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Project Archaeology

As promised NAA Board Members and guests were treated to an introduction to BLM Project Archaeology Curriculum Friday night September 19th at the Great Basin National Park Visitors Center auditorium. The weather was cool and drizzling, and that may have contributed to the packed house of about 30 people, including NAA Board members, NPS staff and Park visitors (who joined us after hearing of the program at the Outlaw Bar).

All participants were provided copies of the BLM teaser curriculum *The Intriguing Past* and all Board Members received copies of the complete curriculum guide *Intrigue of the Past*. Caroline Hilton 7th Grade Social Studies and Drama teacher at White Pine Middle School in Ely, and Master Teacher for the Intrigue Curriculum led the participants through three selected activities in the guide. The contagious enthusiasm of this adult group was not only a testimony to the superb design of activities, but also the magic of learning with a master educator.

As further evidence that participants were serious about the subject, discussion, facilitated by Gretchen Burris, continued for another full hour after the conclusion of the activities. All present agreed that a coordinated effort needed to be made to instill an archeology conservation ethic in Nevada's population, and that school curriculum was a valuable tool. No consensus was reached about how

to achieve this, much less where to find the resources necessary to carry out a program that would reach the entire population of students in the State.

At the Board Meeting on Saturday President Johnson appointed Alice Baldrice, Anne DuBarton and Mark Henderson to an Archeology Education Committee to make recommendations for measures that NAA might take to implement a systematic archeology education program in Nevada schools. This committee would be delighted to hear from NAA membership on these matters.

Marzden House, Editorial Oops and Instructions

It was pointed out that the "Marzden House" Museum was spelled incorrectly in the Late Summer edition of *In Situ*. The editor sincerely regrets this error.

The NAA Board also advised the Editor that they preferred that the proceedings of the NAA Board Meetings be reflected in highlights of important business rather than complete text of unapproved minutes in future issues of *In Situ*. With this issue the editor will attempt to follow this direction of the Board.

Caves, Traps & other Field Trip Delights

The NAA membership is reminded that all activities of the NAA Board are open to the general membership. It is hoped that the following report will encourage readers to consider NAA Board Meetings as an excellent opportunity to see Nevada in congenial company.

Cooler and moister weather than normal promised to make the tour of Lehman's Cave an opportunity to escape cool rainfall and snow. About fifteen NAA members were conducted on a special tour of Lehman's Cave which was a pleasure for both first time visitors and returnees. Of particular interest was a new element of the tour; a request that visitors be silent as they passed the area where human remains were recovered by archeological excavations over 30 years ago. This request for silence was a result of negotiations with American Indian advisors as part of required consultation that the Park Service has undertaken under the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990.

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When the group emerged from the Cave, the weather seemed to be somewhat on the mend, with rain and snow squalls punctuated by bright openings of blue sky.

Our group arrived at the Kachina Cave trail head in time to have a mid-day infusion of calories to build fat reserves as further insulation against impending winter skies. Upon completion of this necessary, and for some of us addictive activity, Mark Henderson exhibited the NAA sponsored Rock Art Etiquette decals and we waddled the short jaunt to the Cave. Gretchen Burris, then disabused Mark of his erroneous notion that the milled lumber plank structure at the Cave dated to the Southwest Museum excavations at the rockshelter in the 1932, but rather was associated with the Nevada State Museum project here in the 1971. In penance for his poor scholarship Mark was required to lead the remaining visitors in an "anthropomorph count," repeating the activity of the previous day for elementary school students from Eskdale School, Utah.

The group then stopped briefly at Amy's Shelter, apparently named after Mark Harrington's first wife, and made an irreversible decision to defer an attempt the ascent to Smith Creek Cave. Those who wish to know more about the archeology of Smith Creek Canyon should examine a copy of *The Archaeology of Smith Creek Canyon, Eastern Nevada*, edited by D. R. Tuohy and D. L. Rendall, Nevada State Museum Anthropological Papers, Number 17, 1979.

