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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Kumeyaay, Cahuilla, Cupeño, and Payómkawichum/Luiseño are the Original peoples of the Anza-Borrogo 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 Archaeology 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.

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NOTES FROM THE PARK

Hayley Elskén

Associate State Archaeologist and CDD Tribal Liaison

The desert is in full bloom! We have been graced with pops of color throughout the park, including right outside the BARC with red chuparosa, pink beavertail cactuses, purple phacelia and yellow desert dandelions. And this is just what I can see from my desk! February and March were active months for the park. Robin finished the Arch Tech class bringing new blood to the archaeology technician volunteers. Several graduates have already assisted with surveys in the park.



Cactus blooming in archaeology garden

Cold weather in Palomar Mountain meant it was time to prune the historic apple trees. Interpreter Will Meyst, Environmental Scientist Shannon McNeil, Environmental Scientist Intern Jill Peterson and I spent a day pruning at Palomar. We used the knowledge we gained in a Historic Orchard

Training class to prune the historic trees, focusing on getting rid of the diseased, damaged and dead branches as well as shaping the tree.

Andie has continued to survey in Anza Borrogo Desert State Park. She has almost completed surveying the Hawi-Vallecito Cultural Preserve on the south side of S-2, as well as recording sites in areas like Pinyon Wash, Harper Canyon and Carrizo Gorge. There are opportunities to join

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CALENDAR

COVID UPDATE
The mask mandate has been lifted.

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

LIBRARY
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
(Call to confirm library is open.)

CDAS ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS
Third Thursday of the Month:
3 p.m.
Virtual, via Zoom
Final meeting of the season will be 4/18

Events

Imperial Valley Desert Museum Tour
Saturday, April 6

NOTES FROM THE PARK--CONTINUED

her listed on Better Impact under the Archaeology Site Record Completion Surveys. These surveys are open to all Archaeology Technicians, so sign up or email Andie with questions at andrea.robinson@parks.ca.gov.

I assisted teaching a Resource Advisor for fires class at the La Jolla Band's Reservation in February. The class was made up of about half agency folk from State Parks, County Parks and Forest Service and half tribal members. The class was a great example of how agencies and tribes are stronger working together to protect cultural resources.



Historic apple tree, before pruning(left) and after pruning (right)

FROM THE FIELD



GEOLOGY PLUS ARCHAEOLOGY

A flake fell off this house-sized boulder thousands of years ago. Afterwards, Native Californians used it for milling food and in fiber preparation.

—Scott McClintock

To By-Law or NOT to By-Law!

That is a question. Let me know your thoughts!

We are all aware that CDAS has been using an advisory group format as our volunteer leadership group since January, 2022. It began as an experiment and was a departure from the Steering Committee format.

We recognized that the Steering Committee just wasn't working. So, members agreed to explore another idea for a year and suspend the by-law sections about the Steering Committee. That's what we did in 2023.

The year has come and gone. We have decided that we like the Advisory Group format and want to keep it. That means we need to bring our organizing document, the CDAS by-laws, into line with what we are actually doing.

At the same time, more members started asking new questions. *Do we have to have by-laws? Why? Maybe we don't want by-laws anymore. By-laws feel too formal and procedural. Maybe by-laws aren't who CDAS is now. Then what?*

Bylaws are the traditional way for an organization to set itself up and CDAS has had by-laws for a very long time. As an organizing tool they help us know, from one generation of CDAS volunteers to the next, what our purpose and priorities, standards, qualifications for membership and our core leadership format are.

Is CDAS required to have by-laws? No. Neither the Park, who is our supervising organization, or ABF, who partners with the Park and handles our finances, requires us to have by-laws. It is our choice.

While some members indicate a sentiment to not have bylaws, there also seems to be agreement that it would be a good, maybe necessary, idea to have an 'organizing something'!!

