Editor’s Message

By Marla Mealey

As you all probably know by now, this November marks the 30th Anniversary of SDCAS. Doesn’t seem like it’s been that long, does it? I hope to see you all at the 30th Anniversary Potluck on November 22 in Balboa Park (see announcement inside on page 4). It is sure to be a festive evening of good food, fond memories, and camaraderie. See the special request below (on page 5), for information regarding my efforts to gather thoughts, memories, and accounts of the 30 years of SDCAS. Please help our society preserve its past!

Speaking of preserving the past, San Diego County has suffered a huge loss of both public and personal history in the wake of the fires that roared across our county at the end of October. Besides burning many historic structures and destroying many family heirlooms and documents, the fires also left many archaeological sites exposed and in much greater danger of vandalism and looting. I hope all our members will keep their eyes on the backcountry and report any suspicious digging or collecting activities to the proper authorities.

In one way or another, the fires have affected us all. Many of our friends and colleagues in the archaeological and historical communities (including

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Calendar

Every Saturday & Sunday — Los Peñasquitos Docent tours: Los Peñasquitos Adobe Ranch House

November 22 (Saturday) (5 p.m.) Balboa Park
SDCAS 30th Anniversary Potluck
Speakers: Lynne Christenson, Steve Bouscaren, & Susan Hector
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“Inuit Storytelling”
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There is no SDCAS General Meeting in December
See you all in January!

Happy Holidays!!
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Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

The SDCAS Office is located at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House. Board Meetings are at the Ranch House on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and General Meetings are typically on the 4th Tuesday at the Ranch House. From I-15 take Mercy Rd. west, turn right (north) onto Black Mountain Rd. and then take the first left into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Follow the road all the way to the back (past Canyonside Community Park ball fields), and park either in the small parking lot or along the edge of the dirt road. Due to the Holidays, there are no Fourth Tuesday Meetings for the months of November or December. Please join us for our 30th Anniversary Celebration at the Balboa Park Club on Saturday, Nov. 22. The Fourth Tuesday General Meeting will resume on January 27, 2004.

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SDCAS have been impacted by damage to or destruction of their homes or property. My deepest sympathies go out to those who have been directly affected by this disaster.

I know that as I was hurriedly packing on Sunday (the fire came within 2 miles of our house), it was hard to think of what to take. I urge everyone to prepare a list of important items to take in the event of an emergency evacuation. Keep the list handy and up to date. You can also prepare a ‘grab box’ of family heirlooms that you don’t always have on display…such as your great-grandmother’s Christmas ornaments, or grandfather’s tie facks. Keep that in an accessible location. Another thing to do for anyone who has irreplaceable family photos, is to get copies made (either actual photographic copies, or just scanning them onto a computer disc or even photocopying them works too), then distribute the copies to friends or family members, or put the copies in a location other than your home such as at your office or in a safety deposit box at your bank. The same goes for home movies, computer files, and important documents—copy and store those at a separate location. I know these are basic common sense, but people who lost everything because there was no time or they were not at home at the time of the fire must wish they had done some of these simple things beforehand.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please help SDCAS preserve its past! I am trying to put together a memory booklet for SDCAS to commemorate its 30th Anniversary. If you have photos, stories, historical items relating to SDCAS (including members, events, speakers, fieldtrips, projects, etc.), please share them with the membership. Either send documents (memories, stories, anecdotes, thoughts, etc.) or pictures (digital or hard copy including sides—see below for appropriate formats) to me or bring it with you to the 30th Anniversary Celebration on November 22 (see article below).

SUBMISSIONS: News articles or other archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related items should be sent to me at the address below (e-mail works best). Digital documents in MS Word are preferred, but others will be considered for inclusion. Photos of your archaeological experiences (fieldwork, vacations, etc.), a cartoon from the newspaper, etc. should be sent as-is (slides, prints, or clippings); or if you have scanning capability or a digital camera, please e-mail them in TIF, JPEG, or GIF format. Any hard-copy item you wish returned (such as photos or slides) should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The submission deadline for the next issue is December 26. Please send all items to:
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Members’ News Corner
Museum of Man Behind-the-Scenes Tour with Curator Grace Johnson

Mark your calendar and save December 13, 2003, to join SDCAS on a behind-the-scenes tour with Curator Grace Johnson at the Museum of Man in Balboa Park. This is a special opportunity to tour areas of the Museum not available to the general public and with a very special guide.

