Calendar

July 9 (7 p.m.) Museum of Man, Gill Auditorium
Speaker: W. Benson Harer Jr.
“The Mummy in the Drawing Room”
See announcement under Members’ News Corner

July 9-11 – University of San Diego
The Sixth Chinese American Conference
See announcement under Members’ News Corner (pg. 6)

July 17 (7 p.m.) Los Peñasquitos Ranch House
SDCAS Summer Evening in the Park
Speaker: Dennis Gallegos
“Ancient Otay Mesa: San Diego’s Earliest Inhabitants”

July 20 (Noon) San Diego Archaeological Center
Historical Resources Forum
Speaker: Susan Hector
Management of Cultural Resources within the MSCP

July 27 (7 p.m.) Fourth Tuesday
Monthly SDCAS Meeting
Brian F. Smith & Associates
Archaeological Investigations at 4-S Ranch

July 28 – Aug. 1 (10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Museum of Man
Rafaela Godinez, a renowned Guatemalan weaver and teacher will appear at the San Diego Museum of Man for a special exhibition, demonstration, and sale.
See announcement under Members’ News Corner

August 14 (10 a.m.) SDCAS Field Trip
The Archaeology of the Hual-Cu-Cuish Boy Scout Camp
Led by Dr. Lynn Gamble
See announcement under Members’ News Corner (pg. 6)

August 17 (Noon) San Diego Archaeological Center
Historical Resources Forum
Speaker: Charlie Bull
Changes to the California Environmental Quality Act

August 21 (7 p.m.) Los Peñasquitos Ranch House
SDCAS Summer Evening in the Park
Speaker: Dominic Calarco
"The Presidio Preservation Project”

August 24 (7 p.m.) Fourth Tuesday
Monthly SDCAS Meeting
Speaker: Carol Demcak
Stone Beads in Orange County

President’s Message

We are moving into summer and some major changes are upon us. Negotiations continue with regard to moving our monthly meetings to Mission Trails Park facility. I recently met with the park administration and am in the process of preparing a proposal. The Center is located on Mission Gorge Road approximately 3.5 miles from the Friars Road exit of I-15 and 2.5 miles from the Mast Boulevard exits of SR-52. I found the SR-52 route easier, but either direction is quick and relatively painless. If you haven’t already, please visit the Center and the park. Both are impressive, instructive, and well maintained. If things work out, we would like to make the move sometime this fall.

There is typically a cost associated with the use of the facility to offset staff and security requirements. However, it is likely that the (Continued on Page 7)
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The SDCAS Office is at the Peñasquitos Ranch House, west of Black Mountain Road and Canyonside Community Park.
Editor’s Message

The summer field season is upon us. I know I have my hands full with fieldwork and reports, and I’m sure many of you are in this same situation, but I would like to ask all of you, professionals and advocationalists alike, to remember the SDCAS Newsletter when you’re busy working or “playing” this summer. Maybe you could take a few minutes to jot down a small “report” for us to print in the newsletter later this year, to let the rest of the membership know what fun and/or interesting archaeological related things you did over the summer. I would be very appreciative of any such items, and I’m sure the rest of the membership would be interested to read something other than the standard reprinted wire reports and news items for a change.

Please send me any archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related news items, stories, events, photographs, drawings, cartoons, or anecdotes to include in upcoming Newsletters. Items in MS Word or TIFF format are preferred, however any items are appreciated and will be considered for inclusion.

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Letters to the Editor

From: W. F. “Mac” MacDonald.

As always the newsletter continues to improve and is a most interesting publication. Awhile back I recall someone was compiling a history of SDCAS. From my perspective there is one giant step that was taken by the SDCAS Board about five years ago that should be proudly publicized for the Members and anyone, person or agency SDCAS would wish to influence as to their worth, quality and foresight.

The bare bones of the chronology are:

When the SDCAS was about 20 years old, Ron May’s single handed negotiation with the County obtained from a developer, a check for about $164,000, addressed to SDCAS with no strings attached. No, this was not a beneficent gesture. The developer was found at fault and that was the approximate cost he would have paid if he had handled the archaeological examination according to requirements. Ron’s argument was that the County collecting and placing it in the General Fund was not appropriate mitigation. Since no mechanism existed flexible enough for the County to forward it to SDCAS, an agreement was reached in the interest of true mitigation, to have the developer take care of it personally. This was an outstanding accomplishment on Ron May’s part.

