



THE COLORADO DESERT ARCHAEOLOGY — SOCIETY BULLETIN —



The Kumeyaay, Cahuilla, Cupeño, and Payómkawichum/Luiseño are the Original peoples of the Anza-Borrego Desert, Palomar Mountain, and Cuyamaca Rancho State Parks. These traditional homelands in the Colorado Desert District are rich with their heritage and cultural tradition. The Colorado Desert Archaeological Society acknowledges these places as the Peoples' homelands and offers gratitude for their stewardship of these lands from time immemorial through the present and into the future.

MAY 2021

Calendar

LAB DAY and LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 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.

Reminder: The BARC library is open to CDAS members only. If you wish to check out a book, either stop by during library hours on Tuesday, or contact Hayley to schedule a pick-up time.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

(Virtual and Interactive)

Friday, September 17, 1:30 p.m.

All members are invited to attend. Hayley Elsken will send the online link to members prior to the meeting.

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CDAS member Randy Redfern had a banner crop of cactus flowers this spring. See more of his garden blooms on page 10.

Notes from the Park



The prescribed burn in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on April 12 is part of the State Park's reforestation program. Local tribal members were invited to observe State Park burn practices at a safe observation point. Hayley Elsken described the actions of the fire fighters to the tribal members, as well as the plan for the burn. Photo by Austin Yu



Hayley Elsken

Associate State
Archaeologist

Hi All,
First off, thank you all for a wonderful if strange season! Even with the precautions against COVID-19, I am so happy about the work we were able to do during the season.

Thanks to virtual technology, both the Kickoff and Annual meetings were very well attended. Virtual monthly Steering Committee meetings have been attended by more general members than ever before, which has led to the involvement of more members in CDAS planning.

The site steward program has done an amazing job of keeping eyes and boots on the ground in the Park, which has helped with the protections of sites and other resources. Law Enforcement and Natural Resources are always appreciative of reports of impacts in the Park, or cool species sightings.

We have had a strong year of educational programs, both continuing education workshops and lectures. Members learned how to create a primary record, how to tell archaeological time, all about historical archaeology, how to safely do field work in the desert and how to hone GPS and mapping skills.

Other lectures throughout the year included a virtual field trip to Bears Ears National Monument, Archaeology Fundamental classes for site stewards and overviews of the archaeology at Carrizo Gorge and the Solstice Cave.

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Save the Date! CDAS Season Kickoff meeting: Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021

Notes from the Park



View of the April 12 prescribed burn in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

Photo by Austin Yu

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And lastly, I am so proud CDAS was able to hold a lecture open to everyone given by Steven and Kathleen Holen on the Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis.

CDAS was also able to present a wonderful virtual hike and tour of the Morteros Trail for the Arch in the Park event put on by the San Diego County Archaeology Society. We have been able to use that video for other presentations given to the public.

The CDAS bulletin has become an essential part of the communication for CDAS and the quality is amazing every month. Sally Bickerton has helped us all learn about each other in CDAS through her member profiles.

There's a new feature in the CDAS Bulletin that debuts in this month's issue titled "Help Wanted." This regular feature will be a place where the Steering Committee and I can post jobs and tasks that we need help with. Please peruse the columns and help out if you are able. There is always a lot of work to be done with planning various meetings, lectures and educational programs. We would like to spread out the workload and train people to plan these events, which will lead to a stronger and more sustainable archaeology program. All the work that members do is essential to the archaeology program — and I am so happy that CDAS leads most of the public outreach for archaeology. Please see the first Help Wanted on Page 9.



Burn Plot at Sunset on day one of the burn. The firing operations occurred on the morning of Monday, April 12, then mop-up began with putting out hot spots and fire near the fire line. Full mop-up operations with lots of resources occurred on Monday and Tuesday, and started to taper down on Wednesday. A skeleton crew remained on the fire 24/7 to look for changes in conditions. The fire was fully out about a week later due to the colder weather and some sprinkles of rain.

Photo by Hayley Elsken

On April 12th, I participated in a prescribed burn at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The Reforestation Program staff invited local tribal members to observe State Park burn practices at a designated observation point. I assisted with describing the actions of the fire fighters —and the plan for the burn —to the members, as well as listening to their concerns and input regarding their future involvement with burns.

The park was very fortunate to have Dr. Stan Rodriguez from the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel give a blessing at the morning briefing before the fire. In the afternoon, I assisted with adding more fire line, which consisted of monitoring and directing a dozer in clearing an area to bare mineral soil. The plot burned cleanly and I plan on surveying the plot over the summer.



