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From the President

Steve Daron

I hope everyone is planning to attend the annual meeting in Tonopah, April 15 through 17, 2005. Sue Rigby, Local Arrangements Chair, and Suzan Slaughter, Program Chair, are putting the finishing touches on the activities to make sure everything goes as planned. Come and renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and maybe learn something at the same time.

The annual business meeting will be held Saturday afternoon after the paper presentations. There are two items on the agenda at this time. The Nevada Rock Art Foundation has applied to become an affiliated organization of the NAA. The NAA Board of Directors has accepted the affiliation pending a vote of the general membership at the annual business meeting. The second item is the election of the Board of Directors. All members are eligible to serve on the Board and nominations are accepted during the business meeting.

The Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week poster has been printed and will be distributed at the annual meeting. Several people have helped put the poster together and it looks great. Special thanks go to Eva Jensen and Tom Cunningham at the Lost City Museum. They did the layout and graphics and got it all to the printer so it would be ready to distribute at the annual meeting. The poster has been entered in the SAA Archaeology

Week poster contest and I think it has a good chance of winning. Our fund raising efforts in support of the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week poster and brochure were very successful. The following organizations, archaeological firms, and government agencies made donations: Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Chambers Group, Inc.; Far Western Anthropological Research; Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies; HRA, Conservation Archaeology, Inc.; Kautz Environmental Consultants, Inc.; Las Vegas Valley Water District; Louis Burger Group, Inc.; and the Nevada Rock Art Foundation. In addition, the NAA received funding from the Department of Cultural Affairs, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, through a Department of Interior grant. If you know people that work for these companies, organizations, and agencies let them know how much you appreciate their support of the NAA.

Several students have sent in project proposals for our Student Grant Award. Those proposals are currently being reviewed and we should have a recipient selected by May. Last years recipient, Geoffrey Smith from the University of Nevada, Reno, will be presenting a paper at the annual meeting about his project.

The NAA applied for and received two Historic Preservation grants from the SHPO for the 2006 fiscal year. The first grant is for \$2,760 to help fund production and distribution of the 2006 Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week poster and

brochure. The second grant is for \$2,877 to fund site steward training classes.

SEE YOU IN TONOPAH!

Dues Are Past Due

The following list is of the members who have (as of February 27, 2005) paid their 2005 membership fees. The NAA thanks you for being responsible members and for your prompt membership renewal. If you don't see your name in the list, it may be time to fill out the membership form attached to this *In-Situ*, and mail it, along with your generous check, to the Nevada Archaeological Association, P.O. Box 73145, Las Vegas, NV 89170-3145.

WELCOME 2005 NAA MEMBERS

Colleen Beck & Keith Kolb

Anderson, Theresa & John

Archaeo-Nevada c/o Helen Mortenson

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Busby, Colin I & Melody Tannam

Canaday, Tim

Carter, Anne

Cozby, Norma & James & Donna Glenn

Cuchine, Wally

D'Angelo, James

Daron, Steve

Davidson, Nancy J.

Deis, Richard

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Edwards, Susan

Erb, Mary Louise

Eskanaze, Suzanne

Fagan, John L.

Fitzgerald, Patricia

Furnis, Lynn

George, Janice M.

Giambastiani, Mark

Green, Kellie

Hanneman, Kris

Hattori, Gene

Hayes, Sam & Kathleen

Henderson, Amy, Eric, Alexander, Tanya, Kai, & Colin

Henderson, Mark & Yolanda

Holloway, Bruce

Hulse, Rick & Darlene

Hurych, Gene

Jensen, Eva

Johns, Donald, Judy, & Lynn

Johnson, Erika

Karelius, Father Brad

Kautz, Bob

Kimball, Monique E.

Kolvet, Renee & Alan H. Simmons

La Rue, Eva

Larson, Pansilee (Humboldt County Museum)

McCoy, Riley & Suzy

McGuff, Paul

Moore, Mary Lu

Murphy, Michael R.

Murphy, Tim & Donna

Murphy, Susan

Myles, Dr. Robert & Jean

Obermayr, Erich

Pavesic, Max G.

Perry, Laureen

Phillips, George W. & Judy Kay

Price, Barry

Reynosa, Paula K.

Roberts, Heidi

Roeder, Carol & Charles

Rohde, Barbara & Merlin

Rosenzweig, Mark

Rumsey, Dee

Russell, Elizebeth

Scott, Paul B.

Scott, David J.

Seymour, Greg

Shaw, Glenn

Shimer, Carol A.

Smith, Dr. Donald

Smith, Geoffrey M. & Linsie Lafayette

Speulda, Lou Ann
Steuer, Keith & Maryanna
Swain, Robert & Joanna
Taylor, Amanda
Valentine, David
Valentine, Wayne
Wade, Darrell & Terri
Ward, Wallace & Wilma
Watson, Loretta
Wedding, Jeffrey R.
Winters, Ernie & Nancy
Zaborsky, Erik

New Site Steward Legislation

Steve Daron, NAA President

Assemblyman Harry Mortenson is working on a new bill to create a state wide site stewardship program (AB 289). The text of the bill is available on NAA web site, www.nvarch.org, in PDF format. We encourage you to read the bill and comment to your assemblyman. You can find out who your assemblyman and senator are by visiting the Nevada legislature web site at www.leg.state.nv.us and clicking on "Who is my legislator."

