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Editor’s Message

Although you wouldn’t know it from the lingering June Gloom, summer is here! And with summer comes a heightened chance of encountering those arch-enemies of Indiana Jones and most field archaeologists – snakes. My most recent encounter involves four rattlesnakes in two days up in L.A.

The first was at Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. I almost stepped on a rattlesnake along a footpath leading to the historic site we were examining. The other three snakes were at a historic adobe in Malibu Creek State Park. We were there checking on rodent problems around the building’s foundation. My assessment – I think the snakes are taking care of the rodent problem. Also, I think snakes like historic sites better than the prehistoric ones. I’ve seen many more snakes at historic sites during my years of fieldwork. And if you’re out in the field this summer, watch out for them!

SUBMISSIONS: Do you have a good snake/archaeology story to share with the newsletter? Please send it (or other articles, stories, accounts, news items, poems, photos, websites, cartoons, etc.) to me at the address below (email works best). Digital documents are preferred, but others will be considered for inclusion. Any hard-copy item you wish returned (such as photos, slides, drawings, etc.) should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The submission deadline for the next issue is August 27. Please send all items to:

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SDCAS Fieldtrip

Join SDCAS on Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m., for a fieldtrip to Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The fieldtrip will be led by Erin Smith and Rachel Ruston and will follow their presentation on archaeological work at Casa de Estudillo during the July 17 SDCAS meeting.

Summer Day Camp at the San Diego Archaeological Center

Want to know what it feels like to be a real archaeologist? Archaeological Site Investigation (ASI) Summer Camp at the San Diego Archaeological Center is the place for you!

ASI is the creative and interdisciplinary approach to teaching the science of archaeology. Combining lessons in art with science, and history with cultural stewardship allows the camper a broader and deeper understanding of the field of archaeology. With adventures in nearby nature, creative expression, and hands-on access to the latest technology, camp activities include Artifact Interact, GPS-led discoveries, designing and creating clay vessels and many more creative and engaging lessons.

All campers must provide their own snacks. Water will be provided. Campers are required to bring a reusable water container, sunscreen, hat with wide coverage, eye protection and adequate hiking shoes each day of camp.

Session II: Grades 6-8, August 2 - 6, 2010. SDAC Members: $100 per child, $75 for 2nd child, Non-SDAC members: $125 per child, $100 for 2nd child. Please contact the Center by phone, fax or email first to confirm, then mail checks or charge information to: Annemarie Cox, Programs Coordinator, San Diego Archaeological Center, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027-7001. Phone 760-271-0370, FAX 760-271-0371, Email: acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org.

The 4th Annual Summer’s Past in the San Pasqual Valley Family Day

“Mom, what’s a Tussy Mussy?” “Dad, what is this brown wooden thing?” “Grandma, why did you make rag dolls when you were a little girl, can I make one?” Families, youth groups and life-learners are invited to relax and have fun during an old fashion summer day event on July 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027). Interactive stations will be set up around the Center classroom where participants will have the opportunity to create tussy mussels, rag dolls, scrub clothes on a wooden washboard, punch leather and play games of marbles and jacks. Refreshments reminiscent of past summer days will be available for your enjoyment.

If the temperature is reasonable, a hike to nearby natural and cultural resources will be offered. Bring plenty of drinking water, wear appropriate foot and head gear, and be prepared to have fun. The Center Museum will also be open for further educational and engaging experiences.

Center members will enjoy this event at no charge. A $5 per person or $15 family donation is requested by non-members. For more information, contact Annemarie Cox via email (acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org) or call 760-291-0370.

San Diego’s Birthday Celebration

Come to the Whaley House Gardens in Old Town San Diego for a free birthday celebration on July 16 from Noon to 2 p.m. There will be music, birthday cake, and refreshments. For more information please visit www.SOHOsandiego.org or www.OldTownSanDiego.org.

U.S. Army, Fort Rosecrans Trolley Tour

On August 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. SOHO is offering a tour of Fort Rosecrans. This is an opportunity to visit one of San Diego’s most private military bases to view some of its most historic buildings. Among the highlights will be the Battery Wilkenson (1898), Battery McGrath (1899), Artillery Ordinance Repair Facility (1943), YMCA Gymnasium (1919, converted to Theater and Dance Hall in 1940), the Fort Guijarros Archaeology Lab (1940) and underground Collection Storage Bunker (1942), and several other sites on the Point Loma Sub base.

Meet at Strothe Road Parking Lot at Rosecrans Street & Strothe Road. Be there 15 minutes early; trolley will leave promptly at 1 p.m. Tickets are available by advance purchase only, and attendance is limited: $30 SOHO members, $40 Non-members. Call 619-297-9327 to purchase tickets by 5pm on August 5, or you can get them at SOHO Museum Shop, 2476 San Diego Avenue.

Barona Annual Traditional Gathering

Friday, August 13 2010, 10:00am on the Barona Reservation

The Barona Gathering will start on August 13th and will end on Sunday. There will be live music from local native families and friends. Other events include Peon Games for big prize winners, Softball tournament, Horseshoe tournament, the best raffle prizes, free supper for both nights. The ever popular children event games tug of war etc. For more information, contact the Barona Tribal Office at 619-443-6612.

