



THE COLORADO DESERT  
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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.



On August 18 and 19, volunteers help construct five e'waa structures (houses) under the direction of Kumeyaay Elder and educator Stan Rodriguez, PhD, at the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Associate State Archaeologist Hayley Elsken (front left) helps bend a willow branch so it can be tied with twine to create the frame. CDAS member Eugenie Newton (right) assisted. The village will be one of the topics covered by Dr. Rodriguez at the CDAS Kickoff meeting on October 23.

*Photo by Laurie Brindle*

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NOTES FROM THE PARK



**HAYLEY ELSKEN** Associate State Archaeologist

Hi All,

Most of you will have heard by now that Astrid Webb passed away in early September. Astrid made huge contributions to the Archaeology program with her amazing work in the lab and library, as well as recording many sites in the Park with Sam. Astrid was the first volunteer I met when I started at Colorado Desert District. She immediately made me feel welcome and helped ease my intimidation of the 150-plus member volunteer program. I will greatly miss her presence and energy at the BARC and around Borrego Springs.

The 2021-22 season already feels like it is in full swing. October is California Archaeology month and many organizations are hosting wonderful events. The CDAS Steering Committee and I will try to share these events during the month for those interested.

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# CALENDAR

## COVID UPDATE

**R**estriction on number of people in the lab and library is lifted and masks are encouraged — but not required — for those who are vaccinated. **Masks are required those who are not.**

Library is open on Tuesday in alignment with lab hours. Library will also be open on Thursdays beginning in November.

### LAB DAY

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### LIBRARY

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Starting in November*

Every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**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 via Zoom)

Friday, October 15, 1:30 p.m.

All members are invited to attend.

Members will be sent the online link prior to the meeting.

### ANNUAL CDAS KICKOFF MEETING

(Virtual via Zoom)

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.

Members will be sent the online link prior to the meeting.

### ARCHAEOLOGY TECHNICIAN TRAINING CLASSES

Series of six weekend classes begin on Friday, Oct. 29 at 5 to 8 p.m. via ZOOM. Saturdays are field days. Location and times TBA

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**All Park volunteers must have proof of COVID vaccination on file in order to receive Better Impact notifications and to record your hours. Send proof to [wendie.wallace@parks.ca.gov](mailto:wendie.wallace@parks.ca.gov).**

## NOTES FROM THE PARK

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CDAS will also be participating in two events this month for outreach at the “Archaeopalooza” hosted by Desert Institute, and “Arch in the Park” hosted by the San Diego County Archaeology Society. The official start of the CDAS season is the Kickoff Meeting on Oct. 23, where you can learn about what will be happening in the upcoming season.

This fall, there will be an Archaeology Tech Class to train both old

and new volunteers. There has been great response to the class thanks to the amazing advertisements, outreach and sharing of CDAS members. Thank you so much!

The Kumeyaay Village build at the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park started over the summer. First with the collection of material from Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Palomar Mountain State Park, and then building the e’waa (house) structures. To learn more about the Kumeyaay Village, make sure to attend the CDAS Kickoff Meeting on October 23.

CDAS volunteers, State Park staff from Southern Service Center and Native American monitors worked to screen dirt that was disturbed during fire suppression work on the prescribed burn. Thousands of potsherds were



Example of projectile points from site damaged during fire suppression. Projectile on top is made from green glass indicating that this site was occupied post-contact. Photo by Hayley Elsen

recorded, including pieces with incised designs. Other artifacts included pieces of debitage, projectile points, faunal bone and some metal artifacts.

Vaccination or COVID testing requirements are still in effect for all State Park employees and volunteers. If you have not already sent proof of vaccination to [wendie.wallace@parks.ca.gov](mailto:wendie.wallace@parks.ca.gov) please do so. All

volunteers who have not responded are listed as inactive on Better Impact, which means you will not receive communications about volunteer opportunities. I will make sure that you still receive the bulletin and notices about public programs, but volunteers who have not submitted vaccination proof or regular COVID testing will not be allowed to volunteer and this also includes site stewardship duties.

