Editor’s Message
By Marla Mealey

Happy Holidays everyone! This year has flown by and it is hard to believe that it is almost over. I want to take this opportunity to offer a great big thank you to Steve Van Wormer, Michael Sampson, Dennis Gallegos, Tim Gross, and Carmen Zepeda-Herman who answered the call for new board members last year when we were having difficulty getting anyone to run. They have helped bring the society back from the brink and reenergized the board. But I also want to extend a special thanks for all of those board members who have stuck it out for many years: Patty McFarland, Maisie Morris, Carol Serr, Lynnette Salmon, Jim Royle, and Howard Schwitkis. Without all of them the society would have fallen apart long ago.

I am writing this on the 1st anniversary of the terrible fires that ravaged our county last year. Looking back at my commentary in last year’s newsletter, I wonder how many of us actually took (Continued on Page 3)

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Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

The SDCAS Office is located at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House. During the Fall, Winter, and Spring, General Meetings are typically on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Ranch House (see pg. 5 for details of upcoming meetings).

Directions: 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 area by the barn or along the edge of the dirt road.

Board Meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They are held at the California State Parks, Southern Service Center offices located in Mission Valley at 8885 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 201.
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heed of my suggestions to prepare lists and “grab boxes” of sentimental items to take with you in case of emergency. I did make some small headway into getting family photographs scanned and distributed to other relatives this year. My grandmother’s 90th birthday was in October, so, in honor of that event, my uncle, one of my cousins, my dad, and I put together a commemorative DVD scrapbook of pictures from throughout my grandmother’s 90 years. Now each family unit has a copy. It is a great way to see all the pictures and preserve all the memories. As digital photographs become the norm, more and more alternative storage and viewing devices will become available (I was recently reading about photo books that companies will put together using your digital pictures). Now we just have to find the time to go back and scan in all the photographs and slides we have in albums and boxes and put them on CD or DVD too!

SUBMISSIONS: News articles or other archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related items should be sent to me at the address below (email 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 email them in TIFF, 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 31. Please send all items to:

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Members’ News Corner

Archaeology Training Program
California State Parks, Colorado Desert District is proud to announce the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society (CDAS) 2005 Archaeological Training Program.
Eight weeks: January 6 to February 25, 2005
Thursday evenings 6-9 PM in the classroom
All day Friday in the field
Instructor: Joan S. Schneider, Ph.D.

- Help preserve and protect cultural resources
- Have fun - meet other interesting people

Thursday classes: Colorado Desert District, Borrego Springs. Friday classes: Anza-Borrego Desert, Cuyamaca Rancho, and Palomar Mountain State Parks. (Interview required before acceptance into the program.) Contact either Sue Wade: suewade@simplyweb.net or Joan Schneider: jschneid@citrus.ucr.edu.

Agua Caliente Living Traditions Programs
Participants should dress appropriately for activity and weather. Participants may bring a lunch, or purchase one from one of the nearby eateries. Pre-enrollment is required to attend classes. Classes are held in Palm Springs.

How to Build a Kish
The traditional home of a Cahuilla family was called a “kish.” Learn how to construct a kish with Luis Rodriguez of the ACCM. Luis will teach us how to prepare materials, set frames, and to properly lash palm frond coverings. This will be a hands-on activity that will require labor from participating guests. Please dress appropriately.
When: Saturday, November 13, 2004
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ages: 18 and above

Journeys to the Past
Jacque Nunez, a tribal descendant of the Acjachemen nation, will join us for a very special children’s workshop. Kids will have a great time singing traditional California Indian songs, learning to make clapper sticks, and playing traditional California Indian games. Jacque is always full of surprises, so don’t miss out.
When: Saturday, December 11, 2004
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: $10.00
Ages: 7 and above

Willow Bow Making & Hunting Techniques
Hunting and gathering food was always a top priority in traditional Cahuilla life. Paul Campbell, author of the book Survival Skills, will instruct us on how to build a classic southern California-style willow bow. Afterwards, we will go into the brush and Paul will teach us proper shooting techniques and hunting tips. This is a two-day workshop.
When: Saturday, January 22, 2005, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 23, 2005, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: $35.00
Ages: 18 and above

Spirit Keepers Programs
Spirit Keepers programs are free to the public and begin at 7:00 pm at the Spa Resort Hotel in downtown Palm Springs.

