



THE COLORADO DESERT ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY



Serving the Anza-Borrego, Palomar Mountain and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park / **NOVEMBER 2020**

CALENDAR

LAB DAY and LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Library will also be open on
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please note: Because only six people are allowed inside the Lab and Library at one time, all visits must be scheduled via Better Impact prior to your planned arrival.

STATE PARKS/CDAS MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS

On hold until further notice

SITE STEWARD TRAINING (Virtual and Interactive)

★ **“Archaeology Fundamentals”**

By Hayley Elsken

Part 1 Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 to 11 a.m.
Part 2 Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (Virtual and Interactive)

★ **“Creating a Primary Site Record in the Field and in the Office”**

By Susan Gilliland

Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

★ **“Online Dating”**

By Dr. Joan Schneider

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 9 & 10

Time: TBD

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (Virtual and Interactive)

Friday, Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m.

All members are welcome. Please contact Hayley Elsken if you plan to attend and she will send you a link.

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Hooray!
It's time
to be
back in
the field
again!

Site stewards Christiane Villescaz and Craig Champion show some enthusiasm during their site set-up in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. They were assisted by Site Steward Kathy Bryson and Archaeology Technician and Site Steward John Case. See more Site Steward news on Page 5.

Photo by John Case

Notes from the Park



Hayley Elsken

The season is in full swing at the parks, which means we are seeing more people and more projects. Multiple projects have allowed me to go to destinations in the parks that I have not been to in the three years that I have worked for the district.

I went out to Quartz Wash for the first time. I didn't come across any cultural sites, but found an amazing “couch” rock for relaxing and spotted a jackrabbit hiding in a shady hole cut into the cliffs.

I was able to explore along Burnt Pine Trail in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park for the first time to look at a boulder along the old fire road. The views from the top of the trail were spectacular and it was a great way to spend the morning.



Hayley sitting in the rock “couch” while in the field with environmental scientists Samantha Birdsong and Shannon McNeil (not pictured).

Photo by Shannon McNeil

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Notes from the Park

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I conducted two surveys for the park. I re-recorded a large village site in Palomar with not only huge number of bedrock milling features present, but also large numbers of fragmented pestles and other hand tools. I also conducted a survey in Cuyamaca for an area that is slated for mastication and a prescribed burn for the Reforestation Project this year.

This survey involved a good amount of crawling through ceanothus, but was very rewarding with the recording of a brand new site and checking in on two other previously recorded sites. These sites will be avoided during mastication and have special treatment during the prescribed burn.

Before the full swing of the season started, I was able to escape for a vacation with my family in the mountains of Northern California. It was very nice to escape to colder weather in the mountains where I went fishing and hiking with my family and dog, Olive.

I want to give a special shout-out to the wonderful Kick-off Committee for organizing the first Virtual Kick-off. I thought it was a great success! I also want to thank Stan Rohrer for his fascinating talk on the Solstice Cave. I encourage all CDAS members who were unable to watch the meeting live to watch the recording on the CDAS website.

— *Hayley Elskén*



Spectacular view from the top of Burnt Pine Trail in Cuyamaca



Close-up of the battered end of hand tool at village site in Palomar



Large bedrock milling feature with multiple mortars at village site in Palomar

Photos by Hayley Elskén

Friendly Reminder

Before you return to the BARC

There are a couple of points to know before you can come back to the BARC:

1. You must read the BARC COVID-19 Prevention Plan that was emailed to all members.
2. You must sign and return the DPR208CL form. I will have printed copies at the entrance to the BARC that people can sign the day of.
3. There will be a limit of six volunteers allowed in the BARC lab and library. The six spots will be reserved on Better Impact. **This means you MUST sign up for lab shifts on Better Impact and if all six spots are full - you cannot come to the BARC that day.** If we consistently have six people sign up, I will look into creating two lab days a week.

There are many conditions and guidelines in the BARC COVID-19 Prevention Plan, please read through, and if you have any questions feel free to email me at hayley.elsken@parks.ca.gov. Thanks!

Hayley



From the Chair



RICK HULS

Hi everyone! Hope all is well with you and you are enjoying a big cold glass of lemonade.

