The mission of the San Diego County Archaeological Society is to promote public understanding and appreciation of archaeology in general and to encourage the preservation of the cultural resources of San Diego County.

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Every Saturday & Sunday — Los Peñasquitos
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Editor’s Message

Summer is here! If you missed our first summer Saturday lecture, you missed a good one. Bill Walsh’s talk was interesting and thought-provoking, and the discussion afterwards was quite lively. I hope you all take the time to come to one of the next two summer lectures, which are on July 28 and August 25 (see page 4 for more details).

Also, August 30 marks 20 years that SDCAS has been at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House (see article on page 4). Come help us celebrate at the August 25th meeting!

CORRECTIONS: Last issue I reported that we had “close to 100” people at the April SDCAS meeting, but we got an actual count of the students who were there and found that we actually had over 220 people in attendance that evening! Also, I hope that I hand-corrected everyone’s calendar of events in the last issue and that you figured out that the 12 O’Clock Scholar lecture at Museum of Man listed for March 26 was really on June 4.

SUBMISSIONS: Please send articles, stories, poems, or other archaeology-, anthropology-, or history-related items to me at the address below (email works best). Digital documents (word or text files) 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 clippings); or if you have scanning capability or a digital camera, please email them in JPG, TIF, or GIF format. Any hard-copy item you wish returned (such as photos or slides) should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or arrangements can be made to pick up said items.

The submission deadline for the next issue is August 31. Please send all items to:

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Members’ News Corner

Upcoming SDCAS Field Trips:

- August 4 San Diego Archaeological Center Behind the Scenes tour and visit to the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park Visitor Center
  
  For meeting time and place RSVP by July 21st to: Heather Thomson (760-789-2896, 760-443-0698, or iplay3rd@earthlink.net)

- September 15 Driving tour to Stage Station sites – Warner’s ranch to Old Town San Diego
  
  Participants will drive an estimated 70 miles along the historic stage route covering the stretch from Warner Ranch to Old Town San Diego. Join noted Overland Mail Historians Steve Van Wormer and Chris Wray as they discuss life on the Overland Mail route. Registration is required.

  For meeting time and place RSVP by July 21st to: Heather Thomson (760-789-2896, 760-443-0698, or iplay3rd@earthlink.net)

Stein Farm Archaeology: Digging Our Past

Two more Digging our Past days have been added: July 14 and August 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public at large, and anyone involved with SDCAS, are welcome to dig up what is buried at the Stein Farm’s manufactured site. There is no need to sign up or make reservations for the Digging Our Past dates, and you may come on either or both days. We also need some volunteers to help supervise kids and assist with their excavations and screening.

The location is the Stein Farm Museum, 1808 F Avenue, National City, CA 91950. Farm phone is 619 477-4113.


San Diego Archaeological Center Second Saturday Visiting Scholar Series- Two Part Series Saturday, July 14, 2007, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027-7001) is pleased to announce a presentation by Mr. Rob Case for the Center’s Second Saturday Visiting Scholar Series. This is the first presentation of a two-part series introducing the archaeology and history the San Pasqual Valley.

The Condor Ridge site is located on the grounds of the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Mr. Case directed the survey, mapping, & significance testing of the site and subsequently led the data recovery & mitigation monitoring phases of the research program. His presentation will emphasize the collaborative nature of archaeological research & cultural resource management. Project-specific findings from Condor Ridge & the cultural wealth of the San Pasqual Valley will be discussed.

Mr. Case is a Senior Archaeologist with the San Diego branch of Jones & Stokes, a Sacramento-based environmental planning and management company. He received his BA and MA in Anthropology with emphasis in Archaeology from San Diego State University. In his 30+ year career, Mr. Case has directed and participated in numerous precontact and historic period projects throughout southern California.

Admission to this lecture is free to Center members, suggested $5 donation for non-members. Part Two of this series will be on Saturday, October 13, 2007, 11:00a.m.-1:00 p.m., and is entitled “History on the Rocks: the Story of 160 Acres in the San Pasqual Valley.”

