

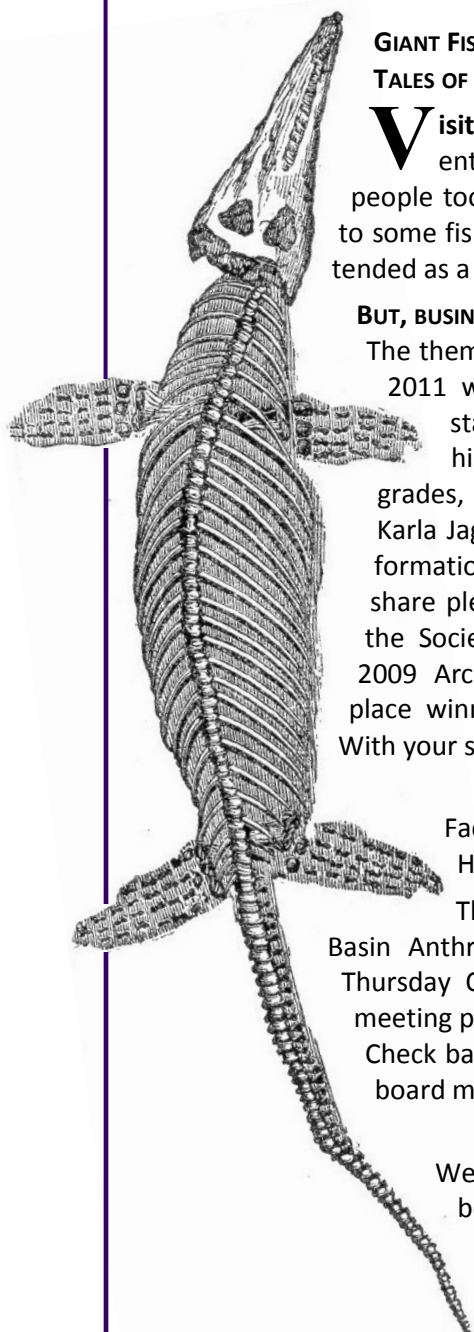
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## Eva Jensen, NAA President President's Corner



### GIANT FISH LIZARDS & RATTLESNAKE MINES: TALES OF A SUMMER BOARD MEETING . . .

**V**isiting Nevada State Parks can provide some unusual entertainment for archaeologists and even for regular people too. During the July board meeting we were treated to some fishy reptilian encounters, old and not so old. (Not intended as a commentary about board members.)

#### BUT, BUSINESS FIRST

The theme for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month 2011 will focus on historic and prehistoric trails in the state. American Indian trails, nationally recognized historic trails, hiking trails on historic roads, railroad grades, and stage lines are just a few worth mentioning. Karla Jageman, our newest board member, is gathering information for next year's poster. If you have anything to share please contact her (karla@nvarch.org). This spring at the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meeting, our 2009 Archaeology Month poster was selected as second place winner in the poster contest. Congratulations to all! With your support we can do it again.

As noted in the announcements we have a NAA Facebook page, thanks to Karla. Karla is working with Hal to update our web presence.

The next Board meeting will be held during the Great Basin Anthropological Conference (GBAC) in Layton, UT on Thursday October 21, 2010. We will announce the specific meeting place and time when the GBAC schedule is provided. Check back on the NAA Facebook page or web site, or call a board member.

The next annual meeting will be in April 2011. We are working on logistics and location. After the board meeting in October we will publish the location and dates on the NAA web site and on the Facebook page. Full details will follow in the winter newsletter.

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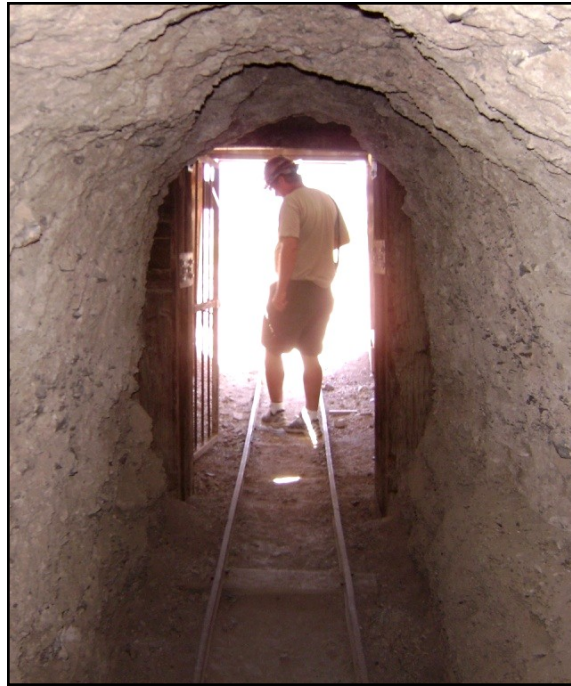
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**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTARY**

