month and a new editor. Laurie Brindle, a new CDAS member and site steward, has volunteered to assume this task. Laurie comes from the newspaper industry having worked at the Times Advocate/North County Times for 33 years in the art, marketing and promotions departments. Pat and I are very grateful!

October was a busy month for our society with most of the activity happening on the same weekend. Gary Holmes and Hayley Elsken staffed our booth at Arch in the Park, a San Diego County Archaeology Society event. We had an entry in the Borrego Days parade that advertised Archaeology Weekend, and we conducted our first general meeting the following day. On the weekend following Borrego Days, CDAS sponsored a fantastic field trip to the La Rumorosa pictograph site in Baja California.

Our next archaeology technician and site steward classes have been filled and

we are looking forward to adding approximately 30 new members by the year's end.

Use your talents to assist CDAS

Our leadership team is in need of assistance in a number of areas. There are tasks that take only a few hours to complete, as well as positions on the Steering Committee, and much in between. Please see "Tasks and Positions" on Page 2 for the list.

Your steering committee has an opening that needs to be filled immediately. We have nominated Suzanne Emery to fill that position and you will be receiving a confirmation vote email soon. Two additional positions will be open in January and we will be accepting nominations from the membership soon. If you can use Skype, or are willing to learn, personal attendance at every meeting is not mandatory. The steering committee meets once each month from October through April.

For details, please contact me at: johndowning2014@outlook.com



NOTES FROM THE PARK

ROBIN CONNORS

As reported elsewhere in the bulletin, CDAS produced a very successful kick-off to an exciting new season. On behalf of State Parks, we truly appreciate your generosity with your time and effort.

Projects in the Parks are proceeding apace. Cuyamaca, with its old and well-used infrastructure is in a continuous state of repair, and monitoring associated projects is ongoing. I'm happy to say

that we had CDAS members Lance Deibler and Mary Lou White helping out with monitoring a pipe trench excavation near the Dyar House. Training monitors for construction projects and accompanying visiting research scientists whose work may involve collecting soil or rock samples is a new idea, and I think it will work out well.

Dr. Karl Wegmann and Missy Eppes have completed phase one of their research project here, and are expected back with Dr. Curtis Runnels in January

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for more work on desert pavement and very old stone tools. They were both recipients of Begole Archaeological Research Grants and their work has a direct impact on our greater understanding of our desert resources.

I had a note from Jim Bryant. He did some field work on South Coronado Island, working on a cave excavation and recovered abalone shells, bone and lithics. He says they need volunteers next season. A word of warning from him “Two US volunteers got their trucks stolen so we need to leave from San Diego next time”! It still sounds like fun.

That’s Jim on the far right in the accompanying photo. Love the light PVC screen! They worked under the direction of Dr. Porcayo. It would be wonderful to have Dr. Porcayo speak to us about his findings at one of our meetings.

It seems that many of you are having some success with Better Impact, so I’d like to remind everyone who hasn’t set up a profile to email Hayley or me so that we can get you in and get you started! Kudos to everyone for your patience and flexibility with this new program.

I’ve been very busy interviewing prospective site stewards and arch tech students and happily, all seem to be excited and very well qualified. Most are experienced hikers, and enthusiastic students. I’m looking forward to a great class and great additions to our roster of CDAS member site stewards and arch techs.

That’s all for now! — Robin

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OPEN POSITIONS:

- **Continuing Education Assistant:** Assists the CE committee chair in conducting training sessions.
- **Public Education-Visitor’s Center Programs:** Help recruit speakers
- **Field Trips:** Create, organize and conduct a field trip for members
- **Archaeology Weekend:** Assist the steering committee in organizing and conducting Arch. Weekend.
- **Leadership Tasks:** Coordinate the ice cream social, assist in soliciting and collecting donations for the silent auction, recruit speakers, organize set-up and take-down, coordinate and staff the pottery table, lead field trips.



Jim Bryant (right) and crew on South Coronado Island. Photo courtesy of Jim Bryant

2018-2019 CDAS Kick-off Meeting

CDAS kicked off the season in style with an informative and fun-filled day at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza Borrego Desert Research Center. Not to mention the great food members brought to share for the potluck. It was great to see many friends we had not seen in several months and hear the stories of their summers.

