Calendar

May 12-18  Archaeology Week 1996
“Layers of Time”

May 18-19 (9:00 am to dusk)
8th Annual San Diego American Indian
Cultural Days
Corner of Park Blvd. and Presidents Way in
Balboa Park

May 25-27 American Rock Art Assoc.
Annual Conference El Paso, Texas
contact Bill Hyder at bill@zzyx.ucsc.edu

May 28 (3:00 to 6:30 p.m.)
Historical Resources Forum
Rancho Los Peñasquitos Adobe
Topic: “The San Dieguito Complex and Its
Place in California Prehistory”

May 28 (7:30 p.m.) Fourth Tuesday
Monthly Meeting
Mystery Speaker

June 15-16 (10:00 am to 4:30 p.m.)
13th Annual Indian Fair
San Diego Museum of Man

June 25 (7:30) Fourth Tuesday
Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Julia Bendimez Patterson
“Baja Archaeology: Past and Future”

President's Message

Archaeology Week is coming soon. It is coming
the week of May 12-18. Don't forget the exciting
events planned on the 18th at Rancho Peñasquitos.
Read more about it elsewhere in this issue. The
new security system is in place for the County
building where we hold our monthly lecture and
meeting. You will need to enter the parking lot
from Ruffin Court. Try to be on time as there will
have to be someone there to let you into the parking
lot, through the new security gate. By the time you
get this we will have attended the Eco-Fair. I hope
you had the opportunity to join us. I will report the
results in a future newsletter or at one of our
meetings.

Recently, I attended two conferences. The Society
for California Archeology's Annual Meeting this
year was held in Bakersfield. It was held at the Red
Lion Inn. It was well organized and there were
presentations given in a variety of symposiums
covering many different aspects of our profession.

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Editor's Message

Well, here it is another newsletter already and I am still looking for things to put in it. Please give me a call or send me a note and give me your input! Here is your chance to get your name in print. We need updates on site excavations, archaeological studies, book reviews, or other news items that you think may be noteworthy. I’ll take articles from other sources as long as you include the source. I also still need your favorite anecdotes, comics, stories, etc. for use in future newsletters. You can send them to me at the following address:

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I would also like to apologize for leaving the registration form out of the last newsletter. As I said last month, it was kind of a last minute thing and I know I made some mistakes. I appreciate your patience and hopefully we’ll get the bugs worked out of this before too long.

Thank You

California Archaeology Week - Layers of Time
(May 12-18, 1996)

California Archaeology Week is sponsored by the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) to increase public awareness of the field of archaeology, to promote the understanding of our cultural heritage, and to increase public sensitivity for the need to protect and preserve historic and prehistoric sites in California.

Rancho Los Peñasquitos
(May 18)

A day of activities and tours at the Johnson-Taylor adobe at the Los Peñasquitos Canyon County Park. A flint knapping demonstration starts at 10:00 am. Tours of the ranch house will be conducted at 11:00 am and 1:00 p.m., and there is an archaeology lecture at noon. At 2:00 p.m. the Rancho Los Peñasquitos Equestrian Center will present a tour of the Mohnike ranch. After the tour, the Center will demonstrate horse-drawn farm equipment featuring the Ranch’s beautiful Belgian Draft horses. Contacts: Herb Dallas (619-220-5319), Steve Bouscaren (619-230-2609), or Pam Lynn (619-271-1120).

City Administration Building Lobby
(May 12-24)

Exhibit of Archaeological Projects in San Diego, sponsored by the City of San Diego and the Historic Site Board. Many CRM companies will participate. Findings from the City’s Mid-City Historic Resources Inventory will be displayed. The City Administration Building is located at 202 ‘C’ Street. Contact: Myra Herrmann (619-236-6827).

Agua Caliente Regional Park
(May 18)

San Diego County Parks contain many historic sites and interpretive displays. Special exhibits will be features along with programs about the archaeology of the Colorado Desert. Hands-on activities for children and adults as well as field trips to the recently restored Vallecitos Stage Station and nearby sites. Contact: Cathy Chambers (619-565-3600).