I am looking forward to a great season at the parks!

— Hayley



CDAS Volunteer Mary Lou White keeps photo record when recording surface artifacts found in the dozer line.

Photo by Hayley Elsen

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



### 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: Theresa Harrison — [tfowlerharrison@gmail.com](mailto:tfowlerharrison@gmail.com)

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**CDAS Bulletin Editor:** Laurie Brindle  
[bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org](mailto:bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org)



### THERESA FOWLER HARRISON

These are ever evolving times, but we remain hopeful and encouraged as schools, businesses, camps, and trails slowly reopen.

Golden rod, harbinger of fall, is radiant in Cuyamaca Rancho. Oaks hint at change. Perfect hiking temperatures and cool evenings mean it's time to return to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, just as the Kumeyaay, Cahuilla, Cupeño, and Payómkawichum/Luiseño did as they followed the seasons.

We look forward to more planned surveys, Kumeyaay village building, archaeology events and new educational activities, but perhaps in a different form. They may be in person and distanced, or Zoomed, or a combination of the two — and masked/vaccinated per California State guidelines. As an example, Hayley will teach the Archaeology Technician class in a hybrid model, both in person and via Zoom. Our October Kickoff meeting for members fast approaches, and will be similar to last year's virtual format.

Lois Carlson and I share the role of Chair/Vice Chair for the CDAS Steering Committee. My learning curve is steep, although not as high as Mt. Palomar. I am grateful for a supportive team of Lois Carlson, John Downing, Eugenie Newton, LLouise Jee, and Laurie Brindle. Their work, dedication, and sense of humor are most appreciated.

On this note, we are looking for others to join the Steering Committee. We need members who can share a couple of hours each month to help with other various committees. If you enjoy interacting with others who share your passion for archaeology and our parks, you are welcome to join us. No experience necessary.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and remember Astrid Webb, who logged well over 9,300 volunteer hours for the Park. It will take many members to fill her void. She will be missed.

— Theresa



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](http://www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org)

### BASIC DESERT SAFETY TIP

Make sure you have the Park rangers' contact number with you in the field at all times in case of an emergency!

**SURCOM 951-443-2964**





**ATTENTION, MEMBERS!**  
**You are invited to attend the annual**



# **CDAS KICKOFF MEETING**

**Saturday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**Find out what's in store for the  
upcoming CDAS season. Featuring:**

- **STATE PARK UPDATES • SITE STEWARD NEWS**
- **CDAS RESOURCES • EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**• And a special presentation by**



## **STAN RODRIGUEZ**

**KUMEYAAY – IIPAY, SANTA YSABEL**

**T**ribal elder, council member and renowned educator of Kumeyaay history and culture, Stan will talk about daily life in Kumeyaay villages and the current building of e'waa structures in the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

Stan has an M.A. in human behavior and received his doctorate degree at UCSD. He is the instructor for Kumeyaay Language I, II, III and Kumeyaay Tools courses at Kumeyaay Community College in El Cajon.



*The Zoom meeting link will be sent to all CDAS members via Better Impact.  
We look forward to “seeing” you there!*

## SITE STEWARD NEWS



Surveying the Round Granite Hill site last season are CDAS Arch Tech John Case, Associate State Archaeologist Hayley Elskén and Site Steward George Zelenz, who monitors the site.

Photo by Pam Wiedenkiller

# COOLER WEATHER SIGNALS RETURN TO DESERT SITES

**By Pat Downing**

*Site Steward Coordinator*

**F**all brings a freshness in the air and signals the start of the season to visit the desert. Site steward activity has been fairly quiet this summer due to extreme desert heat. But our stewards of mountain sites in Cuyamaca and Palomar have been busy visiting their sites.