- Ancient Lake Cahuilla: The Salton Sea
  When: Wednesday, November 17, 2004
  Presented by: Jerry Schaefer, Ph. D.
  Location: Tahquitz Room

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Field Trip to Old Town State Historic Park (October 23, 2004)

By Dennis Gallegos

The SDCAS Old Town Outing, led by Steve Van Wormer, Therese Muranaka, Susan Walter, Abel Silvas, and Dennis Gallegos, began at the Old Town Mexican Cafe with introductions. We started the tour at the Plaza and discussed the village of Cosoy, which Abel referred to as Kosi, “place of drying”; the Presidio and first mission; the early road and associated structures from the Presidio to San Diego Bay; and the La Casa de Carrillo, perhaps the first structure built in Old Town. Steve covered from early to present day architecture, changes in architectural styles, the romantic themes and the Zorro myth, properties eligible to the National Register, and changes to Old Town to create a tourist destination from the 1920s to today. Architectural styles included small family adobes to rancho type adobes, and the change from adobe walls and adobe roof tiles, to adobe walls and wood roofs, to wooden structures representing the architectural changes from the Mexican Period to the American Period. When discussing the McCoy House, and the smaller Silvas’ adobes below the McCoy house, Abel touched on the topic of “who’s history is it?” what gets preserved and/or rebuilt. Therese provided an overview of the park, and discussed the Machado-Smith excavations, the ground penetrating radar results, preservation and interpretative challenges, and the dry landscaping and gardens of early Old Town. Early schools included the 1st old town school (1865) and Father Ubach’s Indian School at the Aguirre Adobe. Susan Walter and Dennis Gallegos discussed the archaeological excavation, findings, and occupants of the Aguirre Adobe. I wish to thank all of our knowledgeable tour guides for a very informative outing. Our next outing will be in early 2005, where we will visit Luiseno Country in north San Diego County and our tour guides will be Luiseno.

Upcoming Speakers

November 23 (4th Tuesday), 7:30 p.m. Los Peñasquitos

Presenter: Margaret Hangan

Title: Snap Shot in Time: Life at the Dove Springs Aqueduct Construction Camp

First recorded in 1995 by Red Rock Canyon State Park Ranger Mark Faull, now retired, the Dove Springs Camp is one of many construction camps occupied between 1906 and 1913 dedicated to the installation of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Aqueduct (LADWP). Located within the Bureau of Land Management Dove Springs Off Highway Open Area, the Dove Springs Camp was the only LADWP camp to be located at the end of a railroad spur. The camp also both supported the construction of the Red Rock Tunnel and supplied goods to the camps in the Freeman Division of the Aqueduct construction project.

A study of the camp was conducted between 2000 and 2003 to fulfill the requirements for a master’s degree (by Hangen) and expand on the work first started by Faull. Then, the data recorded at the Dove Springs camp were compared and contrasted with data from the Alabama Gates Camp, which had been studied by Caltrans archaeologists in 1999, and a few other previous recorded aqueduct construction camps. The study concluded that there were some discernable differences between the camps regarding how the camps were socially structured, their layout, and the ethnic make up of the work force.

There is no monthly meeting in December.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Membership News

By Carol Serr

Welcome to new members: Barb Giacomini, and Nancy & Douglas Magnuson, and our newest Life member Mike Volberg. Thank you all for contributing your support to preservation of our county resources. And I hope we can count on all the rest of you members to renew your membership soon for the 2004-2005 year (if you haven’t already). Check the address label on this newsletter to see if it shows your dues have expired.

We also still need someone to serve as President Elect for the coming year (starting in Jan.) learning the ropes, to take over the office of President in 2006. Please consider serving your society in this way so that we continue to make a difference; we need your enthusiasm and help. Ballots will be sent out in Nov. and members need to return their vote by our Nov. 23rd. meeting.

And remember to send me your e-mail address if you haven’t been getting notices (in between newsletter issues) via e-mail. I will gladly add you to our growing list of cyber-using folks.

See you at the November meeting...and Happy holidays!

