President’s Message

The new year is well under way and the SDCAS is busy planning activities and events. Our calendar is filling nicely with an eventful series of monthly lectures; our annual “Arch-in-the-Park” celebration of Archaeology Week is filled with activities, tours, and lectures; as well as a full slate of prospective field and lab activities. We are focusing on work at the Peñasquitos adobe. Glenn Russell, our President-elect, is developing a plan for upgrading the condition of prehistoric and historic archaeological collections from the site. We do, however, have additional activities in the works. Several of the local agencies have requested our assistance in locating and recording archaeological sites within their jurisdictions. We’ll let you know as soon as we finalize arrangements.

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March/April 1999

SDCAS Monthly Meetings are held at the County of San Diego offices at 5201 Ruffin Road, Kearny Mesa, on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Editor’s Message

Congratulations to our First Vice President, Kaylene Fleming on completing her thesis entitled: “Life at 5000 Feet: An Archaeological Investigation of CA-SDI-2508 (Leaning Pines), San Diego County, California.” Job well done Kaylene!

As usual I am looking for 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 item are appreciated and will be considered for inclusion.

CORRECTIONS: My sincere and deepest apologies for misspelling Katharine Saubel’s name twice (I didn’t have it right in the corrections section last month either!), and to Jay Von Werlohf for not tracking down the correct spelling of his name. For those of you submitting articles, please try and make sure that people’s names are spelled correctly as I do not always have the correct spelling available to me. I also offer my apologies for having the wrong date for the February Monthly Meeting in the last Newsletter. The General Meeting is always held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please let me know if you find any mistakes and I will try to see that they are corrected and do not happen again!

The submission deadline for the next issue is April 30. Please send all items to:
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Members’ News Corner

SDCAS has a Web Page!!

By Carol Serr

Hi, I am the Web Master of our newly created SDCAS web page, which can be found at: www.sdinsider.com/community/groups/sdcas. So now I am looking for events, links to other web pages related to archaeology (or rock art, etc.), fieldwork photos, etc. to post on the page or list on our calendar.

If you have anything that will help make our web page “exciting”, please send it to me at either - cserr@bfma.com or our “official” (but still in the test stage) SDCAS e-mail at - sdcas@email.com (easy to remember).

Please don’t send more than one attachment per mailing...and it’s best to simply include any text IN your e-mail rather than attaching it as a separate file. You can also call me during the day at 619-578-8964 or leave messages at 619-698-1242. Thanks for your input.

Field Work Opportunity

Here’s you chance to play Archaeologist (just get a little dirty). SDCAS members interested in screening dirt (scraped off of a portion of a Kumeyaay village site, the location of east county’s first adobe structure, and the site of the spring that the area is named for) to find both historic and prehistoric artifacts are urged to contact Carol Serr so a Saturday or Sunday can be arranged to have some fun, while learning about the typical Indian artifacts found in San Diego County. A pile of dirt sits patiently to be sifted through in order to remove the remains of past daily events from as long ago as 2,000 years, or possibly older. There is also a need for volunteers to wash and sort the items that have been collected already.

The site is located in a secluded, shady spot in Spring Valley (close to Hwy 94) where chickens and the occasional bunny run wild and a soft breeze blows nearly all day. This is the ideal project for those who don’t like the idea of doing the hard digging part of archaeology, but who want to find the items left behind by past residents of our country’s history. Modern restroom facilities are available so it’s not like most remote excavation projects. Anyone interested in partaking in this endeavor please call Carol Serr during the day at 619-578-8964 or leave messages at 619-698-1242, or e-mail her at cserr@bfma.com (work) or zalgixuri@aol.com (home).

SDCAS Library News

By Patty McFarland, Librarian

During the month of January, volunteer member Sharon McFarland (no, we are not related) and I spent some time in the SDCAS library at Rancho Pezcasquitos. While we had lots of ideas about “dressing up” and reorganizing the library, we did not have the time due to the start of graduate school to see many of those ideas come to fruition. But the library does look brighter than before thanks to the addition of a burgundy and beige Oriental rug donated by Sharon. I added a faux Victorian lamp table as well. Please come by during business hours to see the new additions and to check out the library’s selections.

HOURS:

- Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday after the General Meeting.
- 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 (contact Patty at 619-635-5784)

You must be a member of SDCAS to check out materials from the library. Borrowed publications may be checked out for one month. Many thanks to Sharon McFarland for her time and donation to the library.

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LET’S ALL GO TO ARCH IN THE PARK!!!---

SUNDAY, MAY 15 (10am to 4pm)

By Glenn Russell

The San Diego County Archaeological Society is pleased to announce its annual “ARCH IN THE PARK”, a day-long event at the Rancho Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve that focuses on the rich archaeological and historical record at the park. Held in collaboration with the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation, the event is one part of the statewide activities that will take place during the annual Archaeology Week (May 9-16).

This year’s event will take place at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House Adobe. First constructed in 1823 by Francisco Maria Ruiz, the adobe is the oldest standing residence in the City of San Diego and served as the main residence for the first Mexican Land Grant in San Diego County. The adobe has been beautifully restored and will be the hub of the day’s activities. A full day of exciting, educational, and fun events has already been planned. There will literally be something for everyone, including kids and adults of all ages. You can attend a variety of tours, lectures, demonstrations, and activities, or simply explore this beautiful preserve and enjoy its many natural and cultural resources.