Heading back south we stopped at the Hendry's Creek Antelope Wall. Time did not allow careful examination of this feature (although the weather was now quite favorable for exploration) documented by Jack Rudy (*Archaeological Survey of Western Utah*, University of Utah Anthropological Papers Number 12, 1953).

Arriving at the Baker Archeological Site at a little after 3 p.m., an executive decision was made after careful consideration, that the weather was not conducive to outdoor proceedings and that we would implement the contingency plan to adjourn to the Outlaw Bar in Baker for the Board Meeting.

(Note: Special thanks to the proprietors of the Outlaw Bar and Restaurant, Great Basin National Park, Ely Ranger District, Forest Service and Ely Field Office, BLM for use of their facilities and the excellent service of their personnel. NAA members are encouraged to patronize these establishments.)

Nominees Sought for Ting-Perkins Award

The NAA would appreciate nominations for the Ting-Perkins Award. Nominees should be avocationals who have made significant contributions to archaeology in

Nevada. Contributions may be in any facet of this encompassing field. Archeological surveying, photography, mapping, writing, speaking, publishing, education are just examples of the activities that could support nominations.

The NAA Board will consider the nominations at its December meeting and make any resulting award at the Annual Meeting at Eureka in March, 1998.

Please present nominations to any NAA Board Member or contact Oyvind Frock, Award Chairman, 3785 Falcon Way, Reno, Nevada 89509 or by telephone at (702) 826-8779 by **December 1, 1997**.

Do It Now! Archaeological Awareness & Historic Preservation Week Poster Contest

Announcing NAA's first annual poster competition. Find your favorite photo or slide featuring a prehistoric or historic archeological site, standing structure or building and submit it to the NAA poster committee. The photographic image chosen will be featured on the 1998 Archaeological Awareness & Historic Preservation Week poster. The individual with a winning submission will receive a free NAA membership for one year. By making a submission the entrant relinquishes the duplication rights to the image to the Nevada Archaeological Association for use in any media promoting 1998 Nevada Archaeological Awareness & Historic Preservation Week. Photographers will not have control of the form or presentation of the image for the poster. NAA will return all original submissions upon finalization and printing of the poster.

Deadline for photo submission is **December 12, 1997**. So don't delay, look through those photos now and send submissions to: Anne DuBarton, Poster Committee Chairperson, 4269 Roanridge Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.

Second Call for Papers, Eureka!

Papers, symposia or poster reports are warmly solicited on **Current Research in Nevada Archaeology** for the 1998 Annual Meeting at the Eureka Opera House, scheduled for March 13-15, 1998. Abstracts of about 150 words, for presentations of 15 minutes or less should be sent to the Program Chairperson Mark Henderson (phone 289-8250) by e-mail (mhenders@idsely.com) or US Postal Service (1001 Canyon Street, Ely, Nevada 89301-2104). Please provide completed abstracts by **December 1, 1997**.

Papers are particularly encouraged on archaeological projects related to hard rock mining. Several contributions are anticipated sponsored by Kautz Environmental, WCRM

and Dr. Ron Reno. The banquet program will be presented by Drs. Charlotte and Beck and George "Tom" Jones from Hamilton College on some aspect of over a decade of research in East Central Nevada. A field trip is planned of the Ruby Hill Mining District (weather permitting). But don't let these planned activities dissuade you from presenting your own research on any Nevada related archeology topic, the program isn't full.

Wally Cuchine (237-6006) is the Conference organizer. Wally advises folks to make reservations soon for those requiring commercial lodgings. A new motel will not be completed in time for the meeting. Members are reminded that Eureka is a boom town again. Regardless of your lodging needs, don't let the Spring equinox date fool you, it will still be winter in Eureka in March.

News from Am-Arcs

Unseasonably cold weather in October forced cancellation of our last field trip for 1997, but a good list of trips for 1998 has been developed and Spring will be here before long [editor's note: optimist].