As an organization we officially support the preservation of historic and prehistoric resources in Nevada. Unofficially, we try to have at least one camping board meeting each year. When we were looking for a venue for the summer board meeting I thought visiting one of the historic State Park facilities would be fun. I always wanted to visit Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park but could never quite make myself turn off of Highway 50 or 95 and take the 50 or so mile drive. This time it was our destination, and it was well worth the drive to see...

**...GIANT FISH LIZARDS AND RATTLESNAKE MINES - TALES OF A SUMMER BOARD MEETING (CONTINUED).**

Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park provided a great space for our wide open discussions. For those who have not visited the park I highly recommend a weekend trip. Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, Berlin has remains of a historic mining town and mining facilities. State Parks has recently reopened the mine tour into the Diana mine. Check their web site for tour availability. There is a large mill building with one array of stamps still in place from what was a 30 stamp mill. The buildings and remaining features of Berlin are a good example of the footprint of a Nevada mining town. For anyone who has faced recording mine sites and features this is a great way to understand just what a 30 stamp mill looks like.



*"Go towards the light Greg!" Greg Seymour barely makes it out of the Diana Mine alive. Photo by Sali Underwood.*

For the mine tour we put on hard hats with lights. Mine safety requires using an electronic 'canary' to make sure the air is good. After we promised not to create bad air, we were greeted at the entrance by a Great Basin rattlesnake. The 'guard' was not too happy we were invading the coolest spot in the park. The state park ranger proved to be as skilled in snake removal as he was in archaeologist herding.

The Ichthyosaur portion of the park features a large paleontological excavation area where specimens of the state fossil 'giant fish lizard' still reside in-situ. This creature, with a giant eye, actually moved from being a land dweller back into the oceans during the multi-million years of its evolutionary process. Like some archaeological artifacts, the vertebrae of Ichthyosaur were first 'discovered' by locals to be great door stops and dog bowls. The site is now protected by Nevada State Parks. Years of controlled excavation provide the scientific community and the public with a fascinating look at the depth and richness Nevada offers for those willing to follow some roads less traveled.

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**ENDANGERED HISTORY**

Unfortunately, state budget shortfalls are threatening state parks nationwide. The National Trust for Historic Preservation listed State Parks across the nation as one of



*Icky greets visitors to the Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park. Photo by Sali Underwood.*



*The thrill of a 30 stamp mill. Photo by Sali Underwood.*

the “Eleven Most Endangered Sites”. Their statement read, “America’s state parks and state-owned historic sites are threatened – perhaps more than at any other time in recent history – with deep funding cuts and uncertain futures.” In the west, Arizona and California have closed important parks that protect historic and prehistoric resources. Local communities are struggling to help rescue the resources. Nevada State Parks, and Museums face similar reductions including part time and possibly long term closures. As in other states, local communities benefit directly from revenue of park visitors. Local communities and our heritage suffer when park workers are laid off and travelers stay on the highway passing by the “Park Closed” signs.

This year Nevada State Parks celebrates

### **Suggested Reading**

“Nevada’s State Parks - 2010 marks the 75th anniversary of the formal establishment of our state parks system.”