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Anza-Borrego Institute Fall Classes

The Anza-Borrego Institute is offering a number of classes this Fall. See descriptions below or visit http://www.theabf.org/field.php for full list of course offerings. Online reservation or printable reservation forms available on the website. For more information call Deborah Knapp, Educational Coordinator: 760-767-4063.

A Hike to Harper Flat Dams

Class Code: Harper
Date: November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Instructors: Phil Brigandi and Diana Lindsay
Location: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®
Anza-Borrego Institute Members $20, Non-members $25

Explore a part of Anza-Borrego’s early cattle history. The Harper family began running cattle on the desert in the 1890s. Shortly before 1920 they began operations in the Harper Flat area in the Pinyon Mountains. In an attempt to develop a water supply for their cattle, the Harpers built two concrete dams above the flat. The plan was a failure, but the dams and the ruins of their cabin still remain. Our guides for the day will be historians Phil Brigandi and Diana Lindsay, who will share the story of the Harper family along the way. Plan for a 3½-mile round-trip hike with some rough scrambling over dry waterfalls and the dams themselves, and a few steep climbs getting out. 4-wheel-drive vehicle is required. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, snacks or lunch and good hiking boots. Physical difficulty: Moderate. Meet: Christmas Circle. We will carpool to the trailhead.

Clark Valley’s Petroglyphs

Class Code: Clark
Date: November 20, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Instructors: Chuck and Mary Bennett
Location: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®
Anza-Borrego Institute Members $20, Non-members $25

Take a 3-mile round trip hike across rocky terrain to a rock art site that is located along an Indian trail to Ancient Lake Cahuilla. These petroglyph designs were pecked into the desert-varnished rock by the Cahuilla Indians and their designs are similar to those found throughout the Great Basin. The meaning of these symbols is open to conjecture, but the raw beauty of this rock art cannot be denied. 4-wheel-drive vehicle is required. Bring water, hat, snacks or lunch and good hiking boots. Physical difficulty: Moderate. Meet: Christmas Circle. We will carpool from there.

Voices of the Flute

Class Code: Flute
Date: Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Ernest Siva
Location: Performing Arts Center, Borrego Springs
Anza-Borrego Institute Members $10, Non-members $15

“Besides being important in learning and preserving language, traditional knowledge is kept alive through song. Stories are a natural companion of song. And traditional teachings are often part of the story.” During this very special evening of flute music, song and storytelling, Ernest Siva will demonstrate and discuss the magic of this ancient instrument and the important role of music in traditional teaching and spiritual guidance. Siva is both a musician and teacher. He is of Cahuilla and Serrano heritage, serves as the Tribal Historian and Cultural Advisor for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and currently directs the Pass Chorale, the community chorus serving the San Gorgonio Pass. Siva will be available to sign his new book Voices of the Flute after the program.

Watching the Sky:
Shamans and Ancient Astronomy

Class Code: Shaman
Date: December 5, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Professor George Dicken Everson
Location: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®
Anza-Borrego Institute Members $20, Non-members $25

Since antiquity, tribal leaders have looked to the sky to find guidance. Some shamans specialized in reading celestial omens and interacting with cosmic powers to maintain a healthy universe for their people. This program will discuss their skills and obligations, sacred observatories, and the mythology behind their distinctive calling. Weather permitting, we will begin with an outdoor slide presentation and discussion as we watch the sunset and then caravan to a nearby site in the Park with celestial significance. Bring binoculars, flashlights, and wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. Physical difficulty: Easy. Meet: Visitor Center, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®.

Museum of Man’s 12 O’Clock Scholar Program

12 O’Clock Scholar events are held at noon on Mondays, included with admission to the Museum, and always free to Museum members.

November 15 — Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico. Museum of Man Executive Director Dr. Mari Lyn Salvador will lead a Curator’s tour of our newest exhibit.

November 22 — Ginger, Cinnamon, and Honey have interesting histories in cooking around the world. Titillate your senses with Lise Hayden and Kathleen Hamilton and explore some holiday taste treats from many cultures (Gill Auditorium).