2004 NAA Journal Coming in 2005!

Eva Jensen and Laureen Perry, 2004 Nevada
Archaeologist Editors

Papers are now being accepted for the 2004 NAA Journal. The focus is on the archaeology and history of southern Nevada. Please contact Laurie Perry at 702-293-8619, lperry@lc.usbr.gov, or Eva Jensen at 702-397-2193, eajensen@comnett.net for more information or to submit a manuscript.

Announcement

My name is Linsie Lafayette and I am a graduate student at the University of

Nevada, Reno. For my thesis project, I would like to reconstruct a prehistoric hunting situation and then study the use-wear on the tools (stemmed projectile points). If anyone in the Reno area knows how to haft projectiles, make spears or atlatls, or throw an atlatl and would like to participate in my project please contact me via email at lafayet3@unr.nevada.edu. Thank you.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

David Valentine, Editor, *In-Situ*

I would like to retire from the position of Newsletter Editor. I've held this position since the Summer of 2000. It has been a rewarding and very fun experience, but I would like to retire before it becomes a chore. If you are interested in assuming the *In-Situ* editorial duties, please contact any board member before the 2005 Annual Meeting.

Archaeological Institute of America, Southern Nevada Chapter

The Southern Nevada Chapter is collecting voluntary \$10.00 contributions from members. The money will be used to bring in additional guest speakers for the lecture series. If you wish to send in the contribution, mail it to AIA care of Dr. Alan Simmons, ULV Department of Anthropology, P.O. Box 455003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-5003.

The next lecture will be Wednesday, March 30 on UNLV campus in Wright Hall, Room C-148. The lectures is by Professor Stuart Manning and is entitled "The Anatomy of a Late Bronze Age Centre in Southern Cyprus—Maroni *Tsaroukkas* and its World.

The Department of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies will be hosting an open

house on May 12th in conjunction with Archaeology Awareness Week. The open house is an opportunity for the department to show off the newly refurbished facilities and state-of-the-art laboratories in Wright Hall. As part of this event, the Department is co-sponsoring a lecture with Archaeo-Nevada at 7:00 p.m. in Room 148-C. The lecture is an update on the Archaeology of Gypsum Cave by Amy Gilreath.

Archaeo-Nevada Society (ANS)

Cheryl Martin, ANS President

We would like to thank our Spring speakers:

Susanne Rowe - Evidence for Virgin Anasazi Presence in the Las Vegas Valley and Adjacent Areas

Rick Ahlstrom and Heidi Roberts - Prehistoric Site Distribution in the Las Vegas Valley

Barron Haley - The Little Red Rock and Dry Falls Area

Jane Olive - Sarah Winnemucca

Amy Gilreath - An Update on the Archaeology of Gypsum Cave.

In other news, we are in the process of getting our own web site domain name. There will be more info in the next newsletter.

Our preparation of artifacts from the Elwood II site for the Lost City Museum is progressing nicely. We are almost finished redistributing all the ceramics into provenience order and will start on lithics next. We plan to conduct a basic lithic analysis of the debitage so the data will be available to future researchers who are interested in Southern Nevada.

Archaeo-Nevada became a member of the Society for American Archeology's Council of Affiliated Societies and will participate in the SAA 2005 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in late March-early April. ANS president Cheryl Martin will attend the

Council's conference meeting and volunteer at the Council's booth. ANS newsletters and membership forms were available to booth visitors, and ANS had a display at the booth showing our members working with local archaeologists.

Next year will be Archaeo-Nevada's 40th anniversary. We hope to have some special events in 2006 to celebrate our many years of educating the public on the importance and preservation needs of Nevada's cultural resources. You are welcome to join us in our activities. Please contact Helen Mortenson at (702) 876-6944 or Cheryl Martin at cheryl.martin@dri.edu.

Churchill County Chapter

Bob Kautz, Kautz Environmental Consultants

The Churchill County Chapter has been revived thanks to the work of Carol Roeder and Debbie Moorhead who have assumed the workload of ministering it back to health. On February 2, Jim McCarty, an architectural historian at Kautz Environmental Consultants in Reno presented a talk concerning the historic preservation movement in America using architectural examples from work he has performed in Fallon, Reno, Sparks, and Truckee, California. The chapter will be meeting on a quarterly basis at its usual venue in the Churchill County Museum in Fallon. Local members and guests are encouraged to attend and support the chapter.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 7 pm at the Museum. Larry Hersh, from Fernley, will present a slide show on the old railroad between Wadsworth, Fernley, Fallon and Lovelock. He will also bring some of the books he has written. Bring a friend and see you there.

Nevada Rock Art Foundation News

Alanah Woody, Executive Director

Most of our southern projects got rained out this spring – that’s not the way it’s supposed to work! Even our January training day at Red Rock NCA was so cold that we could barely work ... so that’s a project we’ll have to do when the weather FINALLY warms up! The recording project at Stuart Ranch was also held up due to unprecedented flooding – but will be high on the agenda after the summer heat passes. Watch the NRAF website for fall-winter recording dates.

In spite of poor weather, the monthly Valley of Fire tours have proven to be extremely popular – thanks to Jim Hammons, Park Archaeologist, who has given permission to NRAF to provide these free educational tours. They continue on the second Saturday of each month from November through May with NRAF members Darwin Johnson and Chuck Williams handling crowd control (and crowd control it has been on some of the tours!). Lost City Museum also continues to offer a discounted entry fee to tour participants and is well worth the short drive from the park to Overton.