[http://www.nevadamagazine.com/index.php/issues/read/nevadas\\_state\\_parks/](http://www.nevadamagazine.com/index.php/issues/read/nevadas_state_parks/)

“Arizona’s Rural Communities Rescue State Parks from Closures. Good News! 23 Arizona State Parks will Stay Open”

[http://www.pr.state.az.us/press/2010/PR\\_05-19-10.html](http://www.pr.state.az.us/press/2010/PR_05-19-10.html)

“National Trust for Historic Preservation 11 Most Endangered Historic Places - America’s State Parks and State-Owned Historic Sites”

<http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/nationwide/america-s-state-parks-and-state-owned-historic-sites.html>

their 75 Year Anniversary. It is imperative that we **all** support the State Parks. Be a part of the solution. Take the time to drive to Berlin, or Ft. Churchill, or the Old Mormon Fort, or the Elgin Schoolhouse, or any of the great State Park campgrounds. Take the time to write or email a state park official, or legislator, or candidate to support the parks and museums. Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park supports NAA. In the campground rest room our 2007 archaeology month poster adorns the wall for reading pleasure. ☪

## **Troop Movements**

**H**arry Reid Center refugees include **Jennifer Riddle** who is now archaeologist at the Nevada Department of Transportation; **Annette “AJ” Thompson** who joined up with Knight & Leavitt; and **Dave Sme**e, illustrator extraordinaire, who retired this past spring.

The State Historic Preservation Office is rearranging as **Rebecca Palmer** became the Deputy SHPO and **Jessica Axsom** filled Rebecca Palmer’s position. ☪



**NAA Totally  
Wants to be  
Your Friend**

**D**id you know the Nevada Archaeological Association has a Facebook page? Friend us! Hundreds of Archaeologists can’t be wrong! ☪



## California-Oregon Trails Association, California-Nevada Chapter Fernley Deep Sand Swales Cleanup & Preservation Project

**T**he Deep Sand Swales, a short distance north of Fernley, Nevada (and a few yards south of the Central Pacific Railroad Bed), are the *ONLY* example of Deep Sand Swales on the entire California Trail! No Deep Sand Swales exist on the Oregon Trail. These Swales and the Central Pacific Railroad Bed are wonderful historic resources of which we all can be very proud. Members of the CA-NV Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association are organizing a cleanup party to remove trash that has been dumped in and near the Swales. Sponsors supporting this important event are the Fernley Department of Parks & Recreation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fernley Preservation Society, Trash-Pros, the Leader-Courier, the Fernley Chamber of Commerce and Arnold's Wrecking Yard.



*A large pile of garbage that was at the Fernley Deep Sand Swales. Photograph by Tom Fee, 2007.*

### **WE ARE INVITING YOU TO HELP OUT!**

**DATE:** Saturday, **October 2, 2010:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel east of Reno, Nevada on I-80 toward Fernley. Take the Exit 48 off-ramp. Make a left turn and go under I-80. Continue straight (north) along the east side of the Truck Inn. We will meet along the dirt road behind and to the right of the Truck Inn, where the pavement ends.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Wear a hat and layered clothing. The temperature may be anywhere from nippy to blistering. Boots are recommended. We know you're dapper, but this is a work party, so don't

wear your best clothes.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Heavy duty work gloves to protect your hands. A stout, small to mid-size cardboard box for glass shards. A few heavy duty, tough plastic trash bags. A pitchfork if you have one. A trailer for hauling trash if you have one.

**FOOD, DRINK AND MISCELLANEOUS:** Bring your lunch, snacks, drinks, and plenty of water. Soft drinks or a thermos with your favorite coffee or hot chocolate may be a good idea. Also consider sunglasses, lip balm and sunscreen, unless you like the crispy look.

**SAFETY:** Rattlesnakes and scorpions may be a potential problem. Always watch where you step and be very careful when you pick up boards, flat items, or just about anything. You might want to

turn over these types of items with a stick before you pick them up. Watch where you place your hands. Wear heavy duty work gloves. Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.

**BENEFITS:** At the end of the day you will feel good about returning these Historic Sand Swales closer to their original state and will have made some good friends. You will experience a nice sense of accomplishment and community pride!

**CONTACT:** Should you have any questions, please feel free to phone Tom Fee at (775) 827-3724. ☎



*A member of the Fernley Parks Crew tackles illegally dumped yard refuse during the 2007 clean up. Photograph by Tom Fee, 2007.*

Oregon-California Trails Association, California-Nevada Chapter Website:

<http://www.canvocta.org/>

National Oregon-California Trails Association Website:

<http://www.octa-trails.org/>

## Grant & Contracting Opportunities in Lincoln County

**T**he Lincoln County Archaeological Initiative is looking for contracting and grant proposals on the following topics and projects:

- Site Monitoring & Stewardship
- Formative (Fremont) Settlements in Lincoln County, NV
- Manage Public Use, Interpret, and Provide Education at a Well Known, Publically Accessible, Archaeological Location
- Obsidian Toolstone Source Inventory, Evaluation, Protection and Management
- Inventory, Evaluate to the National Register of Historic Places, and create a Stabilization



Plan for "At Risk" Prehistoric and Historic Archaeological Sites

Applications are due by **October 30, 2010 at 4:30 PM.**

To submit contracting proposals, go to [fbo.gov](http://fbo.gov) (FedBizOpps) or [fedconnect.net](http://fedconnect.net). Enter Solicitation Number L10PS03308.

