President’s Message
By Glenn Russell

I hope that this newsletter finds you all happy, healthy, and doing archaeology! Needless to say, there is a lot to do these days around San Diego, and we at the San Diego County Archaeological Society are trying to do our part and provide opportunities for others. Many of these opportunities are listed and described in this newsletter. I encourage you to take advantage of them!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation for the opportunity to participate in their 5th Anniversary of the wonderful Visitor and Interpretive Center at Mission Trails Park. Many people took the time to stop by at our table and chat. Our flint knapping demonstration was also a very popular stop for visitors. The citizens of San Diego are very fortunate to have a park like Mission Trails within the boundaries of their city. We at the Society would like to reiterate our support for the Park and our members are available to contribute to the (Continued on Page 4)

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The SDCAS Office is at the Peñasquitos Ranch House, west of Black Mountain Road and Canyonside Community Park.

The New SDCAS General Meeting Location is at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center. From Highways 52 or 125 take Mission Gorge Road to Father Junipero Serra Trail. From I-15 take the Friars Road exit east (it turns into Mission Gorge Road) to Father Junipero Serra Trail.
Editor’s Message

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

CORRECTIONS: My deepest apologies for misspelling Patrick McGinnis’ name in the January/February issue. Also Jim Royle’s phone number area code was not changed to the new 858 number. Finally, the article I used for Clarence Brown’s Obituary did not point out that he was a member of the board of trustees of the San Diego Archaeological Center. I regret these errors and any problems they may have caused.

The submission deadline for the next issue is April 28. Please send all items to:

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Members’ News Corner

Field Visit to Indian Hill
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
March 25, 2000

Indian Hill is a rockshelter with prehistoric occupation that dates to at least 4,000 years ago. Indian Hill Rockshelter is important in the prehistory of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the Colorado Desert, as it is currently the only known site with a substantial midden deposit and an abundant collection of artifacts that spans the transition from the Archaic period to ethnohistoric times. Early investigations at the rockshelter revealed that the midden was culturally stratified, with Elko Eared dart points recovered in the lower levels of the deposit, and small arrow points and ceramics in the upper levels. Additional excavations corroborated earlier findings and added a great deal more specific information regarding use of the rockshelter and the region.

Indian Hill is located in the eastern foothills of the Jacumba Mountains in San Diego County, in a transitional vegetation zone. It occupies a strategic position between the adjacent low-lying alkaline desert floor and the mountains of eastern San Diego County, within convenient distance of both the mountains and the desert floor. The Imperial Valley area is the least hospitable area in the region, except when Lake Cahuilla filled the basin or when the New River or other overflow distributaries of the Colorado River were present.

On Saturday March 25, 2000 at 9 a.m. we will meet with Dr. Meg McDonald of SWCA, Inc, Environmental Consultants, who will be our guide for the day. We will meet on the west side of county Highway S2 at the Mortero Wash road. We can go in that road if everyone has 4-wheel drive. If not, we will go in using a road south of Mortero Wash road.

To visit the site you will be required to obtain a day pass at one of the information booths within the park. The nearest place to Indian Hill to get a day pass is at Bow Willow campground area. PLEASE PLACE THE PASS IN YOUR VEHICLE WHERE PARK RANGERS CAN SEE IT.

Please bring your own refreshments, hat, and sun protection. The site is about a 1-mile hike up a gradual slope in sandy terrain from where we leave the cars.

You do not have to be a member to attend, but non-members must send in a signed Code of Ethics (please use the one on the back of this newsletter). Also include name, address, and phone number. Send this information to Kaylene Fleming, 2226 River Run Drive #157, San Diego CA 92108.

Collections Volunteer Opportunity

Where? Rancho Peñasquitos Ranch House
When? Sunday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please come and join us in a day of collections management and rehabilitation. We will be rehabilitating and reorganizing the large collections that have resulted from the various excavations that have taken place in and around the Ranch House. These collections include materials from both the extensive prehistoric and historic occupations at Rancho Peñasquitos. It is a great opportunity to see, handle, and learn about the artifacts and meet other Society members. We are in the home stretch of this mammoth project and with your help, we can achieve our final goal! Absolutely no previous experience is necessary! Come one and all! Refreshments will be provided

Monthly Raffle Items Needed!