Our brave Mine Wash stewards, Sue Hagan and Howard Clark, made a visit in early September. I tried to talk them out of it as temps were in the 100s. But it is good that they did as they found a fire pit that had been built towards the front, but within the site itself. They were able to do the clean-up before more visitors come in the fall.

Suzanne Emery, longtime steward for Mine Wash who had a keen interest in botany, kept a detailed record of all of the flora of Mine Wash.

Luckily, Howard Clark has that same love for botany and keeps Suzanne's record up to date, adding a desert cinchweed that was blooming on this visit.

I love that many stewards find a special synergy with their sites.

We have some stewards who are retiring, some leaving the area, and several new sites Hayley would like us to monitor. So, Hayley and I will be doing a Site Steward training in January during the weekend of January 15 and 16. If you know of anyone interested, they can contact me at [pdsnewmail@gmail.com](mailto:pdsnewmail@gmail.com) We will be posting more information on the website.

So welcome back everyone. I hope to see you virtually at the Kickoff Meeting.

— Pat



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT CDAS

To better communicate about ways you can help with the many projects at CDAS, this monthly column lists 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.” Below are some of the current opportunities.

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS SUB-COMMITTEE

**C**DAS Public Programs are presentations open to the general public and are conducted by guest speakers who are experts in their field of study. Subject matter is generally related to the cultural heritage, both historic and pre-historic, of people that have resided in the state parks of the Colorado Desert District. Subjects about archaeology outside this area are also welcome.

Past topics have been: San Diego County History 10,000 Years, Patton-Desert Military Training, Rock Art of the Cosos (video), Marshall South, The Clovis People, Ethnobotany-Native Plant Uses, etc.

Public programs have in past years been presented live in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center’s Discovery Room.

This season, they will be presented to the public via Zoom. CDAS has a Zoom coordinator who schedules and hosts all presentations.

In the past, this program has been coordinated by one person. While this is satisfactory, it could also be a small group of CDAS members working as a subcommittee.

### DUTIES:

- Identify potential speakers by polling the park archaeologists and steering committee members, past and present; or any other individuals or institutions that may suggest potential speakers.
- Contact speakers, determine subject matter, coordinate meeting times, introduce or arrange introductions for speakers at the beginning of Zoom meeting.

### APPROXIMATE HOURS:

September, October and November: 10 hours/month  
December through April: two to three hours/month

If you are interested in helping, please email John Downing at: [johndowning2014@outlook.com](mailto: johndowning2014@outlook.com)

## MARKETING/PUBLICITY

**K**eeping CDAS members, Park staff, fellow Park volunteers, and the public informed about archaeology activities and resources is of the utmost importance. That’s where “marketing” comes in. We would welcome any assistance you might offer.

Some of the tasks that are performed on a regular basis include producing the monthly CDAS Bulletin, creating flyers, brochures and posters, and publicizing CDAS special events to outside media sources.

The following skills are useful in these projects:

- **Writing** • **Editing** • **Proofreading** • **Graphic design**
- **News gathering** • **Desktop publishing** • **Photography**
- **Patience** • **A sense of humor**

As you know, our season runs October through May. Hours required depend on each task. We have several brochures that need to be updated immediately. If any of these sound interesting to you and you would like more information, please email Laurie Brindle at [bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org](mailto: bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org)

## READERS RESPOND TO BULLETIN SURVEY

**R**ecently, a survey was sent to all CDAS members wanting to find out what they thought about the monthly CDAS Bulletin. There were multiple-choice questions and a space for any comments.

We received **35** responses. Not everyone answered all the questions. Eight people wrote comments. • **97%** said that they read the bulletin and found it easy to read and useful • **75%** read it on their computer, **44%** on a mobile device (showing an overlap) and **8%** print out a copy.

**Most useful/enjoyable features:** Park news and updates (**97%**), event calendar (**86%**); site steward news and member photos (**83%**); member profiles (**74%**), upcoming presentations and re-caps, and the back page photo gallery (**71%**); Chairperson’s column (**60%**); Help Wanted section (**57%**) and Better Impact instructions (**51%**).