Baja California Ethnographic Workshop

On December 13-14 SDCAS will lead a fieldtrip/workshop to the Kumiai (Mexican spelling of Kumeyaay) community of San José de la Zorra in Baja California, Mexico. The community is located approximately 50 miles south of the Tijuana border and inland. If there are acorns, it will be an acorn workshop—if not, it will be a juncus basket-making workshop.

Steve Bouscaren and Mike Wilken will be our guides and provide the much-appreciated interface with the community. We will either gather our own material or use materials on hand depending on the harvest conditions. The artisans will explain all the details of the preparation and provide “hands-on training”.

We will camp somewhere near the community on Saturday night and hopefully have a traditional bonfire. We will return to San Diego in late afternoon on Sunday. The estimated cost is $85 per person - this will provide a little income for our “teachers”, a donation to the community, and help with miscellaneous expenses. You must be a member of SDCAS to participate - non-members can join the day of the trip by completing the membership application (blank forms will be provided) and paying the yearly membership fee ($20 individual, $10 student). Please contact Steve Bouscaren for details regarding meeting locations and coordination of car pooling. A standard auto with average ground clearance will probably be OK provided there is no rain. Camping is “Primitive” with no access to facilities. Tents, food, water, camp stoves, flashlights, warm clothes, hats, sunscreen, camp chair, and a log for the fire are recommended. The weather can be variable at this time of year so prepare for a range of temperatures – probably warm days and one fairly cold night.

Please respond early if you plan on participating - the group size will be limited.

Contact: Steve Bouscaren by email: stevebouscaren@mindspring.com or phone: 619-291-9139

San Diego Museum of Man’s
12 O’Clock Scholar Presentations

Monday, November 24: “Music and Folk Art of the Ecuadorian Andes”
José Leon from Cacha, Ecuador
Noon, at the Museum

Experience the blend of indigenous, European, and African elements in South American music. José is a master of the most popular Andean instruments -- the quena (flute) and zampoñas (panpipes).

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SDCAS 30th Anniversary - Potluck / Book Party

Sat. Nov. 22, 2003, 5 to 8 pm, Balboa Park Club-Santa Fe Room

Come celebrate our 30th year of caring for our county’s cultural resources by sharing a dish of food and an archaeologically-related book for our Library (the latter is not obligatory). Meet our past presidents who helped make the society so successful in previous years.

After socializing (5-5:30 pm) and eating (5:30-6:30 pm), there will be a program (see under Upcoming Speakers below) on the history of the Peñasquitos Canyon area, including both prehistoric and historic uses of the land within where the society office is located, in the historic Los Peñasquitos Ranch adobe.

SDCAS will provide the beverages (coffee, tea, water & soda), dessert, appetizers, and eating paraphernalia (but you are welcome to bring your own special plate). Please bring a food item to contribute to the enjoyment of our get-together.

Based on the first letter of your last name, bring the following (with serving utensil):

A-G - Salad (including fruit, pasta, etc.)
H-N - Side Dish (rice, beans, veggies)
M-Z - Entree (chicken, meatballs, casseroles, etc.).

(if you just have to bring a fabulous dish that is outside of your “assigned food,” you may break the “rules”)

Bring the recipe for your dish to share in a SDCAS cookbook - if we get enough to produce such a publication in the near future.

We need volunteers to help with the set-up & clean-up for this event; call 858-538-0935 or e-mail: sdcas@email.com to offer your support to make this a great evening.

The Balboa Park Club is located at 2150 Pan American Road West (off Presidents Way, west of Park Blvd. between the Puppet Theater and the Automotive Museum). Take Park Blvd. to President’s Way (the Club building is directly ahead, across the grass area). Turn left into parking lot (area marked Pan American Plaza on map); additional parking is behind the organ pavilion.

Upcoming Speakers

November 22, 30th Anniversary—Balboa Park Club.