The SDCAS Bylaws of twenty years earlier contained one of the goals of SDCAS to establish an archaeological curation facility in San Diego. I was on the SDCAS Board at this time and the Board voted to place this money in an internal trust to pursue that goal at long last. This money was eventually placed by Treasurer Jerry Miller in a conservative mutual fund at Great Western Bank.

The Board then assigned three Board Members to form an external committee and accomplish this goal. After more than two years of work and research they formed a tax exempt corporation with an “Educational” classification and formed a Board of Trustees, Bylaws, Board manual, operations Manual and other necessary documentation. This corporation is now in full operation as San Diego Archaeological Center and is growing. I read their newsletters and SDCAS Newsletters but seldom see any communication interface between this parent and daughter spin off. They both have much to mutually benefit in publishing this outstanding accomplishment by SDCAS and the foresight to take such advantage of the opportunity. Although no legal or contractual relation exists, mutual reporting of the activities and accomplishments of both that are of mutual interest should be for both memberships and certainly for the public in general. How about establishing one P.R. liaison volunteer from each, not a paid expert? This could be a real pleasant and learning challenge for them and do much to give more general public awareness to both. They are close relatives and should acknowledge and cultivate that, they have much to offer each other and in unity there is much strength.

Members’ News Corner

SDCAS Field Trip Itinerary

By Brian Glenn

Let me start by apologizing for the lack of field opportunities this year and last. While the weather was to blame for last year, I must shoulder the blame for this year. Our choice for Second Vice President moved just as elections ended and our efforts to fill the position went unanswered. So much for old news. Onward and upward as they say.

I have made several contacts and managed to put together what I feel is an exciting field trip agenda. I have attempted to arrange the locations appropriate to the season. Unlike some government agencies, I’d rather not plan to be in the desert in mid-August. Three field trips

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SDCAS Library News

By Patty McFarland, Librarian

Many thanks to the following people for their contributions to the SDCAS Library:

- Susan Hector on behalf of SD County Parks and Recreation for Herbert L. Minshall’s *Buchanan Canyon*
- Marla Mealey for John Lowell Bean’s *Mukat’s People*

These books and other publications are now available for your reading pleasure.

LIBRARY HOURS:

- Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday after the General Meeting.
  (Please call me at home or at the SDCAS office/library before driving out to the ranch house just in case something prevents me from being at the library on Saturday)
- Open during Steering Committee meetings: the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Open during Board Meetings: the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Open by arrangement.

You must be a member of SDCAS to check out materials from the library. Borrowed publications may be checked out for one month.

The San Diego County Archaeological Society
25 Years of History

By Patty McFarland

This is the fifth in a series of articles recounting the history of the San Diego County Archaeological Society. Any corrections, comments, or anecdotes regarding the articles will be welcome by the author. The majority of the reported material has been obtained from the *SDCAS Newsletter*. The author is responsible for all errors in interpretation of past events.

SDCAS: 26 Years

June 1999 marks the 26th anniversary of the founding of the San Diego County Archaeological Society and I am still trying to cover the first twenty-five years of the Society’s history. Perhaps I will have it completed in time for the 26th anniversary of the signing of the Articles of Incorporation in November 1999. No promises, but that’s my goal.

**SDCAS 1990-1992**

**Presidents**

In 1990, Jim Royle took over the helm as President of SDCAS, a position he held ten years earlier in 1980. Jim maintained his leadership position through 1991. During these two years, Jim continued to do battle as protector of cultural resources by remaining as Chair of Environmental Review as well. In 1992, the SDCAS presidency passed into the capable hands of “Del Mar Fair Queen” (my designation), Nancy Willis.

**New Members**

During the early years of the 1990s, membership in the society continued to grow. New members in 1990 included Chris Cooper and Dianne Cowen both of whom completed Docent training at Rancho de los Peñasquitos the same year and continue as Docents to this day. Also in 1990, SDCAS welcomed Reneene Mowrey, Janet Culbert, Roman Beck, Mike McCormick, Eugene and Leilani Lutes, Alex Bevil, and Dale Griffin.