Spotting Scope — Set up at an observation point in the Paso Picacho Day Use area at the Park, a spotting scope provided local tribal members a view of the fire activity from a safe distance.

Photo by Hayley Elsken

Thinking ahead to next year, I am hoping to recruit new archaeological technicians with a six-week class to be scheduled in the fall, which will include Friday night virtual lectures and Saturday in-person fieldwork and practicals.

I am hoping everyone can help spread the word for the class and would appreciate help with the recruitment (check the Help Wanted section.) I will be sending details of the class and sign-ups out later in the summer. The Archaeological Technician class will be open to site stewards first, and then other volunteer groups and the general public. Thank you all again for a fantastic year!!



Hayley Elsken and Ranger Don Strampfer at the prescribed burn scene

Photo courtesy of Don Strampfer



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:** Lois Carlson — loiseleanor@gmail.com
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SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY,
OCT. 23, 2021**

CDAS Kickoff meeting

Attention, all CDAS members: Please save the date for first meeting of the 2021/2022 desert season. This is one of the most important CDAS events of the year and provides all archaeology technicians and site stewards with the most current and relevant CDD news, updates, opportunities and scheduled activities.

Planning is already underway. We would love to hear from you if you have ideas or suggestions for topics to include in the program.

Please send any suggestions to Steering Committee Chair Lois Carlson at loiseleanor@gmail.com

From the Chair



Lois Carlson

This is the time we take a hiatus and enjoy the desert heat! Now things seem to be “opening” and although it is still “the year of the mask,” in-person activities are slowly resuming.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the economic/political fun we’ve had, much has been accomplished for the Parks as you will see in the contents of this bulletin.

We’re going a bit “viral” with our programs, as evidenced by John Downing, head of our Public Programs/Outreach Committee, who hosted our most recent presentation about the Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis with Steven and Kathleen Holen. The Zoom platform and social media presence produced increased attendance and interest from all over the place. We are looking forward to more programs like this, continuing to expand our outreach.

Thanks to those of you who attend our Steering Committee meetings. We are committed to insuring they are focused on addressing the activities that keep us on our mission, and that we accomplish and record the business in the monthly meeting. To check in and see what’s going on with the Parks and our sites and our education programs, you can get a live version there! Some creative ideas are rising, like breaking up projects and CDAS tasks into more “bite-sized” pieces, needing smaller amounts of time with a single focus. Maybe that way more members might join us as we can use the creativity and assistance!

One of the most meaningful experiences for me has been the Land Acknowledgment effort and statement formations. We would like to bring more attentiveness to this and are moving to make the discussion and the acknowledgment more accessible to you and on our website. You can download the document from the link provided in the article in the bulletin. (See page 4). If you have a special interest in this aspect of our work in the Park, please let me know. We could use your input.

Thanks for all you do.

— Lois Carlson



Photo by Laurie Brindle

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

Land Acknowledgment

California State Parks and CDAS join national effort to recognize indigenous peoples as original land stewards

By Lois Carlson

You may have noticed the new copy on the front page of the bulletin under the CDAS banner. This is called the “Land Acknowledgment” statement and is referenced on our website, the bulletin, and will be included in all future CDAS publications and gatherings.

CDAS used guidance provided by a document produced by the California State University San Marcos American Indian Studies Program, with the California Indian Cultural and Sovereignty Center. The document, “You’re on California Indian Land, Now What?: Acknowledging Relationships to Space & Place,” was created to help everyone understand the purpose of land acknowledgments — and guide organizations, such as CDAS, in the creation of their own statements.

The document, also called a toolkit, encourages accountability to the sovereign tribal nations of our region.

CDAS, along with State Parks, wants to be on board with this concept. A committee of CDAS members met to formulate our statement.