Remember that wise old saying, “When life hands you lemons, make lemonade”? In the last CDAS newsletter and during the Kick-Off meeting, I referred to this adage to remind us that

we can make the best of this COVID-19 situation.

The Kick-Off Meeting went very well — what a great start to the 2020/2021 season! I want to apologize for the poor voice quality during my presentation, we are in Sequim, WA (hiding out from the COVID-19 bug (Sequim only has 59 reported cases). We use our cell phones there, so the band width is not the greatest. So, just what did I say? Here’s a quick re-cap:

The park only has one archaeologist and this position is Permanent Intermittent (PI) which means Hayley is not a full-time employee. State Parks will not be filling the two open archaeologist positions because of the loss of funding due to COVID-19. During the 2020/2021 season, we will not be able to do as much as we did last season. We will be restricted on the number of people that can be in the lab as well as on the field surveys.

Communication will be very important as we will try to get things done with limited staff and limited access to our resources. Make sure you have an account in Better Impact to receive the latest news and sign up for opportunities. We just can’t show up any more. We love to have your support but need everyone to sign up in Better Impact. The old methods (rumor mill and grapevine) that we used to use are no longer available, the only official communication conduits are Better Impact and our CDAS newsletters.

Continuing Education Subcommittee (Susan Gilliland, Dr. Joan Schneider, Patty McFarland, and Barbara Barnes) is meeting and planning some vital classes. The first class is on November 14 with Susan Gilliland on “How to Fill Out a Primary Record.” The primary record is a one-page form and Susan will guide us through the form. Why is this form important? Some of our sites do not have a primary record and some have partial records.

In order to help Hayley ensure that our records are complete, we should all (arch techs and site stewards) know how to complete a primary record.

The next class is scheduled for January 9 and 10 by Dr. Joan Schneider. The class is entitled “Online Dating.” This should be fun! Remember to sign up for classes in Better Impact.

Since there is limited access to the lab and field surveys, we all need to exercise our brains and develop new ways to assist Hayley. If you like to read archaeological articles, records, or books, consider reviewing one and then creating a simple report to submit to Hayley for inclusion in our newsletter or perhaps an online discourse. Maybe you have a special computer skill that Hayley may require to fulfill a project/need. Are you tech savvy enough to make a short video on one of your favorite trails in the Park?

If you’re an event planner or like to organize things/events, consider joining a subcommittee for the Annual Meeting in January, Archaeology Weekend in the spring, or maybe something else? It’s true that many hands make for light work and better ideas!

Another way to make a vital contribution to CDAS is volunteering to be on the Steering Committee. We currently have five open positions. There is no better way to have your voice heard than serving on the Steering Committee and having a direct input in the future direction of CDAS.

Please step forward and submit your nomination. It’s challenging but so very rewarding! *Please see page 10 for details.*

Looking forward to being back in Borrego again! Temperatures here in Sequim are in the 50’s during the day, so we’re drinking hot lemonade.

On a very sad note; we shall all miss the knowledgeable and quick-witted Suzanne Emery, who left this earth for the greatest adventure ever. She made many valuable contributions to CDAS over the years (classes, Archaeology Weekend, and whatever needed to be done). One fond memory with Suzanne was when we made twine from yucca leaves and then made necklaces. (I still have mine — and I’m wearing it in my photo).

— Rick Huls



California State Parks and Recreation

The Colorado Desert District includes Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Palomar Mountain State Park.



Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

The mission of CDAS is to assist park staff with the documentation, preservation and protection of the district’s prehistoric and historic cultural resources.

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2020/2021 CDAS Steering Committee

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

Chair: Rick Huls — randphuls@gmail.com

Secretary: Paula Huls — randphuls@gmail.com

Treasurer/Webmaster: Eugenie Newton — evnewton8@gmail.com

Member: Lois Carlson — loiseleanor@gmail.com

Member: John Downing — johndowning2014@outlook.com

Please consider joining the committee! See page 10.

CDAS Bulletin Editor: Laurie Brindle
bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org



Susan Gilliland
Photo by Lou Gilliland

Hayley needs our help! Learn how to create a Primary Record in the field and in the lab

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020

Site Stewards and Arch Techs can assist with vital survey work in the parks

We're down to one archaeologist and Hayley needs CDAS members to step up. Learn how to see, document and record a new archaeology site on your own. Primary records are one of the basic building blocks to make this happen.