In the process of drafting updated by-laws in the last few weeks, one advisory group member suggested that CDAS step away from having by-laws and create a 'Guiding Principles' document instead. The idea is that it would have less legalese and be more understandable and relatable for members. It could/would state our purpose, membership standards/requirements for Site Stewards and Archaeology Technicians, organizational structure, and other key, relevant things. It would be written in a way that reflects more of who CDAS is now and not who we were when the by-laws were originally drafted.

Pam Wiedenkiller has offered to take the lead for this. She will create a small group to meet, discuss and draft the document in the next couple of months. A draft would be reviewed by the advisory group and voted on by the membership in September.

So, what do you think about this idea? Does it resonate with you or not? Do you have a suggestion? Do you have questions?

Please contact me! My phone is 858-395-0853 and my email is evnewton8@gmail.com.

We would love to have as much member input as possible. I really hope to hear from you.

—Eugenie Newton

**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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CDAS Advisory Group

The CDAS Advisory Group meets once a month during the season. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month from 3 to 4 p. m. They are held via Zoom and are open to all members. If you have any comments or suggestions and cannot attend a meeting, please contact:

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**FROM THE ADVISORY GROUP
COORDINATOR**

**Pam Wiedenkeller
Advisory Group Coordinator**



As I write this, I know some of you will be heading to your summer homes soon. This season has been a whirlwind and seems to have gone by very quickly. It is my second year as the Coordinator and I would like to encourage

anyone who is interested in taking over next year to contact me.

The job has been made much easier with the addition of Eugenie Newton as our Facilitator.

Our last Membership meeting of the season is in April. We'll take the summer off and restart again in September. I wish you all a wonderful time this summer.

— Pam



Pam Wiedenkeller and Eugenie Newton at CDAS table at Ocotillo Blooms (see story on page 10)

CDAS POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

We have finished the delivery of the new CDAS polo shirts (Thank you, Scott, Kathy and Neil!) and we have a small inventory of shirts left. There are three men's medium, four large and two extra-large; six women's medium and two extra-large available.

Shirts are being kept at the BARC and cost \$25.00.

— Eugenie Newton

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING CDAS VOLUNTEERS

As the 2023/2024 desert season comes to a close, it's time to honor and thank all the dedicated CDAS volunteers who have donated countless hours documenting, protecting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Colorado Desert

District. Without their hard work and commitment to honoring the lands and those who came before us, much would be lost.

On March 23, more than 30 CDAS members gathered at Borrego home of Paula and Rick Huls for a spring potluck

to socialize with friends and colleagues, reflect on the season and to look ahead. It was also an occasion to acknowledge the exceptional accomplishments of the CDAS members who are featured on the following pages.

Congratulations to all!



Pam Wiedenkeller with her award at the CDAS Potluck gathering on March 23

The Above & Beyond Award PAM WIEDENKELLER

The Above and Beyond Award was created by CDAS volunteers as special recognition to honor “one of our own” for noteworthy contributions to the Park and CDAS.

This year’s awardee is Pam Wiedenkeller. Pam served as the first Advisory Group Coordinator as well as starting the new Arch Tech coordinator position. Under Pam’s leadership the USGS/USDA survey projects were completed and on time. (See the Arch Tech column on page 11). Pam has worked to keep CDAS moving forward with new meeting ideas and really helped CDAS flourish.

In Hayley’s words, “Pam has indeed gone above and beyond with her commitments to CDAS. She has done an exceptional job in multiple roles that used to be done by a whole team of people.

“Her organization of meetings with a concise and informative format has brought more member participation than ever before.

“She helps keep essential information flowing — and I can say has taken on an immense amount off my plate. I also appreciate Pam’s creation of instructions for systems that CDAS uses to bring consistency and confidence to CDAS members.

“Pam not only wows me with all the amazing work she does but has impressed and astounded her peers. I am so happy that Pam received this recognition from her CDAS colleagues for the Above & Beyond Award!”