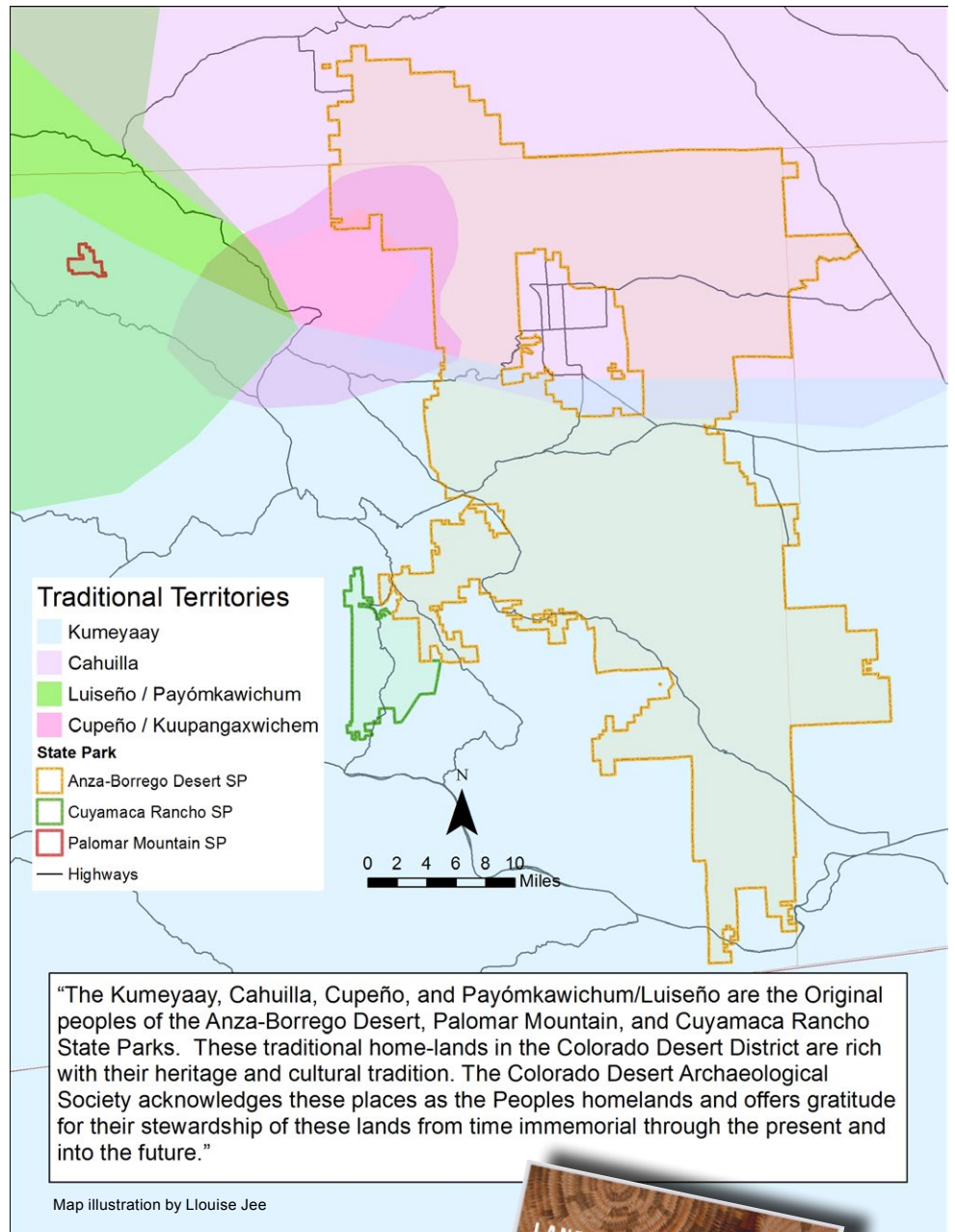
CDAS and State Parks have adapted this approach to recognize and respect the indigenous peoples as traditional stewards of the Colorado Desert District, and to recognize that the CDD is located on the unceded territory of these nations. We wish to acknowledge this regularly as we continue our work in preserving and protecting the CDD.

The intent is to encourage individuals to think about what it means to occupy space on indigenous lands.

CDAS recommends that all site stewards and archaeology technicians state a personal land acknowledgment whenever they are in the field.

Inside the CSUSM toolkit is an explanation of how and why a land acknowledgment is important. For example: “A land acknowledgment is not something you “just do” before an event. Rather, it is a reflective process in which you build mindfulness and intention before walking into whatever gathering you are having.