We NEED items for our monthly raffle!! Please donate archaeologically-related books, artwork, T-shirts (or even theater or sporting event tickets) - something that will get people to BUY tickets to win the item! Donations can be brought to the general meetings (4th Tuesday of each month) or dropped off at the Peñasquitos ranch house during monthly board meetings (3rd Tuesday of each month between 7 and 8:30 p.m.). Contact Glenn Russell for more information, by phone: 858-694-2981, or by e-mail: grussep@co.sandiego.ca.us.

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Message From The President Elect

By Mick Calarco

San Diego County Archaeology Society has much to be proud of. As this is my first year serving on the board, I am now more aware then ever before of the outstanding work that the SDCAS does. Dedicated members continue to serve the board for many years. Recently, two valuable members of the board, Jan Bennett and Cyndi Duff, had to resign [Please see article on Page 7 – Ed.]. If you have ever thought about getting involved in the SDCAS, now is the time. We can use your help with Hospitality or Sales. Contact a Board member for more details.

Archaeology Week has been extended!

The entire month of May is now Archaeology Month; dedicated to promoting archaeology through public education and outreach. This year’s theme is Bridging the Millennium; tying together the past, present and future of archaeology.

San Diego County Archaeology Society is planning to spearhead the kick-off celebration for Archaeology Month. Arch in the Park, normally held during the month of May, has been moved to Saturday, April 29, 2000 at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House Adobe. Arch in the Park will be a forum for Tribal, Federal, State, and local governments, Cultural Resource Management firms, and Avocational groups to promote archaeology and premier their planned events for Archaeology Month. Help SDCAS make Arch in the Park a success! Participate in one or both of the upcoming planning meetings: Tuesday, March 7 and Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House Adobe. Your ideas for booths, speakers, displays, etc. are needed and welcomed.

Historic Preservation Week is May 14-20, 2000. This year’s theme is: Taking America’s Past Into the Future. More details coming in the next newsletter.

Summer Lecture Series

In honor of the late County Historian Mary Ward, the San Diego County Archaeological Society has renamed the Summer Lecture Series to the Mary Ward Memorial Lecture Series. The first lecture in the series will be devoted to some aspect of the life or work of Mary Ward. If you know of someone who would like to talk about Mary Ward, please let me know, and I will contact him or her.

Volunteers Needed

The San Diego County Archaeology Society, in cooperation with San Diego State University and the San Diego Historical Society, will be developing a new archaeology exhibit for the Serra Museum located in Presidio Park. The display will focus on an introduction to archaeology, specifically the archaeology of San Diego County and the San Diego Presidio. A portion of the Presidio collection from San Diego State University will be featured in the exhibit. Your ideas, input, and action are needed. Please contact me for more information on how to get involved!

History Revisited Day 2000 at Presidio Park will be held on Saturday June 24, 2000. San Diego County Archaeology Society has been invited to participate in the event to raise awareness about archaeology through public education and outreach. The Society recently purchased a banner for use at events like these. However, there is still much work to be done to make our booth better than ever. We need volunteers who would like to help us design updated display boards, promotional materials, etc. Remember, the Society is only as active and successful as its members. Please contact me to get involved.

I am very easy to get a hold of. My home phone: 760-737-0541, work: 619-692-4846, pager: 619-232-2237 x7282, cell 619-913-7263, and email: outdrbound@att.net.

Thanks for your help. I look forward to a year filled with exciting events!

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Park’s goals in any way that we can. Many people signed up for a complimentary copy of the newsletter and I hope that some of you are reading those copies at this very moment! If you are, and you like what you see in the newsletter, please take the time to fill out our membership form in this newsletter and send it in. By doing so, you will receive our upcoming newsletters and become informed about the many opportunities and activities that Society members participate in!