Up in the north, the NRAF lecture series started in February with a presentation by Dr. Angus Quinlan on “The history of rock art interpretation.” The lectures are planned for the fourth Wednesday of every other month at the South Valley’s Library at 6:30. Upcoming presentations include Alvin McLane (well known rock art specialist) in April, William G. Hyder (a founding member of the American Rock Art Research Association) in June, Dr. Mary Ricks (who wrote her doctoral dissertation on the rock art of Lake County, Oregon) in August and Ken Pringle (famous as one of the “original” researchers working on the rock art in the

Coso Ranges) in October. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Recording projects up north will begin with Dry Lakes – small projects through the early part of the summer and a longer (as yet unscheduled) project in June or July. Dry Lakes is an extraordinary area and one of the most threatened in northern Nevada because of the rapid population growth of the Reno-Sparks area. NRAF remains committed to completing this enormous project as quickly as possible just so that appropriate protective measures can be put in place. Site Stewards already regularly monitor the area and all of the NRAF Dry Lakes volunteers are chomping at the bit to get back out there to work. Lagomarsino is also now under the care of Site Stewards, but the recording project won’t resume there until mid-September – but when it starts, it will go for a full month!

Other NRAF activities include a reception at the SAA Conference in Salt Lake City on March 30 and at the NAA Conference in Tonopah on April 15. Panel discussions on Cultural Tourism and Public Interpretation of Archaeological Sites at the Oasis Conference in Carson City (go to www.nevadaculture.org for information on this three-day cultural event) on April 5-7, our own Annual Meeting in Reno on May 25, a public presentation by Polly Schaafsma at the DRI Building in Reno on May 26, followed by the annual meeting of the American Rock Art Research Association in Sparks on May 28-30 (see details this issue of *In-Situ*). The coming months are action packed and we’ll all be glad to get out into the field ASAP after all those conferences!

SHPO News

Alice Baldrice, Deputy SHPO

*Historic Preservation/
Archaeological Awareness Week* will be

celebrated May 8-14, 2005 in Nevada. You will find a list of events on the SHPO web site at www.nvshpo.org. If those of you who submitted events see any mistakes, please let me know as soon as possible and I will alter the schedule. Laurie Perry is producing the hard copy brochures and they will be available soon. Eva Jensen has designed the poster. SHPO will fund the poster and brochures again in 2006, having just approved NAA's latest application for 2005 Historic Preservation Funding.

Federal legislation: A trip to Washington D.C. in March to the annual NCSHPO meeting revealed a bill that may be of interest to the archaeological community. Not yet introduced, the bill will reauthorize the funding of the National Historic Preservation Act for another 5 years using fees collected from off shore oil leasing. This shouldn't be a big issue but will come out of a committee in the House of Representatives whose chairman has threatened to tack on an amendment to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, restricting federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings only on National Register listed (not eligible) properties. Because Nevada has only 322 National Register properties, and the bulk of these are structures, the impact would be disastrous for archaeological resources.

State legislation: The Nevada Senate Natural Resources Committee has proposed changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes governing the SHPO. One proposal, Senate Bill 81, is to facilitate state agencies receiving land from federal agencies by affording the same level of protection to cultural resources on state land as would be found on federal land. This is a bill worth monitoring.

Last, Rep. Harry Mortenson introduced AB 289 to establish a statewide site stewardship program in the Nevada

State Historic Preservation Office. Another position in the office would be required to administer the program, train volunteers and coordinate with federal agencies and the existing site steward coordinator for Clark County. The position would be located in Las Vegas.

I hope to see you all at the Oasis Conference, April 6-7, 2005 in Carson City. If I don't see you at the conference, I'll see you at the NAA annual meeting in Tonopah where SHPO will lead a discussion during the noon hour on whether or not a professional archaeological organization should be formed and what kind of role it could play in Nevada.

Allow Me to Introduce Myself

George Phillips

Out of professional curiosity, Dave Valentine asked me for information about my new job in a carefully worded and calculated question. Had he unwittingly asked about my personal background, I would have begun by claiming that I am a NATIVE of Nevada, a boorish subject to everyone, even other natives. I would have tried to mask the fact that I'm not an archaeologist but just a wannabe. But you, the reader, would effortlessly sense that. And as I get older and crankier, I am resolved to "preserve, protect and conserve" in the face of "develop, deface and destroy." That's the short of it.

My name is George W. Phillips. We endure endless stories of population growth; we read of the burgeoning population pressure; and we witness the loss of sensitive archaeological sites. For us, the formation of the Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP) is a welcome respite. This is a program formed specifically to support efforts for conserving and preserving prehistoric and historical cultural sites in Clark County. Population growth and urban

expansion jeopardize these sites, many of which have not yet been studied scientifically or interpreted fully. Once they are disturbed, their meaning and significance often are lost. Because all Americans share in this cultural and historical heritage, it's important to maintain the integrity of these sites.

I am Project Manager for the CSSP under the UNLV Public Lands Initiative. This is an innovative program begun by five federal agencies (Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service) and facilitated by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. It was formally established in April, 2004, from part of the proceeds of federal land sales in Southern Nevada earmarked for environmental and conservation initiatives.