“The way acknowledgment is delivered matters. It should not be a formulaic recitation. It is important to understand

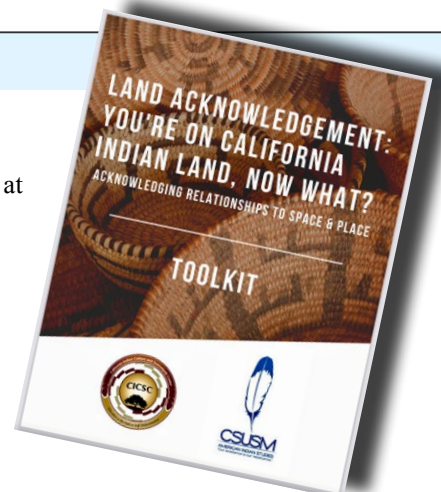


that the land was not given away to settlers. This is unceded land and this requires respect in the acknowledgment at the very least.”

For the complete toolkit, please visit <https://www.csusm.edu/cisc/land.pdf>

This effort coincides with similar programs across the country, including national and local universities, and cultural resource associations.

For more information, please contact Hayley at hayley.elsken@parks.ca.gov



The Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis explained during CDAS public education presentation

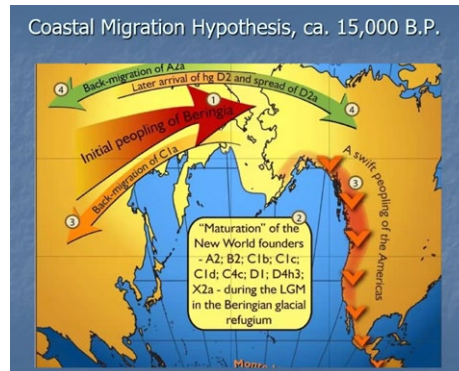
Steven and Kathleen Holen present new evidence for human presence in the Americas 20,000 to 40,000 years ago at highly attended virtual event

By Barbara Barnes

Could humans have arrived in the America's 20,000 years ago or earlier? This question drives the research of Steven and Kathleen Holen and places them at the heart of the debate on human presence in North America.

In their April 10 lecture to CDAS, the Holens, directors of the Center for American Paleolithic Research, shared evidence for the "Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis," and for many of us, updated our old story about the peopling of the Americas.

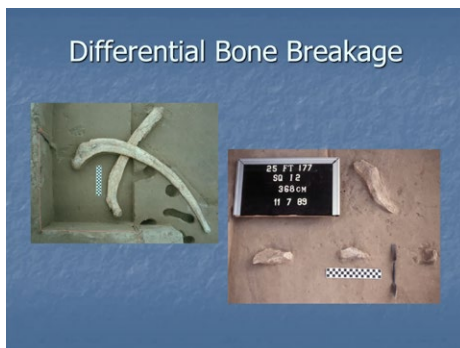
So, what was the old story? For most of the 20th century, the predominant view, based largely on spearpoints found at mammoth kill sites, was that humans arrived in North America some 13,000 years ago. Ancient hunters in Siberia crossed the Bering Strait to Alaska by means of a land bridge. Once across, they found themselves in a frozen world, blocked from further progress by enormous expanses of ice.



and the Yukon. The steppe's grasses and shrubs supported animals of the plains—bison, horses, and woolly mammoths. The Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis suggests that people adapted to the steppe and eventually extended their range into central North America, along with the animals they depended on for survival.

What evidence, then, supports the timeline of the Mammoth Steppe hypothesis? Though spearpoints from 20,000 years ago have not been found, mammoth bones, which can be dated, have. Discoveries at sites in Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, have yielded mammoth bones with human impacts — cut marks, fractures, slices, percussion notches. And greater physical evidence has surfaced in South America.

Archaeologists working in Brazil and Argentina have uncovered dwellings and implements dating back 20,000 to 40,000 years.



When the ice sheets finally began to withdraw, a corridor opened along the Canadian Rockies and allowed passage for bands of people, such as those of the Clovis culture with their associated projectile points, into the Americas.

While not dismissing this theory, the Holens' Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis places humans in the Americas much earlier, perhaps 20,000 to 40,000 years ago. During the Last Glacial Maximum, sea levels were lower, the Beringia land corridor was exposed, and steppe vegetation covered the landscape from central and northern Europe to Alaska



Say the Holens of the South American discoveries, "Several rock shelters and open-air sites have stone tools and bones of extinct animals modified by humans in well-dated stratigraphic contexts."

As staggering as 40,000 years ago sounds, people may have arrived earlier. The Holens noted the 1992 discovery of the Cerutti Mastodon Site here in San Diego County, which might indicate human presence as early as 130,000 years ago. Mastodon bones, molars and tusks were found, along with what some archaeologists believe to be hammer and anvil stone tools.