The day’s schedule is filling up quickly. You will not want to miss one of the tours of the adobe. Conducted by the Rancho Peñasquitos docents, these informative tours will orient the park visitor and provide an in-depth history of the adobe and rancho. Visitors will also be able to visit an ongoing excavation of a prehistoric Kumeyaay archaeological site located in the park. The excavation is directed by Professor Steven Bouscaren of San Diego City College, who will lecture about his ongoing excavations and their relationship to the rich 5000-year-long archaeological record in the park. In addition, visitors will want to take advantage of two other excellent presentations that will take place at the adobe. Dr. Lynne Christenson, of San Diego State University, will discuss her archaeological investigations at the park, with examples of some of the many important artifacts that have been recovered. Dr. Ron Quinn, from the History Department at San Diego State University, will lecture on aspects of the history of the San Diego during the time period when Peñasquitos was a flourishing rancho. A highlight of the day will be the dedication of the recently and beautifully restored Spring House structure. Adjacent to the adobe, the Spring House sits atop a natural spring that has provided Peñasquitos inhabitants with water for hundreds if not thousands of years. We are pleased to announce the participation of County Supervisor Pam Slater in the dedication ceremony.

The tours and lectures will be scheduled to complement a wide variety of other activities so that visitors will have a full day of opportunities. These activities will include flint knapping demonstrations, videos, poster displays, children’s activities, gift sales, refreshments, nature hikes, and more. Please consult the SDCAS web page (www.sandiegoinsider.com/community/groups/sdcas) and future issues of the SDCAS newsletter for updates and a time schedule of the day’s activities.

The Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve is located just west of I-15 on the west side of Black Mountain Road. From I-15 take Mercy Road west to Black Mountain Road, turn right and then turn left at the next light. Follow the road down to the parking areas for the Ranch House adobe (past the Canyonside Community Park and ballfields on the right). Additional information may be obtained by contacting Glenn S. Russell, SDCAS executive Board Member, at grussepl@co.san-diego.ca.us or calling 619-694-2981.

Presidio Park North-Wing Site Reburial and Conservation Project

By Mick Calarco

In July 1998, the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, Metro Parks Division began to explore the logistics of site reburial, as a method of resource conservation, for the north-wing excavation at Presidio Park. The City sought the advice of many different agencies, groups, and individuals in an effort to discover the best possible method for conservation, and future interpretation. There were many different philosophies to consider, and questions to be answered, before the future of the north-wing was to be decided upon. “Should continued excavation be allowed?”

Should the Presidio be reconstructed? Should the site be stabilized and partially left open for public interpretation? After careful consideration and consultation with various groups such as: the Getty Conservation Institute, Monterey Presidio, Museum of New Mexico State Monuments, National Park Service, California State Parks, State Office of Historic Preservation, SDCAS, and other concerned individuals, it was decided that reburial was the best and most affordable method of site conservation.

“The Presidio of San Diego was founded in July of 1769. In the decades that followed, the settlement served as a mission, presidio, and civil outpost. At first, the outpost functioned as a combination of a mission and a presidio. In 1774, the mission was moved to a new location, and the original site was taken over by the military. During the later eighteenth century, the presidio evolved into a military colony with a population that reached over 400 people. By 1800 the presidio stood as a massive adobe citadel that included houses for the garrison, workshops, storehouses, and homes of civilian settlers. Between 1830 and 1840, the military colony was slowly abandoned. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, most of the presidio’s remains have escaped disturbance. After 1920, the site was transformed into a public park” (Jack S. Williams, Ph.D. The San Diego Archaeology Project Summary Research Design, 1994).

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The San Diego County Archaeological Society 25 Years of History

By Patty McFarland

This is the fourth 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 1986 – 1989

Presidents

Steve Van Wormer was elected to serve as President of the SDCAS for 1986. Dick Gadler held the office of President for two consecutive years: 1987 and 1988. The last President of the 1980s was Stan Berryman. During their terms, members were able to continue their “staple” activities at the Johnson-Taylor adobe [Los Peñasquitos Ranch House], Fort Guijarros and Table Mountain.

New Members

Some of the new members announced in the SDCAS newsletter for the latter half of the 1980s include: Darcy Ike, Don Albright, Mike and Terry Sampson, Alana Cordy-Collins, and Bill Manley in 1986; Kathy Jenkins, Alan Willis, Ginger Ridgway, and John Cook in 1987; Jay Von Werlhof and Manfred Knaak in 1988; Steve and Rebecca Apple, Gill Wright, and Jill Van Houten in 1989. Jim Royle and Don Lyons became the Society’s first Life Members in 1989 at a cost of $200 each.

General Meetings

The General Meeting guest speakers contribute a great deal to the Society’s success. The speakers from 1986 to 1989 are too numerous to list in total, but it would be remiss of me not to mention at least some of them. In 1986 we heard from Dennis Gallegos about his work in San Diego County. Darcy Ike presented an update of La Jolla sites along UCSD boundaries. Andy Yatsko talked about archaeology on San Clemente Island over the previous ten years. And Lynne Christenson discussed the ethnobiology of southern California.

Speakers for 1987 included Tim Gross who presented a talk about his fieldwork in the Siwa Oasis region of northwestern Egypt. Mary Robbins-Wade discussed the Rising Glen project in Carlsbad, a site originally recorded by Malcolm Rogers. Mike Wilken informed the audience about the culture and lifeways of the Paipai Indians of northern Baja.

Mike Sampson discussed his archaeological survey along the Colorado River in Imperial County in 1988. John Foster took us to northern California to visit underwater archaeological sites. Stan Berryman took us back to San Clemente Island to talk about his work at Chinese abalone fishing sites. Pima and Papago ethnobotany was the topic of Amadeo Reo’s presentation.

In 1989 Alana Cordy-Collins discussed Moche burials in Peru and Brad Bartel talked about excavations at the San Diego Presidio. Earthen art a.k.a. intaglios in the desert was Jay Von Werlhof’s topic. Steve Van Wormer’s presentation was about a gold mining boom camp called Tumco, which is located just north of Yuma.