During this time the ranks of the Life Membership members grew from the original two in 1989 to include Juan Preciado, Theodore Tanalski and I. Gigi Manno in 1990; Howard Schwickis and Barbara Willis (another early recruit to the Docents active today) in 1991; Rebecca Apple (a charter member of SDCAS) and Bill Maier in 1992. It must be nice not to have to worry about paying your membership dues every year!

**General Meetings**

It is the job of the First Vice President to arrange for General Meeting speakers for the entire year except December. In previous years there were many wonderful speakers and in the early 1990s members enjoyed many more equally gifted elocutionists. Lack of space prohibits naming all of these people, but forthwith is a sampling of speakers.

In 1990 Clark Brott and Roger Derryberry of the Great Basin Foundation spoke of the seventy plus giant ground figures they have studied in Panamint Valley. The also played a tape recording of a poem by Emma Lou Davis, founder of the Foundation. Dan Saunders talked about advances in underwater archaeology and Roxy Phillips discussed the importance of historical archaeology especially that of the rural 1880s. 1990 wrapped up with a talk by Tim Gross and Mary Robbins-Wade about the Mount Laguna excavations in which SDCAS members participated.

Richard Cerutti was one of the guest speakers for 1991. His lecture covered rare fossil discoveries of both marine (Continued on Page 5)
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and land life in Sweetwater Valley. Paul Apodaca focused on coastal southern California Native American lifeways. Archaeological excavations at the Harris site complex were Joyce Clevenger’s topic. Pat Welch of the BLM covered a variety of Imperial Valley subjects including Lake Cahuilla sites, intaglios and the Old Plank Road.

In 1992, Al Haun brought to life the difficult life of the Civil War soldier. A discussion about archaeoastronomy by Gene and Leilani Lutes turned SDCAS members gase skywards while Richard Carrico’s lecture on spirits, ghosts and hauntings redirected member’s vision back to their immediate surroundings. Student participants in San Diego State’s archaeological field school at the Johnson-Taylor ranch house presented papers on their work at two General Meetings in 1992.

In early 1992 the General Meeting location was moved a couple of blocks away to the County of San Diego Library Training Room in Kearny Mesa. This move was necessitated due to the extensive remodeling of the PERB building where the meetings had been held since March 1985. So now we have the answers to the questions asked in the third part of this series: “Has this (the PERB building) been a permanent location for nearly fourteen years? Or have the meetings moved and then come back again?” Indeed, the location of the meetings did change for a time, but for how long? Again, we will have to wait and see!

Del Mar Fair Booth

The tradition of fair booth excellence continued into the early 1990s. The theme for 1990 was the Chaco Canyon Anasazi Indian culture and probable contributions to their downfall. The hard work of committee chair, Nancy Willis, and many SDCAS volunteers resulted in an Outstanding Exhibit plaque, a silver plate for Best Exhibit and an Award of Merit ribbon. The problem of pothunting was one issue addressed in the booth display. Ironically and sadly, replica Anasazi pots were stolen from the exhibit just before it was dismantled!

The fair booth won an Award of Merit and $600 in 1991, again under the guidance of Nancy Willis, but I was unable to discover the theme of the exhibit.

Diana Dessel took over the Del Mar Fair booth reigns from Nancy in 1992. The theme that Diana and her hardy group of volunteers developed was Stagecoaching in San Diego County. Their efforts paid off in the form of an Honorable Merit Award and $600. Maybe even more importantly, the committee received compliments on their work from the County Transportation System.

And speaking of fair booths… during these years, SDCAS volunteers manned booths in the spring on Earth Day in Balboa Park. They sold T-shirts, lapel pins and mugs and helped to further educate the public about archaeology.

FAB Award

The March/April 1990 SDCAS Newsletter reported that the recipient of the 1989 FAB (Frazzled Ass Buzzard) award was Mike Nahholz, newsletter editor since 1988. The 1990 winner of the award remains a mystery to me. Lynne Christenson earned FAB recognition for her work at the Los Peñasquitos ranch house in 1991. Sales chairperson par excellence, Cyndi Duff, received FABulous notoriety for 1992.

Rancho de los Peñasquitos
(Johnson-Taylor Adobe): Work

A variety of activities at the adobe ranch house in the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve continued to provide SDCAS members with opportunities for work and play. A project begun in June 1989 to remove prickly pear cactus and to clean up debris in and around the pond was revived in the early 1990s. This type of work at the pond that was built in the 1860s caused one member to be quoted in the newsletter as saying, “Nobody told me that archaeological research was going to be like this!”

