Editor's Message

By Marla Mealey

It is nearly the end of the year. I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy 2005 and that 2006 will be a good year for all.

I wanted to offer my thanks to the 2005 SDCAS board of directors and all those who have supported our society over the past year. We are all busy people, but these folks found a few hours (or more) each month to attend board and general meetings, plan activities and lectures, and do their best to serve the archaeological resources and archaeological community of San Diego County. The board members are all listed on page 2 of this newsletter. If you see them, thank them. They have done a great job!

This past year has seen a devastating loss of life, property, and history around the globe from disasters both natural and man-made. The loss of so much history, both public and personal, brought back memories of the Cedar Fire, and the threat to our region of a major earthquake. I hope everyone has their disaster plan thought out and their family history in a safe place.

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SUBMISSIONS: Please send news articles or other archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related items to me at the address below (email works best). Digital documents in MS Word are preferred, but others will be considered for inclusion. Hard copy photos of your archaeological experiences (fieldwork, vacations, etc.), a cartoon from the newspaper, etc., should be sent as—is (slides, prints, or clipping), or if you have scanning capability or a digital camera, please email them in TIFF, JPEG, or GIF format if possible. 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 30. Please send all items to:
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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 held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month except December. During the Summer months (June, July, August) General Meetings are held on Saturday evenings, in the courtyard 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.
Members’ News Corner

Upcoming SDCAS Fieldtrips

Airplane Monument in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

This tour, led by local historian, Alex Bevil, will visit the historic Airplane Monument in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The fieldtrip is scheduled for December 3rd at 9 a.m. Meet at the parking lot by the Dyar House (the old visitor center that burned in the Cedar Fire) at the “School Camp” exit off Hwy 79. We will carpool from there to the trailhead. Be prepared for some uphill hiking. Bring hat, jacket, sturdy hiking shoes, water, and snacks…and your camera!

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Los Caballos Equestrian Campground Public Meeting Postponed

The Public Meeting that was scheduled for November 9 at the Mission Valley Marriott is being postponed so that California State Parks can respond to comments and other information received during stakeholder meetings with natural and cultural resource groups, Native Americans, equestrians, and adjacent landowners/local businesses. Please watch the SDCAS Website (www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com) for more details.

Museum of Man’s 12 O’Clock Scholar Lectures

- Monday, November 14 — Family Traditions in Ecuador. Join Education Specialist Jennifer Shinall for a special program about her recent trip to Ecuador’s highlands and the Amazon to visit family. Gill Auditorium.
- Monday, November 21 — Reflections. Our exhibit chronicling 90 years of collecting and exhibitions at the Museum of Man opens on November 19. Walk-through the new exhibit with Curator Rose Tyson for the stories behind the artifacts that were selected for this special 90th Anniversary Exhibition. Meet in the new exhibit.
- Monday, December 12 — Holiday Family Traditions. Join staff for the sights, sounds and aromas of various year-end holidays during our Special Holiday Program. Learn about traditions celebrated in San Diego families that have roots in far-away places. Share your own stories, recipes, and ways of celebrating. Sample holiday foods, and take home directions for creating a holiday decoration. Orientation Center.

All 12 O’Clock Scholar programs are at noon, and are included with admission to the Museum.

California State Parks, Stewards of North County’s Historic Resources

San Diego Archaeological Center - Second Saturday Lecture Series. Saturday, November 12, 2005, 11:00 AM, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido

The San Diego Archaeological Center is pleased to announce a presentation by Alex Bevil, during the Center’s Visiting Scholar Series.

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Alex Bevil is a California State Parks Historian, based at the Southern Service Center in Mission Valley. He is responsible for researching and evaluating historic resources in California State Parks throughout Southern California. He is currently working on a historic landscape management plan for the Crystal Cove Historic District near Laguna Beach, and the restoration of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum near Lancaster.

Alex is also an adjunct professor at San Diego’s NewSchool (correct spelling) of Architecture and Design, where he teaches a class on historic preservation. This semester his class will be conducting a historic survey and inventory of San Diego’s postwar Polynesian Pop architecture.

Alex’s lecture is an overview of the historic buildings and structures contained in California State Parks and Beaches in the North County area.

Mr. Bevil recently received the 2005 Ben Dixon Award from the Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties. It is the highest award of honor given by the Congress, acknowledging an exceptional contribution to the preservation and research of history in this wonderful part of the unique Southwest.

Admission to this lecture is free to Center members, suggested $5 donation for non-members. Become a member on the day of the program and enjoy discounts on this and many events to come in 2006. In honor of Veterans Day: All retired and active duty military and CCC/Urban Corps members receive free admission to this lecture. There is no admission to visit the Center and Museum.