If these are indeed artifacts and do indicate human occupation, then for the Holens more questions arise. What happened to these earliest of visitors? And what was taking place until the next wave of migration 40,000 years ago? Such questions beg for more research.

To find the answers, say the Holens, would really be "something." Yes, it would.

CDAS would like to thank the Holens for generously sharing their most recent research findings that continue to challenge current theories and to spark lively debates among scientists around the world.

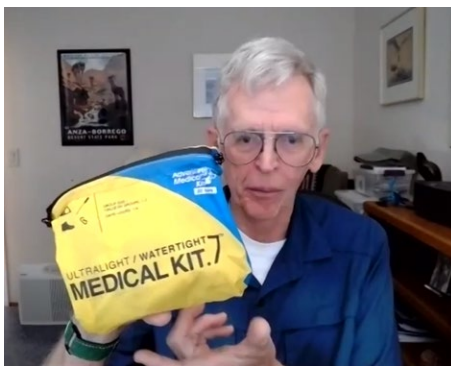
Desert safety, GPS and map-reading skills emphasized during intensive training session

Knowing how to prevent and/or deal with critical situations in the field is essential for CDAS site stewards and arch techs

By Laurie Brindle

Exploring and hiking the stunning terrain of the Colorado Desert District can be exhilarating. It can also be deadly if you are not prepared.

For three hours on Saturday, April 17, Park Naturalist Don Endicott and Associate State Archaeologist Hayley Elsken explained in detail how to safely experience the vast desert and mountain areas in the final CDAS Continuing Education program of the season.



Don shows the medical kit he always carries in the field.

Timing could not have been better as desert temperatures are quickly rising.

Don began his presentation by outlining the basics and referencing the Sierra Club's Ten Essentials for field safety. These include bringing enough water (a gallon a day) and staying hydrated throughout the day. You need to know the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The former is treatable if you get out of the sun and can cool down. But heat stroke is very serious and requires immediate medical attention.

Snakes can be dangerous, Don said, but your best bet is to avoid them. Keep hands and feet out of areas you can't see. Wear snake gaiters. If bitten, wash with soap and water, keep wound below the heart and get medical help.

Don stressed that knowing where you are at all times is vital to dealing with any problems. Learn how to use a compass and read a map. Your life could depend on it. Don't expect cell phone coverage.

Know where it starts and stops. Use your GPS if you have one to precisely locate your position. Park radios are available to check out at the BARC. Contact Hayley for proper use and information.

To illustrate the real-life importance of knowing your location, Park Ranger Don Strampfer was scheduled to also talk to the class. But he had to cancel because someone was missing in the Park.

Don urged everyone to also prep their vehicles before heading out. Getting stuck in sand is a common occurrence in the field. Tow ropes, flashlights and repair kits are a must. A spare tire and a high lift jack are strongly recommended. It goes without saying that you should never hike alone. Two vehicles are better than one in case you do get stuck.

Don said that you should always tell someone where you are going, when you expect to return, and who to call if you don't. He said he puts a note with this information inside his truck windshield.

He added that carrying a fine comb and tweezers help remove nasty cactus spines.

Next, Don explained the intricacies of GPS. (Global Positioning System), beginning with the constellation of 24 orbiting satellites that continuously send signals to earth and allow users to determine coordinates of a location.

He talked about trilateration, waypoints and using NAD 83 reference system. One surprising fact (a shocker!) was that the earth is not a perfect sphere. It is actually quite lumpy, which makes precise determinations sometimes problematic.

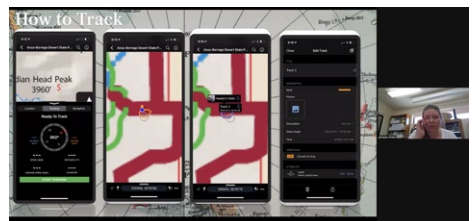
Don described the three coordinate systems that are typically used in GPS systems in the United States: the LAT/ LONG (latitude/longitude) which uses minutes, degrees and seconds as measurements; The UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) provides positional coordinates in meters north of the equator and east of a reference meridian on a worldwide flat grid that allows easy computation of distances between two points; and the USNG (US National Grid), which is similar to UTM and used by the military and emergency responders.

Don clarified that he always sets his GPS to true north, as opposed to magnetic north. CDAS volunteers should do the same.

The discussion continued about how to use all this information to track and document routes, interface with your computer and load maps into your GPS.

