



Newsletter of the Nevada Archaeological  
Association Summer 1999

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## Summer Board Meeting in Battle Mountain

The next NAA Board Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 1999 in Battle Mountain, Nevada at 3:00 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management offices conference room. The BLM offices are located just south of I-80, take the downtown (middle) exit from either direction.

On Friday evening, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. all are invited to visit the Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center, located on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (across the railroad tracks) north of downtown Battle Mountain. Chuck Barrett, Interpretive Center curator, will give us a short tour of the center.

A field trip is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 5, to the ghost town of Tenabo. We will be leaving from the BLM office parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. We should be back in Battle Mountain by 2:00 p.m., with plenty of time to prepare for the 3:00 p.m. board meeting.

### Motels (prices listed do not include tax)

Comfort Inn (old Miner's Inn)  
521 Front Street; 38.99 sgl/43.99 dbl.  
775/635-5800

Best Western Big Chief  
434 Front St.; 37.88 sgl/40.88 dbl.  
775/635-2416

Remember, all NAA members are welcome to attend any board meetings held throughout the year. If you have any questions or need any additional information, contact Christi Shaw at (775) 635-4144. See you in Battle Mountain.

### New Board Officers

By Anne DuBarton

As a result of elections immediately following our annual meetings held in Reno this March, the NAA board of officers has changed slightly. Bill Johnson has decided to step down as President of NAA, although he remains on the board. Your new President is yours truly (Anne DuBarton). My previous post as membership Chairwoman will be transferred to Christi Shaw, who is already a board member.

Many members have asked what my goals will be as NAA President. As many of you know, I am very committed to archaeology education. Archaeologists, both professional and avocational, decry the illegal collection of artifacts and the destruction of cultural resources. The illegal acts and the attitudes of collectors and looters will not change overnight, but through education, we may eventually be able to turn the tide. With the help of the NAA membership, I hope to expand and develop archaeology education programs throughout the state. Towards this end, I am working with the BLM to develop the Project Archaeology program in Las Vegas, and the 2001 Nevada

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Archaeologist will be devoted exclusively to archaeology education articles.

I urge all of the NAA to support our organization in whatever way you can. Please plan to attend the quarterly board meetings and field trip when these occur in your part of the state. Also, please feel free to contact any of your board members about concerns you may have. A complete list of officers, journal editors, meeting organizers, and chapter representatives follows.

## **Board**

Anne DuBarton: President (895-0534)  
Susan Murphy: Executive Secretary (658-3396)  
Pat Hicks: Secretary (565-1709)  
Oyvind Frock: Treasurer (826-8779)  
Christi Shaw: Membership (964-2671)  
Gretchen Burris: Newsletter Editor (289-2450)  
Bill Johnson: Board Member (566-4390)  
Peggy McGuckian: Board Member (623-3396)  
David Valentine: Board Member (645-9579)  
Alice Baldrice: Ex Officio (SHPO) (687-6361)

## **Journal Editors**

Roberta McGonagle 1999  
Bill White 2000 (566-1929)  
Anne DuBarton/  
Susan Edwards 2001

## **2000 Meetings**

Program Chair David Valentine  
Arrangements Gretchen Burris

## **Chapter Representatives**

Am Arcs: Oyvind Frock  
Archaeo Nevada: Helen Mortenson (876-6944)

Churchill County: Maie Nygren (423-2212)  
Elko County: Stephanie Halliman (777-8266)  
Lincoln County: Barbara Rhode (728-4467)  
White Pine County: Lisa Gilbert (289-6728)

## **Annual Conference Report**

The annual conference held in Reno March 19 and 20, 1999, was a great success. Sixty four people listened to the presentation of 16 papers. The people who attended the dinner that evening heard an interesting talk by Dr. Catherine Fowler of the University of Nevada, Reno. Once again, an auction was held consisting of various donated items and a wide selection of Native American jewelry brought to the auction by Mark and Yolanda Henderson. A small group of folks enjoyed a Sunday morning walking tour of Reno's historic area led by Alice Baldrice. Our thanks to all who assisted in putting this event together, those who presented papers and to those of you who attended.

