

Winter Board Meeting to Be Held in Tonopah

The next NAA Board Meeting will be held in Tonopah, Nevada on December 12th. The meeting will be held from 3 to 6 PM at the Station House. The conference room is located in the breezeway. As is always the case, all NAA members are encouraged to attend. As is also always the case, in addition to the afternoon Board meeting, there will be an evening presentation the night before and a field trip the day of the meeting. Arlene Benson, Forest Service District Archaeologist for Tonopah, will present a program on her Passport in Time projects from this past summer. Additionally, Tony Valdes, Tonopah District Ranger (USFS) will provide a discussion of intergovernment activities in the area. The program will begin at 7 PM on Friday, December 11th at the Historical Society. The Historical Society is located at the Central Nevada Museum at Logan Field (1 block north of the Station House on the west side of the highway....look for old mining machinery). A field trip on Saturday, December 12th will also be led by Arlene. At press time, the details of the trip hinge completely on the weather (it's December after all). If the weather is decent, Arlene will lead us to see some prehistoric wickiup sites about an hours' drive from Tonopah. Meet at the lobby of the Station House at 9 AM Saturday morning and pack a lunch! If you have any questions concerning the evening presentation or the field trip, contact Bill Johnson at 702/566-4390.

For accommodations in the Tonopah, the following are a few suggestions:

Station House: \$32.70 single; 35.97 double
(702/482-9777)

The Jim Butler Motel: \$32.10 single; \$40.66 double
(702/482-3577)

Silver Queen: \$35.97 single; \$39.24 double
(702/482-6291)

Best Western Hi Desert Inn: \$48-\$52 (702/482-3511)

Plan now for the 1999 Conference!

The 1999 Annual NAA Conference will occur on Saturday, March 20th at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno. Our program chair will be Alice Baldrice. Our events chair is Oyvind Frock. Dr. Catherine Fowler, University of Nevada-Reno, has agreed to be the keynote speaker after the banquet.

Membership Renewal

Attached to this newsletter is a membership renewal form for you 1999 membership. NAA membership runs from January through December so it is that time of the year again! Please take the time to renew your membership for 1999 so there will be no interruption in your membership benefits.

Submitted by Anne DuBarton



The Second Annual NAA Poster Contest Gets Underway

The poster committee is again asking you to submit your favorite photos for the second annual poster contest. Last year's winner, Carolyn Sherve, won a free one-year membership to NAA. As was the case last year, this year's winning photograph will be featured on the poster created for the 1999 Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Week. This year we are asking for photos of historic sites found within the bounds of Nevada. **Please send photo submissions to Anne DuBarton at the Desert Research Institute, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 before January 15, 1999.** The committee and the NAA Board will review the submissions in January so that poster production can occur before the next annual meetings in Reno. This should allow us to distribute posters at the meeting.

Ting Perkins Award: A Request for Nominations

The NAA Board would like to solicit nominations for the 1999 Ting Perkins Award. There has been some confusion about who qualifies for such an award. Eligibility for the Ting Perkins Award is based on these considerations:

1. The individual must be a non professional in the main area of interest (archaeology/historic preservation). A non-professional does not make their living in their area of interest and does not advertise as a professional. "Cross over" skills will not disqualify a nominee. For

example: A professional artist may apply his/her skills to rock art projects; a journalist or writer may apply his/her skills to oral history projects; a musician may apply his/her skills to analysis or recording of Native American music.

2. The individual may have given assistance to professionals such as volunteer labor in surveys, excavations, recording, lab work, etc., under the guidance of professionals.
3. The individual has advanced the cause of preservation and conservation. Examples of this are site monitoring and recordation.
4. The individual is engaged in communicating with the public. Examples of this include speaking to school groups, advocating legislation, and conducting public tours.

Nominations for the award are to be submitted to NAA with a descriptive narration outlining the nominee's qualifications. **These nominations need to be submitted to NAA by January 15, 1999.** The NAA Board of Directors will review the nominees. Presentation of the award will be made at the NAA's annual conference in Reno. Please contact Oyvind Frock or Gretchen Burris for more information. **Nominations should be mailed to Oyvind Frock, 3785 Falcon Way, Reno, Nevada 89509.**

Big Springs, etc.: Update from the Harry Reid Center

These past few months have been busy for archaeologists at the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies (HRC), University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Threatened by highway expansion, the Las Vegas Springs Archaeological District, a National Register of Historic Places listed property, has been resurveyed and probed, with many previously unrecorded resources being identified. Human occupation of the site spans from Early Archaic to recent Historic. The work on the Las Vegas Water District's property continues under the direction of Greg Seymour. The district plans to develop a 100+ acre parcel as a nature preserve while continuing their fight against the highway encroachment by the Nevada Division of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

During the hottest part of the year, HRC archaeologists inventoried 8,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Apex, Nevada, northeast of Las Vegas, as part of a BLM land exchange. As expected, not many prehistoric sites were identified, but because Apex has been used as an historic travel corridor, numerous historic resources were recorded. The majority of the sites are related to the 1904 construction of the SP, LA, & SL Railroad. Lynda Blair, director of the HRC's cultural resource program, is preparing the report with the input from several other archaeologists.

After some delays beyond HRC's control, work began and continues on a "Rock Art" project on behalf of the Nellis Air Force Base. The study is directed at obtaining chronometric dates and

analyzing sonic boom and other human-caused site impacts. Designed to include two sites on Nellis' North Range and two sites on adjacent BLM land, Ely District, the project is under the supervision of William White. Numerous smaller projects have been completed by the enlarged HRC crew. Staff archaeologists have been joined by Jeff Wedding, Diane Winslow, Pam Lawrence, Hal Rager, Kayla Shannon, Heather Cain. David Smeed continues to illustrate HRC reports and Susan Murphy maintains the archaeological site files for southern Nevada, extending as far north as White Pine County.