The largest audience turnout in the history of the SDCAS general meetings was in August 1987. Guest speaker Eve Ewing drew at least 220 people to hear her lecture on rock art in Baja California. The previous record was in 1981 when 120 people came to listen to Ken Hedges talk, also on Baja rock art. In the case of Ewing’s lecture, apparently good media coverage was provided by The Reader and got the attention of many people. The fact that sex, fertility, and creation were mentioned in the article probably didn’t hurt any either.

Del Mar Fair Booth

SDCAS volunteers continued to develop and man Del Mar Fair booths during the 1980s. The 1986 booth theme was ethnobotany with an emphasis on the uses of agave. This was the first year in quite some time that the SDCAS booth did not win a prize. The booth for 1987 was a huge success winning several awards (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes were no longer given). The theme was Early and Prehistoric Agriculture in Southern California. The emphasis was on Kumeyaay resource management and the agriculture of the River Yuman groups. The fair booth committee chaired by Nancy Baillif won the top display prize that included a $600 Award of Merit. They also won two more $100 prizes, a special plaque and a trophy for outstanding and best feature exhibit respectively.

The intrepid Nancy Willis (formerly Baillif) served as committee chair for the Del Mar Fair exhibits for the next two years. For both 1988 and 1989, the SDCAS booth won the $600 Award of Merit. Following the overall fair themes, the exhibit’s themes were Mission Period Farming in San Diego (1988) and Changing Gardens of Rancho Santa Maria de los PeZasquitos (1989). The Changing Gardens theme described how five cultures used the Los PeZasquitos canyon throughout the years. Of course, Nancy was not alone in her efforts. Many SDCAS members volunteered countless hours of their time to help put on a good show while educating the public about the importance of archaeological research at the same time.

Table Mountain

The Table Mountain surveys and agave roasts were undertaken in April or May and in November or December during 1986-1989. These projects attracted both large and small groups of people. A report about the December 1988 survey proved that even as few as seven people can accomplish a lot of work. Not only were they able to re-record two previously known sites, the group under the leadership of Jim Royle and Mike Sampson discovered and recorded a quarry site plus two more sites with lithics and agave roasting pits. The November 1986 Table Mountain expedition was joined by members of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society for a total of 35 people. See the July/August 1987 newsletter for an interesting article (by editor Dale Ballou May?) that reports the background of the Table Mountain surveys.

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California Archaeology Week:
Preserving California’s Golden Heritage
May 9-16, 1999

By Myra Herrmann

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.

Through the cooperation of the City of San Diego and in conjunction with California Archaeology Week, Historic Preservation Week, and National Public Works Week, the local representative of the Society for California Archaeology, the Historical Sites Board, and the American Public Works Association are preparing a joint exhibit from May 10-21, 1999 in the lobby of the City Administration Building at 202 ‘C’ Street. The exhibit will include displays and posters presented by local historical, archaeological, and public works consultants for recently completed projects in San Diego County.

The themes are as follows:
California Archaeology Week - Preserving California’s Golden Heritage
Historic Preservation Week - Protecting the Irreplaceable
National Public Works Week - Advancing Your Community

For more information or directions to the City Administration Building, located at 202 ‘C’ Street in downtown San Diego, contact Myra Herrmann (SCA Archaeology Week Representative) at 619-236-6827 or via email at mjh@sdcity.sannet.gov. Please also visit the SCA website at www.scanet.org for updated information on Archaeology Week events throughout the state, and be sure to watch the SDCAS web page at www.sdinsider.com/community/groups/sdcas for updates of events in San Diego County.

Rockhouse Canyon and Martinez Canyon National Register Nominations Field Opportunities for Avocational Archaeologists
April 1-4, 1999

Qualified avocational archaeologists are invited to participate in an important and what is assured to be an exiting recording project at Rockhouse Canyon and Martinez Canyon in the San Jacinto Mountains. ASM Affiliates has been contracted by BLM to document the cultural resources of both canyons and to prepare nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. Located at the southern toe of the mountain chain in the Colorado Desert habitat, both areas were home to the Cahuilla Indians.

The first phase will be in Rockhouse Canyon, named for the cobble structure built by the Cahuilla in the 19th Century when the isolated box canyon was a place of refuge from encroaching European diseases and influences. The canyon contains at least three residential sites, a rock art site, and trails leading to the upland villages of Santa Rosa and surrounding areas. This canyon is located in the San Jacinto Wilderness area and no vehicles are allowed. Access is gained by a 5-mile walk through a narrow gorge that opens into the box canyon and a spectacular view of Mount San Jacinto. Backpacks and camping equipment will be necessary for all participants. There is no firewood in the canyon. Drinking water will be provided but each participant is responsible for bringing food and other provisions. Good hiking shoes and warm clothing are required. Participants must be in good health and willing to camp and work in sometimes arduous conditions.

Volunteers will be involved in limited survey to find new sites, rock art recording, mapping, and some limited testing. There will be an opportunity to learn state-of-the-art mapping and recording techniques and to discover and record well preserved archaeological sites. We are also looking for volunteers with pack animals to assist in transporting equipment and water. The team will be lead by Jerry Schaefer, Ph.D., and supervised by Drew Pallette, both experts in the archaeology and culture history of the Colorado Desert. The team cartographer is Collin O’Neill, trained in GPS and GIS mapping systems. The Martinez Canyon survey will be scheduled for another long weekend in April or May. Space for both will be limited.