Our Fall and Winter Membership Meetings got off to a good start with Dr. Dave Rhode talking about habitation patterns in the two ranges of hills west of Walker Lake. In October, Eric Ingbar presented a program on Paleo-Indian Points. November's topic by Susan Lindstrom was on Archaeology, Environmental History and Contemporary Land Use Management in the Tahoe Basin. At our December 10 meeting Kelly Dixon from Comstock Archaeology Center will show slides and discuss the past summer's excavations at the Old Corner Bar in Piper's Opera House in Virginia City. Several Am-Arcs Members helped on this project and it will be interesting to hear a summary of the results. Oyvind Frock, Am-Arcs & NAA

Elko Chapter News

The Elko County Chapter has been busy, busy, busy. In August there was a field trip led by Tim Murphy and Don Johns to Adobe Summit. Also Fred Frampton and Tim Murphy led the completion of exhumation of Chinese burials at Carlin. The 3rd and Final Mammoth Open Golf Tournament was a stunning success. The group also took a field trip to the Tosawhihi Chert Quarry. (Extracted from *Elko County Chapter NAA Newsletter*, September 1997; for more information contact Donna Murphy, editor 702-738-6269, 644 Spring Creek Parkway, Elko, Nevada 89801).

WPH&AS News

The White Pine Historical & Archaeological Society essentially went dark subsequent to July 4th for the rest of the summer. In an October 17 meeting the Society agreed to support a planned Railroad Folklife Festival in Ely by offering cash prizes for the best Elementary School poster promoting the event, the best Middle School Diorama related to the theme and the best High School dramatic or musical presentation that was appropriate to the festival theme.

Calendar

Nov 20; Rock Art at Fort Irwin, presented by David Whitley at regular SNRAE Meeting, contact Nancy Wier (702-457-8690) for more information on activities.

Nov. 25; Margaret Breen: Donner Party Survivor, presented by Doris Dwyer. NV State Mus. 7:30 pm (702-687-4810)

Dec. 1; Abstracts for Presentations for NAA Eureka Annual Meeting.

Dec. 10; Railroad Communication in the 19th & 20th Centuries presented by Brad Lomazzi. NV State RR Mus. 7pm.

Dec. 12; Archaeological Awareness Week Poster Photo Deadline

Dec. 12-13; NAA Quarterly Board Mtg., Boulder City

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Jan. 14; Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Yesterday & Today, presented by John Christensen and Ken Yeo. NV State RR Mus. 7pm.

Jan. 27; Deep Roots and Desert Flowers: Part 2: Birth of a Community, presented by Jane Pieplow. NV State Mus. 7:30 pm (702-687-4810)

Feb 10; Deadline for *In-Situ* News

Feb 24; Ghost Towns of Elko County, presented by Shawn Hall. NV State Mus. 7:30 pm (702-687-4810)

Mar 13-15. Nevada Archaeological Association Annual Meeting, Eureka, Nevada, Eureka Opera House. Contact Wally Cuchine (237-6006)

NAA At Boulder City December 12 & 13.

The Nevada Archaeological Association plans its quarterly, Board Meeting at Boulder City, Nevada. All NAA members are invited to attend the events which are:

1. Friday evening December 12, 7:00 pm at the Los Angeles Water & Power Building, 600 Nevada Highway

there will be a presentation by Rosie Pepito, Lake Mead National Recreation Area Archaeologist will make a presentation, *Overview of Cultural Resources and Recent NPS Projects at Lake Mead NRA*.

2. Saturday December 13, Board Meeting to start at 3:00 pm at LAWP Building 600 Nevada Highway, Boulder City.

For those needing commercial lodgings the following are found in Boulder City:

El Rancho, Boulder (702-293-1085) \$60-\$130

Nevada Inn (702-293-2044) \$40-\$45

Best Western (702-293-6444) \$70

If you have any questions contact Pat Hicks 702-293-8705 (work).

(for further reading Board attendees may wish to peruse a copy of *Hoover Dam: An American Adventure* by Joseph E Stevens, Univ. of Oklahoma Press, 1988.

Whine for News

Please send information by February 10, 1998 for inclusion in the next edition of *In Situ* to:

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