There are many upcoming activities to put on your calendar. We have scheduled an upcoming trip to Indian Hill Rock Shelter on Saturday, March 25, to be guided by Dr. Meg McDonald, author of an important volume on the results of her excavations at the site. This is a rare opportunity and educational experience. Don’t forget our collections rehabilitation work that will take place at the Rancho Peñasquitos barn the very next day, March 26. Also mark your calendars for 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month for our monthly general meeting and evening lecture at Mission Trails Park. The Tuesday, March 28 lecture, will be presented by architect Paul W. Johnson, who will speak on heritage tourism and the Casa de Aguirre Convent project in Old Town. The Tuesday, April 25 lecture will be presented by Tanya Wahoff who will present a slide lecture on the Archaeology of San Clemente Island. Also note that May will be Archaeology Month for the state of California. There will be numerous events at various locations during May, but the whole month will kick off on April 29 with our annual Arch in the Park event at the Peñasquitos Preserve. And there are even more events! Take a look around the newsletter and visit our web site for updates. We hope to see you all there!
PASSION!
By Kaitlin Meadows

Do I have your attention? It’s been a long, wet winter, are your passion tanks low? As the enthusiastic (some would say foolhardy) chairperson of Education and Outreach for SDCAS, I am dedicated to the supposition that if you see it, learn about it, and get involved with it, you’ll get passionate about sharing and protecting it. My goal is to incite some passion for San Diego County archaeology in you!

Usually my job for SDCAS consists of sending out curriculum support materials for educators & scout leaders, speaking at Science Fairs and Science Career Day programs, connecting people interested in archaeology with appropriate resources. In short, outreaching to others.

But this month, I’m turning coat. I’m writing to encourage YOU to revive and recharge your connection to archaeology and most importantly to the San Diego County Archaeological Society.

Spring! A great opportunity awaits you to ignite (or reignite) your passion for local archaeology! Celebrate the wonderful diversity of sites and settings that San Diego offers us by learning more about the history and life ways of those who came before us.

Need examples? Read on. Take note. Mark calendars. Plan outings with the family. And then GO! Go I say! Get up! Get out! Do it!

Please support and participate in all the great activities noted in this newsletter that are sponsored by SDCAS in March & April! Here are other suggestions:

Rancho Santa Maria de Los Peñasquitos

Weekend tours of this historic Mexican era rancho (with three-foot thick adobe walls and displays of Indian & settler artifacts) are conducted by spirited docents shepherded by our own Kathy Jenkins. With the inspired leadership of Chief Ranger Reneene Mowry, the Los Peñasquitos Rancho has become a fascinating place to get a glimpse into early life in our area. The grounds include a spring house and outbuildings with unique stories worth repeating.

Tours: Saturdays at 11 a.m. Sundays at 1 p.m.
La Cocina Gift Shop Hours: (Proceeds directly benefit the Rancho).

The Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve regularly offer fascinating biological, botanical, geological, and wildlife hikes through the area. Membership includes their great newsletter which is an excellent resource and features schedules of their many great events and activities. Call Mike Kelly at 858-566-6489 or the Preserve line at 858-484-3219 for more details.

Barona Cultural Center and Museum Tours

An Iron Mountain Conservancy Historical Presentation
Saturday, March 11 (1 p.m. or 3 p.m.)
Barona Cultural Center
1095 Barona Road, Lakeside (one mile east of Casino)
For Reservations Call: 619-443-7003 x 19

Take advantage of this special opportunity to tour this exciting new facility with Museum Curator Cheryl Jeffrey and learn more about the culture and history of local Native Americans.

The museum is designed to be a rich audio-visual experience for the visitor. A beautiful photo mural takes you from the Julian mountains overlooking the desert of the San Felipe Valley all the way to the Torrey Pines with a detailed timeline of important historical events and activities.

You can hear the timeless chanting of historic Native American bird songs, listen to Ipai words relating to stories of trade, cultural upheaval, hunting, and food gathering, and see many beautiful artifacts while reading of their history and use. A traditional house (’ewaa) and clothing will be on display and many interpretative activities are planned.

The museum has a research library and a web site is being created. Come see this facility and learn the cohesive story of Ipai and Kumeyaay history!