Next years' conference will be held the weekend of March 10, 2000. The program chair will be David Valentine. The arrangements chair will be Gretchen Burris. Please contact them if you need further information.

*submitted by Oyvind Frock*

## **Archaeology Week**

With the help of the State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Reclamation, NAA has continued to expand its production of posters and brochures for Historic Preservation/Archaeological Awareness Week.

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This year we distributed posters and brochures to all public & private schools in the state, to all chambers of commerce, all museums, all libraries, all federal agency offices, and to all NAA members. The poster artwork and brochure photo featuring a spring house from the Las Vegas Springs Preserve were provided by the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year a success, particularly our past President Bill Johnson.

*submitted by Anne DuBarton*

## **Ting Perkins Award Presented to Don Hendricks**

NAA's Ting Perkins award which recognizes outstanding contributions to Nevada Archaeology by an amateur was presented to Don Hendricks at the 1999 NAA conference.

Don, a Las Vegas resident, has been active for many years in such activities as recording rock art sites, monitoring site conditions, assisting professionals in numerous ways, advancing conservation and talking to public groups. He has also published rock art articles and is a founding member of the Southern Nevada Rock Art Enthusiasts (SNRAE).

Don's receipt of the award is richly deserved and we at NAA congratulate him.

Now is the time to begin searching for nominees for next year's award. The fall issue

of *In Situ* will have instructions on how and when to submit your nominees.

*submitted by Oyvind Frock*

## **UNLV DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ETHNIC STUDIES WELCOMES NEW STAFF**

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) is committed to training world class Anthropologists, and is expanding the Department of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies to offer the Ph.D. As a means to this end, two new anthropologists have been hired. The new archaeologist is Ted Goebel (pronounced "gable," as in Clark Gable). He received his Ph.D. from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in 1993. His research interests are in Hunter-Gatherer groups in extreme environments, the Paleolithic/Paleoindian Period, and in lithic technology.

While in Alaska, he worked on the 11,000 year old Walker Road Site. This site is one of six known Nenana Complex sites in Alaska. The Nenana Complex represents the earliest horizon in Alaska and is 11,000-11,800 years old. It has a blade and biface industry without fluted points, and Ted is interested in understanding how this complex fits into the peopling of the Americas.

Before coming to UNLV, he was at the Southern Oregon University at Ashland, Oregon from January of 1994 until August of this year. Field work there was at the Mt. Hebron Site in northern California. This site is in a dune, and over 100 stemmed series points were recovered.

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No faunal remains or charcoal were retrieved, so his studies focused on lithic technology and in understanding why there are so many different sizes and shapes of stemmed points. Are there cultural or situational reasons for the variability?

In Nevada, Ted intends to pursue his interests in the Paleoindian/early Archaic periods. He is currently considering establishing a field school in the Goshute Valley region of northern Nevada, but has not ruled out southern Nevada or other sites in the surrounding Mojave Desert. If anyone out there knows of any stemmed point sites with fauna in a datable context please give Ted a call!

Dr. Goebel also has research interests in Siberia which are oriented toward the upper Paleolithic period of 15-20,000 years ago and how this fits into the peopling of the Americas. He plans on returning to a couple of 12-14,000 year old sites in Asian Beringia to retest Russian chronologies and to determine if the pre-micro blade technology is ancestral to early American tool kits.

Also new to the department is Jennifer Thompson, a physical anthropologist/human paleontologist. She received her Ph.D. in 1991 from Durham University in the United Kingdom.