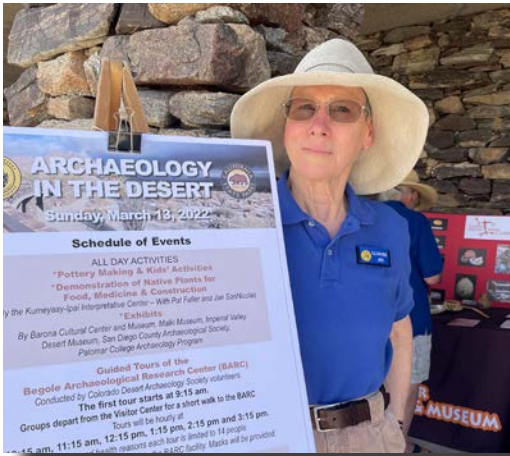


Photo by Pat Downing



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CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING CDAS VOLUNTEERS



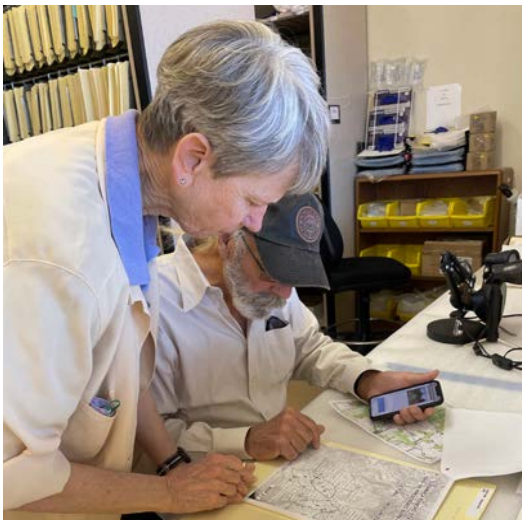
LLouise at 2022 Archaeology Day

The Archy Award LLOUISE JEE

This year's Archy Award was presented to someone who has given invaluable support and guidance to the CDD Archaeology Program.

In Hayley's words, "I am honored to give the Archy Award to LLouise Jee this year. Since LLouise retired from state park service in 2017, she has been a dedicated volunteer in the Archaeology Program. She took the Arch Tech Class with Robin and myself in 2019, as well as becoming a site steward. But where LLouise really shines is in the lab. She has digitized and organized countless site records, and spent hours sorting through the GIS data to make it more useable for all users. She is also always willing to read a book and share what can be learned from the text. And I don't know that any of the brochures, flyers, etc. would get printed at the BARC without her assistance. LLouise served a term on the steering committee acting as secretary during part of her term, and is always on hand at Archaeology Day."

Congratulations and a big thank you to LLouise!



LLouise and John Case review a topo map in the BARC lab. Photos by Laurie Brindle



The Rising Star Award BRENDA WILLS

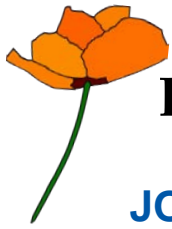
The Rising Star award was created this year by Hayley to recognize newer CDAS members who "come into the program and immerse themselves in all aspects of the work."

This award recognizes those who have volunteered for less than five years, but it seems like much longer. This year's Rising Star award goes to Brenda Wills. She is actively involved as both an arch tech and site steward. Brenda is also an active member of the CDAS Advisory Council, serving as Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations, Brenda!