The Iron Mountain Conservancy is a dedicated group of concerned individuals educating people about and protecting our natural resources. They have featured lectures with Samuel Brown, Kumeyaay traditional storyteller, and hikes emphasizing early ethnobotanical uses of native plants. The Iron Mountain Conservancy publishes a great newsletter with many activities of interest – support this group!

Call 760-788-WILD (760-788-9453) for details or visit http://www.enviroweb.org/irmnt/index.html

Visit the New Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Nature Center!

Spring is a wonderful time to visit the historic Anza-Borrego desert and to check out the great new Nature Center sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association. This wonderful, sunny, interactive space is conveniently located on the main street of Borrego Springs and features books, maps, native pottery, children’s resources, and lots of terrific displays. Cheerful, knowledgeable volunteers answer questions about local spots of interest and the group’s newsletter offers a wealth of lore, plus news of a considerable number of wonderful hikes and activities that the Anza-Borrego Natural History Association sponsors.

The museum presently features a photographic exhibition of rock art by resident archaeologist Manfred Knaack from his book The Forgotten Artist-Indians of Anza-Borrego and Their Rock Art.

The book features rock art of the Cahuilla, Northern Diegueño, and Kumeyaay residents who lived in the mountains and deserts of the western Colorado Desert for thousands of years. Mr. Knaack is currently a Professor of Anthropology at Imperial Valley College after a distinguished career as an Associate State Archaeologist in the Anza-Borrego State Park. His photographs have been selected for display at the new Barona Cultural Center and Museum.

The Nature Center is located at 652 Palm Canyon Drive in the heart of downtown Borrego Springs. Open weekends (but closed Mondays and Tuesdays). Call 760-767-3098 or 760-767-3052 for details. Web site: http://www.abdnha.org, e-mail: ABDNHA@uiia.net

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Monthly Meeting Synopses

By Kaylene Fleming

First, I would like to thank our guest speakers for January and February for travelling to San Diego to give their talks. Secondly, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my position as First-Vice-President over the past two years.

January’s guest speaker was Carol Demcak of Archaeological Resource Management Corporation located in Anaheim. The focus of Demcak’s talk was the distribution and use of red beads. These beads are manufactured from argillite, metavolcanic clay that is fine-grained and soft like talc. This raw material has a limited distribution in Riverside County and is found in association with the Cespi Formation. During her talk, Demcak presented three hypotheses concerning the use of the beads. The distribution pattern that extends along drainages in the Santa Ana Mountains to the coastal regions of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach suggested to her that the beads were used as a trade item. Another hypothesis was that these beads were also used as status symbols. This was based on material written by Chester King. Demcak also suggested that the movement of the red beads could have been caused by exogamous marriage patterns.

Through radiocarbon dates, obsidian hydration tests, and artifact association Demcak established that red beads were in production as early as 9,000 years before present.

February’s guest speaker was Galal Gough who presented his research on the meaning of the shaman’s crook in Native American rock art. Gough presented this theme in two papers. The first paper titled “The Shaman’s Poro (Sacred Crook) in Native American Rock Art” was based on ethnographic references to Carabeth Laird’s book The Chemehuevis, while the second paper was titled “By Hook or by Crook” and expanded upon the first paper. Throughout both papers Gough emphasized the healing and fertility symbolism of the crook. Gough also categorized the different “wands” that are represented in many rock art panels, for instance a short rod is a wand. Another hypothesis was that these beads were also used as status symbols. This was based on material written by Chester King. Demcak also suggested that the movement of the red beads could have been caused by exogamous marriage patterns.

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Membership News

By Carol Serr

Welcome to New Members - Robert Beer (SRS), Gloria Seline, and Melvin Sweet - and thank you for joining SDCAS. We hope you will take part in our various activities, get involved in volunteer projects, and come to the monthly meetings. Renewals are trickling in and I hope that more former members get reinvolved with the society. Please tell your friends and family about our society and encourage them to join also - then you’ll have someone to go with you to the meetings and/or field trips.

Thanks to all those who have renewed - the society greatly appreciates your continued support!

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Please get some passion – become an active member of the San Diego County Archaeological Society, participate in and support our activities, volunteer to help in some small way, glean news of note for the newsletter or donate books and resources related to archaeology at a meeting or at our offices at the Petaquitos Adobe. Arch in the Park Day is coming, lectures, summer programs, and field trip opportunities!