Opportunities that probably seemed more “archaeological” in nature to the members included monitoring the reconstruction of the adobe and participation in a field school held at the site. Renovation of the adobe’s South Wing (Wing C) was begun in 1990. SDCAS members volunteered to monitor the work and to record any architectural features uncovered. The volunteers also gathered information on the sizes and types of nails and wood used, paint and wallpaper used, and siding and window descriptions.

In September 1990, Dr. Lynne Christenson of San Diego State University began, in cooperation with San Diego County Parks, an archaeological field school at Rancho de los Peñasquitos. SDCAS members were allowed to participate in the field school without registering as students at SDSU. During the fall months, participants learned excavation techniques and then worked in the lab cataloging artifacts in the spring. The first season, fieldwork focused on the southern side of the South Wing. Excavation yielded many wonderful historical artifacts such as dolls, vases, buttons, and a ceramic spittoon, but perhaps even more exciting was the discovery of the location of the source of a major fire that burned much of the ranch house in 1910. Archaeological evidence showed that the fire began in this wing where the kitchen was located and a visit from the San Diego Fire Department confirmed this suspicion 80 years later!

In 1991, the field school moved its area of study in and around the “chicken coop”. The original use of this building south of the main house has never been completely determined, but the poop in the coop made one of its latter uses known. Field school participants endured some odoriferous and fly-laden hours excavating this waste material. Water-screening apparently eased the discomfort of the students.

Work around the chicken house continued into 1992, but the areas in and around the spring house and pond or reservoir were included as well.

About this time, Fred Buchanan and “Mac” MacDonald with the help of others, began preparing the chicken house for renovation. The November/December 1992 SDCAS Newsletter reported that a time capsule was (Continued on Page 12)
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are currently scheduled: Summer - Cuyamaca Rancho State Park led by Lynn Gamble of San Diego State University; Fall - La Rumarosa rock art site in Baja California led by Richard Carrico of Mooney & Associates and SDSU; and Winter - Indian Hill rockshelter led by Meg McDonald, late of ASM Affiliates and now a resident of Tucson. Details regarding the latter two trips will be in future newsletters. But as it stands, the La Rumarosa trip will be in October and the Indian Hill trip in January or February.

The Cuyamaca Rancho State Park field trip will be limited to 20 SDCAS members. I apologize for the size and status restrictions, but the State Park staff feels that the sensitivity of the sites warrants these limitations. We can guarantee the conduct of our members (they did sign a code of ethics), but we can not vouch for guests. Of course the easy remedy is for our guests to become members. Dr. Gamble has recently worked in the area with her SDSU field school and is extremely familiar with the archaeology of the area, as well as the archaeologists that have undertaken research there.

The trip is planned for Saturday, August 14th. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the entrance to the Hual-Cu-Cuisi Boy Scout Camp on State Highway 79 near the southwest corner of Lake Cuyamaca. We will tour many of the sites located at the camp and, time providing, we will visit the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Headquarters museum after the tour.

The meeting place is 12.5 miles north of Interstate 8 or just under 9 miles south of Julian. I can give you more details when you RSVP. I should note that there is a $5 per car parking fee in the park. Please bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, and a hat. Given the limited space, I ask that you RSVP to me at 760-765-1289 or via e-mail at BKPacWest@aol.com.

The Sixth Chinese American Conference

Submitted by Lynne Christenson

The Sixth Chinese American Conference will be held July 9-11, 1999, on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego. This year’s conference promises to be one of the best national conference programs ever. The “Call for Proposals” generated program proposals from across the country and around the world, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Guangzhou, Singapore, Canada, and Mexico. The public, students, and all scholars interested in the experiences and contributions of Chinese Americans are invited. Registration details and fees, as well as conference housing arrangements are available on the conference website “www.csum.edu/community/cac99” or by contacting the Chinese Historical Society of San Diego at 619-338-9888, or Conference Chair Michael Yee at 760-750-4799.

A broad spectrum of papers and panels will detail the Chinese American experience over the past 150 years. The two-and-half-days of the conference sessions will include regional and topical studies, as well as highlights of the lives of selected individuals to give an identity to an often-nameless group of immigrants. Chinese American heritage and activities will be detailed through archaeological finds and preservation efforts of historical societies, museums, and historic sites organizations.