To submit grant proposals, go to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov). Enter Solicitation Number L10As00329.

For more information on the Lincoln County Initiative, please contact Carol Bass, Program Manager at the BLM Ely District Office, 775-289-1803, or [Carol\\_Bass@blm.gov](mailto:Carol_Bass@blm.gov). ☎



## Mini-Reports



*Figure 1: Rockshelter VOF 2009-8, Looking South-Southwest.*

Since 2003, students from the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) have inventoried approximately 4.25 square miles of Valley of Fire (Rafferty 2003, 2006, 2008). This has resulted in the formal recording of 54 prehistoric and historic sites in three geographically separated areas: 25 in and near St. Thomas Wash, 20 northeast of Atlatl Rock near a feature called Mouse's Tank, and 9 at or near the Atlatl Rock outcrop. An additional 22 petroglyph and pictograph loci have been located and informally recorded photographically by the author in and around Atlatl Rock.

Several different site 'types' have been recorded. These include rock shelters, rock shelters with petroglyphs, campsites, campsites accompanied by panels of petroglyphs, lithic scat-

ters, stand-alone panels of petroglyphs, and historic sites. They range in age from the Lake Mojave period (ca. 10,000-7500 B.P.) to the late 19<sup>th</sup>-early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

This paper discusses a small rockshelter (currently designated VOF 2009-8) located in the southwestern portion of Valley of Fire. It is located at the southeastern edge of a large sandstone outcrop that is southeast of and separate from the outcrop containing Atlatl Rock and its' concentration of sites. There is nothing particularly unique or significant about the site, except that it is situated in an isolated location, away from any other concentrations of sites. There are no other sites on the eastern margins of this outcrop. Any sites associated with this outcrop are



all located on the western side of the outcrop. It does have a small but interesting assemblage of artifacts which are discussed and analyzed below.

### The Shelter

The shelter was recorded on May 20, 2010, by the author and two of his students, Jennifer Heimerman and Michael Callahan. We were examining a small portion of the 2009 field survey universe that the author felt had not received adequate attention. After surveying and examining the eastern faces of the outcrop all morning and not locating any cultural resources at all, we finally encountered the rockshelter.

The shelter opens to the south-southeast and is adjacent to a shallow portion of Valley of Fire Wash. It measures 13 m wide, 3.29 m deep from the back wall to the drip line, and approximately 2 m high at the drip line (*Figure 1*). The shelter floor showed evidence of a sparse midden deposit, and contained several obvious surface artifacts. A sparse scatter of artifacts extended in an ovoid shape for 22 m south-southeast of the shelter proper. The site appeared to be relatively undisturbed, with no evidence of pot-hunter's holes or collector's piles at the site. This is likely due to the fact that it is in relatively isolated country that only the most ardent hikers would traverse.

Contained within the shelter were two Elko Side-notched style points, one of brown and one of brown/tan banded chert (*Figures 2 and 3*). This tentatively dates the site to at least the Middle Archaic (Hester and Heizer 1978). Also visible on the shelter floor were a white chert biface/projectile point base and two broken biface bases, both of brown chert. Additional artifacts both within the shelter and the sparse scatter



**Figures 2 & 3: Chert Elko Points found at the Valley of Fire Rockshelter., VOF 2009-8.**

included six brown or reddish-brown chert core fragments; one core fragment each of white quartzite and obsidian; one obsidian primary flake; one quartzite primary flake; nine chert primary flakes; and five tertiary flakes of chert. There was no ground stone evident at the site.