Written comments clarified and expanded members’ responses to the questions. We thank each and every one who took the time to respond. Please keep the feedback coming! Send your emails to [bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org](mailto: bulletin@anzaborregoarchaeo.org)

## REGIONAL MUSEUMS & ARCH CENTERS

### BARONA CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

The museum is open. Visitors are encouraged to wear masks, but they are optional only for those who are fully vaccinated.

Hours: Thursday and Friday, Noon to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

<https://www.baronamuseum.com>

### CALIFORNIA ROCK ART FOUNDATION

[www.carockart.org](http://www.carockart.org)

### MALKI MUSEUM

Now open and implementing COVID19 restrictions

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

951-849-7289

[malkimuseum.org](http://malkimuseum.org)

### IMPERIAL VALLEY DESERT MUSEUM

Now open! Hours: Wednesday -Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5

• *“Traditional Craft Day — Pendant Weaving”*

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission: FREE with no reservations.

\$5 Donation requested to keep your pendant

• *“IVDM Beer Fest”*

Saturday, Oct. 23, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

Order tickets online at [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com)

• *“Octobercraft”*

Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[www.ivdesertmuseum.org](http://www.ivdesertmuseum.org)

### SAN DIEGO ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER

• *Living Room Lecture Series*

*“New Insights from the Nathan Harrison Historical Archaeology Project” with Dr. Seth Mallios*

Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Pay what you wish

*Advance registration required - Limited to 100 participants.*

*Ticket purchases of \$40 and over will receive a signed copy of Born a Slave, Died a Pioneer: Nathan Harrison and the Historical Archaeology of Legend by Dr. Seth Mallios.*

<https://sandiegoarchaeology.org/nathan-harrison/>

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

• *“Arch in the Park” – Celebrating California Archaeology Month and International Archaeology Day*

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

12122 Canyonside Park Drive San Diego, CA 92129

• *October Lecture — TBD*

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

<https://sdcas.org>

### SOCIETY FOR CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY

<https://scahome.org>

The second annual national workshop  
on site stewardship

## Community Site Stewardship

Free webinar

November 2-3, 2021

Register at [www.sitestewardship.org](http://www.sitestewardship.org)

**Opening Event on  
Tuesday, Nov. 2  
6 to 7 p.m.**

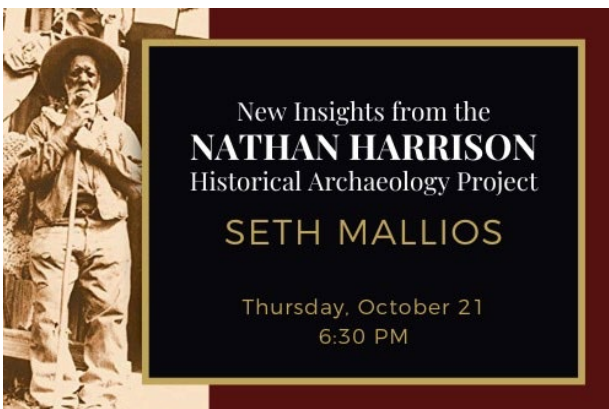
**Video presentation:**

Dino Beltran Koi Nation presents *Saving the Sacred*. This video shows how Native American communities are protecting their tribal lands around Clear Lake, California. Question and answer period will follow.



**Presentations and Panel on  
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Program participants include site stewards, program coordinators, archaeologists from Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Georgia, California, New Mexico, and Texas. They will speak about their projects and experiences, their successes and challenges, and their goals and accomplishments. Please visit [www.sitestewardship.org](http://www.sitestewardship.org) to view the latest information.





## Remembering Astrid Webb

**A**strid Webb, longtime CDAS and State Parks volunteer, colleague and wonderful friend, lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, Sept. 11. For nearly 25 years, Astrid and husband Sam have made extraordinary contributions to CDAS and archaeology in the Colorado Desert District. She has been — and will continue to be — an inspiration to us all.