Sessions will include present Chinese American community issues, cultural heritage, language, Chinese language schools, and arts. Chinese American videos and literature will be featured. Panelists will share the linkages between Chinese America and other Asian communities, such as Indo-Chinese, Vietnamese, and Filpino. Other sessions will feature a workshop on oral histories and panels on family history, genealogy, gender, and identity. Students can meet many leaders in Chinese American studies and the Chinese community, and learn about Asian American research resources.

The conference will feature outstanding keynote speakers to inspire and a roundtable session with academic, historical society, organizations, and community representatives giving their viewpoints on the future of the Chinese in America in the new millennium. The acclaimed exhibit, “Heading East”, created for California’s Sesquicentennial, will be a featured exhibit, and you can hear about its development. Other highlights will be an open house at the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum and a Chautauqua performance by Charlie Chin who portrays Dr. Yee Fung Cheung, the renowned Gold Rush era herbalist and healer. All of this, and beautiful San Diego too! Contact Donna Lee, 619-528-6991; or Conf. Chair, Michael Yee, 760-750-4799 for additional information.

14th Annual California Indian Conference, Call for Papers

Submitted by Mike Sampson

The California Indian Conference is to be held at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo on October 15 & 16, 1999. The conference is an annual gathering for the exchange of views and information among academics, American Indians, students, and other community members. Any topic reflecting humanistic, scientific, artistic, or social concern with California Indian people and their cultural heritage is welcome. Past topics have included dance, story telling, native languages, anthropology, law, and social issues.

Anyone interested in giving a paper or presentation should send an abstract of 150 words to William Fairbanks at the address below, by August 15. Please be sure to include an e-mail address and phone number and say if you are available on one or both days. Inquiries are welcome.

Registration is a flat fee of $20. To register in advance, send your name, mailing address, institutional or tribal affiliation, phone number, fax number, and e-mail. Address to: California Indian Conference Registration. Bill Fairbanks, Social Sciences Division, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403. Phone: 805-546-3163, Fax: 805-546-3904, e-mail: calindians99@usa.net

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Upcoming Monthly Meeting
Guest Speakers

July Guest Speaker: A representative from Brian F. Smith & Associates will present a synopsis of the firm’s ongoing archaeological investigation of 4-S Ranch.

In August our guest speaker will be Carol Demcak, who will talk about her studies of stone beads.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers Synopses

May 25, 1999
7,000 Years of Prehistory: Coastal Adaptation Along the Pacific Coast in Northern Baja California

By Kaylene Fleming
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jerry Moore

First, I would like to thank Dr. Moore for presenting his research on northern Baja California. Second, I apologize for the following brief synopsis of Dr. Moore’s talk as I have lost my general meeting note-book containing my notes.

Dr. Moore began his talk with an overview on the accepted models of settlement and subsistence patterns for coastal habitation in southern California. Moore’s point was that not all models work within differing environments. This was also apparent from the results of past surveys. Throughout his presentation Moore shared with us his findings at coastal sites on both sides of the Baja Peninsula and in the mountain region between. SDCAS members wish Dr. Moore success in his upcoming field work, and hope he will return next year to continue his “story” of the past life-ways of the inhabitants of northern Baja California.

June 22, 1999
Forensics Lecture Captivates Audience

By Brian Glenn
Guest Speaker: Dr. Madeleine Hinckes

Dr. Madeleine Hinckes of Mesa College, Department of Anthropology provided our members and guest with a look into aspects of forensic anthropology rarely seen by outsiders. Dr. Hinckes’ experience ranged from her seven year tenure with the Army’s MIA Laboratory in Hawaii to her work with the San Diego Coroner’s Office.

The case studies she presented were truly representative of the degree of detective work necessary to the analysis and identification of crime and accident victims, as well as, war casualties (both military and civilian). Investigative and analytical techniques included osteometric analysis of skeletal remains for indicators of age, sex, stature, and ethnicity. By far, the single best identifier was found in comparing dental x-rays of subjects with the records of suspected victims.

The lecture was followed by a thought provoking question period. Dr. Hinckes’ presentation was well received and we look forward to hearing more of her case files in the future.

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SDCAS can contribute to the park’s interpretive displays and other such undertakings as compensation in lieu of fees. As always, the board would appreciate input from the membership. This is your society and we on the board are here to facilitate your wishes. Is the location conducive to your attending lectures? Let us know your thoughts.