The site is immediately adjacent to Valley of Fire Wash and less than 100 m north of a small, deeply incised tributary of the larger wash. These washes provided seasonal water and relatively

rich floral and faunal resources including barrel cactus and prickly pear cactus, catclaw, limited amounts of mesquite, grasses in moist years, and other flora. Water and floral cover would also attract or support fauna that could be exploited such as jackrabbits and cottontail, desert tortoise, a variety of small mammals and lizards, and bighorn sheep which is rare in the area today. In fact the shelter is situated approximately one-half mile north of limestone ridges which today are considered critical habitat for bighorn sheep (NDSP n.d.). The sandstone outcrops also contain small *tinajas* that would provide additional water sources after rains.

Given the preponderance of hunting and game processing implements, and the lack of groundstone, the likeliest purpose of the site was for the acquisition of game. In a preliminary sense, this site may be part of a larger Valley of Fire-wide settlement and subsistence system that began in earnest in the Middle Archaic. This small site may be outlier in a broader settlement system possibly centered at larger *Residential Bases* (*sensu* Binford 1980). Candidates for such *Residential Bases* are the sites excavated by Warren and others (1978) centered around Atlatl Rock northwest of the site. The largest and most complex site, Atlatl Rockshelter, contained cultural

deposits over 200 cm deep which contained significant cultural material within the Archaic period deposits: fire cracked rock; evidence of roasting pit activity; numerous Archaic period projectile points (Elko varieties, Humboldt Concave Base points, large corner notched points, and leaf shaped points); knives, scrapers, blades, and other food processing tools; a large number of grinding stones; and numerous cultural features including rock concentrations, charcoal lenses, hearths. This site may have been a focal point of Archaic settlement and subsistence in the Valley of Fire region. This is merely speculative, however, until more survey and excavation data is available.

### Conclusion

Valley of Fire is known for spectacular petroglyphs, large residential sites, and other significant cultural resources. However, even the smaller sites have information that could bear on our understanding of the archaeological record of the region. Site VOF 2009-8 has the capacity to yield diachronic and subsistence data that may allow an examination of the settlement-subsistence patterns extant in Valley of Fire beginning in the Middle Archaic. 

**Kevin Rafferty** received his doctorate from SUNY-Stony Brook in 1982. He has been conducting archaeological research in the Great Basin since 1980, first with the Bureau of Land Management, then with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He has been at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) since 1989. He is currently chairman of the Department of Human Behavior at CSN, which has sponsored the work conducted in Valley of Fire in conjunction with the Nevada State Parks System.



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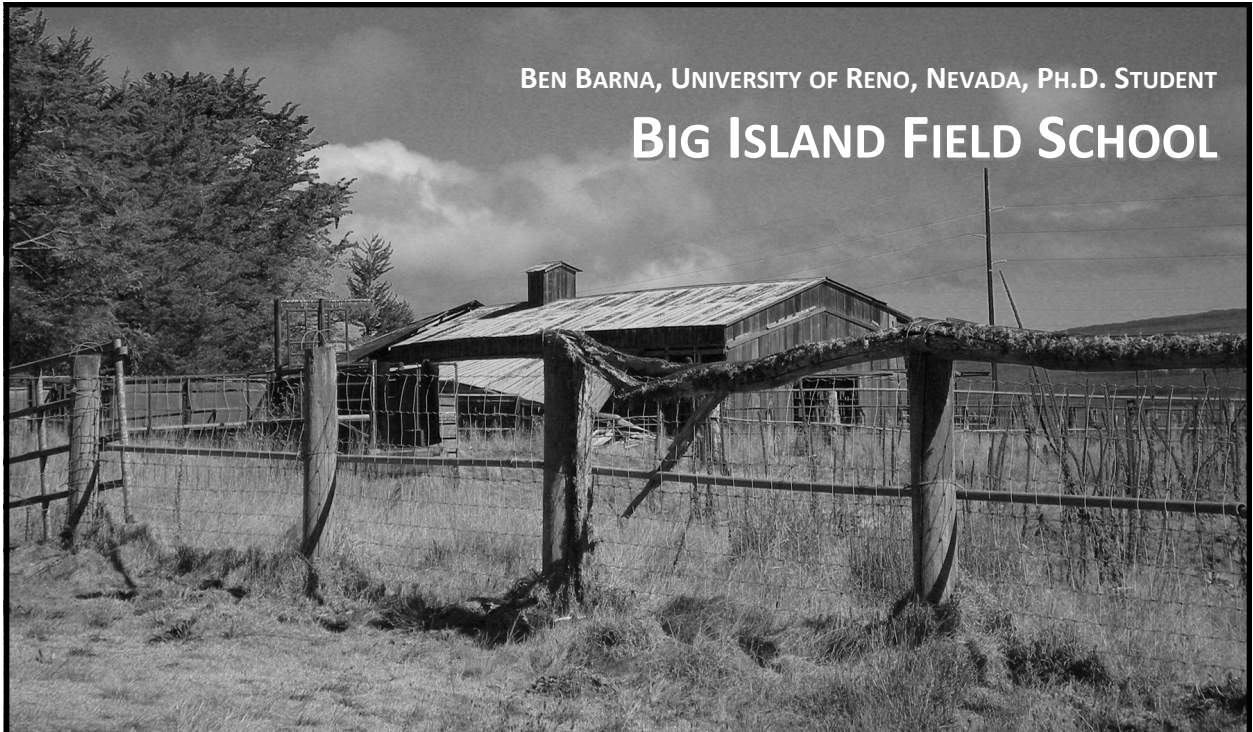
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BEN BARN, UNIVERSITY OF RENO, NEVADA, PH.D. STUDENT