Before coming to UNLV, Dr. Thompson spent five years at the University of Toronto in Canada. There she worked on the description and analysis of the Le Moustier Neanderthal skull from France. As part of this work she finished a cranial reconstruction and endocast of the skull using computed tomography data. She has also studied aspects of growth and development in

Mid-upper Pleistocene hominids and this work has demonstrated that Neanderthal growth and development differ from that of Upper Paleolithic and modern human populations.

Her current field work is in Egypt working with Neolithic skeletons. She is attempting to understand how shifts in diet and living conditions associated with the beginning of agriculture affected skeletal morphology.

After Egypt, she hopes to explore modern human origins with field work in northern Jordan. Even though the bulk of her field work and pursuits have been in Europe and the Middle East, she would be interested in looking at any Great Basin skeletal remains that are greater than 5,000 years old.

*Submitted by David Valentine*

## **CALL FOR RESEARCH MATERIALS**

The Laboratory of Far Western Archaeology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is developing a library of archaeological reports for the arid regions of the west, including Nevada and parts of California, Utah, Oregon, Idaho and Arizona. The goal of the program is to build a collection of cultural resource management reports by private firms and government agencies for students and professional archaeologists in the Las Vegas area. Please send copies of reports to Dr. Ted Goebel, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-5003.

*Submitted by Ted Goebel*

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## **Chapter and Affiliate News**

### **Am-Arcs of Nevada**

Our February, March and April meetings were well attended and featured these speakers:

February: Laurie Walsh, "Ethno-Archaeology through Historic Images."

March: Pat Barker, "Indian Burning and Other Modifications of the Landscape."

April: Alice Branigan and Maria Bruno, "The Geology in Archaeology."

The February field trip was canceled due to weather. In March, we hiked to a basalt tool stone source site on the Mount Rose Fan. In April we joined with Archaeo-Nevada for a tour of the Las Vegas Test Site.

For further information on Am-Arcs, contact Oyvind Frock at 775/826-8779.

### **Archaeo-Nevada**

Archaeo-Nevada meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Southern Nevada Community College, West Charleston Campus in Building B, Room 203.

For more information on Archaeo-Nevada, contact Howard Hahn at 702/ 564-7912.

## **White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society**

The Society meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 7 PM at the White Pine Public Museum, 2000 Aultman St. in Ely.

For Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Week, Sunny Martin presented recollections of her life in Ely at the Public Library. Sunny has been a resident of Ely since the 1910's. Mark Henderson and Jack Tribble (Ranger at the Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park), took folks on a walking tour of the Ovens and the Ward Townsite.

The Society will have its annual potluck on August 18th at the home of Buddy Juckich in Ely.

The Society still has copies of "Ely and Her Mines" by Frank Adams available for sale. The book was originally published in 1907 and contains many interesting photographs from that era, as well as information you may not find anywhere else. This book may be purchased for \$10 through the Society. You may receive a copy by mail for a grand total of \$12.00 (this includes shipping costs). *Make your check out to: The White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society.*

### The address is:

White Pine Historical & Archaeological Society  
PO Box 1117  
Ely, NV 89301

Be the first one on your block to get a copy of this book!

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A reminder that the White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society also has a website:

[www.webpanda.com/white\\_pine\\_county/historical\\_society](http://www.webpanda.com/white_pine_county/historical_society)

## **Calendar**

**May 29, 1999.** Flintknapping Demonstration. Cave Lake State Park. Ely, NV. 1 PM at the Ranger Station.

**May 30, 1999.** Charcoaling Demonstration. Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park. Ely, NV. 1 PM at the Ovens.

**June 5, 1999.** The history of Ward Charcoal Ovens and a walking tour of the Ward townsite. Ward Charcoal Ovens State Park. Ely, NV. 1 PM at the Ovens.

**June 11-13, 1999.** Long Steel Rails Festival. Ely.

## **Editor's Corner:**

The deadline for the fall newsletter is August 4, 1999. I know that the summer is busy for most folks, but this is a good opportunity to let everyone know how summer projects are going.

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