Photo courtesy of Pam Wiedenkiller

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING CDAS VOLUNTEERS

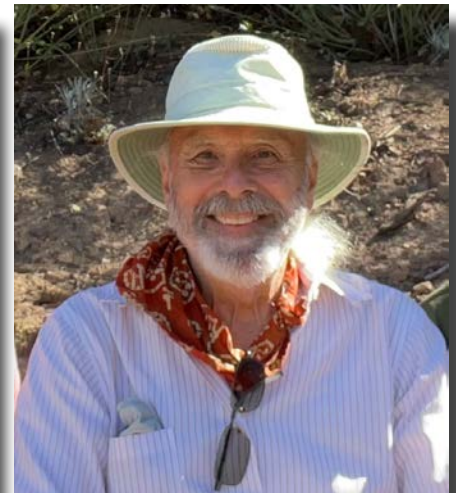


The California State Park Poppy Awards for Exemplary Volunteer Service



JOHN BICKERTON • SALLY BICKERTON • JOHN CASE

This year, three CDAS members received the prestigious California Poppy Award from California State Parks for their longterm stewardships of sites in the Colorado Desert District. Congratulations!



Sally and John Bickerton trained to become site stewards in February 2011. They took on two significant archaeological areas in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. One of the sites they stewarded had been the victim of looting, and they assisted with the screening and restoration at the site.

Photos by Laurie Brindle

John Case has faithfully stewarded sites in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park since 2013 and also stewards the Clark Lake Petroglyph site in Anza-Borrego .

Photo courtesy of John Case

Volunteer Hour Milestone Achievement Awards

• **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION** were awarded to those members whose accumulated hours exceeded 2,000. The certificate reads: "Thank you for your tireless efforts, your dedication to our mission and your significant contributions to the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society." The honorees are:

Don Endicott — 3,687 hours
Llouise Jee — 3,182 hours
Lisa Pridmore — 3,092 hours
John Downing — 2,634 hours

Rick Huls — 2,585 hours
Susan Gilliland — 2,315 hours
Pat Downing — 2,334 hours
Paula Huls — 2,277 hours



• **STATE PARK PINS** were presented to members whose accumulated volunteer hours exceeded the threshold of 100, 250, 500, 1000, 1500 hours. Please see page 8 for a complete list.



VOLUNTEER HOUR MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



State Park pins were presented to members whose accumulated volunteer hours exceeded the threshold of 100, 250, 500, 1000, 1500 hours.

100 Hours

Barbara Barnes, Chris Blake, Lois Carlson, Mike Downs, Denise DuBreuil, Mary Duffy, Sue Hagen, Theresa Harrison, Jolie Matteis, Chris Maust, Linda Mercurio, Joanne Odenthal, Thomas Teske, Fran Wade, Brenda Wills

250 Hours

Jim Bryant, Mandie Carter, Liz Flint, Mike Hurley, Laurie Mauser

500 Hours

John Bickerton, Sally Bickerton, Scott McClintock, Patricia McFarland, Sherry Mitchell, Pam Wiedenkeller

1000 Hours

Laurie Brindle, Eugenie Newton, Mary Lou White

1500 Hours

John Case, Lance Deibler, Randy Redfern

POTLUCK/AWARDS PHOTO GALLERY

-photos by Barbara Barnes



Pat Downing, Eugenie Newton, Mary Duffy, and Karla Bondy



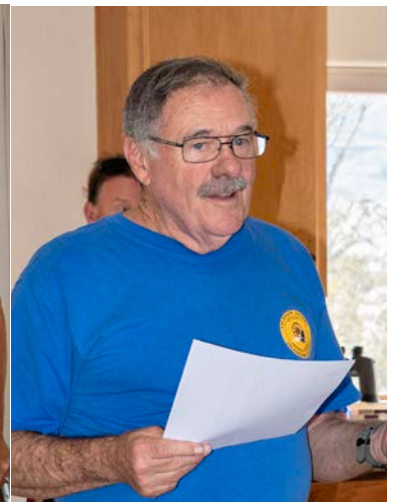
Andrea Robinson, Chuck Bennett, and Susan Gilliland



Mike Trueman, Robin and Dennis Connors and Pam Wiedenkiller



Paula Hulls and Margaret Lindgren



John Downing



Ruth Albee, Fran Wade, and Mandie Carter



Paula and Rick Huls and Mary Bennett

A Big THANK YOU to Paula and Rick Huls for generously hosting this event at their lovely Borrego home!