Robin highlighted a summer busy with grant-writing for projects, restoration jobs, CEQA compliance and submission of stone tools for dating. The Colorado Desert District is being put on the international map by scientists visiting here to do research. She previewed a new area, Pinyon Mound, which will be surveyed by the new class of archaeology technicians. Members may sign up to assist through Better Impact.

Hayley did a demonstration of Better Impact to show how members can sign up for various activities and input their hours. Inputting hours is now simple. And since it is an online program, there’s no need to use Excel.

Because everyone in attendance was a site steward, the emphasis was on the need for more monitoring and which forms to use. Website features in the members section were also reviewed.

Julie and Hayley discussed upcoming lab projects: Ongoing digitizing of handwritten accession sheets, as well as inventorying the entire BARC collection. Imagine how fun that could be to see what is in those boxes! There is a need for participants every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our meeting concluded with an outstanding video presentation, “Native American Rock Art Styles in Southern California,” that was produced for CDAS by rock art expert Steve Freers, who was unable to attend. We wish he could have heard the hearty round of applause from the appreciative audience at the end. Many thanks to Steve!

— Pat Downing



CDAS in the Borrego Days parade on Saturday, Oct. 20th. From left in blue shirts: John Downing, Paula and Rick Huls, Laurie Brindle and John Case. Photo by Sam Webb

AND THE SEASON BEGINS! MOMENTS FROM THE KICK-OFF MEETING



John Downing



Hayley Elsken



Robin Connors



More than 30 CDAS members attended the kick-off meeting at the UCI Steele/Burnand Research Center.



Rick Huls



Julie Nyssen and Hayley Elsken



L to R: Jean Paul Carrere, John Bickerton, Randy Redfern, Sally Bickerton and Pat Downing



Chuck Bennett



L to R: Randy Redfern, John and Sally Bickerton, John Downing and Suzanne Emery sample tasty offerings during the lunch break.

PHOTOS BY SAM WEBB

10,000 years of Local Desert History will be featured at Lecture

Friday, November 16th • 11 a.m.
*Visitor Center, 200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004*
Free admission • Open to the public

Our November speaker at the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center will be Cindy Stankowski, director of the San Diego Archaeology Center in Escondido. She will discuss "The 10,000 Year History of Our Desert."

Ms. Stankowski received a Bachelor's degree summa cum laude in Anthropology from San Diego State University and a Master's degree in Museum Studies from San Francisco State University. She has been with the [San Diego Archaeological Center](#) since 1996, leading the effort to preserve our archaeological legacy. She brings an understanding of curation issues and museum management to SDAC and has led symposia on curation throughout the state.



Cindy Stankowski

Ms. Stankowski has worked extensively with local American Indian nations to promote cultural use of curated collections. She also seeks new and innovative ways for the public to connect with the past including exhibits, seminars and school presentations.

The San Diego Archaeology Center on San Pasqual Valley Road looks out over the historic 1846 Battle of San Pasqual which occurred between U.S. General Kearny's Army of the West and Californians under command of Andres Pico during the Mexican-American War.

— Gary Holmes

This lecture is one of a monthly series co-sponsored by CDAS and the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center.

CDAS, ABF showed support at International Archaeology Day event in San Diego

ABF and CDAS did their part to support International Archaeology Day on October 20th. Hayley Elsen and Gary Holmes spent the day at our booth meeting and greeting visitors to Archaeology in the Park, a yearly event organized by the San Diego County Archaeology Society at the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve.

A steady stream of archaeology and anthropology related professionals, their students, and the general public stopped by all day.

It was a family event, too, as many children came by with their parents throughout the day — perhaps having wrapped up sports activities at the nearby fields in the park.

We were prepared for the children. They could do puzzles or use Crayons with the coloring books or dig into other things of interest to them. Of particular help was a rug that Hayley had thought to bring along for the children to sit down on while pursuing some of their activities.

In addition to many of the local Colleges being represented, there were displays by the National Forest Service, an excellent display by the local fire tower volunteers from the Forest Fire Lookout Association, offerings by many Commercial Enterprises, information from Project Wildlife, and literature by other preservation organizations. And of course, our Southern Service Center was there with a large display near the entrance.

Native Americans provided a food court serving fry bread, which could be enhanced with beans and rice and salad trimmings if desired. They also had a hands-on basket making station for anybody wanting an introduction to that skill.