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Excavation Opportunity
Submitted by Maisie Morris

The Ghost Ranch Conference Center near Abiquiu, New Mexico has a 2 week archaeology seminar in July-August. Participants are encouraged to experience all aspects of archaeology guided by professional and avocational archaeologists. Nightly lectures include soil science, lithic technology and other fields. Novices are paired with seminar veterans. This is an opportunity to experience the high desert beauty of Northern New Mexico. There is a charge to register. For registration and accommodation details write to:
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or e-mail Maisie Morris at maisie@juno.com

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Society for California Archaeology Annual Meeting
The Society for California Archaeology’s Annual Meeting will be held April 23-25 at the Red Lion’s Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California. The meeting will include organized thematic and/or area symposia, forums, workshops, general sessions of contributed papers, and poster sessions. Sessions include a forum on the affects of fire on obsidian; symposia on Gold Rush archaeology, Department of Defense cultural resources management, zooarchaeology, and the Sierra Nevada; an archaeological education workshop, and more. For more information contact the meeting organizers: Local Arrangement Co-Chairs, Kelly McGuire and Bill Hildebrandt (Far Western Anthropological Research Group, phone: 530-756-3941) or Program Chair, Kathleen L. Hull (Dames & Moore, 60 Declaration Drive, Suite B, Chico, CA 95973, phone: 510-465-4962, e-mail: hull@qal.berkeley.edu), or visit the SCA website (http://www.scanet.org).

Fifth Annual California Islands Symposium
Fifth Annual California Islands Symposium on March 29-April 1 will be hosted by the Minerals Management Service and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. For more information, please visit MMS’s website (http://www.mms.gov/omm/pacific/public/public.html) or the Museum’s website (http://www.sbnature.org/symposium99.htm). Inquiries may be sent to MBC Applied Environmental Sciences, 3000 Redhill Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714-850-4830).

UCLA Institute of Archaeology Winter 1999 Lecture Series
“The Roman Army on the Rhine and the Euphrates”
March 11, 8 p.m. at the Lenart Auditorium of the Fowler Museum of Cultural History at UCLA.

This is the fourth lecture of the Winter 1999 public lecture series presented by the UCLA Institute of Archaeology. The lecture is presented by Professor Colin M. Wells, Chair of the Department of Classical Studies at Trinity University. The lecture is free, but parking is $3. A wine/apple juice and cheese reception follows.

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Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation News
21st Annual Battle of San Diego Bay Fiesta
Members of the San Diego County Archaeological Society are invited to come on down and join in the festivities at the 21st Annual Battle of San Diego Bay Fiesta. This bodacious event will happen March 21, 1999 at High Noon. The location is the foot of Rosecrans Street on the U.S. Naval Submarine Base.

For the past 21 years, the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation and Casa de España have cosponsored the Battle of San Diego Bay Fiesta. This event commemorates the honor and bravery of the soldiers of Spain who fought the only ship-to-shore cannon duel between the Spanish Army and U.S. American merchant sailors in California. The fateful battle occurred on March 22, 1803. Though not a drip of blood was lost, the shots were “heard” from Monterey to Mexico City and shaped the political landscape.

This year’s keynote speaker is California Assemblyman Howard Wayne, who will present the California Legislature’s view on the importance of our shared heritage with Spain. Other speakers will include the Spanish Consul-general of Los Angeles, Captain Wayne Thornton, Assistant Chief of Staff, Navy Region Southwest and Ms. Susi Lusti, President of Casa de España.

SDCAS Members should come to this cultural event to visit the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation’s Chinese fishing camp archaeology exhibit in Slattery Hall. Tours of the Archaeology Lab will be conducted on request.

Spanish dancing and guitar music will follow the ceremonies. The entertainment is free. The famous rice and sea food paella will be sold by Casa de España at a nominal cost.

Please plan to arrive around 11:30 AM to find good parking and a seat in the audience. We want a good turn out for our honored guests. For details, please call 619-229-9743.

Armed Forces Day and Fort Rosecrans Centennial to be Commemorated
The Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation and U.S. Navy Submarine Base will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of U.S. Army Fort Rosecrans with a one-day history symposium, exhibits, luncheon and walking tour of the Fort Rosecrans Historic District. This event will occur on May 15, 1999 at the historic 1919 YMCA Building in the heart of the historic district.

FGMF has planned an exciting round of slide illustrated lectures on the development of America’s sea coast defense during President Theodore Roosevelt’s Administration. Exhibits will convey political events and popular opinions that fueled Congress to build the massive underground artillery batteries at the mouth of San Diego Bay.

Scheduled speakers include author and SDSU History Professor Barry Joyce, Captain Wayne Thornton of the Navy Region Southwest, Ronald V. May, historian Herb Randall, and a distinguished panel of discussants. Commander Sam Smith, U.S. Navy, will chair the discussion panel to synthesize the importance of events leading up to Fort Rosecrans and which carried it through World Wars I and II.

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The U.S. Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff will cater the luncheon in the 1919 YMCA Building. Restored in 1994, this large Craftsman style structure served as gymnasium, dance hall and movie theater.

Around 3:30 in the afternoon, the entire group will file outside for a walking tour of the Fort Rosecrans Historic District. Featured will be a row of 1904-1908 Colonial Revival buildings that formed the heart of U.S. Army activities through 1945. Of particular interest will be the 115th Company Coast Artillery Barracks, which the U.S. Navy totally restored during the Spring and Summer of 1998.

Tickets to this event will be sold in advance. Registration is limited to 120 guests and a full house is anticipated. The price will be $25 a person. SDCAS members interested in this event should call 619-229-9743 or send reservations to FGMF “100th Anniversary Symposium,” P.O. Box 23130, San Diego, CA 92193.

US Navy Retains UCSB Anthropology Professor for NAGPRA Review

The U.S. Navy retained Professor Phil Walker of the University of California at Santa Barbara to conduct the official Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) review of the archaeology collections housed in Buildings 127, 128, and the Ballast Point Repository.

Professor Walker met with Kumeyaay Elder Clarence Brown prior to inspecting the collections. Elder Brown announced his careful inspection of the collections did not reveal objects subject to NAGPRA.