For more information on this lecture and other Center events Contact Annemarie Cox acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org Phone: (760) 291-0370

Rancho Christmas at Rancho Guajome Adobe County Park

November 26th & 27th, 2005, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas, as you wander the 22 rooms at Rancho Guajome Adobe, built in 1853. The adobe will be decorated to replicate holiday decor in the 1800s, using natural materials to make wreaths, garlands, and centerpieces. Children’s activities are free with admission! See the awe in your child’s eyes as they make their own candle, candy apple, and corn husk dolls. Watch them smile from ear to ear as they circle the Rancho on a horse wagon pulled by draft mules. Our blacksmith will be on hand demonstrating the art of forging metal and making miniature reindeer shoes the children can take home. For a minimal charge, children can also try panning for real gold! On Saturday only, the event will culminate at sundown (at approximately 4:30 p.m.) with the lighting of the luminaries in the inner-courtyard. Sip hot cider and enjoy Christmas caroling until nightfall. Purchase unique gifts for that special someone on your holiday list. Craft vendors will be selling both period and modern crafts and gifts. There will also be musical entertainment, free popcorn and much more!

Admission: $5 for adults (13 & older), $2 for children (ages 4-12), FREE for children 3 & under. PARKING IS FREE. Location: Rancho Guajome Adobe, 2210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, CA 92083. For information please call 760.724.4082.

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Upcoming Speakers

November 22 (Tuesday), 7:30 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos
Presenter: Alex Bevil
Title: “The Service Knows and Will Remember”
The Aircraft Crash Memorial on Japacha Ridge

Located at an elevation of nearly 4,600 feet on a stone-lined terraced ledge just below and east of Japacha Peak in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park is a lonely memorial dating back to San Diego’s golden days of military aviation. Consisting of the battered and burnt remains of a V12-cylinder aircraft engine mounted on a stone and concrete pedestal, it marks the location of one of the most sought after crash sites in U.S. military history prior to WWII. It is also associated with a number of pioneer Army pilots involved in the search; one of which become one of the most influential figures in U.S. Air Force history. California State Park historian Alex D. Bevil will discuss the monument’s historical significance in a digital slide presentation. His recent paper on the monument’s history won the prestigious Copley Award at the San Diego Historical Society’s 2005 Institute of History. Mr. Bevil is also planning on publishing a booklet on the monument’s history, and will be leading a hike up to the monument for SDCAS on December 3.

There is no Monthly Meeting in December. Hope your Holidays are Happy!

Membership News
By Carol Serr

A big thank you to those members who have renewed your dues. October is the beginning of our 2005-2006 membership year (check the newsletter address label for your membership status). As of Nov. 1st, 25 members have renewed, with 113 annual memberships (82%) still to renew (an additional 33 are Life members). We hope we can count on your renewal soon. As of January, 2006, membership rates may be increasing since we were nearly $800.00 in the red last year.

Please remember to send me your new address when you move. And send me your e-mail address if you haven’t been getting notices (in between newsletter issues) via e-mail. Some times this is the only way we notify members of last minute changes. Your address is not shared with the membership.

See you at the Tuesday night program and Happy Holidays
Carol Serr, Membership Chair
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VI Bi-National Symposium of Balances and Perspectives 2005: “Frontera Dominica y Franciscana: La Alta y Baja California”

This annual symposium, with themes related to the Anthropology and history of Baja California, is given by the Baja California Office of the National Institute of Anthropology and History in coordination with the various academic, public and governmental institutions. It will be held the Camino Real Hotel, located at Paseo de Los Heroes 10305, Zona del Rio in Tijuana, Baja California from the 10th through the 13th of November, 2005. For more information contact INAH at 686-552-35-91 or 686-552-35-92 (international call) or by email at: balancesbc@yahoo.com.

The IVC Desert Museum Society’s 10th Annual Indian Fair

November 19, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The fair will be held on the campus of Imperial Valley College, Highway 111 and Aten Road, Imperial CA on the south lawn. The fair is free and will feature a variety of traditional singers, dancers, storytellers and artisans from the southern California, northern Mexico and Colorado River area. Bring the family!

Directions: From Interstate 8 take Highway 111 turnoff North towards Brawley, travel north about three miles and three signals to Aten Road. The college is on the northwest corner of Old Highway 111 and Aten Rd. The fair will be on the south lawn in front of the college.