The CSSP is in its formative stages. It trains and assigns volunteer stewards, already numbering more than one hundred. It reports changes in the status of archaeological sites through the eyes and ears of site stewards and is patterned after the highly successful Arizona Site Steward Program. Interest from people conscious of their history and sensitive to their environment contribute thousands of vital hours to help sustain the quality of these sites for our children and to afford the land management a greater opportunity for study. We acknowledge that it is a heritage we share with Native Americans who bring different measures of value to the preservation task.

We are streamlining the reporting process (there's always paperwork!), aggressively soliciting additional qualified site stewards and will offer various classes on a wide range of topics on archaeology and local cultural history. We will provide information on site recording, hikes, environmental and conservation issues. We will continue to expand the stewardship

process begun by the Heritage Site Stewardship Program sponsored by the Nevada Archeological Association. The meaningfulness of this program will be measured in the thousands of hours donated by volunteers who care.

Three Corners Conference Announcement & Call for Papers

Mark Slaughter, Bureau of Reclamation

Archaeology in the tri-state area of Nevada, Arizona, and California has grown in scale and the orientation of archaeological research has shifted over the last decade. Due to the increase in the number and types of archaeological sites discovered, and their interpretation, there is a need for the regional researchers to present and discuss findings among professionals to promote the development of regional theory, methodologies, and management goals. To this end, the Three Corners Conference is being organized and will be held on October 15th, 2005, at the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

If you work in the area, please consider participating in the conference. Oral presentations will be 12 minutes. Papers should cover topics and research themes within southern Nevada, southeastern California, southwestern Utah, and extreme western Arizona. Presentations may be on any research domain and time period within the region. The deadline for abstracts of 75 words or less is September 6, 2005. PowerPoint or slide presentations are highly encouraged. The conference proceedings will be published. Please send abstracts to: threecornersconference@yahoo.com, or via snail mail:

Mark C. Slaughter/Laurie Perry
Bureau of Reclamation
Lower Colorado Regional Office
P.O. Box 61470
Boulder City, NV 89006

Additional information can be found on the NAA website: www.nvarch.org/3corners

The conference is sponsored by UNLV, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Las Vegas Springs Preserve, Lost City Museum, Bureau of Land Management, and the U. S. Forest Service.

NAA Website

Check out www.nvarch.org, NAA's official website, constructed and maintained by Web Master, Hal Rager. Feel free to stop by for a visit on your next trip on the cyber highway. The website has lots of useful information, such as how to order your very own NAA mug or back issues of *Nevada Archaeologist*. It also contains links to other related web sites.

Summer Newsletter

The Summer 2005 issue of *In-Situ* is scheduled for publication in July. If you have anything you want included, such as mini-reports, requests for information, announcements, letters to the editor, book reviews, etc., etc., send it to Dave Valentine by June 10, 2005, via e-mail: valentine.david@gmail.com, or by snail mail to P.O. Box 1084, Winnemucca, NV 89446. Photographs are welcome. If submitting electronically, please use jpegs. A diverse and interesting *In-Situ* cannot be maintained without member support and participation.

Upcoming Conferences

The Society for American Archaeology will hold their 70 Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 30 through April 3,

2005. For more information, visit the SAA website at: <http://www.saa.org>.

The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs and Nevada Humanities are sponsoring the OASIS 2005 conference in Carson City, Nevada April 5-7, 2005. "Oasis 2005 celebrates the sense of community and common purpose of those concerned with the arts, education, libraries, archives, humanities, museums, historic preservation and archaeology." For more information, call (775) 687-8393 or visit: <http://www.NevadaCulture.org>.

The Nevada Archaeological Association's 34th Annual conference will be held in Tonopah, April 15-17, 2005. For more information, read this newsletter and the next, or visit NAA's website at: <http://www.nvarch.org>.



The American Rock Art Research Association will be having its annual meeting in Sparks, Nevada May 28-30, 2005, locally hosted by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation (NRAF), and held at John Ascuaga's Nugget. A lot of very exciting events are planned for this conference. Kicking things off is a public presentation at the Desert Research Institute by Polly Schaafsma, co-sponsored by AmArchs and NRAF. This well known author and researcher literally "wrote the book" on Great Basin rock art in her chapter on rock art in the *Great Basin* volume (11) of the *Smithsonian Handbook of North American Indians*. She will be presenting on her more recent research in Utah and the greater Southwest, focusing on warfare themes in the rock art of that region. The public is welcome to attend from 7-9 pm on Thursday, May 27. Other activities for the ARARA conference include a reception at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Cultural Center on

Friday night, an Auction on Saturday night at the Sparks Heritage Museum, papers and posters on Saturday and Sunday, banquet on Sunday night and site tours on Monday. Registration information can be found online at www.arara.org (must be an ARARA member to participate in the conference).

The Society for Industrial Archaeology will be holding their 34th Annual Conference, June 2-5, 2005, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year's conference is in "The Machine Shop of the World"--Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and includes tours of industries and museums in addition to paper sessions. Online registration will be available. For more information see the web pages about the conference or contact the SIA's Events Coordinator, Mary Habstritt, at events@siahq.org.

The Mining History Association's 2005 Conference is scheduled for June 16-19 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. For more information contact conference chairman Johnny Johnsson via e-mail at johnnyj@qis.net or by phone at (410) 329-3417 (w) or (410) 833-5508 (h).