Don concluded that it is imperative that you practice using whatever device you have **repeatedly** — and **before** you venture out into the field.

Don's entire Power Point presentation on Desert Safety and GPS Skills may be viewed on the members page of the CDAS website: <https://www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org/membership-login/>

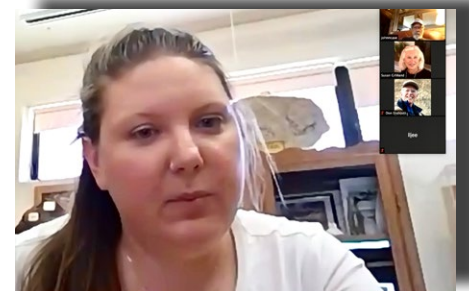


Hayley Elsken focused her presentation on how to correctly use the cellphone application for the Avenza mapping system.

By using her cell phone, she was able to clearly project screen images in real time of each step required. She also clarified how to load maps from the app's "store," and from email. She showed how to track, how to add points, what settings to use, and the difference between field datum and point recordings.

Hayley welcomes questions from members about getting the most out of the Avenza mapping system.

Many thanks to Don and Hayley for their comprehensive and extremely useful presentations. .



Hayley answers questions during the Zoom presentation, which was attended by 29 CDAS members.

CDAS Member Profile

DAN JELLIS

As told to Sally Bickerton

CDAS Archaeology Technician and Park Volunteer Interpreter Dan Jellis was born and raised in Lexington, Massachusetts, but his favorite part of growing up was spending every summer barefoot at a family cottage in a small off-grid seasonal island community in Maine.

After graduation from engineering college in Boston and a tour in the Navy to see the world (and avoid being drafted), he moved to Maine to be closer to that island and start his own family and a long career in water-wastewater utility management.

Having rarely strayed from New England or farther than 50 miles from the ocean, he found visiting the in-laws for Christmas week, 2000, in the California desert an eye opener. He and wife Pam were hooked by their first view of Borrego Valley driving down Montezuma grade. They've been coming back every winter since.

Upon retirement in 2012, they bought a house in Borrego Springs so they could winter here. Retirement also brought the free time to "pay back" for the many hours hiking, jeeping, and attending hikes and interpretive programs of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

So Dan became an active volunteer at the Park Visitor Center. He then took the Park's naturalist training so he could



Dan checks GPS coordinates on the Morteros Trail in ABDSP
Photo courtesy of Pam Blake

co-lead hikes into previously unexplored areas of the Park.

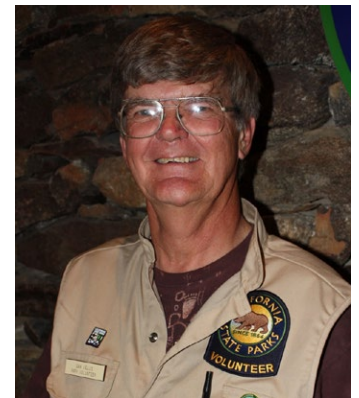
Last year Dan received the Park's Poppy Award for his many hours of service, plus his outstanding map-drawing skills. By creating maps that help visitors find their way to popular areas, he has made it possible for Visitor Center volunteers to handle repeat questions much more

efficiently.

When not in Borrego for the winter, Dan and Pam still spend as much of the rest of year as possible at their cottage on that Maine island, Bustins Island, that Dan drives them to by boat. They recently gave in to "progress" and installed solar panels to replace gas lamps, but are still happy with a hand pump at the

sink for water, wood stove for heat, and an out-house privy that make closing up for winter a simple affair. Dan's love for this Maine island hideaway is exemplified by his missing only one summer season in his entire life.

Joining the ranks of the CDAS archeology technicians in 2016 was a natural progression for Dan to more deeply explore the Park's rich cultural history.



Dan at the ABDSP Visitor Center
Photo by Susie Jones

Dan most enjoys helping CDAS with mapping and surveying archaeological sites and venturing further afield to attempt to sense the almost spiritual connection between early peoples and this awesomely different desert environment.

We thank Dan for his continued service to CDAS and the Park. We are so fortunate that Dan and Pam have chosen to live and volunteer in Borrego!



Aerial photo of Bustins Islands off the coast of Maine where Dan has spent every summer (except one) his entire life.
Photo from Bustins Island Community Facebook page



The Jellis family cottage on Bustins Islands
Photo courtesy of Dan Jellis

Site Steward News

Record number of site stewards keep their eyes and boots on ground to protect CDD sites and resources

72 CDAS site stewards monitor 66 sites, helping Law Enforcement and Natural Resources departments

THANK YOU, SITE STEWARDS!