Artifact Interact, an Introduction to the Cultural Resources of the San Diego Region

Saturday, August 11, 2007 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027-7001)

The SDAC is once again conducting “Artifact Interact, an Introduction to the Cultural Resources of the San Diego Region”. This three hour workshop will introduce participants to the complete 10,000 year human occupation of San Diego. Hands-on activities using actual artifacts from archaeological collections curated at the Center, as well as presentations in several media forms, will allow individuals to explore the exciting world of archaeology.

Initially developed for the San Dieguito River Park Docents, Artifact Interact is designed for scout leaders, nature trails guides, nature center interpreters, earth science educators and primary grade teachers interested in the cultural resources of San Diego County. Utilizing lessons from Project Archaeology’s Intrigue of the Past, Center educators will engage participants in the fundamentals, process, and issues of archaeology. Included in this workshop is the opportunity to produce several types of experimental archaeological reproductions. Professional development training provides tools for educators to engage the general public, life-learners and the youngest citizens of San Diego in the scientific inquiry of archaeology.

In order to assure a quality program, space is limited. Registration for this workshop is required. Center members, volunteers, and interns are strongly encouraged to attend. A $25 material fee will be required from each attendee prior to the workshop. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a lunch and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of the San Pasqual Valley.

For more information on this Center event or to reserve a space please contact Annemarie Cox via email at acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org or by phone: 760-291-0370.

Conference on Early San Diego Regional History

A celebration of the diverse peoples who lived and worked in the San Diego region in the years before 1848. Featuring scholarly, educational, and cultural presentations.

September 15 & 16, 2007: Sept. 15 at the campus of InterAmerican College at 140 West 16th Street, National City, California, Sept. 16 at Old Town Park

Cost: $15 for early reservations (by August 31), or $20 for on-site registration. To learn more about the conference or to participate, please call 619-423-7248 or email sallyfox@cox.net or Pre1848sandiego@aol.com

Dead Sea Scrolls

The Dead Sea Scroll exhibit is going on now through December 31, 2007 at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Visit the Natural History Museum’s website at http://www.sdnhm.org/scrolls/index.html to learn more about the exhibit or the accompanying lecture series, or to buy advanced tickets.

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Stein Farm Archaeology

By Marla Mealey

On June 9th I volunteered at the second Digging Our Past day at Stein Farm (1808 F Avenue, National City, CA 91950). I had never been to the farm before and was surprised to find a farmhouse, barns, and a plot of land with animals, equipment, and gardens sitting in the middle of National City. Other SDCAS members who volunteered that day included Steve Van Wormer, Patty McFarland, Carol Serr, and Howard Schwikis.

Susan Walter gave us a nice tour of the house before the kids started showing up to do some digging.

Although only one Boy Scout from the previous time returned for this event, there were a few other kids there who had a great time learning about archaeology and digging up artifacts in the “site” that was created about 10 years ago as an educational tool for the local school district. When the school district abandoned the program, the site sat for many years until Susan started looking for other groups and educational opportunities to use this impressive archaeological teaching site.

There are plans for two more Digging Our Past days, on July 14 and August 11. If you’ve never been to Stein Farm, those days would be good ones to go. If you can help out for a bit watching kids dig or screen, that would be great too!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Walter; email is best: [sdwalter@cox.net] or her office phone is: 619-426-5109.

Twenty Years at Los Peñasquitos

August 30 will mark the twenty-year anniversary of the open house thrown to mark SDCAS getting office space in the Peñasquitos Adobe/Ranch House. That event was marked by presentations and a ribbon cutting ceremony. A lot has changed for the Society in the past twenty years, but we still have office space at the adobe and we hold our monthly meetings there.