November 29 — Japanese Temari Balls (Thread Balls) were introduced to Japan from China 1000 years ago. The bright colors and threads are symbolic of happiness and good fortune, and in Japanese tradition, bring good luck on New Years Day. Join Patricia Snyder, who will describe the history and demonstrate several traditional designs (Gill Auditorium).

December 13 — Weapons of the World.

Jamacha Village Artifacts Presentation

November 13, 2:00 PM, Rancho San Diego Library. Join San Diego Archaeology Center Program Coordinator Annemarie Cox for a presentation on artifacts and history of Jamacha Village. 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA 92020 Phone: 619-660-5370 Thomas Guide Grid: [1272-A4].

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Kumeyaay Connection
November 13, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Join Guide Heather Rosing of the San Dieguito River Park as she discusses the Kumeyaay Indians and how their way of life enabled them to live in harmony with the natural world around them, especially the plants. Easy 3 mile hike. I-15, exit Via Rancho Parkway, and drive west, approximately two miles, and turn left onto Lake Drive. Follow Lake Drive approx. two miles, and park at the dirt lot across the street from the Hernandez Hideaway Restaurant.

PCAS General Meetings
Pacific Coast Archaeological Society monthly lecture meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue (between the I-5 and I-405, next to the Post Office) in Irvine, at 7:30 pm. They are open to the public. The November 11, 2004 meeting features speaker: John Marr, giving his talk: “On the Road for John P. Harrington.”

Jack Marr was a youth growing up in Santa Ana, California, when he noticed his neighbor, John P. Harrington, holding discussions with Indians in their common back yard. Soon Mr. Marr became engrossed in the work that John P. Harrington was conducting on the languages and customs of the local Native American people and began to help out. After he received a driver’s license, Harrington started sending him across the western United States, initiating adventures that recall a different era of anthropological fieldwork. Most of his work was solo, but some, as with the last work they did in Alaska, was with Harrington. World War II and college intervened, and Mr. Marr went on to a career in civil engineering. In the late 1980s he read that Carobeth Laird, Harrington’s ex-wife, had published a book on the Harrington and would be at a local book-signing. Mr. Marr went to this event, and some attending anthropologists found him. Since then, he has been talking to linguistic classes at UC Berkeley, anthropology classes at UC Riverside, and has been to Washington D.C. several times to help with preparing the notes for the booklet that accompanies the John P. Harrington.

Kelso Conference
November 12-14, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Scientific session all day Saturday. Traditional Campfire Saturday night (bring food if you want to participate in “pot luck” on Sat.). Sunday AM Field Trip (will take vote on Saturday on destination). Come and enjoy the beautiful desert of Anza-Borrego. Please contact Joan Schneider if you need further information: jschneid@citrus.ucr.edu

Binational Symposium
5th Annual Binational “Balances y Perspectivas” Symposium on Baja California Anthropology & History At Rosarito Beach Hotel’s Salón de las Américas Rosarito, Baja California, Nov. 13-14
Twenty-one papers will be presented at this free event, dealing with coastal archaeology, coastal history, and the region’s native groups. For more information, see News & Events at www.bajacalifology.org or call INAH at 686-552-35-91.

Monthly Meeting Synopses
September Meeting Speaker – Rebecca Apple
By Rebecca Apple
At the September 28th meeting, Rebecca Apple spoke about recent research pertaining to trails in the Colorado Desert. Rebecca is a Senior Archaeologist with EDAW, Inc. Her talk, “Pathways to the Past,” summarized three years of investigations along a natural gas pipeline route between Ehrenberg, Arizona and the U.S.– Mexican border, west of the Cargo Muchacho Mountains in Imperial County. A brief overview of the project included excavations at the historic railroad town of Ogilby, the discovery of over 50 buried features during construction monitoring, and the recording and National Register of Historic Places nomination of the Palo Verde Petroglyphs. The presentation then turned to the prehistoric travel routes that are such an important part of culture of the previous desert inhabitants and the local modern Native American communities.

Oral tradition and ethnographic information indicate that prehistorically there was an extensive travel network throughout the Lower Colorado Desert. These trails served to connect resource areas, communities, and places of ceremonial and spiritual significance. Unfortunately, most of the archaeological studies in the region focus on small areas or narrow corridors. This approach has meant that much of what is known about trails pertains to small segments of trails or more generalized locations based on archival information. Most of these data are not detailed enough to allow for in-depth mapping studies.