*There will be a memorial service for Astrid on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2680 Country Club Road in Borrego Springs. Casual attire.*

### From Joan Schneider:

I met Astrid and her husband, Sam, the very first day I came to work at the Colorado Desert District. They were introduced to me as extraordinary volunteers. Little did I know how extraordinary! In the ten years that I was Associate State Archaeologist, I came to know Astrid and Sam very, very well. They were always available to help and did so on every CDAS project. Some of our unique adventures included getting dropped at the base of “Monkey Hill” in Coyote Canyon by helicopter (and wondering, as the sun was setting, if we had been forgotten), assisting USGS



geologist Dr. Shannon Mahan in obtaining OSL samples for dating surface features, surveying burned areas such as Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and recovering burned collections from the basement remains of Dyar House, recording the Stacked Stone Site, excavating in advance of the protection and stabilization of the Bailey Earthen Structure at Vallecito, and so many more special projects.

Joan Schneider and Astrid at work in the BARC lab Photo by Susan Gilliland



Astrid at the Arrowmakers Ridge mitigation project Photo by Don Endicott

Sam was our photographer; Astrid was the surveyor supreme. She had superwoman eyes that saw everything; she kept the records, kept us all on our toes, outwalked us all, and did so quietly and with supreme kindness. She always brought snacks; she always made sure I had enough water.

All this was in addition to her playing major roles in developing the curation system at the new BARC after its construction and later doing the same for the Begole Library. She organized, placed, and recorded the locations of all those boxes, files, publications, photographs, and more. Astrid even provided me (by typing it from the original manuscript) a digital copy of Joan Oxendine’s 1970s report of a large excavation at Barrel Springs (now within the OHV park) when I was asked to prepare that long-ago report for publication. She was a nonstop archaeology machine!

After I retired, Astrid provided hospitality to me when I continued to be involved with CDAS. She and Sam made their home, my home. Our friendship extended to trips to noted archaeological sites and even a trip to the Adriatic Sea region. I filled in for Sam when Astrid wanted to attend the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. Another trip — to Italy — was planned when Covid hit us all.

Words cannot say how much I will miss her. May she travel smoothly and happily in the spirit world.

## REMEMBERING ASTRID WEBB

### *From Susan Gilliland*

What can I say about Astrid in one word? **Inspiring.** In the field, in the BARC, and as a person, Astrid was inspiring.

How many times would we be in the field with Astrid on survey and we'd all be searching so carefully and finding nothing. Then Astrid would calmly and quietly reach down and find an amazing artifact. Her eyes were laser sharp and she had an instinct that was literally astounding. She could see, really see. I remember her eyes twinkling as she modestly showed us her find before putting head down again to keep on with the survey.

In the BARC, she knew where you could find anything. When I was a new BARC volunteer, Astrid took me under her wing and showed me how to make sense of the aisles, shelves, boxes, maps, spread sheets, and old accession books so I might have a chance to be a useful CDAS volunteer. I loved and admired her competence and care for all our artifacts and documents. She was always happy there and greeted us with a smile — even when she had to re-explain how to log in to the computer, put together archival boxes, fill out hundreds of artifact tags, or clean out the storage room. She also loved quietly working there alone in the summers.



Carol Black and Astrid waiting for the wind to stop during the restoration of the barn at Campbell Ranch  
Photo by Susan Gilliland

### *From Carol Black*

Seventeen years ago as a newly trained CDAS volunteer, I was with Astrid surveying a horse corral in Cuyamaca State Park. Our assignment was to determine the cultural significance of maintaining the site as a corral or recommending it be relocated based on the abundance of artifacts. My diminutive quiet partner studied the ground, then began placing fluorescent flags, here, there, everywhere. I found nothing...I decided then because she was a lot closer to the ground, was therefore much more observant.

However I later learned that Astrid had what we call “an eye,” a natural sense of “what might be” that translates to knowing just where to look. How I admired her...not for being short, but for her sixth sense. What a tiny, talented lady!