Lecture on History, Culture of Kumeyaay

RANCHO PENASQUITOS ---- OASIS will offer a lecture on the culture and history of the Kumeyaay Indian tribe with Troy Jordan from 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 7 at the Rancho Penasquitos Library, 3330 Salmon River Road. Jordan will discuss various aspects of the Kumeyaay, such as their having been called some of the “greatest horsemen in the world” during the Spanish and Mexican eras, their color direction seen as a sign of cultural sophistication and their vast knowledge of astronomy.

Many artifacts, recipes, herb and plant specimens, and historic documents and photos will be available. Reserve at 858-538-8159 or 760-796-6020.

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**SDCAS Website**

Don’t forget to add the SDCAS website ([www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com](http://www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com)) to your internet favorites or online bookmarks. You will find a wealth of information there including details on upcoming speakers, events, and other tidbits about the society, and, best of all, if you’re considering becoming a member and want to see what you’ve been missing, if you lost or misplaced any issues of the newsletter over the past 15 years, or if you just want to reminisce, check out the online catalog of back issues of the SDCAS Newsletter ([http://www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com/archive.htm](http://www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com/archive.htm)) or under the News/SDCAS News menu on the main webpage. These are partial issues that only include articles and information written for the newsletter. In order to receive full issues, you must become a member.

**Upcoming Speakers**

**July 17 (Saturday Evening Lecture), 8:00 p.m. Los Peñasquitos**

Presenter: Erin Smith and Rachel Ruston  
Title: “The Casa de Estudillo: A story still being told through artifacts”

The Casa de Estudillo in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park has a history that spans over 180 years. The Spanish colonial adobe has served as the family home of Commander Jose Maria Estudillo, a chapel for the Presidio, and the tourist attraction “Ramona’s Marriage Place” from the romance novel *Ramona* by Helen Hunt Jackson. Recent archaeological excavations were conducted in the Estudillo backyard; a multi-use activity area that has been highly disturbed over the past century. While no intact deposits were uncovered, the site still yielded valuable archaeological data. Notable artifacts include a ceramics collection that corresponds with each unique chapter of history at the Casa de Estudillo.

**August 28 (Saturday Evening Lecture), 8:00 p.m. Los Peñasquitos**

Presenter: Arleen Garcia-Herbst  
Title: “Soaring Over Sunrise: Managing Cultural Resources and Gaining an Understanding of Regional Prehistoric and Historic Human Behavior”

The Sunrise Powerlink project is a 118-mi. 230-kV/500-kV transmission line traversing from the Imperial Valley Substation near El Centro in Imperial County to the Sycamore Canyon Substation near Interstate 15 in coastal San Diego County. The environmental studies required for this project have resulted in an extraordinary opportunity to study broad regional prehistoric and early historic behavior patterns in this region.

More than 400 cultural resource sites were identified along the project route. The cultural resources survey included the transmission line right of way, access roads, pull sites, and construction yards. The recorded cultural resources include prehistoric artifact scatters (including stone tools and ceramics), habitation sites, bedrock milling sites, rock features, as well as historic era sites, and sites that represent both the historic and prehistoric eras.

There was little evidence of Paleoindian or Archaic (10,000 to 1,000 BP) occupation along the project route; however, extensive Late Period occupation and landscape use was documented. This presentation will use information from the completed field work and from ethnographic sources to provide some developing ideas about Late Prehistoric landscape use along the project route.

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The Saturday Evening lectures 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 early and bring a picnic dinner, chairs, and drinks. It can get cool in the canyon at night, so long-sleeves, jackets, 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.

**Membership News**

By Carol Serr, Membership Chair

Welcome new member: *Elizabeth Davidson*. We hope to see you at our general meetings. Remember, anyone who gives a presentation at one of our monthly meetings earns a complimentary annual membership (or renewal).

To further boost our membership numbers, you are strongly encouraged to invite co-workers, friends, and relatives to join SDCAS so they can participate on outings and enjoy our monthly meetings along with you. Remember, you need to be a member to go on our field trips.

And now that our newsletter is being sent via email, please make sure to send me your e-mail address (e-dress) if I don’t already have it – and if you would like to receive the newsletter as soon as it has been completed (rather than later, via slow snail-mail). We also send you notices in between newsletters of upcoming events, etc. Sometimes sending e-mails 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 email on your application, but are not getting notices - that most likely means the e-dress was illegible (or your In Box is full). Thanks.

To contact Carol please e-mail: sdcas@mail.com (please use “SDCAS” in the subject line)
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Summer Supper at the Serra with Dr. Iris Engstrand
Friday, July 16, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Junipero Serra Museum (2727 Presidio Drive, Presidio Park) Cost: $20 SDHC members, $25 general.