## BIG ISLAND FIELD SCHOOL

*The Humu`ula Sheep Station was the base of operations for late 19th-century sheep and cattle grazing along the Mana Road on Hawai`i.*

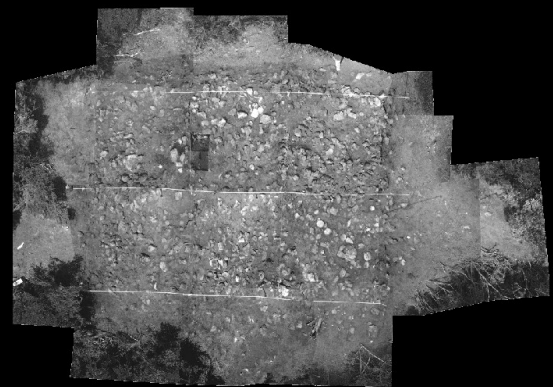
**T**he Archaeology of Hawaiian Ranching project, a joint project conducted by University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and the University of Hawai`i at Hilo, continued this summer with archival and collections research on the islands of O`ahu, Hawai`i, and Lana`i. UNR doctoral student Benjamin Barna spent six weeks visiting Cultural Resource Management (CRM) firms, the State Historic Preservation Division, museums, and archives

building comparative data to be used with the results from survey and excavation that will take place this summer at two

ranching sites located on Mauna Kea volcano. The Summer 2011 field season will be offered as a field method course through UNR with Professor Carolyn White.



*UNR graduate student Benjamin Barna begins excavating at the Laumai`a Cabin Site on the island of Hawai`i in 2009.*



*UNR and UH Hilo students located this stone structure in 2007, and test excavations in 2009 suggest it may be the original cabin at the Laumai`a line camp. Field work in the summer of 2011 at this cabin will form the basis for Benjamin Barna's Ph.D. dissertation. Photo-mosaic by Peter Mills.*





Steven Holm, University of Reno, Nevada, Ph.D. Student

## Excavation of Cornish Row, Virginia City

**F**rom July 12<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup> the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) conducted a field school on the slopes of Mount Davidson above Virginia City, Nevada. Twenty-one students, ranging from graduate students to freshmen, with four supervisors, excavated multiple house platforms built into the hillside above “B” Street. These platforms once held houses where Cornish men and women (Cousin Jacks and Jennys) spent their days. Exact dates of occupation have not been established, but a *terminus post quem* (TPQ) of 1859 and a 1912 photograph showing that the houses had been removed

bary Coast most recently, but also at the Boston Saloon, Piper’s Opera House, O’Brien and Costello’s Saloon, Piper’s old Corner Bar, and the Hibernia Saloon among others but this excavation is the first in Virginia City to look specifically at



**Above:** Students Fred Winik (left) and Johnathan Shields (right) dig into history.

**Below:** Unearthed from unit 51N91E was this 3 cm long metal crucifix.

provide good temporal bounding. Household deposits were located and tested, yielding ceramic and glass tableware, sawn bone, glass bottles, clothing items, shoes and boots, and items of personal adornment. A partial dry laid rock foundation was also uncovered. Much archaeological work has been done at commercial sites in Virginia City: Maguire’s Opera House and the Bar-

domestic life. It is also the first in the United States to look specifically at the Cornish. We hope this field school will continue next year to further explore Cornish Row households. ☪