The August meeting at the adobe is a good time to celebrate the last twenty years and reflect on where the Society has been and where it is going. That meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 25 (see below). We hope that as many members as possible can come to commemorate twenty years of SDCAS association with the Peñasquitos adobe. We would really like to see people who were involved in the excavations at the adobe, as well as in the preparation of the office space and the negotiations that got the Society into the adobe, attend. If you are one of these people or know one of these people, please pass the word.

Come early and bring photos and other memorabilia from the early days of SDCAS to the Peñasquitos Adobe/Ranch House.

See you August 25.

Upcoming Speakers

The July and August meetings will continue the Saturday Night Summer Lecture Series. The Saturday Night lecture will replace the usual 4th Tuesday General Meetings during the summer months only (There will be no 4th Tuesday meetings in June, July, or August). The public is invited to arrive at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House around 7:00 p.m. and bring a picnic dinner, chairs, and drinks. It can get cool so long-sleeves and/or blankets are recommended. Bug repellent is also recommended. SDCAS will provide desert. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. with the lecture following some short announcements.

July 28 (Saturday), 8:00 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos

Presenter: Eleanora Robbins, PhD (SDSU)
Title: “A Heretical Hypothesis: Middle Paleolithic Transport of Medicinal Plants to North America: When (around 40,000 years ago), Where (now under 160 ft of water), How (boats drifting with currents), What (food, medicine), Who (coastal/maritime people), Why (volcanoes, redwood driftwood)????”

Knut Fladmark hypothesized that as soon as boat technology was developed 40,000 years ago, people probably traveled the oceans. Maritime people traveling by boat, following the currents, would have carried medicinal plants with them. Evidence for such transport would be under the today’s oceans. So sea levels were delineated for the past 60,000 years to help determine where SCUBA divers are needed to search for the early settlement history of humans offshore from southern California. The 40,000-year-old shoreline is now below 50 m (150 ft) of water and an unknown thickness of sediment. It is easy to envision maritime people of that time, staying by the shore and taking advantage of abundant marine food sources. Through time, descendants would have followed the rises and falls in sea level. As sea level rose at the beginning of the Holocene,
Upcoming Speakers
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village sites would have moved shoreward accordingly. Around 7,000 years ago, an episode of intense erosion occurred, which would have reduced water clarity, affected marine animal distribution, and forced people toward onshore sources of reliable food.

Figuring out where to drill to support some of these fanciful ideas is difficult, as is trying to decide which kinds of sonic-boom technology would bounce off 40,000-year-old buried artifacts. Core sediment from the continental shelf which was drilled by DSDP is not available because of an unfortunate decision to reduce core storage volume by throwing away the Quaternary.

Lacking cores to test for a pollen signal attesting to the arrival of coast-dwelling people, I used another approach. I researched the distribution of native medicinal plants in Asia, Australia, and North America. To learn which plants may have traveled with people, I merged San Diego plant databases with worldwide and ethnobotany databases. Not only are the results for local plants revealing, but the merged database also shows the existence of both N-S and E-W trade routes across the continent.

Another interesting idea about submarine localities was tested by Thomas Dillehay and Ruth Gruhn at the Monte Verde cave sites in Chile--follow submarine canyons onshore. Submarine canyons are places subjected to periodic sediment removal; being fracture zones, they potentially host caves. So, analysis of the contents of caves along submarine canyons might be good places for SCUBA divers to search for evidence of early travel.

Lastly, creation songs of many of today’s coastal people of California discuss the ocean and boats. The songs may well hold the evidence that ancestors arrived here very, very long ago in boats.

Dr. Eleanora (Norrie) Robbins is a paleo-palynologist, former student of Paul S. Martin (“Pleistocene Extinctions”), retired from the U.S. Geological Survey after 34 years, and now adjunct faculty in the Dept. of Geological Sciences at SDSU. She mapped for Louis Leakey in 1965 at the Acheulian Olorgesailie site in Kenya, on vacation from a Peace Corps assignment with the Geological Survey of Tanzania.