Sam and Astrid, Susan Gilliland and Joan Schneider at Carmelita's restaurant in Borrego  
Photo courtesy of Susan Gilliland

She was also a dear personal friend and a wonderful person. I'll always remember our adventures together: helping catalog collections at IVDM, working at Campbell Ranch, putting together potlucks, and plunging in to the library rehab. She loved the library and supported CDAS in so many ways. She also became a symbol of how to stay productive and healthy while aging. She'd do almost daily water aerobics in the mornings and enjoyed international travel with enthusiasm.

She had a special place to park outside the BARC. No one else would ever park there on Tuesday BARC volunteer days. From now on, whenever I go to the BARC, I'll see that empty parking space and remember dear, dear Astrid and how she inspired us all.



At home in the lab and keeping track of everything  
Photo by Robin Connors

## REMEMBERING ASTRID WEBB



Astrid was known for her impressive trail endurance and her signature water bottle.

Photo by Rick Huls

### **From Rick and Paula Huls:**

#### *“A Walk with Astrid”*

We first met Astrid in 2013 during the Arch Tech Program with Dr. Joan Schneider. We were out for our first field class in the desert. Astrid joined us to assist with our field questions. Much to our surprise, she walked us into the sand! It is one of our first and fondest memories of Astrid! She joined us last season for another field exercise given to us by Hayley. As typical, she walked us into the sand! We finally had to stop her for a water break. She pulled her “water bottle” out of her kit and grinned as we teased her about the “water bottle.” She explained that “it fits perfectly in my bag.” She is still walking with us as we once again wander the desert.

### **From Robin Connors**

Astrid was a dedicated citizen scientist. She was a stalwart supporter of all of our projects, survey, lab and library. A common refrain in the BARC was “let’s check with Astrid.” A great lady who will be dearly missed.

### **From Don Endicott**

Astrid was such a sweet person and always good for a warm smile and big hug. I suspect everyone was her best friend. She certainly made me feel that way whenever we were together in the field or classroom or lab.

### **From Sherry Mitchell**

What I’ll always remember about Astrid is her constant service to CDAS and others. She always recognized me, called me by name, and gave me a welcome greeting at each CDAS meeting or function that I attended, making me feel a part of everything. She seemed always to be by Sam’s side. Astrid was loving, kind, generous, and will be missed by all who knew her.

### **From Eugenie Newton**

I only have an inkling of all the projects Astrid was involved during her many years as a CDAS volunteer. I can only imagine how often we will say, “where do we keep that?” Astrid knew. “Do we have one of those?” Astrid knew. “How do we do that?” Astrid knew.

What is most special to me was Astrid’s warmth, friendliness and welcoming smile. Without fail, Astrid greeted me smiling and said she was glad to see me.

This simple gesture was not just for me, but for everyone. Astrid’s accessibility and warm ability to connect with others easily drew people to her. When I think of Astrid, I see her smiling and I will miss her.

### **From Sally Bickerton**

She was close to so many and made such an impact on us all!