## *Reports from Chapters & Affiliates*



NEVADA ROCK ART FOUNDATION:

### **3rd Session of the Lincoln Co. Rock Art Inventory Project-3rd Session**

**T**he third 2010 fieldwork session of the Lincoln County Rock Art Inventory Project will be held on the following dates: **October 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14**

The purpose of this project is to collect baseline data on all known rock art sites in Lincoln County. Project volunteers will help with assessing site condition, determining site boundaries, identifying rock art panels and design types, and mapping. Training will be provided in the field for those wanting to complete the practical component of the NRAF recording certification.

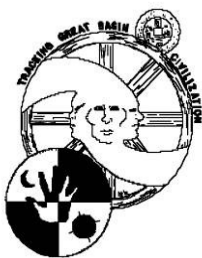
If you are interested in volunteering, but have yet to take the Volunteer Training in Documentation Techniques class, there will be one classroom session scheduled before the fieldwork begins. For more information, visit our volunteer



page at:

<http://www.nvrockart.org/Volunteer.html>

To sign up to work on this session, contact Kim by email at [info@nvrockart.org](mailto:info@nvrockart.org) or by phone at (702) 804-6723 ext 11 or (775) 323-6723 ext 11. ☺



ELKO COUNTY CHAPTER:

### **Annual Yard Sale Success**

By Donna Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer

**A**ll of the Elko County Chapter members have had a busy summer so there hasn't been a chance to do much with archaeology. We did have the annual

fundraising yard sale which was very successful. Some money will be donated to the college scholarship fund, set aside to build a kiosk at the Peace Park Site and do more testing if needed. ☺



ARCHAEO-NEVADA SOCIETY:

## Oral Histories & More

By Dr. Kevin Rafferty, President

**O**n October 14<sup>th</sup> our own Chuck Williams will be talking about rock art and rock art recording in Red Rock Canyon Recreation Lands. On November 10<sup>th</sup> (**IT'S A WEDNESDAY- Please Note**) Heidi Roberts of HRA, Inc. Conservation Archaeology will be giving her justly (in)famous "Barbie Massacre" talk. The December speaker is still being arranged. We are hoping to secure Kelly Turner of the Forest Service for the December meeting. Future speakers *may* include Karen Harry of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Amy Gilreath of Far Western Anthropological Research Group; and a round table involving former Presidents and early members of Archaeo-Nevada Society (ANS) is being planned for the Spring season.

Professor Wil Wilreker of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) has an exciting project he wishes to propose to the membership. As Advisor to the CSN Anthropology Club, he wishes to ask permission of the membership to conduct interviews/oral histories with founding and early ANS members to create an historical archive of the experiences and achievements of our organization. I think that this is an incredibly worthwhile endeavor that will help to create a permanent record of the dedication and energy of the members of the organization. I urge all members to participate if asked.

The President (Kevin Rafferty) will be meeting with Jim Hammons of Valley of Fire State Park to discuss ANS getting involved in recording threatened sites in the White Domes area. More information will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

At the last board meeting (August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010) a number of possible exciting changes to the organization and orientation of the Society were discussed and will be presented to the mem-



*On November 10th, Heidi Roberts will be speaking on the "Barbie Massacre." ("Surrealist Barbie" courtesy the Zymoglypic Museum).*

bership in September and in the future. Among changes/adaptations/refocusing discussed were:

1. Creating a Facebook page for the Society to appeal to younger members. This was accomplished as of August 31, 2010. Please check it out!
2. Archiving past newsletters on the ANS web-page like other organizations
3. Revamping the web-page
4. Creating a semi-official position of *Field Trip Coordinator* in order to have more frequent trips that are not necessarily tied directly to the speaker of the month, although we will try to do that as well
5. Creating a semi-official position of *Meeting Coordinator*
6. Conduct seminars on things like prehistoric pottery making, flint-knapping, etc.