Submitted by William White

1998 Fall Meeting Held In Pioche

All current NAA board members were in attendance for the fall meeting held in Pioche on September 19th. Several items were discussed, including the following:

- The 1999 Journal Editor will be Bobbi McGonagle.
- The 2000 Journal Editor will be William White. The focus for the 2000 Journal will be rock art.
- Alice Baldrice volunteered to be the program chair for the 1999 Annual Meeting in Reno.
- Alice Baldrice reported that new applications for grants were due in the SHPOs office by December 1st. She also stated that the SHPO now has a brochure entitled, "Guide to Historical Markers". It is available free by request. Contact the SHPO for more information.



Chapter and Affiliate News

Am-Arcs of Nevada.

Our monthly meetings resumed in September in our new meeting place: the operating engineers local 3 building at 1290 Corporate Blvd. Our new president, Barbara Arnold, presided.

Our October speaker, Kathy Sprowl, discussed her project at Squaw Queen Valley in the Plumas National Forest. Our field trip in October was under the leadership of Susan Alexander Rigby. She led us through the Eagle Salt Works. This is the subject of her Master's thesis at UNR and as a result she had all the facts and history down pat.

In November, Alanah Woody will discuss "Telling Time Through Rock Art." This was her master's thesis topic at UNR which was published by UNR as their technical report #97-1.

Our December meeting will be a dinner on Friday, December 11. Kelly Dixon, Comstock Archaeological Center Archaeologist, will present a program on the second years' excavations at the old corner bar in Virginia City. Eight to ten Am-Arcs member have constituted the core group of volunteers in these unexpectedly rich excavation. The cataloging of artifacts will continue through the winter.

Archaeo-Nevada

According to their newsletter which this editor received, it looks like Archaeo-Nevada has been busy. A field trip was held in early November to the Yellow Plug Archaeological Site in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area in the morning, followed by an afternoon trip to Goodsprings. Later in the month, Stan Rolf of

the Las Vegas BLM gave a presentation entitled, "Overview of Projects in the Las Vegas District of the BLM; addressing Spirit Mountain". On Thursday, December 10th a meeting and field trip will begin at 6:30 PM at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park. Those who attend will help decorate a Christmas tree at the Park.

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

White Pine County Historical and Archaeological Society

Planning for the second annual Long Steel Rails is underway. Mark your calendars for June 11-13, 1999.

Mark Henderson reports that archaeological surveys at the Robinson Mining Project near Ruth, Nevada, have uncovered a wealth of information. This includes a pithouse structure and carbon 14 dates of 2700 BP. Mark encourages folks to keep in touch with him or Ed Stoner to see when excavations may be taking place. For more information, contact Mark Henderson at 289-1884.

The Society has reprinted a book entitled, "Ely and Her Mines" by Frank Adams. 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. It is, after all, in this book that Ely is referred to as the "Copperopolis of the West". This book may be purchased for \$10 through the Society. Contact Mark Henderson for your copy today!

A reminder that the White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society also has a website: www.webpanda.com/white_pine_county/historical_society

Book Review:

A Rumour of Bones. Beverly Connor.
Cumberland House Publishing. 1996.

This mystery novel is set in and around the Jasper Creek Site. The site is in Georgia in an area which had brief Spanish contact.

The main character, Lindsay Chamberlain, has a Ph.D. in anthropology and is a bone specialist. She had worked with police department in identifying skeletal remains. She also had made facial reconstructions as part of those assignments. (This is a close parallel to the career at Am-Arcs member, Sharon Long).

During the course of the excavation, she is asked to assist the local sheriff in his investigation of a set of child's bones found near a small, southern town. All the intertwined family relationships found in small towns become important parts of the solution and there is a surprise or two in the conclusion.

During the telling of the story significant amounts of archaeological methods and techniques are woven into the plot. Non-professionals will enjoy these specifics while professionals can appreciate the author's creativity both in writing and in developing another source of income.

At the beginning of each chapter, the author presents a "bone" quotation from various sources. Included is this epitaph on Shakespeare's Tomb:

-Good friend for Jesus' sake forbear to digg the dust enclosed heare bese be ye man yt spares thes stones and curst be he yt moves my bones-

This book is the author's first. Her second, Dressed to Die, is advertised in the current issue of Archaeology Magazine. Hopefully, there will not be as many typographical and spelling errors in it.

Submitted by Oyvind Frock

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Calendar

December 10. Archaeo Nevada General Board Meeting. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park. 6:30 PM. Contact Howard Hahn at 564-7912 for more information.

December 11. Tonopah Historical Society. Arlene Benson presents a program on Passport in Time, the Forest Service's volunteer archaeology program. 7 PM. Tonopah Museum.

December 12. NAA Board Meeting & field trip. Field trip participants meet at 9 AM at the Station House Lobby in Tonopah. NAA Board meeting begins at the Station House at 3 PM.



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January 5-10, 1999. Society for Historical Archaeology Conference. Salt Lake City. Contact Mike Polk, Sagebrush Consultants, Ogden, at 801/394-0013 for more information.

March 21, 1999. NAA Annual Meeting. Reno, Nevada. Contact Oyvind Frock at 826-8779, for more information.

March 24-28, 1999. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

Editor's Corner:

The deadline for the spring newsletter is February 10, 1999. Not to sound redundant, but my thanks goes out once again to those of you who submitted articles for this newsletter. I know there is great stuff going on out there in the Great Basin. Submit articles and let it be known!

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