The next step in the process will be a formal notification mailed to all the Federally recognized Native American tribes and bands in the region. Following this notification, the U.S. Navy will escort tribal representatives to examine the collections. The final step in the process will be to publish the results in the Federal Register.

President’s Message
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I am happy to announce that the SDCAS now has a web site complete with Web Master, Carol Serr. Carol and I have been working on the format and content of the site and have several pages available for your viewing. I apologize for the rather long web site address, but you can’t beat the price (IT’S FREE). Once you sign on, you might want to add it to your favorite places list for quick recall. Let us know what you think and where we can improve. Our address is:

http://www.sdinsider.com/community/groups/sdcas. Be sure to explore other San Diego County groups’ web pages while you’re there.

One of the features that may be of interest to you is our “LINKS” page that will allow you to explore other archaeology and history sites. We also have a calendar of events page to allow you to plan your participation, as well as informing you of emergency operations, i.e., those that require an immediate response. Too often these short notice undertakings are limited to Board members and members present at our lectures. Along those lines, I would suggest that all members with e-mail addresses who are interested in receiving notices give your e-mail address to our Membership Chair, Jennifer Guerrazzi (jguerraz@parks.ca.gov) [congratulations to Jennifer in obtaining a position with State Parks].

We are also working on sponsoring additional workshops, given the participation in, and positive feedback from, our recent ceramics workshop. The detailed level of information and the variety present in our local ceramic traditions overwhelmed me and I’m sure I’m not alone. I would be interested in a second go-round to flesh out these details. In addition, Steve Boucscaren has suggested more field trip/workshops to Baja California. These workshops were well received by the membership and we look forward to the opportunity for more.

We continue to explore the viability of a SDCAS publication series. I have had positive responses from both SDCAS members and local professionals. We are currently collecting ideas and will attempt a round-table discussion in the near future. We’ll keep you informed.

The amount of energy in this group is impressive. Many volunteer hours go into maintaining the Society and I applaud those who give their time to this worthwhile endeavor. I am, however, concerned that we are not meeting the needs of all of our membership (see November/December 1998 newsletter). It appears that the SDCAS has a small cadre of active members who attend our monthly lectures and field activities. I am assuming, therefore, that a large portion of our members are what we might term “supporting members”, that is, they agree with our goals, but are not necessarily interested in actively participating. This is the positive interpretation of the situation and their patronage is appreciated. An alternative hypothesis (to use the jargon of the profession) is that we are failing to inspire participation from a large percentage of our membership. There are two ways that we can go about answering which, if either, hypothesis is correct: 1) I can call each member and ask specifically what their ideal of the SDCAS would be or, 2) those interested in change can call me. Personally, I prefer the latter (760-765-1289, BKPaWest@aol.com). Let me know what you think.
Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

Synopses

By Kaylene Fleming

January 26, 1999

January’s guest speaker was Dr. Glenn Russell. The subject of Dr. Russell’s talk was his ongoing research in the Chicama Valley that is a located in the coastal desert region of northern Peru. The Chicama Valley is renown for the pyramid-centered ceremonial site at Mocholopo that is associated with the well known Moche Culture that flourished in the region from A.D. 200-800. What has drawn Dr. Russell to this region is his interest in the social and political organization of the Moche as well as their economic base, as it is expressed in Moche ceramics.

Dr. Russell’s research has indicated that over time there has been a shift in settlement patterns from the defensive hillside settlements of four to five families, to larger villages that culminated in the construction of the ceremonial centers known today as the Huaca del Sol y de la Luna with their urban centers. The focus of Dr. Russell’s excavations over the past three years has been a village that specialized in the manufacture of ceramics. Contrary to the popularized Moche ceramics that accentuates the exotic, Dr. Russell’s excavations have unearthed many interesting artifacts that are ceremonial as well as utilitarian. Of particular note are the molds that were used in the manufacture of many of the ceramic items. These molds were used for the manufacture of the bodies of the pots, as well as for attachments, and seals.

Dr. Russell’s research has allowed him to make some exciting conclusion about the function of ceramics among the Moche, such as reciprocity, with the elite giving objects back to the craftsman in exchange for their labor. Dr. Russell’s research is conducted through the University Research Expeditions Program (UREP), University of California, Davis. These programs are open to the public and Dr. Russell’s 1999 research program will be held between June 26-July 9, and July 10-23. Details can be obtained by phoning 530-752-0692, or visiting the web site at: http://urep.ucdavis.edu.

February 23, 1999

Our February guest speaker was Dr. Sinéad Ní Ghabhlaín, a Resource Associate at UCLA’s Institute of Archaeology, who shared with us an overview of her five years of research on the Aran Islands, Ireland. The focus of Dr. Ghabhlaín’s research is the Monastery of Mainistir Chiarain on the largest of the Aran Islands, Inis Mor, where she is investigating the role that the monasteries played in the hierarchy of settlement. To date, over 1,200 years of occupation has been documented at this site. Dr. Ghabhlaín began her talk by describing the environment of the island that drastically changes from the rich pasture lands of the south coast to the rugged towering cliffs of the north coast that face the relentless onslaught of the Atlantic Ocean.