Exciting things are happening as our younger members begin taking the reins of responsibility and ensuring the long-term health and vitality of the Society. ☺



## NEVADA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM:

# New Workshops for Site Stewards

By Sali A. Underwood

**A**s the Nevada Archaeological Site Stewardship Program continues to grow, the needs of the program and the volunteers change. Retaining stewards is just as important as getting new volunteers involved in the program. So, in the near future, the programs emphasis will be offering more educational workshops throughout the state. Workshops such as Lithic Technology I and II, Prehistoric Pottery of Southern Nevada, Fremont Pottery, Field Photography, Photo Documentation Management, Basic GPS, ARPA, and Historic Artifact Identification, have been held or are slated to be held in the next fiscal year. These workshops are possible because the Nevada Archaeological Association (NAA) re-

quests and receives a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund. The NAA stewardship grant can reimburse mileage, food and lodging for instructors participating in workshops related to site stewardship in Nevada. Without this funding it would be very difficult to offer these popular and informative workshops. If you specialize in an archaeological subject or research area that would benefit volunteer site stewards and you would like to volunteer to teach one of these workshops, please contact me at (702) 486-5011. Advanced workshops play a key role in maintaining volunteer interest in monitoring and being more involved in stewarding Nevada's unique heritage and I would appreciate any help that you might be able to offer. ☺



*USFS Archaeologist Will Reed teaches a NAA sponsored Lithics Technology I workshop during the 2010 Northwest and West Central Annual appreciation event in Reno, Nevada (March 6, 2010; S.A. Underwood, photographer).*





COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA:

## Two New Full Time Faculty at CSN

By Dr. Kevin Rafferty, Chairman, Dept. of Human Behavior

**T**he College of Southern Nevada (CSN) is beginning the Fall 2010 semester with a bang. Overall the enrollment in the college is up approximately 7% over the Fall of 2009. The Department of Human Behavior has a total of 12,298 students enrolled in its' classes (Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, MHDD). Of that total 2,359 students are enrolled in Anthropology courses of all kinds, mostly in Introduction to Anthropology courses.

To meet this demand the department has hired two new full-time faculty in Anthropology. Wil Wilreker has moved from the ranks of emergency hires to a full-time, tenure track position. He received his M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in 2007. His research interests include intentional communities (focusing on American neo-pagans) and develop-

ing an interest in Great Basin archaeology. He is also the advisor to CSN's new Anthropology Club.

Dr. David Wangsgard comes to us from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, where he received his degree and taught. He is interested in gender (focusing on masculinity) with an area interest in Asia, more specifically Vietnam.

CSN's Anthropology Club has decided its theme for the year will focus on historic preservation, and plans on trying to coordinate with the Site Stewardship Program to help as stewards and recorders.

The department will be holding an informational meeting for new and potential Anthropology majors in October of this year, date yet to be set.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: **Fernley Sand Swales Clean Up & Preservation Project.** Meet behind the Truck Inn near Fernley. Call Tom Fee for more information, (775) 827-3724. Free.
- Oct 2-14 **Lincoln Co. Rock Art Inventory Volunteer Opportunities.** Contact Kim for more information, [info@nvrockart.org](mailto:info@nvrockart.org), 702-804-6723 x11.
- Oct 5 **Last day for Regular Registration** for the Great Basin Anthropological Conference. Register on-line at <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=857389>.
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- Oct 21 **NAA Board Meeting** at the GBAC in Layton, Utah. All members welcome.
- Oct 30 4:30 PM: **Lincoln Co. Archaeological Initiative Grant Proposals Due.** For more information contact Carol Bass, 775-289-1803.

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## **"The Object At [Foot]"**



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**T**hese 43 cm long footprint casts are those of the northeastern Washington Sasquatch known as "Cripple Foot." I received them in 1977 as a teaching aid and going away gift from the late Grover S. Krantz, one of my professors at Washington State University (WSU). Early in his career at WSU, Grover learned that Sasquatch footprints occurred in the region, and he set out to debunk this myth using his skills as a physical anthropologist. "Cripple Foot's" deformed right foot, however, convinced him otherwise. He reconstructed the foot bones based largely on the protruding metatarsal, and earlier observations also contributed to his reconstruction.

In sum, the footprint was not made by a human foot made proportionately larger, but a foot specifically adapted to support and propel an extremely large hominid. He realized that researching this creature damaged his career, but he believed that proof of its existence was just around the corner. These casts are currently not on display, but contact me if you wish to see them, [ghattori@nevadaculture.org](mailto:ghattori@nevadaculture.org). 



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