I believe our interactions with Mission Trails Park will have the additional benefit of expanding our exposure in the county. The park is visited by thousands of persons each year, many of which are local residence interested in the natural and cultural history of the region. The park contains both historic and prehistoric cultural resources. The remains of the Mission San Diego de Alcalá dam are located in the north end of the park. Not far from there are bedrock milling features from the Late Prehistoric and contact periods.

Along with the new venue will come a revised meeting schedule. The general business meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. as usual. I feel it is important to keep our membership and interested guests informed of our activities outside the lecture series, such as summer programs, field trips, and emergency excavations. I would, however, like to make explicit that the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m., so that those people interested only in that portion of our program can arrive after the announcements. This schedule will allow us to take a short break to purchase raffle tickets and examine the sale items.

I am also exploring the possibility of issuing receipts for tax deductible contributions. If you have any interesting books or other archaeological-related items that you would like to donate to the raffle, please bring them to the meeting and Cyndi will be glad to receive them.

The refreshments portion of the program will follow the presentation and question period. This will allow the membership time to examine the constantly changing displays in the Center, make purchases, check out books, participate in more in-depth conversations with the speaker and others, and enjoy the company of old and new friends. I have requested that the Mission Trails Park staff allow us to remain in the building as late as 10:00 p.m. While I doubt we will need this much time, it will be refreshing not to be shuffled out during the middle of an interesting conversation.

I have taken it upon myself to fill the role of 2nd Vice President through the remainder of the year and into the new. In so doing, I have arranged several field trips for the upcoming months. I think one per quarter should be
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enough to satisfy most of us. But if the opportunity presents itself, we can work in more. I have tentatively scheduled trips for summer, fall, and winter. Details, as far as we have them thus far, are presented in a separate write-up.

I have requested that several minor changes be made to our already outstanding newsletter to better facilitate the exchange of information. The first part of the schedule of events will be opposite the address label. In that way, upcoming events will be immediately visible and will, hopefully, inspire greater participation. The membership application form will be moved to a separate page to enable it to be passed on to interested parties without ripping or cutting off the back page of your newsletter. I encourage the membership to distribute and/or post the membership form whenever and wherever possible. We currently have a substantial membership, but there’s always room for more. Opposite the membership form will be a list of items currently available for sale, e.g., SDCAS mugs and t-shirts, Kumeyaay pots and baskets, etc. Purchases are currently available only at the lecture and special events. [Look for these changes in the next issue! – Ed.]

The final entry to this rather lengthy presentation is an update on the proposed SDCAS publication series. I have issued a questionnaire to interested persons requesting input on such matters as content, frequency, length, funding, etc. I am in the process of compiling responses. If any of our membership wishes to contribute their ideas, I would be more than happy to forward a copy of the questionnaire via e-mail, FAX, or conventional mail.

Well, things are heating up in more ways than one. Check out the programs listings for upcoming field trips, the summer lecture series, as well as our monthly lectures. See you there!

Brian Glenn

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SCA YR2000 Annual Meeting
Submitted by Mike Sampson
From the SCA Newsletter

The annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology will be held in Riverside, April 19 through the 22, 2000. The meeting will be held at the newly renovated Riverside Convention Center, just across the downtown pedestrian plaza from the (also) newly renovated Holiday Inn, which will host the conference delegates at special rates.... The nearby famous and fabulous Mission Inn will also provide a number of guest rooms at reduced rates.

The SCA is planning an exciting and unusual program in historic downtown Riverside with events planned at local museums, places of interest, and the University of California, Riverside.

Volunteers are actively sought for planning and implementation of SCA YR2000 in Riverside. Please call or e-mail Joan Schneider, Local Arrangements Chair (909-787-3517; e-mail: jschneid@citrus.ucr.edu) if you are interested in helping in any capacity.

Call for Papers: YR2000 SCA Annual Meeting
Submitted by Mike Sampson
From the SCA Newsletter

Proposals and abstracts for Symposia, Poster Sessions, and Contributed Papers for the upcoming SCA Annual Meeting are welcome at this time. Program suggestions and requests are also welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with program and local arrangements. Please contact Matthew Des Lauriers, Program Chair (661-399-1614 until July; 909-787-3517 after July; e-mail: westctr@citrus.ucr.edu) or Joan Schneider, Local Arrangements Chair (909-787-3517; e-mail: jschneid@citrus.ucr.edu) for more details.