Come on out – don’t miss out!
**Battle of San Diego Bay Fiesta to be Held March 19, 2000**

By Ron May

The 22nd Annual Battle of San Diego Bay Fiesta will be held on March 19, 2000 and everyone at SDCAS is invited to attend!!! Since 1978, historians and Spanish Americans have been commemorating the proud role of Spain in California’s history by holding formal ceremonies near the archaeological ruins of the 1796 Spanish “Fort Guijarros” on the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, San Diego.

The Battle of San Diego Bay occurred on March 22, 1803. It was San Diego’s only Spanish and American ship-to-shore cannon battle in California history. Although no one got hurt, cannon balls damaged the hull of the American merchant brig Lelia Byrd and she sailed over to Catalina Island for repairs. The incident sparked political protest that had effects all the way to Washington, D.C.

Everyone should plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. to secure seating for the ceremony. Parking will be marked by Navy Security, but simply drive south on Rosecrans Street (east side of Point Loma) to the very end. Signs will direct you to the seating. Speakers will include the Consul-general of Spain; Captain Charles Reignier, Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Base Point Loma; Susi Lusti, President of Casa de España. The U.S. Navy Band will play the National Anthems of Spain and the United States, which will be followed by a formal flag raising.

After the formal ceremonies, the audience will then walk over to the picnic grounds to attend a real Spanish Fandango! True to the traditional customs of Old California, Spanish families gathered around traditional meals to party with traditional music and dancing. This year there will be 150 chairs set up at the dance platform for attendees to enjoy the performances of Spaniards who volunteer their time to perform in the traditional arts of their homeland.

SDCAS members are invited to mingle among the Spaniards and Navy personnel and have a good time. The Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation has a display of Chinese artifacts recovered from the 1860s Ballast Point Chinese fishing camp in nearby Slattery Hall. This exhibit includes a scanned copy of a watercolor painting of the Chinese camp, broken porcelain bowls and unusual cut abalone shell.

Another tradition is the authentic Spanish paella and torta offered by Casa de España for sale. These foods were the type prepared by Spanish and Mexican California families back at the time Fort Guijarros was occupied in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

So, everyone is invited to this grand event! Please plan to arrive at 11:30 to find seating at the foot of Rosecrans Street. For details or questions, please call either the Archaeology Lab at 619-553-9033 (Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or leave a message at 619-229-9743.

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**SDCAS Honors Long-Term Volunteers**

By Ron May

The move from the County Planning Commission Chambers on Kearny Mesa to the Mission Trails Regional Park heralded the retirement of two long-term Board members. SDCAS salutes the dedication and achievements of Jan Bennett and Cyndi Duff. Both these loyal volunteers will be missed greatly!

Former SDCAS President Ron May recruited Jan Bennett to serve as “Cookie Lady” in 1980. She has served with dedication and sustained service for the past 20 years. Her wonderful table decorations festively marked the changing seasons with pumpkins, flowers and colorful tablecloths. Everyone was stunned and delighted this past week at the February Meeting, when “Lo and Behold!” Jan and Bob Bennett showed up with a pan of rich chocolate brownies!!!

Cyndi Duff has served SDCAS in a variety of capacities over the past 20 years, but her most familiar capacity has been as Keeper of the Sales Table. Cyndi started out hawking T-shirts and pins, but gradually expanded the sales to include ethnographic Native American baskets, clay jars and beautiful earrings. In the mid 1980s, Cyndi began buying educational books and sold copies of the Fort Guijarros Quarterly and reports prepared by local archaeology companies. One highly popular book over the years has been The Young Archaeologist a richly illustrated and invaluable tool for teaching young people about archaeology.

Our hats are off to both Jan and Cyndi for 20 years of public service to SDCAS. We can not thank them enough for all that has been done to make our meetings so warm and memorable.