It was on the rugged north coast that a series of forts were established in the Late Bronze Age. Excavations at these forts indicated that these sites were not just used as fortifications but were also inhabited. It appears that no forts were established on the south coast of the island where the monasteries are located. Over the five years of excavation a series of features such as walls, floors, hearths, and ditches have been uncovered that tell a story of various stages of occupation from the building of the church to a Post-Reformation house of the 16th Century. Some of the features that remain today are the intricately carved stone crosses and pillars, some of which may have had some pre-Christian function. Dr. Ghabhlaín concluded her talk with a variety of slides of some of the artifacts that have been recovered. These included carved bone pins and toggles, fragments of jet bracelets and spacer beads, worked antlers that were used as handles to utensils, and finely worked metal brooch pins like the following illustration.
Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

Our March Guest Speaker will be Dr. Shelly Raven-Jennings, who will give a talk entitled: “Clam Eaters or Intrepid Hunter: Archaeological and Ethnographic Views of the Boiguans of Torres Strait, Australia.” Her ethnoarchaeological investigations among marine hunter-gatherers on Boigu island in the Torres Strait of Australia have shed light on the opportunities and constraints offered by a marine environment. But on a more basic level, offered insights into the relative contributions of archaeological versus ethnographic observations, and their interpretive potentials. In a sense, the archaeological site the Boiguans were producing represented the “real”: a marine fold who often ate shellfish and finfish, with the rare turtle or dugong as a dietary bonus. Yet the “cultural focus”, in ethnographic terms, was entirely upon an “ideal”: a band of hunters intent upon large marine prey, which played an organizational and spiritual role out of all proportions to its economic contribution. Archaeologists are fortunate to have the more straightforward, orderly, “real” data to interpret, but perhaps will never ascertain the cultural aspects of the behavior that they reconstruct.

Presidio Park North-Wing Site Reburial and Conservation Project

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The Presidio is located on a steep hill above Old Town State Historic Park. Because it is situated on a hill, drainage patterns present a constant threat of erosion to the site. In addition, when adobe is left exposed and unprotected from the elements, it will continue to “melt” and erode, resulting in a permanent loss of the resource. It was clear that the City had to take action to protect the site from another year of exposure to the elements.

Adobe conservation methodology can be, at times, very complex. It requires a great deal of flexibility and adaptation. There are no “textbook methods” for site conservation and reburial. Methodology will vary depending on who you talk to. After speaking with several experts in the field of adobe conservation, a procedure for site reburial was decided upon. First, a layer of semi-permeable geotextile (filter fabric) will be draped over the walls of the rooms to help stabilize and define them for future excavation. Pin flags will be placed on top of the walls to clearly delineate them during the reburial process. Next, low-saline, compatible soils will be used to backfill the excavated units. The backfilling process will be very delicate and time-consuming. Crews will use hand tools to fill and level the units with the backfill dirt. Soils will be staged nearby, off-site, and brought into the units without the use of heavy machinery directly over the site.

Crews will fill each room evenly, working carefully not to place undue stress on the walls, or any of the other features. Thousands of tile fragments, collected during excavation, will be reintroduced to the units, prior to reburial. (It is the City’s hope that by reintroducing the tile fragments to the units, prior to reburial, it will preserve them, in order that they might provide valuable information for future studies.) Ceramic markers clearly indicating what we did during the reburial will be placed in each unit prior to reburial. Information on markers may include: the reintroduction of tile fragments (or other cultural remains), map coordinates, date of closure, room number, room name, etc. Metal markers will be placed around the perimeter of the site, making it easier for future researchers to locate the north-wing with metal detectors.

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The City’s landscape architects will be on site during the reburial to ensure that a proper slope and drainage is created. Once all the units have been filled and hand-tamped, the site will be revegetated using some type of grass mixture. The City has launched a full-scale research project to determine the best method of short-term revegetation. A soil stabilizer will be added to a hydroseed mixture to help prevent soil erosion in the interim. Irrigation, fertilization, and mowing will be closely watched and regulated. A certain amount of natural sinkage is anticipated at the site after the reburial is completed. Planting grass will allow us to address sinkage, as well as address slope and drainage patterns, without removing established plants. During the next 16 months, extensive research will be conducted at the Balboa Park Nursery to try and determine an ideal long-term plant cover. Currently, the City is investigating the feasibility of a native plant garden. Park ground maintenance workers will be extensively trained in how to care for and manage the site long-term.

The City is dedicated to the future public interpretation of the Presidio’s archaeology and history. Prior to the reburial, there will be a “History Revisited Day” (Sunday, May 23, 1999) at the Presidio. Events will include: public archaeology tours, historical reenactment, and cultural demonstrations. A full-length video of the reburial is being developed in conjunction with the City of San Diego Video Services Department. In addition, the site was fully mapped using Total Station and Auto CAD, photographed (still, video, and aerial), and sketched. Data obtained during the mapping process will allow us to create a virtual tour of the north-wing, accessible via the internet. These steps will provide a valuable record for future study and interpretation.

Over the past three months, many people have volunteered their time at the Presidio. I owe a tremendous amount of thanks to SDCAS members, students, community volunteers, AmeriCorps NCCC, CCC, and the Mormon Elders. With your help, we have relocated historically significant plants that were growing on the site, removed several dead stumps and other invasive plants and trees, and treated weeds growing on the site with Roundup. In addition, we have screened several tons of soil, installed a French drain, replaced at least 150 sand bags, and applied several layers of protective adobe mud layering to the walls. However, there is still much work to be completed before the actual site reburial can begin in May. Piles of backfill dirt from previous excavations have created artificial drainage patterns, and must be addressed. All backfill dirt not imported from off-site must be carefully screened. There is a possibility that some of the soil may contain cultural remains. Also, it will be necessary to conduct a surface artifact survey and collection.

This process is highly labor intensive and will require the assistance of many volunteers. Metro Parks has scheduled several work weekends at the Presidio during the months of March and April. Work will take place on:

- Sunday, March 14, 1999
- Sunday, March 21, 1999
- Sunday, April 11, 1999
- Sunday, April 18, 1999
- and Monday, April 19, 1999

Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. You can show up on site at any time during those hours. Please wear long pants, boots, hat, eye protection, gloves, and sunscreen. Please bring water, lunch, and a trowel if you have one. The City will have dust masks available if you prefer. Rain Cancels.