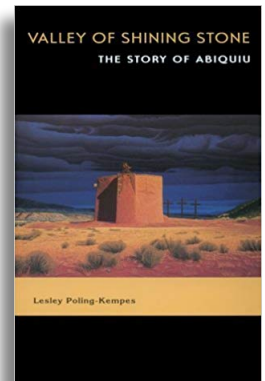
This is a yearly event on the third Saturday in October. It is at the site of an adobe ranch house that is the second-oldest residence in San Diego County with ground having originally been broken in 1823.

— Gary Holmes

BOOK REVIEW

Valley of Shining Stone: The Story of Abiquiu *By Lesley Poling-Kempes*

The author starts with the Paleo-Indians who lived and wandered through the region of northern New Mexico, an area known as Piedra Lumbre Basin. The reader learns about the many different cultures that have affected this interesting landscape. And just why should we be interested? There is a lesson to learn from history. Each culture, in turn, was displaced by another culture wanting something from this land and erasing the prior culture almost entirely. The author leads the reader through the Paleo-Indians, to the 11th and 12th centuries Pueblo cultures, to the Spanish moving in the 15th century, to the ranchers of the 19th and 20th centuries, and looks to the future. This book reads almost like a novel, the author brings the history of the land to life. It is truly the land that suffers from human contact. This is the land made famous by Ghost Ranch, Georgia O'Keefe, and countless others. According to the Albuquerque Journal, this book is "gracefully written, with a sharp eye for the kind of interesting detail that gives historical fact the breath of life."



— Paula Huls



NOW TAKING ORDERS

CDAS would like to offer our members a comfortable and stylish polo shirt embroidered with our logo. We have run out of the current stock and are planning to place a reorder.

When you wear the royal blue shirt with the gold insignia, others will recognize your affiliation with our respected archaeological group. This can be especially beneficial when participating in activities such as Borrego Days, Archaeological Days or doing outreach.

Lance Deibler models the signature CDAS polo shirt

Wearing a shirt is a great way to spread the word of our great work!

Current pricing is \$25 each for a minimum order of 36 shirts for our group. Shirts are being offered at our cost.

Please send a message to Mary Lou White indicating your interest to purchase and size needed. She can be reached at maryloulizard@gmail.com. Money will be collected upon delivery to you.

— *Mary Lou White*

Get to Know the Begole Archaeology Research Center (BARC)

The Begole Archaeology Research Center (BARC) is an important archaeology laboratory and storage facility located near the park visitor center in Borrego Springs. The BARC facility houses artifacts gathered from numerous prehistoric and historic sites within Anza-Borrego Desert, Cuyamaca, and Palomar Mountain State Parks.

If you have completed, or are in the process of completing, the archaeology

training with the district archaeologist, and would like to volunteer, there are lots of helpful things you can do — from acquisitioning new artifacts to data entry in the museum catalog.

Each Tuesday, there are experts available to help you get started and to answer your questions. If you are qualified and interested, please contact Julie Nyssen at janyssen@gmail.com for more information.

— *Julie Nyssen*



Dr. Joan Schneider, Ph.D. (Left) and Astrid Webb

Request for Silent Auction Treasures

Time to clean out the closets, garages, and storage units! We will take gently used, quality items for our upcoming fundraiser, the CDAS Silent Auction.

Please take a look around for those things that others will find a treasure. Or, if you are familiar with a business or service, please reach out to them and see if they would be willing to donate to our silent auction. Please bring items or gift certificates to the BARC Library on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The CDAS Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, during Archaeology Weekend. Thank you very much!

Paula L. Huls
Silent Auction Committee
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A lovely wood sculpture offered (and sold) at last year's CDAS Silent Auction



Upcoming Regional Events

San Diego Rock Art Association
The 43rd Annual Rock Art Symposium
Saturday Nov. 3, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<https://www.sandiegorockart.org/symposium.html>

Imperial Valley Desert Museum
"Ocotillo Rocks"
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<http://www.ivdesertmuseum.org>

San Diego County Archaeological Society
"Flintknapping with James Bowden"
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
<http://sandiegoarchaeology.org>

Anza Borrego Foundation
"New Discoveries in the American Paleolithic:
The Pre-16,000BP Archaeological Record
January 10-12, 2019
<http://www.theabf.org/new-discoveries-american-paleolithic>

California Rock Art Foundation
New Moon Great Murals Pack Trip
Baja, Mexico March 6-13, 2019*
<https://www.carockart.org/field-trips.html>