**Members’ News Corner**

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**Publication Series News**

By Herb Dallas

Greetings to my fellow SDCAS members. I wanted to update you on the status of the new publication series that SDCAS is planning. The SDCAS Publication Committee will be meeting soon to finalize style and submission guidelines for the forthcoming premiere issue of an exciting new publication series. In the upcoming months, you will have the opportunity to submit articles of interest to this exciting new venture for SDCAS. We hope to launch this series in late summer of 2000. This ongoing publication series will aim to publish two issues a year. Each issue will focus on a different theme, topic, or area of interest for Southern California. Possible themes for future issues might include Rock art, Prehistory of San Diego County, lichens, pottery, Historic Archeology, settlement patterns in Southern California, Coastal Archeology, Archeology of Anza Borrego Desert, Baja California, cultural landscapes, etc. The initial issue will not have a particular theme, but will solicit articles of interest for Southern California, cultural landscapes, etc. The initial issue will not have a particular theme, but will solicit articles of...
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general interest on a variety of archeological topics. What topic would be of interest to you?

Your Board felt that SDCAS should contribute to the public distribution of archeological information with a publication series. This is a goal of your Society. This published information will keep you informed on the latest findings and archeological interpretations within the greater San Diego County and Southern California area. These articles might be published from topics that we hear talks on at the monthly meetings or about projects you have heard news about. Members will have this publication available to consult and read at your leisure. If you have a topic for a future issue or an article of interest to the Archeological community and it is suitable for publication, please submit your ideas and articles to Herb Dallas Jr. at 5555 Tortuga Ct. San Diego, CA. 92124. Or you can submit the articles to SDCAS and they will be forwarded to me. If you have any questions, please call me at 619-220-5319.

SCA YR2000 Annual Meeting
The annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) will be held in Riverside, April 19 through the 22, 2000. The meeting will be 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.

At least two of the many symposia will be focused on San Diego County Archaeology and the SCA has planned events at local museums, places of interest, and the University of California, Riverside. Please plan to attend!

Visit the SCA website at www.scanet.org for more info.

Lecture Series at UCLA

“Archaeology, Languages and Genes in Mediterranean and Beyond” by professor Lord Colin Renfrew of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge, England.

Professor Renfrew will present results of recent research on the interaction between molecular genetics, historical linguistics and archaeology. The lecture will be at the Fowler Museum of Cultural History, UCLA at 8 p.m. on March 25. The lecture is free but parking is $5. A wine/apple juice and cheese reception follows.

Thanks from Mission Trails
SDCAS Board Members received the following thank you:

On behalf of the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, City of San Diego staff, volunteers and public we thank you for your participation in the 5th Anniversary of the Visitor and Interpretive Center. Without your involvement our event would not [have been] the success that it was.

Storytellers of San Diego
Join the Storytellers of San Diego in an evening performance of Olga Loya as Juana Briones, a 19th century Californio woman. Ms. Loya will tell stories of life and life ways of the period. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester Auditorium at USD. Tickets are $7 and available at the door. For more information call Vicky Reed at 619-298-6363 or USD at 619-260-4585.

Archaeology Month
By Myra Herrmann

Hi everyone - It’s that time of the year again and May is fast approaching. This year, the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) will start of this new year by beginning a new tradition - Archaeology Month. That’s right, the entire month of May has been dedicated to promoting Archaeology, through public education and outreach. This year’s theme: Bridging the Millennia ties together the past, present and future in archaeology. I’m trying to put together the San Diego County calendar of events and need info e-mailed, faxed or mailed before March 15th to be included in the SCA calendar and the website. If you know of any events or are interested in hosting an event, please let me know ASAP.

Additionally, I’m getting geared up for the annual archaeology exhibit here at the City of San Diego and need posters of recent projects within the County, City etc. We can accommodate only two display cases (self supplied, we do not have cases at the City) in the lobby and would like to have something from a “City of San Diego” project to display if available. Posters must fit on a fabric covered, modular wall and be no larger than 4 feet wide by 6 feet high. Remember, your audience will be people from the downtown workforces, city employees and the general public.