MORE WINTER/SPRING EVENTS

Ocotillo Blooms!

The Imperial Valley Museum annually hosts their *Ocotillo Blooms* celebration in the spring with hikes, displays, presentations and arts and crafts. This year it was held on March 16 and CDAS supported the museum with a display highlighting how to visit an archaeological site.

Pam Wiedenkiller, Patty McFarland, Fran Wade and Eugenie Newton took turns through the day greeting visitors and sharing about the 'outdoor museum' of the cultural resource rich Colorado Desert.



PHOTO BY ANGENISA LUIV

Fran Wade and Patty McFarland at Ocotillo Blooms celebration

— Eugenie Newton

CDAS SITE STEWARDS AT SOCIETY FOR CALIFORNIA



SITE STEWARDSHIP AT ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

Howard O. Clark, Jr., Colorado Desert Archaeology Society
Sue Hagen, California State University, San Bernardino | Colorado Desert Archaeology Society



Hellhole Canyon



Land Acknowledgement

The Kumeyaay, Cahuilla, Cupeno, and Piyutemashum/Lisafno are the Original peoples of the Anza Borrego Desert, Palomar Mountains and Colorado Desert area parks. These traditional homelands are the Colorado Desert (Chamagogen) with their heritage and cultural tradition. The Colorado Desert Archaeology 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.

Archaeological site stewards for the California State Parks Colorado Desert District are a group of dedicated volunteers with a passion for resource conservation and preservation. Two or more times per year, these volunteers visit their assigned archaeological sites to assess the condition and record their findings. Many of these places are not publicly known as archaeological sites, but visitors exploring the parks may come across them inadvertently and disturb or damage cultural resources. Archaeological site stewards help minimize this disturbance by cleaning up evidence of current use of the site, including fire pits/rings. As archaeological site stewards in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the authors have had the opportunity to steward two sites: Mine Wash and Hellhole Canyon. As an interpreted site, Mine Wash is located on maps as a village site, and an interpretive sign tells visitors about the features they will find there, such as many bedrock milling areas. Hellhole Canyon is near a well-traveled trail, but the locations of the archaeological sites in the area are not shared with the general public. Here we present our site stewardship activities to compare impacts and challenges of stewarding these two distinct sites.



Mine Wash



Acknowledgements

Many thanks to Chris and Beth Patten, Hejley Etkens, and Pat Downing for their support in the Stewardship Program.

Sue Hagen and Howard Clark, Hellhole Canyon stewards and previous Mine Wash stewards presented this poster at the Annual Meeting of the Society for California Archaeology.

ARCH TECH UPDATE



Lance Deibler and new Arch Tech David Bavencoff



Brenda Wills and new Arch Tech Ruth Albee checking out a rock with feature near the wind turbines



Lisa Pridmore and Randy Redfern

The USDA Project started on October 11th and was completed on March 3rd after five long months! Yes, I am still celebrating!

We started with 241 points. Thirty-five were taken off the list for being too steep or having some other complication. Four did not get done due to running out of time or crazy weather (these will be monitored). In the end, 202 fifty-meter squares in the west/southwest area of the park were surveyed. Thirty-four were found to have cultural resources, with most of them being prehistoric. One hundred sixty-eight were negative, which means it was just a nice walk in the Park that day.

To get this job done 22 Arch Techs, 2 newly trained Arch Techs and 3 Archaeologists came together in teams. Each team member had a job – notes, photos, Avenza points, compass and north arrow. Every map area surveyed had between 6-8 points. Each outing resulted in a survey report, photo record, photographs and Avenza layers. Cultural resources found during the surveys were documented and will be revisited to complete what is needed for a primary record. While most surveys were one day/one team events, we did manage to fit in a campout at Blair Valley with 3 teams going out 2 days, and a wild weather finale down near Dos Cabezas with 3 teams.