In Memoriam: Alice Bronsdon

Regina Smith, Winnemucca Field Office

A sad farewell...Alice Bronsdon passed away on September 29, 2004. She worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada during one of the worst fire seasons (1985) Winnemucca Field Office ever had. Alice worked in Elko and Winnemucca and moved on to Vale, Oregon where she retired. Alice was well known for her meticulous notes and attention to a job well done.

We have many fond anecdotes but a favorite was her claim to fame. Alice was the niece of the manufacturer of Marshalltown trowels. Her aunt owned the company for years. The company did not

know that archaeologists considered Marshalltown the trowel of choice until Alice notified them that some of the trowels had broken on one of her excavations. Marshalltown x-rayed and replaced the trowels. (They did know a hamburger chain back East used them to flip hamburgers.)

Alice had a wonderful sense of humor and I will dearly miss the Christmas cards her houseplants sent out when Alice was too busy to write.

BLM Seeks Interested Publics to Serve on RACS

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking nominations to fill positions on its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in Nevada. Bob Abbey, Nevada State Director, said the nomination process will remain open until the close of business on Monday, April 18, 2005.

The three RACs in Nevada are the Mojave-Southern Great Basin, which serves Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln and Clark counties; the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin, which serves Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Storey, Douglas, Lyon, Mineral and Carson City counties in Nevada; and the Northeastern Great Basin, which serves Elko, White Pine, Lander and Eureka counties.

The positions for appointment on the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC are for one representative from the energy and mineral development community, one representative of the livestock industry holding a BLM grazing permit, one representative of a national or regional environmental community (wildlife), one representative from academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, and one representative from a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land or water. Completed

nominations for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC positions should be forwarded to Mark Struble, BLM Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. The phone number is 775-885-6107. This RAC holds meetings in the Carson City and Winnemucca areas.

The positions for appointment on the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC are one representative of the livestock industry holding a BLM grazing permit, one representative with interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, one representative of dispersed recreational activities, one representative from the public-at-large, and one representative from a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water. Completed nominations for the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC positions should be forwarded to Chris Hanefeld, BLM Ely Field Office, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301. Phone number is 775-289-1842. This RAC holds meetings in Las Vegas, and in Lincoln and Nye counties.

The positions for appointment on the Northeastern Great Basin RAC are for one representative of dispersed recreational activities, one representative of the livestock industry holding a BLM grazing permit, one representative with interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, one representative of archaeological and historical interests (one-year term), one representative of dispersed recreational activities, and one representative of academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences. Completed nominations for these positions should be forwarded to Mike Brown, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho St, Elko, NV 89801. The phone number is 775-753-0386. This RAC meets in northern Nevada.

Individuals may nominate themselves or other persons. The nominee must represent one of the categories listed on page two of the nomination form. Members are appointed to three-year terms, unless they are replacing a member who left the council before the term expired. Nominations should be made on the appropriate background information nomination form, which is available at any BLM office, or on the internet at www.nv.blm.gov. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. All nominations must include letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, a completed nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. Nominees must be a resident of Nevada.

The councils meet several times a year, usually quarterly, and provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM field managers and the state director, on management of the public lands within the council's geographic area. It has been the practice in Nevada to hold one joint meeting of all three Nevada RACs every October.

In order to reflect a fair balance of viewpoints, the 15-member councils are made up of representatives from various interests concerned with the management of public lands.

Nevada's RAC members provide valuable advice to help the BLM address complex issues, such as off-highway vehicle use and in reviewing resource management plans/environmental impact statements," said BLM Nevada State Director Bob Abbey. "I encourage any one who is interested in public land management to submit an application."

For questions about the RACs or the application process, or to request a nomination form, contact field offices listed

above, or the Nevada State Office at 775-861-6586.

Lost City Open House
Eva Jensen, Lost City Museum

The Lost City Museum in Overton is hosting an open house for a new updated exhibit during Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week, May 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission will be free for that day. The exhibit features the artifacts of the prehistoric Puebloan culture (Anasazi) who lived in the area from about 300 B.C. to A.D. 1150. Located in the facility built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 and '36, this museum was first named the Boulder Dam Park Museum and later the Lost City Museum. It has been used continually as a museum since it was finished over 69 years ago and may be the oldest museum building in the state still being used for its original purpose. The new exhibit design was created to keep the feel of the old museum while presenting up-to-date information on the archaeology of the area.

**National Park Service's 2005
Archaeological Prospection Workshop**

Steven L. De Vore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center

The National Park Service's 2005 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled "Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century" will be held May 16-20, 2005, at the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Chillicothe, Ohio. Lodging will be in Comfort Inn in Chillicothe, Ohio. This will be the fifteenth year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification,

evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. The workshop this year will focus on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, interpretation, and on-hands use of the equipment in the field. Special topic for this year is the introduction of geophysical techniques in archaeological excavations. In addition to the workshop, there will be an equipment fair on Friday (May 20th) with the major geophysical equipment manufacturers attending. There is a tuition charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <<http://www.cr.nps.gov/mwac/>>. For further information, please contact Steven L. De Vore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873: tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437-5098; email: <steve_de_vore@nps.gov>.