Thanks
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We Want Your Books for Our Library!
The library of the San Diego County Archaeological Society is expanding. We are seeking tax deductible donations of books to add to our expanding library collection, located at the historic Rancho Peñasquitos Adobe. Our library is used by Society members for educational and research purposes. We will consider accepting donations of a fairly wide variety of books, but are particularly interested in titles that focus on archaeology and history. If your books do not exactly fit our needs, we may be able to trade them for books that we do need. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact our librarian, Lynette Salmon, at 858-274-3430, or through our web site, which is listed on Page 2 of this newsletter. If you are interested in using the resources of our library, please contact Lynette to find out how.

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Craig Lorenz will deliver a slide presentation on September 26, 2000 addressing how land developers have successfully preserved prehistoric archaeology in their real estate projects. Among the examples Craig will present is a plan to protect a large prehistoric site and a 125-year-old Peruvian Pepper Tree in Lakeside under a parking lot. The tree will be protected in a planter.

Lee Bibb will deliver the October 24, 2000 slide presentation on “Historic Research Methods in Archaeology.” Lee will show how historic research can disclose lost adobe buildings, find buried ruins and help identify the names of people long forgotten in remote areas of the County.

Mike Baksh and Andrew Pignoli will deliver the last slide show of the year on November 28, 2000. This presentation will reveal the “Archaeological Discovery of a Totally Buried Prehistoric Shell Midden in the Tijuana River.” This very interesting site was found during monitoring of excavation to restore the Tijuana River.

So, everyone put these lectures on your calendars and plan to attend! We should invite all our relatives, pals and neighbors to come down and join in these exciting programs over the next year.

Archeologists Find New Petroglyphs On North Ranges

By Peggy Shoaf
http://www.nawcwnp.navy.mil/~pao/pet_find.html

“Newly discovered petroglyphs, which are equal to or better than the ones in Little Petroglyph Canyon, have been located from recent surveys onboard the north ranges of the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake,” announced Carolyn Shepherd, head of the NAWS China Lake Environmental Protection Project Office. “Thousands of elements are contained within these 411 plus newly discovered panels of rock art.”

Explaining how the new sites were found, Shepherd said that in 1965 the Big and Little Petroglyph canyons, which contain the most remarkable concentrations of prehistoric rock art in the world, were designated as a National Historic Landmark. Based upon a survey led by Campbell Grant in 1966, an informal 99-square-mile, rectangular boundary was designated as the national landmark. Results of Grant’s study were published by the Maturango Museum in 1969 in a book entitled, “Rock Drawings of the Coso Range.”

“While this boundary was acknowledged by NAWS China Lake, it was not officially concurred with,” explained Shepherd. “It’s unrealistic to believe a group of people lived in confined their life activities to a rectangular-box shaped area drawn on topographic map lines. It has always long been understood that part of our (NAWS China Lake’s) responsibility was to survey the area to designate a more realistic boundary.”

In the 30-plus years since designation, several attempts to define a more realistic boundary have been made, but were unsuccessful. In June 1996, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc., based in Davis, Calif., began work under contract with the Navy to undertake cultural resources inventory studies to support that more realistic boundary.

After thoroughly studying past surveys and available literature, Amy Gilreath, senior archeologist and part owner of the company, hypothesized that petroglyphs exist as part of a prehistoric complex, which she refers to as the Coso Complex. Previous work in the area suggested that the complex of co-occurring sites and features included petroglyphs, rock shelters and caves, dummy hunters, hunting blinds, rock rings, milling stations, open-air occupation sites and chewing areas. In addition, Gilreath said she felt that the petroglyphs were distributed throughout areas of volcanic rock formation.

To test that theory, Gilreath and team methodically surveyed a dozen transect sections within the already acknowledged informal boundary. Approximately 900 acres of volcanic and 800 acres of granite formations were studied. Survey results confirmed Gilreath’s hypotheses, with 67 prehistoric and two historic sites being discovered. “This figures to one prehistoric site per 13 acres,” said Gilreath, “with petroglyph sites occurring at a rate of one per 31 acres.” The survey of the 800 acres of granite formations revealed only 12 prehistoric sites, figuring one per 67 acres. In addition, three historic sites were also discovered.