Stein Farm Elementary School
(May 18)

The school’s Archaeology Project will be open for tours from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Visitors can see the excavation program designed for National City elementary school children and talk to its director. Other archaeological displays and educational programs assembled by interested teachers and local archaeologists will also be presented in many of the National City School District 4th and 6th grades during the week of May 12-18. Contacts: Susan Decker (619-674-2973), Sue Wade (619-789-8509), or Susan Walter (619-426-5109).

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society Museum
(May 18)

Materials from the Dr. James R. Moriarty collection will be on display. The museum also houses Native American artifacts and historical artifacts from the area. Contact: Sue Wade (619-789-8509).

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Museum of Man
(May 13)
“Tales from the Piedras Pintadas Project—Public Interpretation of San Diego County Native American Rock Art” a special 12:00 Scholar Program, will be presented. The Museum is open daily during the week from 10:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Museum exhibits include the Kumeyaay Hall exhibits of local Indian culture, ancient Egypt, and a new photo exhibit “Terra Maya, Landscape and Environment in Maya Culture.”
Contact: Susan Bernstein (619-239-2001).

The Presidio
(May 12-18)
The Presidio excavation, a collaboration of the Center for Spanish Colonial Studies and the San Diego Historical Society, will be open to the public. Exciting 18th century remains have been uncovered at the site of Presidio Commandant, Jose de Zuniga’s residence. Visitors can view remains of the central living chamber, outside cooking area, tiled floors, entry way, and built in adobe bench and water platform. The adjacent Serra Museum will exhibit additional artifacts and site information. Contact: Jack Williams or Nancy Jordan (619-232-6203).

Old Town San Diego
(May 14-20)
The San Diego State University Anthropology Club will display historic archaeology materials at the California State Park Visitors Center at the Robinson-Rose building. Across Juan Street from the Visitors Center, another special display of local archaeology will be presented in the lobby of the Caltrans district office.
Contact: Marty Rosen (619-688-6751).

Historical Resources Forum
The newly created “Historical Resources Forum” is an outgrowth of the monthly “Brown Bag” meeting. The May meeting of this new group will be at the Rancho Los Peñasquitos Adobe on Tuesday May 28 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. The topic for this meeting is “The San Dieguito Complex and Its Place in California Prehistory.” Dennis Gallegos has agreed to present his data on the San Dieguito, which suggests that San Dieguito/La Jolla represent a continuity of cultural development within a single cultural tradition. Anna Noah will present the traditional Claude Warren interpretation of the San Dieguito and La Jolla as separate archaeological complexes. Andy Pigniolo will discuss a third point-of-view, which deals with our ability to even address the issue of “people in prehistory.” Marty Rosen will moderate the meeting.

President’s Message
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There were sessions on Historic Archeology, Ethnography, Remote Sensing, Cultural Landscapes, Interactive Archaeology, and on Desert Archeology. The highlight was the keynote speaker for the banquet: Lewis Binford. He is truly an icon from our profession. His talk was inspiring and interesting. He talked at length on Theory, Research, and where this profession is going. What was truly interesting was that he had no notes and yet his talk was very theoretical, although he did know his topic very well. If you have the opportunity you should attend a meeting some time. In two years it will be in San Diego.

The Society for American Archaeology was held this year in New Orleans. New Orleans is a fascinating place to visit. There is a lot of history. While I was there I took time to visit several sugar plantations. It was interesting to me that they were all privately owned and the owners allowed tours to come through the buildings. None of the plantations are owned or operated by the state or federal government. I stayed in the Historic French Quarter. That was very convenient to visit museums and the shops nearby. The meetings also had a wide variety of sessions. Many of the sessions even went on through the evening. I attended a Theory session one evening and was surprised to find the small room full. There were not a lot of truly inspiring talks and the plenary session was fairly dull. However, there was probably one talk on every subject imaginable. Of course one of the fun things about visiting New Orleans is the unique Cajun and Creole foods. We had fun sampling them.

We look forward in seeing you at one of the upcoming events! Next issue look for details on the Resource Protection Ordinance issue that went to the Board of Supervisors at press time.

Herb Dallas