The Presidio is located just off Interstate 8 at the Taylor Street off ramp. Please call Metro Parks Ranger Mick Calarco at 619-235-1122 to confirm your participation, or if you have questions.

If you would like your name placed on the Presidio e-mail list then drop me a note at: outdrbound@att.net.

I look forward to seeing you at the Presidio!
The inaugural Johnson-Taylor Summer Evening Program was held June 24, 1989. Those attending enjoyed a barbecue dinner in the courtyard followed by a slide show and talk on the Kumeyaay culture by Ron May. The July program featured Richard Cerruti who gave a flintknapping demonstration. Ken Hedges of the Museum of Man presented a slide program on the use of plants by the Kumeyaay and also talked about pottery making and rock art for the August Summer Evening Program.

From 1985 to 1989 SDCAS members participated in a variety of projects at the Los Peñasquitos ranch house. Their many hours of hard work and effort were rewarded September 23rd, 1989 on Park Day. Not only was the North Wing (wing A) of the ranch house officially opened, but SDCAS was presented with a "Friends of Parks and Recreation" award by County Parks for its past four years of volunteer work. The 5,000 hours of work performed by over 100 people were calculated to be worth $107,800!

FAB Awards

A lot of people do a lot of work to make the SDCAS a successful organization, but every year one bright shining star is elected by the Board for their outstanding contributions to the Society. In March, this individual is presented the FAB (Frazzled Ass Buzzard) award. Jan Bennett was the recipient for 1986 and Nancy Bailles for 1987. Don Lyons was the winner for 1988. You will have to wait for the March/April 1990 newsletter to learn who received the 1989 award because I do not yet have the March/April 1990 issue in hand to tell me the results. With that in mind, I can now tell you that the FAB recipient for 1985 was Randi Hawkins.

Outings

In June 1987 more than 60 SDCAS members hopped on board the Big Yellow Bus for a field trip to Campo. Some early society members participated including Frank Walker, the first SDCAS president, the Campbells' and Mike Cassidy. Meredith Vezina of the Mountain Empire Historical Society presented a lecture and slide show about the history of the Campo and Buckman Springs area. A barbecue lunch, a bus tour of Camp Lockett, and a trip on the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum's train rounded out a very interesting day.

A weekend outing in November of 1987 went to La Rumarosa, Baja was guided by Ken Hedges, chief curator of the Museum of Man. About 30 participants enjoyed scrambling about the high desert boulders to visit various rock art sites, most of which were pictographs. The most famous site, discovered in 1974 by SDCAS members, features an anthropomorphic figure called the "sunwatcher". At winter solstice a dagger of light strikes the red figure at his black eyes. A traditional potluck dinner ended the first day of the trip. More sites were visited the following day.

Another weekend outing organized by Mike Sampson took 21 members to the Anza-Borrego desert in February 1988. Ranger Manfred Knaak gave a presentation about...
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the area’s rock art. Several prehistoric sites including sleeping circles and intaglios were visited during the trip. The potluck dinner was followed by a lecture around the campfire about the desert bighorn sheep.

On August 13th and 14th 1988, several SDCAS found themselves at Palomar Mountain to re-record sites first recorded by D.L. True in the 1950s. Led by Mike Sampson, Tim Gross, and Phil Hines, three teams of members mapped site boundaries and bedrock milling features. A long, hot day of hard work was wrapped up with a campfire program about “mountain men” and included demonstrations of firemaking without matches and firing a flintlock musket.

Other Notables

The March/April 1987 newsletter announced the publication of SDCAS’ first research publication: San Dieguito-La Jolla: Chronology and Controversy, Research Paper Number 1. This publication was a major goal of past President Steve Van Wormier. WESTEC provided graphic services and a $500 donation for publication costs.

The same issue of the newsletter also announced the availability of a new lapel pin featuring the SDCAS logo.

A Victorian-style crazy quilt with a rock art motif handmade by SDCAS volunteers was finally ready for display at the January 1989 General Meeting after nearly three years in the making. Twenty squares made from donated ties and other material were assembled to make the quilt that was to be used in promotional activities.

Last but not least, I must mention that in the March/April 1988 issue of the newsletter, the first of a series of articles on the history of the SDCAS’ first fifteen years was published. Although the author, editor Mike Nabholz only made it through the first five years, I am truly grateful for his efforts as his articles are what begin the current series of articles on the history of the San Diego County Archaeological Society.

To be continued.....

Rancho Roundup

By Supervising Ranger Reneene Mowry

Mark Your Calendars

The annual SDCAS docent/ranch hand training is coming up! If you have thought about joining this very special group, now is your chance! If you don’t want to give tours, you can choose to participate in a variety of other ways, including interviewing former residents, compiling historic research, cataloging donations, helping with the school program, working in the gift shop or helping with the heritage vegetable garden. This year’s training will begin on Saturday, April 10, at 9:00 a.m., and will continue on Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., through May 1st. The following topics will be covered: Native Americans, archaeology, ranch house architecture, history of the Spanish and Early Mexican periods, history of the late Mexican and Johnson periods, history of the Taylor, Mohnike, and late ranch periods, and interpretive techniques. Call head docent Kathy Jenkins, at 619-573-0573, or me, at 619-484-7504, for more information and to sign up.

I Can’t Believe It’s Really Happening!