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all, especially the volunteers who couldn't stop saying yes. Thanks to John Case, Lance Deibler, Paula Huls and Rick Huls who completed 45 or more; Mary Lou White, Eugenie Newton, Andie Robinson and Robin Connors who completed between 30-44; Lisa Pridmore, Randy Redfern, Heidi Rodarmer and Brenda Wills who completed between 20-29; and Mary Duffy, Fran Wade and Hayley Elsken who completed between 18-19.

I also want to thank those who rounded out the teams: Chris Blake, Cole Metzger, David Bavencoff, Don Encott, Eli Vasquez, Lois Carlson, MJ Lewis, Mohamad Yassin, Ruth Albee and Susan Gilliland. Thank you, all!

— Pam Wiedenkiller
Arch Tech Coordinator



This guy interrupted the last day of surveying for one set of new Arch Techs in We-Nelsch near Scissors Crossing.



Grand Finale

Editor's note: How many of those survey teams included Pam? The answer is 127! Thank you, Pam, for your leadership and perseverance.

SITE STEWARDS



PHOTO BY DON ENDICOTT

As the desert heats up and the season winds to an end, it's a good time to reflect on all we have accomplished. In 2023, Site Stewards made 102 site visits! We counted 66 active stewards, and we've now added 18 more with the January training class. Hats off to Brenda Wills and Eli Vasquez for making the most site visits, with Lance Deibler and John Case a close second.

The Site Steward program could not function without mentors to do the site setups for the new steward trainees. The mentors for this new class are Sally and John Bickerton, Don Endicott, John Downing, Patty McFarland, Scott McClintock, Sherry Mitchell, Adam and JC Niesley, and Eugenia Newton. John Downing gets the applause for the most set-ups at five.

Don Endicott, mentor and new stewards Ken Schupp and Bud Phillips on their site set up

My thanks to each and every Site Steward for their time and dedication to preserving the cultural resources in our parks.

—Pat Downing



PHOTO BY SHERRY MITCHELL

Mary Duffy and Fran Wade setting up their new site



PHOTO BY PAT DOWNING

John Downing discussing agave as a food source with new stewards Tom and Mary Bennett



PHOTO BY JOHN DOWNING

Ray and Marci Trussell with Pat on their setup



PHOTO BY JOHN DOWNING

Laurie Publicover and Chris Blake clean up an illegal firepit at Mine Wash



PHOTO BY MJ LEWIS

MJ Lewis and Linda Rasmussen encountered a rattlesnake with their mentor Adam Neisley

MEMBER PROFILE: *ROBIN CONNORS*



PHOTO BY JOHN CASE

Hayley Elsken and Robin at Ikh Nart Nature Reserve, sister park to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, in Mongolia

Robin Connors has led a life filled with adventure. She is an example of chasing dreams and capturing them. Robin was born and raised primarily in the Bay Area. As a young girl, her family moved to Hawaii. Her father wanted to acculturate the children to their Hawaiian heritage. Once there, Robin noticed the old lava rock platforms and walls in the deep green forests. She fell in love with the old ways the people lived, worked, and raised children, and wanted to learn more about their spiritual practices and relationship with death.

Robin's interest in science and medicine led her to train as a medical assistant and work in a clinical laboratory for ten years. Eventually, Robin taught medical assisting. Once her children were grown and gone from the house, she knew it was time to pursue her original plan to become an archaeologist. Her B.A. in Integrative Studies paved the way for an M. A. in Anthropology/Archaeology at San Jose State University and the University of Hawaii on Oahu. She completed fieldwork at Manoa on the Big Island.

Her thesis was on shellfish, status, and gender on the Kohala Coast of Hawaii Island. When asked how

these are related, Robin explained, "Men and women ate separately. They also had their own men's houses and women's houses. Men's houses tended to be higher up on the hill." Robin could tell "who was eating what by identifying the shellfish remains and quantifying the minimum number of individuals to see how much, what kind, and who preferred one over the other."