Additional information contact: IVC Desert Museum Society, PO Box 430, Ocotillo, CA 92259 attn. Karen Collins. Email 1vcdm@imperial.edu

Preserving the Spirit: Mojave Clay Dolls

Saturday, Nov. 12 - 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. Instructor: Tony Soares. Spend the day making Mojave clay figures with local pottery expert Tony Soares. Tony will share with us his knowledge of clay techniques to produce replicated Mojave clay dolls. Participants will enjoy their time creating and learning the art of Native doll making. Clay and decorative materials will be provided. Location: Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, 219 South Palm Canyon Drive, Village Green Heritage Center. Fee: $15.00. Recommended Ages: 12 and above.

Spirit Keepers: Voices of the Flute: Ethnomusicology

Wednesday, Nov. 16 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Presented by Ernest Siva (Cahuilla/Serrano). Ernest Siva grew up on the Morongo Indian Reservation in Banning, California. In his lecture, Ernest will share the history of flutes in Native American culture, with a strong concentration on Southern California instruments. Location: Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Spa Hotel, Cahuilla Room. Fee: Free!

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Preserving the Spirit: Gourd Rattle Making
Saturday, Dec. 10 - 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. Instructor: O’Jay Vanegas. In our local area, Cahuilla people performed their traditional bird songs with an instrument known as a gourd rattle. Learn how to build a gourd rattle with ACCM’s Education Director, O’Jay Vanegas. This course will cover the basics of gourd rattle construction and provide participants the opportunity to learn traditional bird songs. Location: Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, 219 South Palm Canyon Drive, Village Green Heritage Center. Fee: $15.00. Recommended Ages: 8 and above.

Singing the Birds (Wikitmallem Tahmuwhae)
Saturday, Dec. 17 - 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Traditionally, music and dance played a significant role in Cahuilla culture and daily life. Today, bird songs and dance are one of the last and most important components of the living Cahuilla culture. Come and celebrate this honored tradition by participating in the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum’s first ever, Singing the Birds (Wikitmallem Tahmuwhae) Annual Bird Song and Dance Festival. This event is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the art of bird singing and dancing. The event will include scheduled performances, inter-tribal bird dancing, tap-out contest with prizes, food and beverages, and Native American vendors. Location: The Pavilion Auditorium, Sunrise Park, 401 South Pavilion Way, Palm Springs. For more information, call the museum offices at 760-778-1079.

Lecture: Mummies Talk: Tut Tut
Ben Harer will discuss the process and variations of mumification in Ancient Egypt. A special emphasis on King Tut’s mumification and the mumification of King Tut’s children will be included utilizing updated information from recent CT scans. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana. Saturday, November 19, 1:30pm. Program general admission is $5, free to Bowers members or included with museum admission.

Lecture: Excavating the Provinces: the Archaeology of El-Hibeh, Middle Egypt
For several years, Dr. Carol Redmount has led the excavations at El Hibeh, site of the ancient city of Tudjoi. Dr. Redmount, who is on faculty at UC Berkeley, is also President of the American Research Center in Egypt and will update ARCE members on recent developments at ARCE as well as discussing her work in Egypt. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana, Saturday, December 3, 1:30 pm. Admission: Free. Co-Sponsored by ARCE/OCC and O CPL.

“What Does Archaeology Teach us About the Past?”
Public Lecture Program at UCLA Faculty Center. December 1, 2005, 7:30pm. Speaker: Dr. Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of “Guns, Germs and Steel” and “Collapse”. Reception and Book Signing Following the Lecture. Please Note: Parking lot 2 (Hilgard and Westholme) for Faculty Center. Parking is $8.

UCR Libraries’ Author Series
Speaker: Cliff Trafzer, author of Native Universe: Voices of Indian Americans. Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 3:15 – 4:30 PM. In Special Collections – 4th floor Rivera Library, University of California Riverside. Refreshments will be served.

Clifford E. Trafzer is Professor of American Indian History at UCR where he is also the Graduate Studies Advisor and Director of the Public History Program. He has published several scholarly books and articles, including Renegade Tribe, Death Stalks the Yakama, and Earth Song/Sky Spirit, all of which have won book awards. Most recently, his co-edited book, Native Universe: Voices of Indian America, won an award from the American Association of Museums. Professor Trafzer’s book will be available for sale, courtesy of the UCR Bookstore.