August 25 (Saturday), 8:00 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos

Presenter: TBA
Title: TBA

Our speaker for August had to cancel, and Trish is looking for a new speaker. Watch your email and the SDCAS webpage (www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com) for details on the August meeting. Also, remember, the August 25 meeting will be the celebration of SDCAS’s 20 years at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House (see article on page 4), so be sure to come for anniversary cake and memories.

Trish Mitchell Featured in a New Textbook

If you open the new textbook Principles of Archaeology by T. Douglas Price to page 496 you will find a lovely color photograph of SDCAS’s First Vice President Trish Mitchell talking to a classroom full of students at San Diego State University. The caption for the illustration (Figure 17.11) says in part: “Native American forensic anthropologist and graduate student Trish Mitchell discusses archaeological issues of repatriation, NAGPRA, and the future of the archaeological recovery and study of human remains with San Diego State University students...” Trish has finished her Masters at San Diego State since the caption was written, researching Mayan burials for her thesis. The caption goes on to discuss Trish’s work with the Kumeaay and the Office of the San Diego County Medical Examiner, while mentioning her involvement with cultural resource management, as well.

The photograph of Trish is presented in the context of a sidebar in the text featuring San Diego State’s Joe Ball, and a discussion of his experiences bringing members of the community to speak on issues relevant to archaeology in the Anthropology 302 class, Principles of Archaeology. This piece quotes Dr. Ball at length about the insights the speakers, including Trish, have brought to the classroom. He not only talks about the issue of the recovery of human remains and the perspectives expressed by the tribal elders who have spoken to the class, but he also touches on issues such as the loss of archaeological resources to construction projects and the competition among cultural resource management companies for contracts.

Both the photograph and the side bar are great learning aids in what looks to be a valuable new text. The book is published by McGraw-Hill Higher Education and can be purchased online from Amazon.com.

Membership News
By Carol Serr

Welcome new members: Pepe Aguilar, Nicole Turner, Doug Mengers, Mark W. Stout, and Louise Bon! Make sure to introduce yourselves to others when you attend our meetings, so we can get to know our newest members. And please think about becoming an active member, either as a Board member for 2008 (elections in Nov.) or helping with events like Arch in the Park in October (20th). Your society needs your participation!

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Membership News

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Please send your e-mail address (e-dress) if you haven’t been getting notices via e-mail - or if you recently changed it (some have bounced back undeliverable, like Ms. Hinkes’). Some times this is the only way we can notify members of last minute changes. Your e-dress is not shared with the membership or other groups. If you included your e-mail on your application, but are not getting notices - that means the e-dress does not work (or was not written clearly). Also, remember to let us know your new address when you move, so we can avoid the exorbitant forwarding fee the post office charges us.

Attention: If any Palomar College students know how to contact Adam Bartlett, please let him know his newsletter was sent back to us “address unknown” - and he needs to inform us of his new location.

Carol Serr, Membership Chair
e-mail: sdcas@mail.com (please use “SDCAS” in the subject line to be sorted out from the plethora of SPAM)

San Diego Archaeological Center Celebration

By G. Timothy Gross

SDCAS members should be feeling like proud parents watching our offspring exceed even our wildest expectations. That is certainly the feeling I had as I attended the dedication of the new curatorial vaults at the San Diego Archaeological Center on Saturday, June 23 (just before attending Bill Welsh’s talk on stone bowls at the Peñasquitos Adobe for SDCAS).

The dedication drew quite a crowd. Center director Cindy Stankowski and Board President Bruce Gallagher greeted the guests, and State Senator Christine Kehoe said a few words. Trustees and staff of the Center conducted tours of the new vaults, proudly pointing out the compactable shelving and the ample work areas. The new vault was made possible by a grant from the California Cultural and Historic Endowment.