CDAS is adapting to the online world and will now offer this one-day class (postponed from last spring) by using a virtual format. Taught by past CDAS Steering Committee Chair Susan Gilliland, the session will give participants the tools needed to create primary records, which are used by archaeologists to ensure that a site is properly described and placed into the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

One of the primary goals of the CDD Cultural Resources program is to survey and record new cultural sites. CDAS can do this!

During the online portion of the class, we'll review archaeological site — recording terms, recommend the necessary equipment to carry, teach participants how to look at a site, and break down the required data to collect in the field.

We'll then go outside to practice recording "sites." Given our distance-learning format, this could be a vase "olla"



CDAS volunteers Carol Black and Julie Nyssen recording a feature

Photo by Susan Gilliland

in your back yard, or a cutting board "metate" on your deck. "Local" CDAS members might be able to come to the Park, but that would have to be arranged. After that, we'll go back online together to demystify and simplify filling out the DPR Form 523a – Primary Record – and go over how to submit the information to Hayley.

You will need to have a notebook, pen/pencil, GPS (if you have one), compass (if

you have one), tape measure (if you have one), and a camera or smart phone.

Details to follow. Class materials will be available digitally or for in-person pick up several days before class.

This class is offered at no charge to CDAS members. To register, please sign up with Better Impact. To ask questions, please contact Susan Gilliland by email at shgilliland@mac.com.



Dr. Joan Schneider during her presentation at Archaeology Weekend 2020
Photo by Laurie Brindle

"Online Dating"

Presented by Dr. Joan Schneider

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9 and 10

Did you ever wonder how archaeologists "tell time?" Join Joan Schneider for an introduction to archaeological dating methods: what materials are used, how the methods work, and why you should view media coverage of ancient dates with well-informed skepticism.

Dr. Schneider's online class will cover well-accepted dating methods such as radiocarbon, stratigraphy, and stylistic (trends) dating. She will also explain

(in understandable terms) TL-OSL dating, archaeomagnetic dating, rock varnish dating, and other methods that may or may not work. Find out when ancestral Native peoples lived in our present-day park lands and how we know this.

The class dates are Jan. 9 and 10. An optional field research experience may be included on the second day of the class.

Please register via Better Impact or contact Hayley. Hours may be counted toward your volunteer hours.

Two-part virtual Archaeology Fundamentals class for site stewards begins Nov. 7

A special two-part online class tailored for site stewards working in the Colorado Desert District will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 5. Both hour-long sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and be held virtually.

Conducted by Hayley Elsken, the first class will cover the basic history of the area, focusing on what activities people in the past might have participated in. Hayley will talk about the lifestyles of the Kumeyaay and Cahuilla, as well as touch on historic activities such as ranching, military and homesteading. Homesteading features and artifacts are often found in the field.

Attendees in the first class will also learn how to record data of an artifact or feature to a standard that Hayley can use for site updates — or for her to go out and review in the field.

Archaeological Fundamentals

Online & interactive

Part One: Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 to 11 a.m.

Part Two: Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 to 11 a.m.

Hayley will email all members a link to the class the day before. Members should also sign up on Better Impact. If you have questions, contact Hayley at hayley.elsken@parks.ca.gov



Views of Clark Dry Lake and surrounding area

Photos by Laurie Brindle

A note from Pat Downing, Site Steward Coordinator

Welcome back Site Stewards! If you missed the Kick-Off meeting, you can find it now in the Members section of the web page. Very important information on the upcoming season was presented.

In the meeting, I reported that there were 67 stewards assigned to monitor sites. I contacted each of them and the good news is that all are returning and eager to get out in the field. Bravo, Site Stewards!

TRAINING — As you can see above, Hayley will be teaching two training sessions of approximately one hour each on Archaeology Fundamentals in the Colorado Desert District. These classes are specifically designed for Site Stewards who have not had Archaeology Technician training, but all members are welcome to attend as a refresher.

These will be virtual classes on Microsoft Teams held Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. Hayley will send out the link for you to join. As stated above, members should also sign up on Better Impact.