Museum of Man Lecture Series
“The Mummy in the Drawing Room”
Friday, July 9, 7 p.m. Gill Auditorium
$7 for non-museum members, $5 for members & students

A mummy stored at the British Museum for more than 100 years was recently rediscovered – with some startling results!

W. Benson Harer Jr., M.D., a noted gynecologist and author will reveal the secrets of the mummy during an intriguing lecture.

The mummy, that of an Egyptian noblewoman, was discovered by British explorer, Sir Albert Edmonstone in the early 1800s. Edmonstone kept his souvenir mummy on display in his drawing room. Following a visit by Dr. Augustus Bozzi Granville, the mummy became the first scientific autopsy subject in 1821. A pioneering ob/gyn physician, Granville declared her death due to ovarian cancer. The mummy was then stored at the British Museum. When the mummy was recently reexamined, modern-day researchers determined her cause of death was the oldest known ovarian tumor, and also confirmed the existence of a dangerous parasite in ancient Egypt.

The fascinating story behind this mummy will also be the subject of Harer’s forthcoming book “The Mummy in the Drawing Room” to be published by the British Museum.

For more information or to make reservations, please call the museum’s Education Department at 619-239-2001.

San Diego Museum of Man
Noted Guatemalan Weaver Returns

Wednesday, July 28 - Sunday, August 1, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rafaela Godinez, a renowned Guatemalan weaver and teacher will appear at the San Diego Museum of Man for a special exhibition, demonstration, and sale.

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Highly skilled in the fine art of weaving on the backstrap loom, Godinez has taught and exhibited her craft throughout the United States and Guatemala. Her loom is characterized by warp threads stretched between two bars, with one bar tied to a support (such as a tree) and the other attached to a strap fastened around the weaver’s waist. Godinez controls the tension by moving forward or backward. The controlled tension, coupled with the insertion of weft threads, produces the colorful cloth. This ancient technique dates back to Prehispanic times in Mesoamerica.

A native of San Antonio Aguas Clientes, Godinez learned to weave from her mother when she was eight. She has participated in numerous expositions at museums and other institutions including the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, the Heard Museum in Phoenix, the California Weavers State Conference, and the Museum of Natural History in Los Angeles. She has taught workshops to students throughout the United States as well as in her homeland of Guatemala.


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placed in the foundation of the restored Poultry House (as it was officially referred to then). Contents of the plastic pipe time capsule included a copy of the November/December 1991 SDCAS Newsletter, which contained an article about the project, a 1987 sketch of the chicken house by Dale May, photographs of different stages of restoration, 1992 pennies, nine original square nails, an SDCAS pin, a Fort Guijarros pin, and a Ross Perot for President pin. I suppose the last item is a sign of the times, but was it really necessary?

Rancho de los Peñasquitos (Johnson-Taylor Adobe): Play

As for play, SDCAS members participated in Park Days at Peñasquitos. The May 1990 event featured a country music band, hayrides, nature walks, tours, exhibits and of course, food. In 1991, the Park Day theme was “Fiesta at the Rancho”. Mariachi bands and Mexican food as well as the other activities were featured. Dedication of the newly restored South Wing (Wing C) was a highlight of the day.

In May 1992, the first Arch(aeology) in the Park activities were held at the ranch house. The event was held in conjunction with California Archaeology Week and lasted an entire weekend. On Friday, City College students were doing archaeological excavations on the knoll near the Peñasquitos adobe. There were docent lead tours and chicken house talks on Saturday and Sunday at the ranch. SDCAS also had an information and sales booth in Old Town.

The SDCAS sponsored Summer Evening Programs at the Peñasquitos ranch house. Open to the general public, attendees were invited to bring a picnic dinner and take a tour of the ranch before settling down for an informative evening lecture on a topic in history or archaeology. In 1990, Therese Muranaka spoke about the Russian colony in Baja, Dick Gadler discussed early firearms in San Diego, and Richard Carrico related mission ties to the ranch house. Speakers for 1991 were Lee Bibb, E. W. “Swede” Thronsen on the early days in Peñasquitos, and Lynne Christenson. In 1992, listeners enjoyed lectures from Susan Hector regarding interpretive programs for Rancho de los Peñasquitos and the adobe at Guajome, Dick Coolidge talked about the steamboat era on the Colorado River, and Lynne Christenson continued to keep everyone informed about the excavations at the ranch.