Mark the 241st anniversary of the arrival of Father Junipero Serra and Gaspar de Portola to San Diego with a specially prepared 2-course dinner* on the loggia of the historic Serra Museum. The San Diego History Center and Dr. Iris Engstrand, Professor of History at University of San Diego, welcome you to this engaging evening of food, wine and great conversation. Learn about the early Kumeyaay, Father Serra’s arrival in San Diego, life for the Spanish soldiers inside the military garrison, and both Serra’s and Portola’s northern expeditions.

Reservations required. Please call 619-232-6203 ext. 129, or send an email to gabe.selak@sandiegohistory.org.
* Dinner includes one drink ticket & 2-course meal of salad and Paella. Cash bar available for additional drinks.

Basket Weaving Classes
The San Diego Archaeological Center and the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center are sponsoring two basket weaving classes in August and November. Reservations are required and there is limited seating space, so register now before they sell out. For more information please contact Annemarie Cox (760-291-1869 or visit oldtowncosmopolitan.com) for the Basket Weaving Classes.

- Introduction to Basket Weaving is at the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center (13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail-Silver Lake Road, Poway) on Saturday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This class features a media program on Introduction to basket weaving and students will learn to weave a Cherokee style basket.

- Advanced Basket Weaving is at the San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, California 92027) on November 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This class will feature a media program on Advanced Basketmaking and preparing materials to start a coiled juncus and deergrass basket.

Registration fees are $75 for both and $40 for one class for those who are not members of San Diego Archaeological Center or the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center. Fees are $40 for both classes or $25 for one class for members of SDAC or KIIC. There is an additional $10 fee per class for materials.

Summer Lecture Series: Archaeology, up close and personal.
All lectures will be held at the historic train depot in downtown Tehachapi, California. Admission/donation is $15.00 per person and refreshments will be available. This is a fund raiser. The Tehachapi Museum is a 501(3)(C): Donations are tax deductible. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- July 17, 2010 6:30 pm: Dr. David Whitley - Mohave Desert Petroglyph Dating and the Peopling of the Americas
- August 28, 2010 6:00 pm: Dr. Alan Gold - Basin Religion and Animal Ceremonialism: Reflections on Mountain Sheep Metaphor and a possible Bighorn Shrine from Rose Spring
- Dr. Robert Yohe - Egyptian Mummies Uncovered

For more information, please contact Gale Grasse Sprague ggrasseprague@yahoo.com or Charles White @ charlesewhite@sbcglobal.net.

Festival Planned for Reopening of Old Town’s Cosmo Hotel
By Pam Kragen - July 4, 2010
Old Town San Diego – It’s rare to see a festival surrounding the opening of a hotel, but the Cosmopolitan is no ordinary hotel. One of San Diego’s oldest surviving buildings has been reborn.

First opened in Old Town in 1869, the hotel at the corner of Callhoun and Twiggs streets has undergone a massive renovation to return the building to its original look and luster. To celebrate the renovation, the hotel’s operators will host a free festival July 10 with events themed to the building’s historical roots.

The grand reopening festival begins at noon with stagecoach rides, live entertainment, horse saddling and tackling lessons, historical lectures and old-fashioned games. At 4 p.m., there will be a dedication where members of the Kumeyaay Indian tribe will hold a sage ceremony and various local religious organizations will offer blessings. A circus preshow runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Los Diegos (playing Californios music from the 1800s) perform at 7 p.m. and the main event is a circus performance at 8 p.m. by Zirc Ubu, whose members perform feats of aerial acrobatics, fire breathing, juggling, sword-swallowing and more. All events will take place in the grassy plaza near the hotel.

A three-year, multimillion-dollar remodeling effort...has turned the Cosmopolitan Hotel into a historically accurate re-creation of the original Cosmopolitan, with 10 rooms featuring wood clawfoot and copper basin bathtubs, pull-chain toilets, hurricane-style lamps, sitting rooms, Civil War-style trunks and Victorian-themed wallpapers. The hotel’s saloon serves authentic 19th-century drinks, and the Cosmopolitan Restaurant...has...a historically themed menu using ingredients that would have been available to San Diegans in the 1870s.

The Cosmopolitan is at 2600 Calhoun St. For details, call 619-297-1869 or visit oldtowncosmopolitan.com.

Experience Native American Culture At The 40th Annual Barona Powwow
The Barona Band of Mission Indians invites you to experience Native American culture at the 40th annual Barona Powwow taking place on Friday, September 3 from 6 to 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, September 4-5, from 1 to 11 p.m.

Since its inception in 1970, the tribal celebration has grown into a three-day event featuring more than 200 dancers with over 10,000 guests in attendance. During Labor Day weekend, Native Americans from across the country will showcase traditional Tribal dances, singing and music, a hand drum contest, authentic Native American cuisine and exquisite handcrafted arts and jewelry.

The festivities will take place at the Barona Baseball Field (just one mile north of the Barona Resort & Casino) on the Barona Indian Reservation, located at 1095 Barona Road in Lakeside. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, please call 619-443-6612 or visit www.baronansn.gov.
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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 though 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.

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