HELP WANTED – We still have several open sites needing stewards. Most important is Mine Wash, which has been faithfully stewarded for many years by Suzanne Emery.

This highly visited site needs two new stewards as soon as possible. We are also in need of a partner with a four-wheel drive for one of our Coyote Canyon sites.

Please contact me if you would like information on any of these opportunities.

Pat Downing
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Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

“To keep you current as we explore the past”

Be sure and visit our website often for past CDAS bulletins, resources, photos and additional helpful information!

www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org



Park updates, plans and protocols covered at first virtual CDAS Member Kick-Off meeting



JOHN DOWNING
Meeting Host



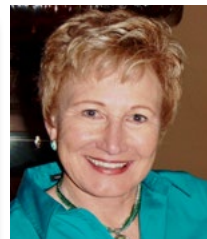
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Coordinator



STAN ROHRER
Presentation:
"Solstice Rock
Shelter"

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, 46 CDAS members logged on to the first ever virtual Kick-off meeting.

Eager to be updated about archaeology in the Park as the desert season begins, attendees viewed five information-packed presentations. Topics covered included updated safety protocols throughout the Park, ongoing projects in the Lab and in the field, site stewardships, a possible local solstice site and more.

Members were encouraged to take a class, work in the Lab, mentor site stewards and/or join a committee of interest. We need you to help preserve and protect the rich cultural heritage of the Colorado Desert District!

Because we are still getting used to the virtual format, there were some unforeseen technological glitches during the meeting — and lessons learned. Clicking off our computer cameras and microphones, using robust Internet connections for better quality audio and images are on the list. All are very doable for upcoming CDAS meetings, programs and presentations.

Skillfully hosted by past Steering

Committee chair, John Downing, the meeting opened with CDD Superintendent Ray Lennox, who spoke about leadership challenges and administration adjustments during the pandemic. He stressed

that area specific COVID-19 protocols have been designed for all areas to keep everyone safe. He also discussed recent staffing issues. Three staff positions in the cultural resources department that were supposed to be filled are on hold due to the projected \$54 billion deficit.

Associate State Archaeologist Hayley Elsken talked about health checks and guidelines for all CDAS activities and visits to the BARC lab and library, as well as out in the field. She explained how members can help inventory and catalog the CDAS artifact collections and assist with scanning and digitizing site records.

Hayley announced the two grants that CDAS recently received. The first will fund a basket expert from Sacramento to come and analyze the CDD's basket collection — and create a preservation plan. The second will fund a two-week excavation of FAR (Fire Affected Rock) feature found during last year's surveys. If any dateable material is found, there are funds to run dating tests on them.

Hayley also strongly encouraged members to take Susan Gilliland's Primary Record class on Nov. 14 to help her with ongoing survey work in the Bow Willow area.

CDAS Steering Committee Chair Rick Huls gave an enthusiastic rallying cry to the troops, reminding us that we are the "boots on the ground" for Hayley. There are multiple ways we can help — from doing field surveys, working in the lab, reading and reviewing books in the library to joining a committee, planning special events and fundraising. If you are a tech person, please call! CDAS volunteer hours are essential for the protection and preservation of the district's archaeological treasures.

Site Steward Coordinator Pat Downing said that stewards are the "eyes and ears for the Park." Pat encouraged everyone to (safely) resume visiting their sites on a regular basis. Currently, there are 64 locations and 60 of those are being monitored. Last year there were 20 new stewards. She also said that mentors are always needed to help train new stewards.

And finally, CDAS member Stan Rohrer gave a fascinating presentation on the Solstice Rock Shelter in ABDSP. Stan has studied the site for years and showed how he has meticulously documented each of the

pictographs in the shelter. Using exact mathematical calculations, Stan has plotted the images as they appear from underneath the shelter — and looking down from above. He can also show when and where sun rays will illuminate the shelter interior throughout the year.

A short evaluation form was sent out after the meeting requesting feedback. At the time of this writing, we have received nine thoughtful replies about what members liked and didn't like, and what we can do better. Please know that we listen to — and greatly appreciate — all comments and suggestions!

If you haven't yet replied, please send your opinions to kickoff@anzaborregoarchaeo.org. The meeting was recorded and may be viewed by going to the Members page at anzaborregoarchaeo.org.