Outings

Table Mountain working field trips remained popular with members of SDCAS. New participants received training in archaeological survey and recording techniques while the “initiated” mapped and recorded known and new sites. The April 1991 outing to Table Mountain focused on agave roasting pits and resulted in fifty of these pits being recorded by nineteen volunteers.

In 1990 Mount Laguna sites also provided SDCAS members opportunities to do archaeology. Under the guidance of Tim Gross, P.I. for Affinis, members participated in site surveys and mapping, test excavations, recordation of bedrock milling features, and surface collections.

In September 1991, Mike Sampson supervised volunteers in the recording of new sites and updates of other sites in Rancho Cuyamaca State Park.

Other educational and fun but less labor intensive outings included trips to view rock art at La Rumarosa, rock art and sleeping circles in Anza Borrego Desert State Park, the Railroad Museum in Campo, and visits to Mission San Luis Rey and Rancho Guajome.

Legal Issues

In 1989 SDCAS board member, Don Lyons, nominated the 9,000 plus years old Harris site to the County Historic Site Board. Five other associated sites were then included to create an Archaeological District that was approved by the HSB and the Planning Commission. Soon after, the Harris site was threatened by construction of Highway 680. In May 1990, SDCAS presented a proposal to the County Board of Supervisors to preserve the site by changing its status to Special Area Designator “H”, Historic Landmark status. This change would not prevent destruction in and of itself, but it was a necessary step in the preservation effort. SDCAS members wrote numerous letters and attended many hearings over the next few years in support of the status change. The results? Unknown as of 1993.

In September of 1990 SDCAS received a check in the amount of $168,000 from a local developer. No, the developer was not altruistic. The money was partial mitigation for the destruction of two archaeological sites...
in San Diego County. As one of the goals of the Society was to establish a repository for artifacts, these funds were earmarked to reach such a goal and placed in a trust. A

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committee was appointed by the SDCAS Board of Directors to determine the requirements for a curation facility. In July 1993, the San Diego Repository Corporation (SDRC) was founded and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation. The funds were then released from the SDCAS into the hands of the SDRC Board of Trustees and the search was on for a repository.

**Other Notables**

For two consecutive years, 1990 and 1991, the creative handiwork of SDCAS member Andie McKee graced the SDCAS Newsletter. An original cartoon character by the name of Arty Fact dispensed archaeological pearls of wisdom such as “Some locals feel they have a prior claim on a site.” This caption accompanied a drawing of Arty staring face to face with a rattlesnake!

In January 1992, Research Issues in San Diego Archaeology, an SDCAS publication was made available for purchase. Edited by Don Laylander, Research Issues was addressed to those interested in local archaeological topics. Examples of article titles are “Advent of Tizon Brown Ware”, “Villages and Camps”, “Small Projectile Points”, and “Adobe Foundations”. Updated every six months, this important publication was advertised in the newsletter until mid-1995.

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San Diego County Archaeological Society Membership Application

Name __________________________ Phone __________________________
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E-mail Address: __________________________
Occupation / School __________________________
Special Skills / Interests __________________________
How did you hear about us? __________________________

The SDCAS membership year begins October 1. Please check the membership desired and enclose payment for the amount shown in the table below. Membership is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

1-Year*

______ Individual $20.00
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* Half-year rates (at ½ the full-year price) are available after April 1.
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Code of Ethics

1. The collecting in any manner of archaeological material or data shall be done using contemporary scientific techniques, and shall have as its express purpose the finding and dissemination of information relative to the history and prehistory of California.

2. Provisions shall be made for the housing of archaeological materials and data in accordance with accepted professional practices, and such materials and data shall be made available to qualified individuals through accumulated field notes and records or to the general profession through the publication of findings.

3. The gathering of archaeological specimens or the destruction of archaeological sites for purposes of selling artifacts or personal acquisition shall in all cases be forbidden and shall subject member to expulsion proceedings.

All members will adhere to this Society’s Code of Ethics, and to State, Federal, and International Antiquities Laws.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Ethics.

Signature __________________________ Date ______

Sponsor __________________________ Date ______
(Minor must be sponsored by an adult SDCAS member)