Following graduation, Robin was hired by the National Park Service to examine the lava rock platforms and ancient farming systems, walls, and seaside villages at Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai. When that job ended, Robin returned to California and her park roots. Robin recalled, "As a parkie family, camping, fishing, and playing at state parks with my parents and siblings, I loved park life. My brother even went on to become the Director of State Parks and Recreation for the State of California."



PHOTO COURTESY ROBIN CONNORS

Robin inside ger (yurt), during one of her visits to Mongolia

Robin jumped at the chance to serve the parks when the opportunity arose. She applied and received the job of Associate State Archaeologist for ABDSP. "Shortly after I arrived at my office, I was greeted by none other than Carol Black, who introduced me to CDAS and all the great volunteers: Chuck and Mary Bennett, Sam and Astrid Webb, Lisa Pridmore, Randy Redfern, and many more. Carol said, "We're standing by."

Now, following retirement, Robin volunteers for Hayley and CDAS whenever help is needed.



PHOTO BY ROBIN CONNORS

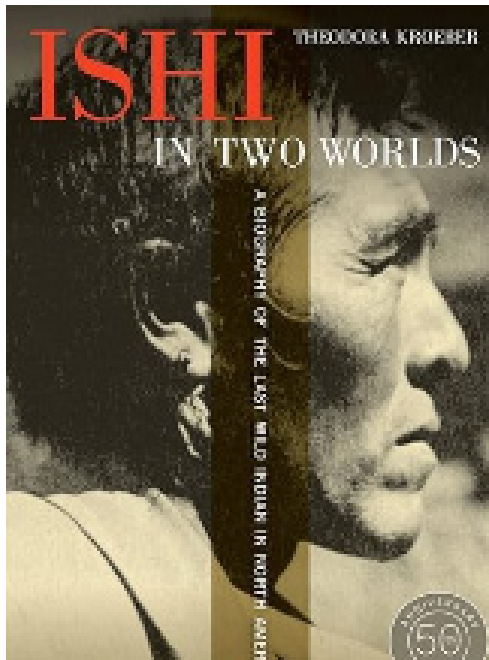
Hayley Elsken, Rick and Paula Huls, Robin, Lisa Pridmore, Randy Redfern at Akabau Flat in the Fish Creek area

—by Theresa Harrison

BOOK REVIEW

Ishi in Two Worlds by Theodora Kroeber

First edition published in 1961, 50th Anniversary published in 2011



Ethnography is a big deal in our business. We all grope for it every time we visit our sites, wondering why they did this, or how did they do that, or what does this pictograph mean?

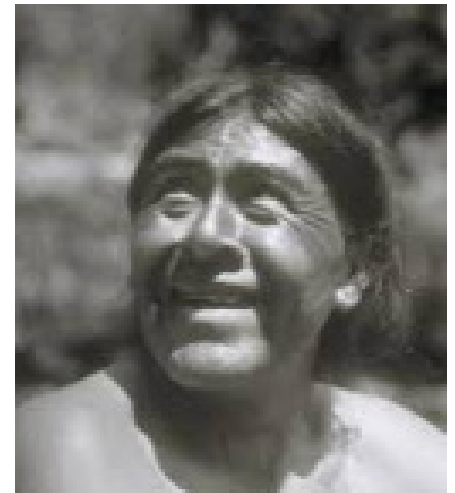
When Ishi, “the last wild Indian in North America” came walking, starving, out of Northern California’s Lassen Forest in 1911, he became one of the greatest ethnographic treasures ever experienced in California anthropology and archaeology.

Generations after all other Native Americans had been killed off, missionized or moved to reservations, Ishi’s tribe, hidden in the foothills of Mount Lassen, was obliterated in brutal warfare with local ranchers. Ishi survived, but after several years of hiding alone while his food sources dwindled, walked into civilization, expecting to be killed by his long-time pursuers.