*Respectfully submitted by the 2020/2021 Kick-Off committee:
Lois Carlson, Eugenie Newton, John Downing and Laurie Brindle*

"CDAS volunteer hours are essential for the protection and preservation of the district's archaeological treasures."

Remembering Suzanne Emery

Suzanne Emery's love of life, learning and service will continue to inspire us all

Life will never be the same without Suzanne Emery. She was one of those people who was so full of life and adventure that you couldn't help but get swept up in her wake. Whether she was charming children of all ages with her displays of native plants and their uses — or zooming along a dark desert highway to view Comet NEOWISE, she treasured every single moment.

She was so proud of her family: her late husband, Bob, daughters Kathleen and Krysty, and her "perfect" grandson, Nyack, and loved to share their stories and many accomplishments.

Suzanne had numerous titles in her life, including scholar, teacher, newspaper reporter, CDAS site steward, avid student and promoter of Kumeyaay culture, avocational ethnobotanist and certified interpretive guide.

Following are remembrances from friends and colleagues.

Farewell, Suzanne. We will never forget you.

Laurie Brindle

From Abby Barker

Suzanne Emery was an Archaeology volunteer at ABDSP, a volunteer with ABDNHA, and an extraordinary volunteer for the Kumeyaay Ipai Interpretive Center in Poway, where she led many ABDSP volunteers on wonderful interpretive Kumeyaay Ipai Indian culture journeys. She also presented Kumeyaay Ipai interpretive programs at the Visitor Center during Archaeology Weekends. Below is a picture of Suzanne, her Visitor Center volunteer husband, Bob, and young visitors during that weekend in 2013.

Suzanne died on October 11, shortly after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer this summer. She was with her daughters, Kathleen, Krysty, and grandson Nyack. Bob preceded her in death in 2014. Bob and Suzanne were often referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Poway, where he was mayor for many years. She led a wonderful and fulfilling life and is greatly missed by her many friends and MANY former high school English students. Remember her with Joy.



Wearing her spectacular Native jewelry, Suzanne flashes one of her signature smiles at Archaeology Weekend 2020.



Suzanne (stylish as usual) at the 2020 ABDSP Volunteer Awards Gala with John Case and Mary Lou White



Suzanne and husband Bob (upper right) at Archaeology Weekend in 2013
Photo courtesy of Abby Barker



"...And it can also be a hat!"



Children enjoy Suzanne's hand-on projects at Archaeology Weekend



Samples of twine from Suzanne's ethnobotany table Photo by John Case



John Downing and Suzanne at the 2019 CDAS Annual Meeting
Photos by Laurie Brindle unless otherwise noted

Remembering Suzanne Emery



Suzanne “jamming” with one of the artisan guests from Baja at Archaeology Weekend 2020

From Robin Connors

What a shock it was to find one of the most vibrant women I knew suddenly struck down. I cannot dwell on the ending, only the memories I have of a woman with a sharp wit, a progressive, all-inclusive mind and the ability to speak out in the most substantive way. Colorfully attired, perfectly coiffed and with the most impeccable earrings, Suzanne perfected tabling and education at her usual ethnobotanical table for Archaeology Weekend, as well as her Borrego Days table representing the State Park, while putting in an incontrovertible plug for cultural resources. There will always be a spot in the hearts and minds of CDAS missing Suzanne. We were blessed with her wonderful presence in our efforts to steward our cultural resources. Thank you, Suzanne. On to the next.



Suzanne introducing Michael Connolly Miskwish at the 2019 CDAS annual meeting

Photo by Sam Webb

From Hayley Elskan

Suzanne Emery, a volunteer with CDAS since 2010, was an incredibly active member of CDAS. She used her experience as a teacher to continue educating CDAS members and the public on ethnobotany. She hosted an ethnobotany table at Archaeology Weekend with fellow volunteers from the Kumeyaay Ipai Interpretive Center for the past seven years, as well as giving public talks at the Visitor Center for the CDAS Speaker Series. Suzanne was the site steward for Mine Wash, where she helped protect the resources, while also sharing the well-known site with the public on tours. Suzanne provided leadership for CDAS as a member of the Steering Committee. Her knowledge, glowing personality, willingness to teach others and positive spirit will be immensely missed.