Reflections: Celebrating 90 Years of Museum of Man History!
Open to the public on November 19, 2005, Main Floor On view through September 24, 2006


Museum Director Mari Lyn Salvador invited members of the San Diego community to share in the selection of objects for the exhibit. Each selector was asked for a statement about why the piece was chosen. The purpose was to find 90 rare and significant objects that represented 90 years of the Museum’s collection history. Among many outstanding examples of collection items from the Museum’s history are these: the Chilkat blanket, the “Big Bird” pot from San Idefonso, a rare polychrome jar by Maria and Julian Martinez, a painted buckskin telling of a Cheyenne war party, an arrow made by Ishi, casts from China of the lost Peking Man fossils, a Kwakitu1 raven mask, a serpent effigy jar from Nazca, Peru, a model of a 1930s truck by the Chamorro of Guam, a basket made of fiber from the Serra palm planted in the 1700s, a large pottery dog from Colima, an alebrije from the Linares family, a black and gray pot with geometric designs by Juan Quezada, and exquisite jewelry, blankets, and pottery from the Southwest.

San Diego State University Occasional Archaeological Papers
By S. Mallios
The San Diego State University Occasional Archaeological Papers (SOAP) provides a free and accessible conduit for research, analysis, and scholarship of San Diego archaeology and the work of San Diego archaeologists. Intended for a professional audience, the SOAP is published in both paper and electronic forms. It can be viewed and downloaded at http://soap.sdsu.edu.

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SOAP

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The first volume of the SOAP will be published in early 2006. It will include a detailed study of the recently discovered hidden WPA murals at SDSU, a retrospective on San Diego archaeology by Dr. Steve Shackley, and architectural analysis of materials from Fort Gujjaros.

This journal is dedicated to the dissemination of insight from archaeological investigations with a tie to San Diego County. It endeavors to provide both in-depth rigorous analyses and broad interpretive comparisons of past and current research and research issues of the region. Overall, the SOAP seeks analytical and interpretive expertise from informed points of view that contribute to a better understanding of San Diego, its archaeological record, and its archaeological community.

Beginning in 2005, the editor, assistant editor, and editorial advisory board of The San Diego State University Occasional Archaeological Papers consider for publication articles that engage topics relating to San Diego archaeology and San Diego archaeologists. Members of the Editorial Advisory Board and the editorial staff serve as the journal’s jury, reviewing written submissions in a double-blind format. Anyone can make a submission to the SOAP.

The San Diego State University Occasional Archaeological Papers fluctuate in content and format, with some volumes being an assortment of analytical reports and others including interpretive discussions centered about a common theme. The journal’s flexibility is designed to encourage submissions from a wide variety of disciplines and research interests that can broaden and deepen insights into San Diego’s past and the archaeology performed by San Diego professionals.

New Energy Developments Could Impact Local Cultural Resources

By Kelly Fuller, San Diego Sierra Club

People who care about Native American cultural resources in San Diego and Imperial counties should know about new plans that could affect archeological and sacred sites.

In fall 2004, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permitted over 17,600 acres of public land for wind-energy testing to PPM Energy without public notification or comment. The testing sites include two in McCain Valley, a third very near Table Mountain, and a fourth adjacent to the Campo Reservation. According to the project’s Environmental Assessment (EA), there was no tribal consultation.

BLM documentation from the 1980s asserts there are significant concentrations of Native American cultural sites and some sacred sites in McCain Valley. Likewise, the area south of Table Mountain where wind-energy testing is now taking place was identified in the 1980s as eligible for the National Register due to its “massive quantities” of archeological data.

Attorney Courtney Coyle described the EA for the four test sites as “inadequate” in a letter she wrote on behalf of the Quechan people. They are concerned about a permit application the BLM has received for wind-energy testing north of the Ft. Yuma reservation and a permit the BLM has already issued for wind-energy testing on Black Mountain.

The BLM has also received a permit application for wind-energy testing near Ocotillo, just north of highway S-2 and immediately adjacent to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

It is not known at this time which, if any, of these testing sites will be permitted for wind-energy development. However, I have spoken with a consulting firm in Santa Ana that says it has been contracted by PPM energy to conduct baseline biological studies of McCain Valley in preparation for an environmental impact statement.

These wind-energy testing projects are being administered by the El Centro BLM office. Their contact is Lynda Kastoll, Realty Specialist, 760-337-4412 or Lynda.Kastoll@ca.blm.gov.

The testing sites in McCain Valley and south of Table Mountain are opposed by the California Wilderness Coalition, California Wild Heritage Campaign (San Diego Region), Center for Biological Diversity, Desert Protective Council, Desert Survivors, San Diego Audubon Society, and San Diego Sierra Club.

All of these groups support wind-energy development if appropriately sited but feel these locations are inappropriate because of their likely impacts on rich biological, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources. The other sites have not yet been reviewed by these organizations. We would love input from the archaeological community regarding any of the sites mentioned in this article. For more information, please contact Kelly Fuller of the San Diego Sierra Club, 619-445-4390 or Kelly.Fuller@cgu.edu.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Have you Renewed your Membership?
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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.