In the second part of the survey, Gilreath and her team surveyed areas by helicopter, discovering 32 prehistoric sites, with more than 244 panels of petroglyphs. “This concentration of petroglyphs equal or better the quality of petroglyphs in Little and Big Petroglyph Canyons,” Gilreath said.

The discoveries weren’t just limited to petroglyphs. Hunting blinds, rock-rings, rock-filled circles, shelter/caves, rock-wall alignment and hearths were also discovered. But one of the most exciting discovery was a starburst-shaped geoglyph. “A geoglyph is a designed made by scraped sand and rocks on the surface of the ground,” explained Shepherd. “This geoglyph looks like a five-point star with a tail.”

In addition, the 10 historic discoveries included a long-abandoned freight road...used for general mining.

“Unfortunately, since there aren’t any roads to the area containing the newly discovered sites, it won’t be possible to allow people to have access to these sites, even for research, at this time,” said Shepherd. “The only access is by helicopter, and that’s an expensive expenditure-one we just don’t have any money for.”

To help offset some of the disappointment this may cause, Shepherd said there is a contract in place to professionally film the area, so people can see the prehistoric and historic artifacts left by the people who lived in the area so long ago. The filming is scheduled for late spring. As soon as possible thereafter, copies of the tape will be distributed to the China Lake and Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County libraries for check out.

With the additional 111 prehistoric and 15 historic sites being added, China Lake now has a total of 1,445 prehistoric and 195 historic sites in its impressive list of cultural resources, and a revised, realistic national landmark boundary being proposed to protect those new resources.

Due to security and lack of personnel and money, only one site is open to the public, however, Little Petroglyph (Continued on Page 13)
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Canyon. Little Petroglyph Canyon can be accessed by attending one of the Maturango Museum’s petroglyph tours, 760-375-6900, or by calling Peggy Shoaf, NAWS China Lake Public Affairs, at 760-939-1683.


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Positions Available for Archaeological Project Leaders (Seasonal)
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Southern Service Center
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The Southern Service Center is a multidisciplinary team that conducts work throughout southern California for California State Parks. Two positions currently exist at the Southern Service Center. One position involves working with a State Archaeologist on archaeological projects in several state park units, including Palomar Mountain State Park (SP), El Capitan State Beach, Red Rock Canyon SP, Chino Hills SP, Anza-Borrego Desert SP, and others. The other position will primarily assist in ongoing excavations at Pio Pico Mansion, as well as, work within Crystal Cove SP, Red Rock Canyon SP, and Anza-Borrego Desert SP.

Duties of the two positions include archaeological excavation, site survey & recordation, preparation of site record forms, processing excavated collections, cataloging, and assistance in map production using GIS equipment and Arcview (training is available). The position requires the following skills: (1) the working knowledge of standard professional archaeological field and laboratory methods for both prehistoric and historic-period sites, (2) experience with various computer applications (in particular word processing and spreadsheet programs), (3) experience in completing standard site record forms on computer, (4) the ability to evaluate various archaeological site types, and (5) the personality to work amicably with one’s co-workers. Some background in the use of GPS equipment in site recordation work would be useful, or, the ability to learn new technology rapidly. The applicant should have a college degree with an Anthropology major and work experience. The present position offers the opportunity to work in a dynamic intellectual environment with highly experienced archaeologists and numerous other disciplines (e.g., historians, biologists, GIS specialists, civil engineers, landscape architects, restoration specialists, and others). The fieldwork locations range from the coast to the mountains to the desert. The salary ranges from $11.84 to over $14 per hour, depending upon experience. California State Parks offers a generous per diem for travel.

Individuals wishing to apply must complete a standard State of California application form, available by contacting the above address. For more information about the positions, contact Herb Dallas (619-220-5319; hdallas@parks.ca.gov), Marla Mealey (619-220-5329; mmealey@parks.ca.gov), or Michael Sampson (619-220-5323; msampson@parks.ca.gov).

Escondido’s Pioneer Room – New Hours
The Escondido Public Library’s Pioneer Room (for local history and genealogy) has new hours: Tuesday and Thursday, Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is closed Sunday, Monday, & Friday. The Pioneer Room is located at 247 South Kalmia Street in Escondido. The phone number is 760-839-4315.
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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.

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