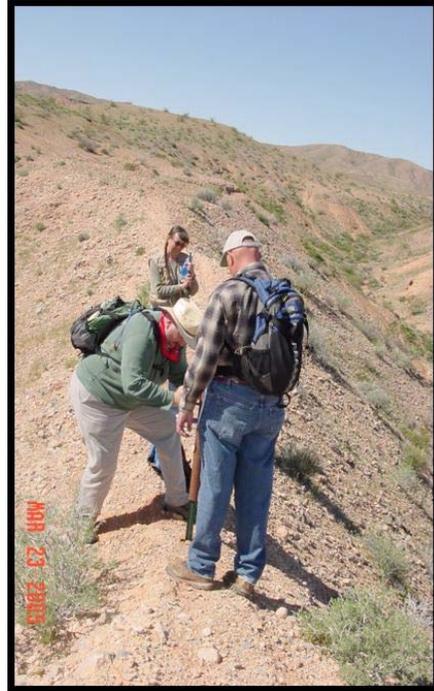
**Archaeological Awareness and Historic
Preservation Week**

Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Week is scheduled for May 8-15, 2005. This year's theme is "Water: flowing through Nevada's Past." For a list of events that can be enjoyed throughout the state, check out the State Historic Preservation Office's website: www.nvshpo.org. Posters and brochures will be distributed soon. Keep your fingers crossed as Nevada's poster is entered in the Society for American Archaeology's poster contest. (Thanks to Eva and Tom of the Lost City Museum for designing this year's fantastic poster.)

Site Stewards Help Preserve Cultural Resources in Southern Nevada



The remains of Mesa House, a late Pueblo II Virgin Anasazi site, on Bureau of Reclamation land. Site stewards recently reported a motorcycle track running through the site.



Site Steward Eva Jensen looks on as Reclamation Archaeologist Mark Slaughter and Clark County Site Steward Program Coordinator George Phillips install a cultural resources information sign to warn motorcyclists to stay off Mesa House.

Tonopah's Skyscraper

Anne DuBarton, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Las Vegas

While many think of the sleepy town of Tonopah as just another Nevada town on its way to becoming a ghost, the residents of Tonopah still have hope that their town can survive. As part of efforts to revive Tonopah's Main Street, the town and its Chamber of Commerce sought downtown revitalization assistance through a number of sources including the Economic Development Authority - Esmeralda / Nye Counties (EDEN 2004). With additional expertise from the University of Nevada, Reno, EDEN produced a series of downtown beautification proposals along with efforts to re-occupy historic downtown buildings. In a coordinated strategy, the Town of Tonopah applied to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Transportation Enhancement (TEA-21) funding to rebuild the sidewalks and landscaping of Main Street. In 2004, the first phase of that project assembled plans for both sides of U.S. 95 between McCullough Avenue to the south and Oddie Avenue to the north. Additional phases through future NDOT grants anticipate fulfillment of EDEN visions for public use of empty lots and better community signage along U.S. 95's course through the town.

NDOT contracted with SWCA personnel Anne DuBarton of SWCA Las Vegas, and Jim Steely of SWCA Phoenix to evaluate the historic buildings along Main Street prior to sidewalk



The State Bank & Trust about 1910.

construction. In particular, we attempted to identify buildings where construction could impact basements or other belowground voids. During this historical and architectural research, we discovered some interesting facts about Tonopah's "Skyscraper", the State Bank and Trust Building (now known as the Belvada Apartment Building) (See Photo).

The State Bank & Trust Company's Tonopah operation, first headquartered on the west side of Erie-Main, completed its new five-story building on the southeast corner of Main Street and Brougner Avenue in 1907. Reno builder George E. Holesworth completed the building to the design of John Morrill Curtis, who worked with Holesworth on many Nevada projects, soon including the Mizpah Hotel. They erected the brick and stone commercial building in Classical Revival styling widely popular in the early twentieth century throughout the nation. Additional Chicago Style influence accounted for large office windows in each bay between stone pilasters. While the period 1901 to 1907 was a prosperous time for Tonopah, a nationwide financial panic struck late in 1907, affecting the financial

strength of the entire nation. Stock prices fell and costs rose; strong banks refused to pay depositors, and weak banks folded. The State Bank & Trust occupied the main floor of its newly constructed building for only four months. The 1908 arrest and indictment of bank owner Thomas Rickey on charges of embezzlement ended the State Bank & Trust's short Tonopah history. The bank closed its doors and never reopened under its founding title; the Nevada First National Bank of Tonopah moved into the State Bank & Trust Building later in 1908. Seven years of litigation passed before depositors received 25¢ for each dollar they had invested in the State Bank & Trust. (McCracken 1990: 51)

Early in 1908, the elegant Nevada Club Saloon opened in the State Bank & Trust Building. The facilities included a posh clubroom with oak tables and chair, leather divans, imported rugs, and silk pongee curtains. Music was available on the Victor Victrola and there was a concert every afternoon at 2:00. The bar also contained "handsome appointments" and bartenders who were "adept in the art of mixing". The well-known and popular men were "good fellows, who know their business, and who are just the sort of men to handle the high class trade to which the Nevada Club caters. There will be no intoxicated or objectionable characters in that saloon" (Tonopah Daily Bonanza January 3, 1908). The same year an elegant barbershop opened in the basement of the former State Bank & Trust Company Building, partly lit by glass skylights in the Main Street sidewalk above (See Photo). Described as "One of the most luxurious tonsorial establishments between Denver and San Francisco," the shop included "six chairs of the most modern type with stationery wash stands, pier glass mirrors, a well lighted room and barbers that are artists in their profession." An innovative addition to the shop was a ladies hairdressing and manicure parlor. Along with the haircutting facilities, the barbershop included "...baths, tub, shower, and Hamman [steam]...the tubs are porcelain, the showers the correct height to give it the proper drop and the linen and towels the most cleanly." A final touch was a shoeshine setup with an imported automatic shoe polisher (Tonopah Daily Bonanza 1908).