The ceremony was particularly meaningful to me, as I was one of the founding board members of the Center and served as the board president before Bruce Gallagher took over. I left the board due to term limits. I was on the original committee established by SDCAS to take a little bit of seed money and figure out how to best use it to take care of the archaeological collections that have been accumulating in the area as a result of cultural resource investigations. I still have vivid memories of sitting around in the living rooms of board members like Dick Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119., to learn about the history, earth science and art of the adobe brick, and how it was used to help build the early history of California.

The Copper Age in the southern Levant witnessed settlement expansion into new areas and dramatic technological and social development. However, many of the large villages that were established and flourished during the late fifth millennium and into the first centuries of the fourth millennium were abandoned by ca. 3,700 BCE and never reoccupied. This presentation will introduce the concept of social collapse and will explain how archaeological evidence helps us to understand why the Copper Age came to an end.

Museum of Man Lecture: What’s Cooking? Eating and Drinking in the Copper Age

Sunday, August 12, 2007. Speaker: Sarah Whitcher Kansa, Ph.D. Lecture and program 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Gill Auditorium. Gallery Tour with Dr. Kansa, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor & Interpretive Center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119.), to learn about the history, earth science and art of the adobe brick, and how it was used to help build the early history of California.

Cost: $15.00. Class size limited and pre-registration required, so don’t miss out! For more information, please call 619-668-3279.
The Children’s Hour: Tom Kurai And His Taiko Drums

Wednesday, July 18, 2:00 PM, Norma Kershaw Auditorium. Travel to lands of the rising sun as you listen to the beat of these amazing drums. Admission: $8/Family. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana.

Bowers Museum Lecture: Charles Van Sickle - Excavations At Karnak

Saturday, August 25, 1:30 p.m. Admission: Free. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana.

Bowers Museum: Indian Family Festival

Saturday, September 1. Come experience a fantastic afternoon and evening of music, dance, food, workshops and demonstrations brought to you by the Indian Cultural Arts Council. At the Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana.

Kids Explore: Children’s Cahuilla Pottery

July 18, 2007 10:00 a.m. Children will be introduced to traditional Cahuilla pottery by learning coil techniques and producing small ceramic pinch pots. Location: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, 219 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Please call or email O’Jay Vanegas, Education Director, at 760-778-1079, ext. 105 for more information.

Kids Explore: The Preservation of Rock Art

July 25, 2007 10:00 a.m. Guest instructor Steve Frazers will teach children about traditional rock art sites and efforts to preserve them. Location: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, 219 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Please call or email O’Jay Vanegas, Education Director, at 760-778-1079, ext. 105 for more information.

Celebrating the West On The Move: 150th Anniversary of the Overland Mail

August 31 and September 1, 2007. Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Telephone, email, text message – what was life like before instant communication? Can you imagine the thrill of the people in San Diego when the Overland Mail first arrived on August 31, 1857? Come join us on August 31 - September 1 when Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first delivery of mail to come overland from San Antonio, Texas. Old Town San Diego residents will kick off the two-day event with a Friday evening fundraiser that will feature a BBQ reminiscent of the days of the ranchos, with entertainment and a guided tour of the newly renovated exhibits in the Seeley Stable.

Saturday, September 1, 2007, begins at high noon with the historic re-enactment of the Overland Mail arriving in Old Town San Diego as part of a grand parade. Stay the day and enjoy activities that celebrate transportation and life in San Diego during the 1800s. You will be able to cheer on the trick ropers, be amazed by equestrian demonstrations, see historic wagons, and participate in games for the young and old that were popular 150 years ago. The whole family will enjoy the music and activities of times past in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrating the West on the Move. For more information contact Old Town San Diego State Historic Park at (619) 952-4033.
San Diego County Archaeological Society Membership Application

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*New Members Only: half-year rates (at ½ the full-year price) are available after April 1.

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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.

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

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* Persons under 18 years of age must be sponsored by an adult SDCAS member.

Please send completed form and payment to San Diego County Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 81106, San Diego, CA 92138.