From Carol Black

Suzanne was a friend as well as a colleague. Her contagious enthusiasm will be missed by many for she infected us all. No one could match her love for sharing the desert with friends, family and strangers. CDAS called on her many times for presentations which always delighted audiences, young and old. She will be missed.



Abel Silva (AKA “Running Grunion”) was one of the speakers Suzanne scheduled for AW 2019.

From Sam and Astrid Webb

It was a real pleasure working at many Archaeology Weekends (going back to 2013 we think) at tables next to Suzanne Emery's at the entrance to the Visitor Center. Her knowledge of plants used for food, medicine, clothing, etc. by our Native American People was phenomenal; but more important was her presentation style, especially with kids . . . this is what set her apart.

We will miss Suzanne greatly, as will everyone who worked with her at so many Archaeology Weekends.



Richard Carrico and Suzanne at Archaeology Weekend 2020

From John and Pat Downing

Suzanne was a site steward long before Stewards became members of CDAS. However, she was an annual participant in Archaeology Weekend — showing and demonstrating botanicals and how they were used by the Kumeyaay.

That is where we got to know each other. In the fall of 2018, when the CDAS steering committee was down to only three participating members and desperate for more help, Suzanne enthusiastically volunteered to join the committee. While she knew very little about how CDAS operated, she took on the task of enlisting speakers for Archaeology Weekend.

We worked closely together discussing potential speakers and working out a schedule. She introduced all the speakers that Saturday, having already set up her botanical table the day before, and enlisting two friends from ABDNHA to staff the table. Then she rushed off early the next day for a drive to Tuba City, AZ, where she was volunteering at the local high school teaching Navajo teenagers.

Suzanne had a remarkable joy for life and was always ready with her bright smile and a twinkle in her eye that conveyed there was something special going on.



Above: Laurie Brindle and Suzanne at the CDAS table during Borrego Days 2020

Photo by John Downing



Library

Get to know the BARC Library

The BARC Library is now open on Tuesdays (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Thursdays (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) for checkout of material only. Masks and temperature checks are required before entry.

What's in our library? We have several collections (these materials are not available for checkout) that you can read or use for your own research. Did you know that there is even a children's section? Yes, it's small at this time but we're working on expanding it.



There are even several years of Desert Magazine, which later became Sunset Magazine. Desert Magazine is the publication that Marshall South submitted articles to about living in the desert, which made him famous. If you want to expand your knowledge about what foods the Cahuilla and Kumeyaay gathered, there are several books available. Perhaps the latest book on Ethnobotany will tickle

your fancy. Bit of a movie buff? The movie "Tell Them Willie Boy is Here" is based upon the book "Willie Boy: A Desert Manhunt." The historical event starts in Banning, CA and moves through the Mojave Desert. Most books are available for CDAS members in good standing for checking out. Perhaps you'll want to do a bit of research and write up a report for the next newsletter or just have a fun read. So, we invite you to come explore our library.

Submitted by Library Subcommittee members Rick and Paula Huls



CDAS member Lisa Pridmore shows one of the library's books on ethnobotany. Photo by Laurie Brindle



A wide-angled look inside the BARC Library

Photo by Sam Webb



BARC NEWS UPDATE: The archaeology volunteers have been coming back into the BARC to work on lab and library work that has piled up during the seven-month hiatus. Donated books and new scientific journals have been shelved and added to the library catalogue.

Collections that had previously been stored at other park facilities were brought to the BARC and needed to be organized and put into museum-quality bags and boxes to be stored in the BARC's climate-controlled collection storage. Volunteers also picked up projects that they had put down in March and have done a great job picking up where they left off.

Left: Astrid Webb wasted no time getting back to work in the Lab when it recently re-opened.