In addition to the bank on the first floor and the barbershop in the basement, other Bank Building commercial establishments included the Miners Drug Store, specializing in various pharmaceuticals and Navajo blankets, a cigar shop, the Sweldon clothing shop, an insurance company, and a variety of offices. Reportedly, numerous local lawyers, doctors and other professionals made their offices in the building, and three dentists are advertised in a 1913 edition of the Tonopah Daily Bonanza. These include J.L. Pennington, T.A. Musante, and Helen M. Rullison, the first female health practitioner in Tonopah. In 1889, Helen graduated from the University of Nevada in Reno with a degree in business and chose one of the few vocations open to women at the time, teaching. Helen soon grew tired of the teaching profession and enrolled at the University of California, San Francisco. She earned her degree in two years and began her practice in San Francisco. In 1899, she returned to Reno and continued to practice there along with her brothers David and Fred. Three dentists in the family proved to be a few too many, so David moved his practice to Susanville and Helen began her Tonopah practice in 1912. She had an office on the third floor of the Bank Building but didn't stay in the location long. In 1913, she married Robert Shipley and became known as Helen Rullison-Shipley. She opened an office on Erie-Main shortly thereafter and practiced there until the Veterans of Foreign Wars obtained the building in 1923. Helen's dedication to breaking free from a traditional career served as an example to succeeding generations of Tonopah women.

The State Bank & Trust survived as a prime business location through the succeeding years, although the Great Depression of the 1930s hurt business there as everywhere. In 1955,

the historic Bank Building underwent an extensive facelift when a Reno veterinarian purchased the building for conversion to apartments. Newspaper articles indicate the second and third floors were converted to apartments and that the building had not lacked for tenants since construction began on the Air Force radar facility (Tonopah Times-Bonanza 1955). The First National Bank of Nevada improved the main floor of the building at the same time. Today the building stands empty though it is structurally sound. The amethyst class grates are falling into the basement and glass skylights on the roof are broken and improperly repaired.

What will be the fate of the State Bank & Trust? Local rumor has it that the building is ready to fall down, although our investigation revealed the edifice is structurally sound. Will the passion for all things NEW be the death toll for Tonopah's skyscraper? The Bank Building is one of Tonopah's most significant historical buildings; some innovative re-use could keep the edifice alive and kicking for another 90 years. Some historical communities have capitalized on their unique buildings and histories to draw artists, craftspeople and tourists into their towns. Given Tonopah's crossroads situation such uses seem logical, although the capital necessary to make the buildings useful may not be easy to find. Good luck, old State Bank & Trust.



Amethyst glass grates above the Bank Building's basement.

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NAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sparks, Nevada, October 14, 2004

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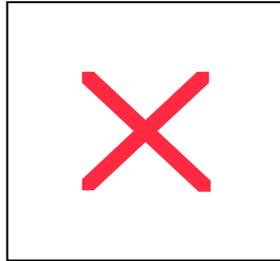
Board members present included Alice Baldrice, Steve Daron, Daron Duke, Tom Flanagan, Ted Goebel, Eva Jensen, Suzan Slaughter, David Valentine, and Darrell Wade. Also present were Janet Schultz (Am-Archs representative), Susan Rigby (2005 Annual Meeting local arrangements chair), Mark Henderson, Alanah Woody, Laurie Perry, Tom Burke, and Geoff Smith and Linsie Lafayette (2005 *Nevada Archaeologist* editors).

- Called meeting to order at 4 PM. Quorum was present.
- Alanah Woody, Executive Director of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation (NRAF), submitted an application for the NRAF to become an affiliated organization. A motion to accept the application carried.
- The Virginia City Minutes of the July 2004 business meeting were approved.
- Steve Daron presented Laurie Perry with a Certificate of Appreciation for her contributions to the NAA. Oyvind Frock, who was not at the meeting, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation the following day.
- Steve discussed an email he had received from David Lindsay of the SAA. They are looking for a Government Affairs State liaison. Steve asked any interested parties to sign up.
- SHPO Grant for Archaeology week – Alice Baldrice requested that anyone who works on archaeology week keep track of their hours and report them to Eva Jensen for matching funds.
- Treasurer's Report: Eva Jensen reported that as of October 2004 the NAA bank account had \$11,867.60. Regarding the SHPO Grant for Archaeology Week, Eva reported that a check from SHPO for \$2100.00 has been received. Thanks were extended to Alice Baldrice and Kelly Osborne for processing the paperwork. Eva requested that any hours spent as a volunteer to produce the poster or brochure and any receipts for postage and costs incurred for next year be reported to her. Each person involved will need to sign for hours donated this year.
- Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes from the July meetings were distributed and discussed. The board voted to approve the minutes.
- Membership Director's Report: Daron Duke reported that membership application forms were caught up with 10 membership cards yet to be sent out.
- Web Master: Webmaster Hal Rager was not present.
- Chapter Reports:
 1. Am Archs: Janet Schultz reported that they had sponsored nine field trips, including trips to Wild Cat and Lee Hot Springs Petroglyphs. Site monitoring forms were filled out.
 2. Archaeo-Nevada: Steve Daron reported that Archaeo- Nevada met in September and discussed the site stewardship program.
 3. Churchill County: Dave Valentine reported that the Churchill County chapter has folded and they held their last meeting the first Wednesday of October.
 4. Elko County Chapter: Ted Goebel reported that the Elko Chapter has visited his project at Bonneville Estates and has done some volunteer work for Tim Murphy. Dave Valentine reported that the chapter is working on a diorama at Midas.
 5. White Pine and Lincoln County Chapters were not represented
 6. SHPO Report: SHPO Grant Applications are due by 12-01-2004 – make sure a scope of work is included with the application. Alice discussed changes to Section 106 regulations and stressed the importance of public involvement.