But instead of that awful fate, he was adopted, housed, employed and warmly befriended by the University of California. While learning English, he provided first-hand answers to thousands of those ethnographic questions.

The first half of the book colorfully describes the depletion of the Lassen-area tribes, and Ishi’s survival and evasion techniques. The second half follows Ishi’s Americanization, as a stone-age man is introduced to the 20th Century. Most surprising and entertaining is Ishi’s engaging personality as described by Kroeber:

Ishi’s human appeal seems to have been a universal one, his history more interesting and bizarre in the face of his friendliness and a characteristic quiet elan.



My only qualm with this book is that it is written in the academic, quasi-Victorian language of the early-1900s, and it requires a bit more energy to absorb. But the subject matter, the ethnology, is enthralling and more than makes up for that.

— Reviewed by Scott McClintock

SPRINGTIME ARCHAEOLOGY: *OUT AND ABOUT*

Several organizations offer programs that may be of interest to CDAS members--two of those upcoming events are listed below. If you know of other programs that CDAS members may enjoy, we would love to share the information in future bulletins--please send us the details!

Agave Roast: Native Food Tasting Event
Saturday, April 13, 11 am to 3pm
Malki Museum
<http://malkimuseum.org>

Evening with an Expert: Dr. Matthew T. Herbst
Saturday, April 20, 6 to 9pm
Sponsored by Imperial Valley Desert Museum
<https://www.ivdesertmuseum.org/events/news>

Living Room Lecture: A Field Guide to Archaeological Oddities, Frauds, and Mysteries
Thursday, May 16, 6 pm (Online on Zoom)
Sponsored by San Diego Archaeological Center
<https://sandiegoarchaeology.org/pseudoscience/>

Here are some additional websites to check throughout the upcoming months:

CALIFORNIA ROCK ART FOUNDATION
<https://www.carockart.org>

BARONA CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM
<https://www.baronamuseum.com>

SOCIETY FOR CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY
<https://scahome.org>

SAN DIEGO ROCK ART ASSOCIATION
<https://www.sandiegorockart.org>



The poster for the Agave Roast event features a decorative border with agave plants. At the top, it says "At Malki Museum" in a cursive font. The main title "Agave Roast" is in large, stylized green and orange letters. Below that, it says "Native Food Tasting Event" and "Saturday, April 13, 2024" in orange script. The time "11am-3pm" and location "Malki Museum, 11-795 Malki Rd. Banning CA 92220" are listed. A paragraph describes the event: "The agave roast event allows visitors to taste agave and other native foods. Community information booths. Great for families and food lovers! Free and open to the public. Lunch served at noon - \$15 donation suggested per plate". At the bottom, there is a circular logo for "Celebrating 60 Years 1963-2023 Malki Museum, Inc." and text about a "Dedication of Memorial Bench in the Temalpakh Garden in honor of Katherine Siva Saubel @ 2pm". Contact information is provided at the very bottom: "For More Information Visit Us At www.malkimuseum.org 951-849-7289 / malkimuseummail@gmail.com".



ABOVE: “Native Palm Oasis, (*Washingtonia filifera*)”
won first place in the “Plants of ABDSP” category.

Photo courtesy of Chris Maust

CDAS Site Steward sweeps annual photo contest

Chris Maust earned six awards that included FOUR blue ribbons

Every year, photographers are invited to enter their best photos in the prestigious contest that highlights “the unique and natural beauty of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®.” You could say that Chris Maust overdelivered.

Out of the hundreds of entries, Chris earned four first place awards, one third place and an honorable mention. It is a stunning achievement.

Place-winning photos were exhibited at the Borrego Art Institute in February. Judged by photography professionals, the contest was sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Foundation and the ABDSP.

Congratulations, Chris!

RIGHT” Chris at the opening of the 2024 Anza-Borrego Desert Photo contest at the Borrego Art Institute on February 3.

Photo by Laurie Brindle



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Happy Spring and Summer to you all!