Believe it or not, our little spring house is now sporting a new roof, windows and door. And, equally as exciting, the walls of the duck pond have been restored! Archaeologist Susan Hector, our Division Chief, is now searching for funding for the floor and a pump system for the duckpond. She is also hoping to uncover the original zanjas that conveyed water from the spring into the duckpond with the help of volunteer work parties. If all goes well, we, too, may see what former San Diego residents saw over a hundred years ago: “A little below the house, he (George Johnson) has built a tank, or reservoir, sixty-five feet long, by fifty-three feet in width, and about three and a half feet in depth. The sides are built of stone and lined with a cement as hard as flint. Into this reservoir a stream of water, supplied by a large spring, is constantly flowing, and upon the bottom of the waters—clear as crystal—ducks, of several fine varieties, are always swimming.” (Excerpt from the San Diego Union, 4/28/1869). I can just picture wild mallards swimming on the pond, with a couple of snowy egrets surveying the scene; and, perhaps, even a great blue heron paying a visit! Note: The spring house will be formally dedicated during “Arch in the Park,” on May 15. We have invited County Supervisor Pamela Slater to do the honors.

Come and Visit La Cocina  (It’s muy bueno!)

La Cocina, the rancho gift shop, is open every Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and during special events. Effective March 14, it will also be open on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. We have a variety of books, handmade soaps, rancho tee shirts, note cards, Mexican pots, vaquero hats, and other goodies. Bring your newsletter or other proof of membership for a ten percent discount on books and most other items. Not only will you save money, but your purchase will go toward the restoration effort at Rancho Los Peñasquitos.

Diggin’ Up the Dirt

Dr. Steve Bouscaren and his City College archaeology class are back, excavating a prehistoric site on the knoll north of the ranch house. With the exception of spring break, the students will be here every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come on by, and see the dig in progress. They will be happy to explain what they are doing and show you any recent “finds.”

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New Face at the Ranch House

I am pleased to announce that interpretive aide Susan Potts will be working here, on a part-time basis, through the summer. Susan has written the following article to introduce herself and explain her purpose here at Rancho Los Peñasquitos:

“Although I am the newest member of the San Diego County Parks staff at the ranch house, I am a familiar face to many of you. In 1993, I joined Barry Martin’s tracking team and still enjoy searching for tracks, scat, and browse in the preserve. Also, as a member of the San Diego Natural History Museum’s Canyoneers, I have guided nature hikes in the preserve. My career with San Diego County Parks began in December of 1996, working as a nature interpreter at Blue Sky Reserve in Poway. In April, 1998, I transferred to the Environmental Education Department. As camp coordinator, I assisted with our summer Junior Ranger program and with various school programs. Currently, I will be dividing my time between the Environmental Education Office and Rancho Los Peñasquitos. Here, I will be helping with the school programs, guiding tours and providing coverage on Sundays, recruiting ranch hands and docents, as well as assisting with special events. (I will be conducting children’s activities at this year’s “Arch in the Park” event.) Beginning Sunday, March 14, I will be conducting tours of the ranch house every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The third Sunday of each month (March 21, April 18) will be family oriented. This would be the best day for families with young ones to visit as I will talk about a typical day at the rancho for children in the 1800’s. After the tour, we will have activities ranging from games and crafts to wild and domestic plants and animals found in old San Diego. Please join me on a Sunday. I look forward to meeting you.”

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Atlatl National Competition in Ocotillo

Join National Champion spear thrower Leni Clubb on May 1 for this competition. For more information, she can be reached at (760) 358-7835 and email address: leniwaa@inreach.com. You can join the World Atlatl Association for $10 a year.

Celebrate a Year of Curation

The San Diego Archaeological Center will hold an exhibit opening reception on Saturday, May 8, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the San Diego Archaeological Center. This will be an interpretive exhibit using archaeological artifacts from the San Diego area, but not the usual ground stone, points and broken bits of pottery. This exhibit will center around shawii, a Kumeyaay staple made from the acorn of the live oak. The exhibit will feature a Native American discussion on the meaning of artifacts from the cultural perspective of the Kumeyaay.

Archaeologist’s interpretation of the artifacts will be incorporated into the exhibit as well. The exhibit will run through the summer. There is no charge for the exhibit or opening reception. For more information please call Cindy Stankowski, Acting Director Phone 619-239-1868, Fax 619-239-1869, e-mail cski@cts.com. The Center is located at 334 Eleventh Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.

Museum of Man Exhibit: Venezuelan Folk Art Exhibit Reflects Local Values, Religious and Political Themes

A vivid assortment of wood carvings and paintings from the Venezuelan states of Meriada and Trujillo will be showcased during the San Diego Museum of Man’s newest exhibit: “Images from the Andes: Venezuelan Folk Art.” Opening April 11, 1999 and continuing through January 1, 2000. The assortment of folk art on display is on loan from local collector Larry Kent, a San Diego businessman who travels to Venezuela frequently. The Museum of Man is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Museum of Man Conversations in Culture: Southwest Indians Sharing their Heritage through Crafts

Noted Hopi artist and writer Ramson Lomatewanima, sculptor Urshel Taylor and jeweler Neil Martinez will headline this event (previously called the Annual Southwest Indian Arts Colloquium), sponsored by the San Diego Museum of Man. It is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 17 and is restricted to a limited number of participants. Registration is $45 for Museum members and $65 for non-members. For more information, please contact the Museum’s Educational Department at 619-239-2001.


Monday, March 29, Noon. Free for Museum Members, $5 for non-Members.

This lecture will examine Mexico’s monuments of Copan – some of the world’s most intriguing archaeological sites. Learn when they were discovered, about their current condition, and how they are read. This lecture is presented by Elizabeth Newsome, who has masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas, where she specialized in pre-Columbian and Native American Art History. She joined the faculty at UCSD in 1996. For more information, please call 619-239-2001.

Thirteenth National Town Meeting on Main Street

March 21 – 24, San Diego, CA
Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Main Street Center. Nearly 100 educational and field sessions led by local community development specialists. The Main Street approach to economic development and historic preservation has been adopted by 1400 agencies across the country and is being used by federal agencies to rethink under-utilized historic properties.

Contact Main Street Center: Phone/fax: 202-588-6219, E-mail: http://www.mainst.org/
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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.

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