- Laurie Perry suggested the NAA should draft a letter to Federal agencies expressing our interest in establishing a link or providing contact information on the NAA website to facilitate public outreach.
- *Nevada Archaeologist*: Steve Daron reported that the 2002 Journal will be out within a month. Rene Kolvet is still working on the 2003 issue. Laurie Perry and Eva Jensen are handling the 2004 issue, and have promises for two papers. It was suggested that we should encourage contractors to submit papers to the Journal. Laurie and Eva want to focus this issue on Southern Nevada. There is no deadline for submissions. Geoff Smith and Linsie Lafayette volunteered to edit the 2005 Journal.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: The parameters for awarding the Lifetime Achievement award were approved at the last board meeting and will be published in the next newsletter. Nominations should be made in writing and sent to the NAA PO box.
- 2005 Annual Meeting. The NAA Annual Meeting will be held April 15-17, 2005 in Tonopah, Nevada. Steve distributed a list of the various responsibilities of the Program Chair, Arrangements Chair, and Workshop Chair. Sue Rigby, local arrangements chair, reported on her efforts to arrange facilities for the meeting. The Convention Center is lined up; the charge is \$50 per day for the hall and \$20 per day for individual meeting rooms. She is still discussing the catering with the Station House Casino. After some discussion a menu was agreed upon. It was agreed that we should seek sponsors for coffee and donuts in the morning, a breakfast, or a mixer. Projectors: The Tonopah BLM may be able to provide a projector and the Bureau of Reclamation can provide a Power Point set up. Dave Valentine can provide a backup. Workshops: The Central Nevada Museum was suggested as a good location for workshops and for a mixer. Alice Baldrice suggested that the SHPO put on a workshop for historic building recordation-including measuring, photography and etc according to SHPO standards. Darrell Wade volunteered to hold a round table discussion on site stewardship. T-Shirts – Daron Duke volunteered to produce the T shirts – the design is not yet been chosen. Program Chair, Suzan Slaughter, will have a call for papers published in the next issue of *In-Situ*. There is no theme for the meeting.
- Student Grant: Student: Geoff Smith was the first recipient of the grant. He is researching stemmed points on the Black Rock Desert and has used the grant to source 100 obsidian artifacts.
- Special Publication Series: Renee Kolvet and Anne DuBarton are working on a history of the NAA. Renee is researching the northern part of the state and Anne is focusing on the south.
- Archaeology Awareness and Historic Preservation Week Poster and Brochure: Historic preservation week poster mock ups were distributed and the poster design was accepted. Funding for the poster is being solicited. Contributors of \$250 or more will be listed on the poster. Tom Burke said the BLM will match up to \$500. Historic Preservation week coincides with the 100 year anniversary of Las Vegas which presents a conflict at the Springs Preserve, and a rescheduling of Historic Preservation Week has been suggested.
- Promotional Materials: Eva distributed a mock-up for a three-fold brochure for review. The cost estimated for 5,000 full color 11 x 17 4-fold brochure with photos is \$947.00 plus \$55.00 for folding. For 5,000 black and white 8 1/2 x 14 the cost is \$361.00 plus \$55.00 for folding. The black and white brochures were agreed upon. Eva will finalize the brochure. Tom Burke passed around a sample of a bandana with a logo and suggested we consider producing something similar.
- Site Stewardship Program: On September 11, 2004 a meeting was held at the Lost City Museum to discuss the site stewardship program. Eva distributed a summary and flip chart and schedule of events. Darrell Wade reported on the site stewardship events schedule. Nine training sessions have been completed and eight are proposed for next year; four in Overton and four in the northern part of the state. An annual appreciation event including workshops and awards is being planned. Darrell discussed the site stewardship budget which is estimated at \$14,560.00 for 2005. The production of a safety video was discussed. There is currently no funding for the program and the possibility of seeking corporate sponsorship was discussed.
- Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on January 22, 2005 in Boulder City, Nevada.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The members retired to attend the Nevada Rock Art Foundation reception in honor of Alvin McLane.

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We are currently soliciting submissions for the *2005 Nevada Archaeologist*. The theme for the 2005 edition is *Northern Nevada across Time*, so any articles about the archaeology, anthropology, history, or paleontology of the region will be accepted.

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