Based on a methodology developed for this study, trail segments were first identified in a 200-foot survey corridor. These trails were mapped and recorded up to a kilometer in either direction as a second phase of the investigation. Several of the longer trails were then surveyed and mapped for up to 10 kilometers in both directions as part of the mitigation plan. Rebecca used three of the longer segments to demonstrate the

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differences in types of features that were encountered along the trails. Features identified included rock circles, cleared circles, rock cairns, lithic and ceramic scatters, quarries, geoglyphs, rock art, and pot drops.

Using submeter global positioning system (GPS) data recorded along the trails and a least-cost geographic information system (GIS) model, an attempt was made to forecast how the continuation of the trail segments could connect known sites. The model was also used to compare how closely the known trail segments would have been predicted by the model. It was determined that in areas of constrained topography the model provides a route that closely matches the real trail alignment. In all cases, the model showed promise in broadening our understanding of prehistoric travel routes.

October Meeting Speaker – Seth Mallios

By Michael Sampson

Dr. Seth Mallios is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at San Diego State University and Coordinator of the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC). Seth earned his BA degree at UC Berkeley and a Ph.D. (Anthropology) at the University of Virginia. Seth has been teaching at SDSU for three years; just prior to coming here, Seth served as Site Supervisor at Jamestown.

The current long-term research project involving the study of cemeteries and grave markers in San Diego County is directed by Dr. Mallios, but, graduate student David Caterino has played an integral role in the project. Other SDSU Students assist in the data gathering within the cemeteries. This anthropological study of cemeteries, mortuary art and practices is both research-driven and preservation-driven. The study area consists of all of San Diego County; this area parallels the geographical purview of the SCIC. The SDSU Cemetery project has documented 100 cemeteries of various types throughout San Diego County. The current project is only studying grave markers predating 1960. The SDSU researchers are not studying Indian Cemeteries or military cemeteries, nor are they studying any cemeteries for which the owners did not provide permission. The significance of studying grave markers lies in the working assumption that no person places a message on a gravestone or other marker hastily or without forethought. These markers and their messages offer important insights into the people buried therein and human cultures in general. Sentiments expressed on grave markers reflect cultural patterns of past everyday life.

Dr. Mallios presented what he called a “Regional Cemetery Classification Evolutionary Model.” The SDSU researchers have found that cemeteries in San Diego County manifest four stages (or, what might be called “types” of cemeteries): (1) Individual graves and small private cemeteries. These are rural and tend to hold 1-30 burials. (2) Small Multi-family Community Cemeteries. These tend to hold 30-200 burials. (3) Medium Multi-family Community Cemeteries. These tend to hold 200-5000 burials, and are centered around small historic sections. (4) Large Multi-Family Community Cemeteries.

The SDSU researchers document each grave marker and cemetery with digital photos. Spatial information is recorded using GPS receivers and mapping. The field workers make many observations about grave markers during their investigations. They record physical properties of the grave markers, such as, type, material, condition, repairs, dimensions, and others. The types of grave markers observed include tall monuments, tablet markers, ledger markers, bevel markers, slant markers, flush markers, and exceptional markers (e.g., granite pyramids, marble tree stumps, etc.). The SDSU workers record all information written on the grave markers, such as, names, dates, gender, messages, symbols, etc. They note if messages or inscriptions are written in the first person or third person, or, whether people still living are mentioned or not, and other data. The SDSU researchers study grave markers for evidence of social and economic status, gender, religion, ethnicity, occupation in life, and other aspects of behavior. Dr. Mallios gave several examples in the presentation of how the SDSU cemetery investigations have been able to successfully define status, gender, ethnicity, etc. The investigations have also shown that styles of grave markers within the study area do show patterned changes over time. One trend cited by Dr. Mallios is that the height of grave markers decrease over time. The taller and upright grave markers were common in the nineteenth century, while in modern times, “flush markers,” that is, those lying flat at ground level, are most common. This apparent trend toward increasing flush marker use may indicate increasing standardization in grave markers. But, Dr. Mallios pointed out that Americans will always try to find a way to create a mark of individuality.
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