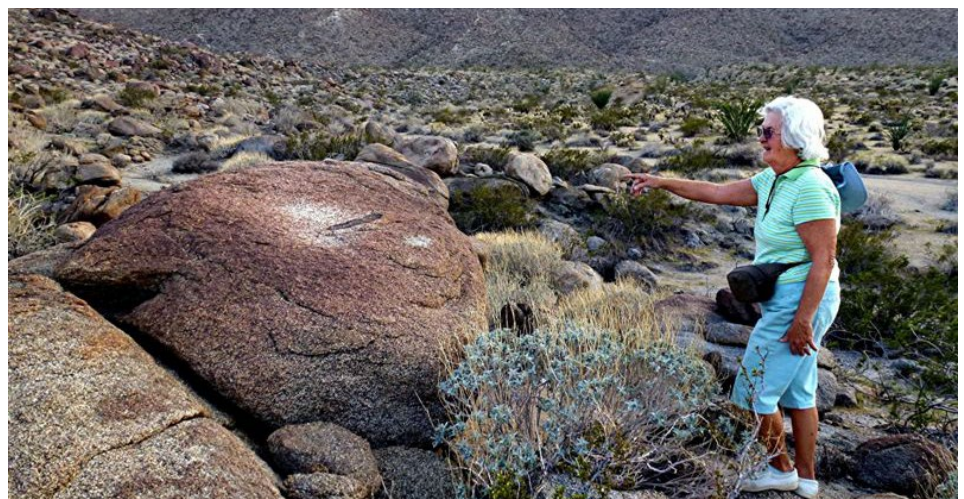
### **From Patty McFarland**

I met Astrid and Sam about 20 years ago in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. We, along with others, were participating in a cultural resources survey with then state parks archaeologist, Sue Wade. Our survey area was not just a flat stroll in the meadow. It included hillsides and rocky terrain; however, that did not stop Astrid. She would periodically disappear to search for new discoveries on her own. This could be disconcerting, but she always reappeared to report about whatever she did or didn’t find. Ever since those first meetings in the field, I always admired Astrid for her boundless energy and her gentle spirit. Such a treasure.

### **From LLouise Jee**

I’m thinking of the archives. Astrid knew where everything was, or things related could be. “Have you looked in this box? There is more in ...” and indeed there was more. Library books, lists and inventories of all descriptions — also how the archives shelving was arranged. OH MY! All of it.

Astrid also went many places — swimming with dolphins in the upper Amazon on her last adventure. Sam said she did all the arranging. He was very surprised with the trip they took to New York City. From what he said, there was not much notice about when they were going!



Always on the lookout, Astrid points out a large milling feature

Photo by Sam Webb

## REMEMBERING ASTRID WEBB



Exploring tide pools at Dana Point on July 27  
Photo by Joan Schneider



LEFT TO RIGHT: Park staffer LuAnn Thompson, Astrid and Hayley at the Visitor Center during Archaeology Weekend in October, 2017  
Photo by Laurie Brindle



LEFT TO RIGHT: Hayley Elsken, Steve Barnes, Astrid, Lisa Pridmore and Randy Redfern. CDAS member Barbara Barnes writes that she took this photo on May 9, 2019 "...during our initial site steward setup at Sheep Canyon and Ocotillo Flats. I remember following Astrid along the trail as she named every plant we saw and how it could be used. A memorable experience." **Barbara Barnes**



Astrid displays a sherd found during a citizen science course taught by Joan Schneider in 2014. Participants did a multi-day survey for developing an initial site record for a location that was eventually named Chuparosa.  
Photo by Don Endicott



For more on Astrid's accomplished life, please see the profile on the Webbs in the May 2019 issue of the CDAS Bulletin on the CDAS website: <https://www.anzaborregoarchaeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Bulletin-May-2019.pdf>

LEFT: Astrid and Sam at the Visitor Center during Archaeology Weekend in October, 2017  
Photo by Laurie Brindle

## CDAS PHOTO GALLERY



CDAS members assisted in the construction of the Kumeyaay Village at the visitor center in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park on August 18 and 19. It was hard physical work that began with harvesting willow branches at the nearby stream to create frames for five e'waa structures (houses). The branches were bent, tied together with twine, and then secured in holes dug by an auger and filled with rocks and dirt.

Bunches of locally harvested bulrush were then tied to the frames. Still planned are a granary that the Kumeyaay used to store acorns, a shade ramada and a boat.

***Dr. Stan Rodriguez, Kumeyaay elder and renowned educator, oversaw the process. He will explain more about the village and Kumeyaay life at the CDAS Kickoff meeting on Oct. 23. Don't miss it!***



CDAS members clockwise from top left: Sally Bickerton, Lance Deibler, Chris Blake, Eugenie Newton, John Case, Dale Harrison and Mary Lou White. Not pictured: Don Endicott.

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