By Pat Downing, CDAS site steward coordinator

As our season comes to a close in the desert areas, it is good to reflect on all that we have accomplished. Our team has completed 17 site set-ups with one more scheduled. Two more set-ups are scheduled for fall.

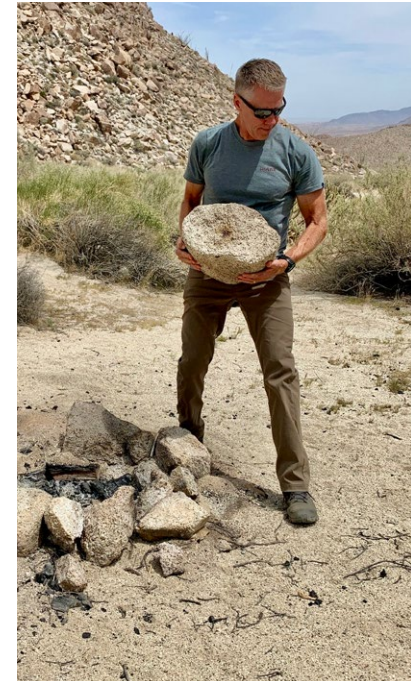
This huge effort was made possible by our team of site steward mentors, John Case, Lance Diebler, John Downing, Hayley Elsen, Don Endicott, Scott McClintock, Patty McFarland, Sherry Mitchell, Mary Lou White, Pam Wiedenkiller and myself, who assisted new stewards investigating and documenting their sites.

This leaves us with just one site without an assigned steward and several stewards from whom I've not heard. My hat is off with special recognition to Scott McClintock, who made 21 site visits since October, some of which were initial site set-ups.

Under Scott's watchful eye, Indian Hill has had five visits this season and has received special attention from Parks with well-placed road barriers.

Pam Wiedenkiller, a new site steward, made 15 site visits and assisted in several site set-ups.

As stewards, you have done much more than just monitoring and documenting your sites. You've reported and corrected multiple impacts, many minor, but unfortunately, several more serious. You've learned about charcoal graffiti removal, which has unfortunately proliferated in some areas of the park. You've cleaned up fire pits, hauled out trash, collected mylar balloons, and relocated numerous artifacts. The clean-up award, however, goes to John Case who organized a major clean-up at one of his Cuyamaca sites. This feat involved packing out mountains of camping gear and a screen over several miles of very rough



Scott Hansen removing heavy fire ring stones at the Sun Cave parking area, all the while demonstrating correct lifting technique to save his back. NOTE: We strongly discourage anyone else from even *thinking* about lifting small boulders on a site visit. Photo by Pam Wiedenkiller

terrain. The removal effort was completed by Jean Paul Carrere, Marv Coppess, Randall McFarlane and John. Well done!

So again, thank you, site stewards, all 72 of you monitoring 66 areas in the Colorado Desert District!

— Pat



How much trash can you stuff in your pack? Showing how much junk and debris they each carried out over several miles of rugged terrain are from left, site stewards Randall McFarlane, Marv Coppess and Jean Paul Carrere. Their cargo included such things as a battery, a converter, two sleeping bags, a large wire mesh screen, beer cans and shoes. Not shown is Arch Tech and Site Steward John Case, who organized the major clean-up at the Cuyamaca site — and who took the photos.

Regional Museums & Arch Centers

Even though a few of these outstanding organizations are temporarily closed due to the pandemic, 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 and 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

www.carockart.org

Imperial Valley Desert Museum

Now open!

- **Virtual Lectures:**

- *“Written in the Land: Indigenous Heritage in Southern California”*

- A special presentation: Sierra Club with Dr. David Breeckner

- Friday, May 7, 7 to 8 p.m..

- Free event

www.ivdesertmuseum.org

Malki Museum

Closed until further notice due to COVID-19.

malkimuseum.org

San Diego Archaeological Center

- **Virtual Lectures:**

- *“Hominins, Hyenas and Lions”*

- By Dr. Jennifer Parkinson

- Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

- Cost: Pay what you wish

- Advance registration required

- **Virtual Exhibits/Blog:**

- *“Now Curating”*

- *Audio and Video Tours*

sandiegoarchaeology.org

San Diego County Archaeological Society

- **Virtual Lecture for May:**

- *“Honoring, Concealing, and Forgetting-The Spatial Distribution of the Post-Amarna Tombs in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt”*

- By Danielle Phelps, Ph.D.

- Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

- Advance registration required

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Help Wanted

To better communicate about ways you can help with the many projects at CDAS, this new monthly column will list the various tasks that need to be done. By breaking up big projects into more manageable, bite-size duties, we hope to get more members involved. Everyone benefits. As the saying goes, “many hands make light work.”

Positions Open on Archaeology Technician Class Recruitment Committee

Active from May 2021 – October 30, 2021

Time Commitment: one meeting/month, increase to two meetings in October and September as needed. Meetings may be replaced with email discussions depending on how recruitment is going. Meetings will be 30 min to 1 hour depending on tasks. All meetings will be available to attend through video conferencing or phone. Averaging 2-8 hours a week, minimal hours from May-July with increasing hours from August to October as the class start date gets closer.

Tasks: Create press releases, contact organizations to advertise with, answer prospective volunteer’s questions, act as contact point for prospective volunteers

Current Members: Rick Huls, Paula Huls and Hayley Elskén

To join or if you have questions, please contact Hayley at:

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Arch Tech class schedule. Friday evening classes are virtual and Saturday classes will be held at the BARC.

Keep your eye out for sign-up information in June or July

Weekends are: 10/29&10/30, 11/5&11/6, 11/12&11/13, 11/19&11/20, 12/3&12/4 and 12/10&12/11.

Positions Open on Annual CDAS Kickoff Committee:

Active from June 2021 through October 23, 2021. The virtual Kickoff meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 23.

Time Commitment: Depending on task. Committee will meet once monthly, except for two to three meetings in September and October for final check-ins. Meetings will be 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on tasks. All meetings will be available to attend through video conferencing or phone. Averaging 1-4 hours a week with more time needed as event comes closer.

Tasks: Help plan agenda and format, promote meeting to members, design and produce flyers and email blast announcements, book speakers, assist with ZOOM presentation, create and review surveys from CDAS members

Current Members: Eugenie Newton, Laurie Brindle, Lois Carlson, Patty McFarland and Llouise Jee

To join or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Lois Carlson at loiseleanor@gmail.com

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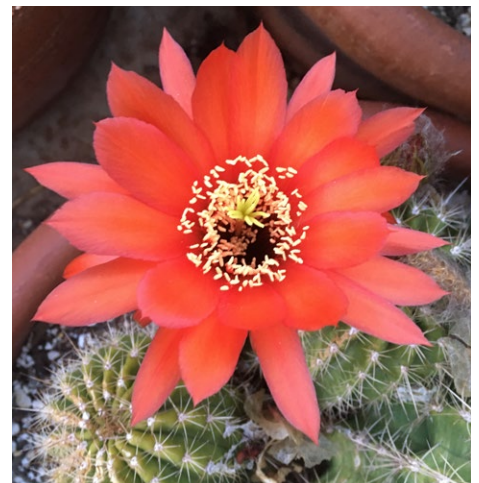
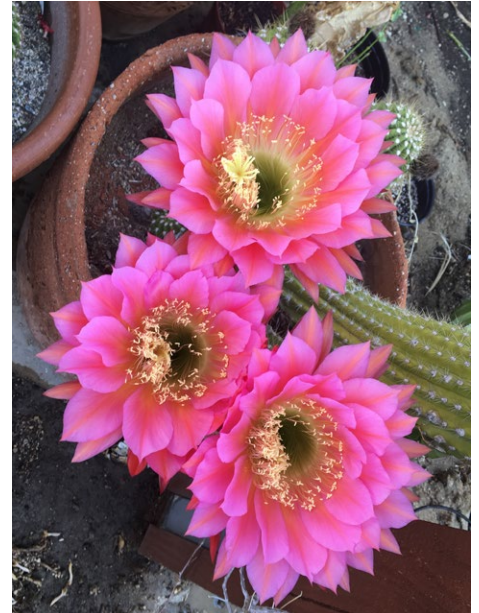


Make sure you have the current Park ranger’s contact number with you in the field at all times in case of an emergency!

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CDAS Photo Gallery

CDAS member Randy Redfern's dozens of potted cacti really put on a show this year. The intensely deep hues and the variety of delicate petal formations created a spectacular floral display. If only the blooms lasted longer, but what a glorious — if brief — performance it is.



Photos by Randy Redfern