Photo by Hayley Elsen

Regional Museums and Arch Centers

Although many of these outstanding organizations are temporarily closed due to the Coronavirus, their websites have a wealth of information and beautiful photography. We encourage you to visit them often

Barona Cultural Center and Museum

The museum re-opened on Oct. 8. COVID-19 protocols will be in effect to guarantee visitors' safety. Hours: Thursday and Fridays, Noon to 5 p.m.. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<https://www.baronamuseum.com>

California Rock Art Foundation

For status of their November Cultural Adventure tour to Baja California Sur and the Spring tours, please visit:
www.carockart.org

Imperial Valley Desert Museum

Closed until further notice due to the Coronavirus.
www.ivdesertmuseum.org

Malki Museum

Closed until further notice due to COVID-19.
malkimuseum.org

San Diego Archaeological Center

Virtual Lectures:

- "Amelia Earhart Archaeology — Testing the Nikumaroro Hypothesis"
By Tom King
Thursday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m. / Cost: Pay what you wish
- *Avian Remains at the Presidio — The First Chicken Burrito*
By Aharon Sasson
Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m. / Free Admission

Virtual Exhibits:

- "Visions: Rock Art Around the World"
- "The Wonderful World of Rock Art"

sandiegoarchaeology.org

San Diego County Archaeological Society

• November Lecture TBD
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m.
<https://sdcas.org>

Society for California Archaeology

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, March 4-6, Prepare to Submit
<https://scahome.org>

A special thank you to CDAS members
**SCOTT McCLINTOCK
& JOHN DOWNING**
for creating the
"Little Blair Valley on the Morteros Trail"
video shown at the annual *Arch in the Park* event
hosted by The San Diego Archaeological Society
on Oct. 17, 2020.
The video may be viewed by clicking on the link on
front page of the CDAS website:
anzaborregoarchaeo.org

Archaeology Publications

For those of you who enjoy archaeology publications, here are some recommended offerings from CDAS Steering Committee member John Downing. If you have articles that you would like to share, please send them to John at johndowning14@outlook.com for inclusion in future issues.

These two papers by Steve Freers describe and discuss the Luiseno style of pictographs that are found in the Colorado Desert District. One example of which can be viewed by walking the Pictograph Interpretive Trail that can be accessed from Little Blair Valley.

"The Occurrence of Hand Prints in the San Luis Rey Style - Southern California" (You may have to cut and paste this link)
http://www.utahrockart2.org/pubs/proceedings/papers/14-09_Freers_-_The_Occurrence_of_Hand_Prints_in_the_San_Luis_Rey_Style_Southern_California.pdf

"Lending a "Hand" to the San Luis Rey Style"
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Steve Freers has spent over thirty-five years researching Native American rock art in southern California, as well as concentrated studies in the Grand Canyon region. Steve currently serves as the program and conservation chair for the San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) and continues to conduct field work in northern San Diego County.

Become a leader in CDAS!

If you have ever wanted to learn more about CDAS, local archaeology, and help plan future activities and adventures, then please consider nominating yourself for the CDAS Steering Committee. Or, nominate a member who you think would be a helpful voice in guiding CDAS.

There are five open positions on the Steering Committee. Nominations and elections for these positions will be held prior to our Annual Meeting on Jan. 23, 2021.

The Steering Committee helps support CDAS volunteers and provides vital assistance to Park Archaeologist Hayley Elksen.

Steering Committee meetings, which will be virtual from now on, are held on the third Friday of the month from October to April. Active CDAS members or Site Stewards are eligible to be on the Steering Committee and to vote.

Nominations will be open from Dec. 2 to 28.

Send your nomination to Lois Carlson at loiseleanor@gmail.com or Sally Bickerton at sallybic@cox.net.

If you have any questions about being a member of the Steering Committee, send them to Lois or Sally, too!

**Lois Carlson and Sally Bickerton,
CDAS Nominating Committee**

BARBARA BARNES

By Sally Bickerton

San Diego native Barbara Barnes may be a newer CDAS member, but she has been a longtime visitor to the Anza-Borrego desert. Growing up in La Mesa, her parents encouraged and supported her love of nature with annual vacations to many wonderful state and national parks, as well as frequent outings with the San Diego Natural History Museum.

She recalls visiting Anza-Borrego as a child, driving for miles through the Fish Creek and Split Mountain area, and thinking “Wow, I’ve been to Disneyland but this strange new world is REAL!”

Barbara attended SDSU and received a degree in biology with the initial intention of becoming a ranger naturalist. English literature changed that path, and she earned an MA in English and then enjoyed a career as an Academic Adviser at SDSU. It was there she met her husband, Steve.