Presenters: Lynne E. Christenson, Susan M. Hector, and Stephen Bouscaren

“New Information About Rancho Peñasquitos” by Lynne E. Christenson Ph.D., County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation

Extensive research continues to be conducted regarding life at Rancho Peñasquitos. Exciting and interesting new information will be presented for the first time as part of this talk. Documentation of Spanish involvement at the ranch house, long before Commandant Ruiz acquired the land, is now available. People living at the ranch during the Alvarado era were also part of the first transcontinental mail route from San Diego east to San Antonio. In addition, we have evidence (beyond what has previously been reported) of different types of activities that took place at the Rancho during the Johnson era. This new information adds to our knowledge and insight of the people of Peñasquitos.

“The Early History of Los Peñasquitos Ranch House” by Susan M. Hector, Ph.D. Susan Hector Consulting, LLC

In the early 1980s, the buildings at Los Peñasquitos Ranch were boarded up, and the County was prepared to restore the structures using grant funds. When I began archaeological research at that time, everyone called the building the Johnson-Taylor Adobe because it was thought that George Alonzo Johnson built the structure in 1862. Our initial archaeological investigation was the excavation of a narrow trench down the middle of the main room of Wing A, to see what, if anything, was preserved. Two finds were made immediately that caused a re-evaluation of the history of the buildings: the discovery of a cobble foundation inside the building, and the presence of an olive jar buried in the floor. We realized that the evidence we discovered on that first day the old wall with a cobble foundation, the olive jar, and other early artifacts indicated that the adobe was much older than 1862, and was not built by George Johnson. The entire focus of the County project changed and history was rewritten.

“What Do We Know About the Prehistory of Peñasquitos Canyon?” by Stephen J. Bouscaren, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, San Diego City College

Peñasquitos Canyon has been the location of various human activities for more than 7,000 years. During this time, it has been used as a pedestrian thoroughfare reaching from the coast to inland areas (with prehistoric (Continued on Page 5)
Upcoming Speakers

“What Do We Know About the Prehistory of Peñasquitos Canyon?” by Stephen J. Boucaren

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villages located near both ends of the canyon and for resource exploitation. One of the major archaeology projects conducted in the canyon has been at CA-SDI-5220 (the Knoll Top Site) where surface collections and excavations began in the early 1980s. San Diego City College started seasonal excavations at this 7,300-year-old site in the early 1990s and continues into the present. I will give an overview of archaeological investigations into the prehistory of the Canyon and a summary of the ongoing work conducted at CA-SDI-5220.

Membership News

By Carol Serr

Welcome to our most recent new members: Shirley Quick, Robin Franck, Bob Bedore, Paul & Ann Tuskes, Charlene Glacy, Saran Farmer, Susan Mitchell, and Nancy Nenow.

Since our membership begins October 1st, if you have not yet renewed for the 2003-2004 membership year, now is the time to do so; if you’re one of the few who have already - thank you! Please check the address label on your newsletter to see if it notes “expired” as your dues status. We appreciate your renewed support to the society’s purpose of preserving cultural resources in our county.

If you’ve recently joined the internet world and now have e-mail, please let me know your “e-ddress” so I can add this to our list for e-mailing notices in between newsletter issues. And please remember to send in street address changes when you move so we don’t lose you in the transition; don’t rely on the post office to inform us.

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San Diego Museum of Man’s 12 O’Clock Scholar Presentations

Monday, December 1: “Behind the Scenes”
Noon, at the Museum

A Museum curator, designer, educator, and docent will help us learn about the process of putting together an exhibit and interpreting it for different audiences in this interactive program -- cast your vote for the most effective label for a future exhibit!

Monday, December 8: “A Cross-Cultural Look at Weapons”
Javier Guerrero and Jake Fabozzi
Noon, at the Museum


Monday, December 22: “Inuit Storytelling”
Javier Guerrero, Curator of North American Collections
Noon, at the Museum

Obituary

Tony Pinto, 89; former tribal leader honored Kumeyaay tradition
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1. The collecting in any manner of archaeological material or data shall be done using contemporary scientific techniques, and shall have as its express purpose the finding and dissemination of information relative to the history and prehistory of California.

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

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

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

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

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