They have lived in a 1933 Spanish Colonial house in La Mesa since 1982, with a medley of animal friends – dogs, cats, bees, turtles and koi. Fortunately, Steve also loved exploring the desert. They spent many weekends — with the help of books by Jerry Schad and Diana Lindsay — tent camping, cooking outside, gazing at stars, and waking up in “some wonderful, magical place like Butler Canyon or Piedras Grandes.”



Barbara on a site visit to Sheep Canyon in April when the parks were closed because COVID-19. Stewards were required to post an official sign on their vehicle to alert rangers of their presence. Photo by Steve Barnes



Welcome to the desert! A Red Diamondback rattlesnake that Barbara and husband Steve encountered while visiting Sheep Canyon.

Photo by Barbara Barnes

As sleeping on the ground got tiresome and the call of the desert grew stronger, they started considering a second home in Borrego Springs. This dream became a reality in 2017. The house came with a large floor loom, though she has not yet caught the weaving bug!

Barbara has a wide variety of interests. She enjoys music ranging from the Beach Boys to the Beatles, and Bob Dylan to jazz. Cooking, photography and birding also keep her busy and experimenting.

She and her husband have strived to learn all they can about the desert world — about plants and animals, geology and weather, and about the people who made it their home through the centuries. Though books, field guides, lectures, and field trips added to their knowledge, they were drawn to learning more, and found CDAS and its knowledgeable leadership.

The Barnes completed the Archeology Technician class in 2018 and began stewarding sites in Sheep Canyon and Ocotillo Flats the following spring. These sites are accessible to hikers and campers, just off the main road through Coyote Canyon, but Barbara says the features in each area have endured. She and her husband look forward to seeing if there are still discoveries to be made “even on those beaten paths!”



Traces of a rock circle at Ocotillo Flats

Photo by Barbara Barnes



Barbara with CDAS photo display during Archaeology Weekend 2020

Photo by Laurie Brindle

CDAS Photo Gallery



Dramatic rock formations near Font's Point

Photo by Lois Carlson



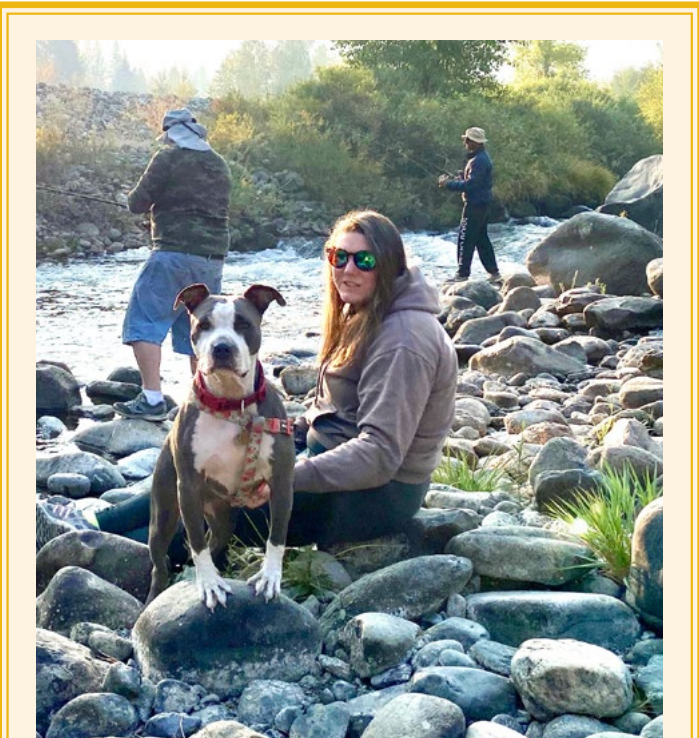
Native American medicine wheel

Photo by Sam Webb



Fall cactus flowers

Photo by Laurie Brindle



Hayley Elsken waiting for her turn on the fishing rod while on vacation in Northern California with her family and dog Olive.

Photo courtesy of Sierra Elsken



Ridgeline ocotillos in bloom

Photo by John Case

We want to hear from you!

Do you have photos, events, items of interest, or "Tales from the Trail" that you would like included in future publications of the CDAS Bulletin? If so, please send them to Laurie Brindle at bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org

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