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Greg Seymour, NAA President

Hi, my name is Greg Seymour. The Nevada Archaeological Association Board has appointed me the position of President for the next year. I am really happy to be representing the NAA as President. I have some big shoes to fill, taking over for Steve Daron. He has done a wonderful job for the last several years. Eva Jenson continues to carry the checkbook as Treasurer. Susan Slaughter is the new newsletter editor taking over for Dave Valentine. Dave is now the Secretary. Hal Rager continues as the Webmaster and Daron Duke as Membership Secretary. Greg Haynes remains on the board as one of the two Members-at-large and Mark Giambastiani, a newly elected board member, has been appointed the other.

This years' conference in Mesquite was a really big success. Please see Mark's report below for the details.

I will try to do my best carrying on duties for the next year. For those of you who do not know me, I have been an archaeologist for about 25 years working in the Southwest and southern Nevada. I moved to Nevada 12 years ago and consider this Nevada "the

last best place" because of its wide-open vistas, scenic mountains, and beautiful deserts. I am currently working at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas as the Research Manager and Archaeologist. Some of my current research interests are prehistoric ceramics of the Lower Colorado River and rural vernacular architecture.

As I settle in as president, I hope to build on the strengths of the organization and work on a couple of things the make the NAA even better for the future. One area I would like to see improvement is in the diversity and numbers of membership. We currently have approximately 200 members across the state. Three groups that we can focus on are; Site Stewards, professional archaeologists, and the university communities of professors and students. The reason we will work on these first is that we know who they are and they have similar interests and goals.

Many of you do not know me but please come introduce yourselves at our next series of meetings.

Next Board Meeting

Greg Seymour, NAA President

Our next Board meeting will be held at the spectacular Great Basin National Park. The meeting itself will be held in the Headquarters Conference Room at 2:00 PM on July 15, 2006. For those of you who arrive early, a tour of Lehman Caves has been arranged. Reservations are required. Please contact Steve Daron by email or phone (702-293-8019) by June 26 if you are interested. As always, all NAA members are welcome to come to the board meetings. The board will be camping at the park. If you do not wish to camp, Ely is located approximately one hour to the west or there is a hotel in Baker.

News From Affiliated Organizations

Archaeo-Nevada Society (ANS)

ANS field activities typically taper off during the hot summer months. The last monthly meeting before summer was held on May 11 at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas. There may be, however, opportunities for lab work and other activities. Please contact Helen Mortenson at (702) 876-6944 or Cheryl Martin at cheryl.martin@dri.edu for information on ANS activities.

Churchill County Chapter

Bob Kautz, Kautz Environmental
Consultants

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Churchill County Museum at 7:00 p.m.

Elko County Chapter, Nevada Archaeological Association Donna Murphy, ECC, NAA

The Elko County Chapter meets on the second Friday of the month for the rest of 2006 at 7:00pm at a variety of locations. Due to scheduling conflicts times may change. Please check each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will

be held at 700 p.m. on July 7, 2006 at the Pizza Factory in Spring Creek. For further information contact Donna Murphy at murphys@citlink.net.

Nevada Rock Art Foundation News

Alanah Woody, Executive Director

The Nevada Rock Art Foundation has been as busy as ever, completing a seven week project documenting the rock art at Sloan Canyon. It was a daunting task for PI Gus Quinlan and Crew Chief Barby Struble and a hearty band of volunteers. One volunteer, Frank Buscelia, came all the way from Philadelphia to participate in this project funded by the BLM Sloan Canyon NCA. As often happens, the panel count nearly doubled and as never happens a full week was lost to snow and rain! Site monitors have been out in force in the north and south and a new monitoring program brings together the Nevada SHPO, CCHRT, the UNLV Southern Nevada Public Lands Program, NRAF and the Howard Hughes Corporation. The Little Red Rocks area west of Las Vegas is of great concern because it is located on private land (owned by Hughes Corporation) but has been the scene of extensive vandalism through the years. This team will be putting together a monitoring program specifically designed to address the

issues faced by private property owners who need help in protecting significant cultural resources on their properties, especially those in the margins of rapidly growing urban areas that are so difficult to protect through trespass laws alone. This program is somewhat unique in it's goals and new ideas and approaches will be implemented until the right mix of education and prosecution can be found. Ideas and comments are welcomed, please address your comments to info@nevadarockart.org. We are also now preparing for our 3rd Annual Meeting in Tonopah, June 9,10,11, 2006. A full slate of speakers, a banquet and field trips are planned. Project work will then begin up north, finishing up the larger sites in Dry Lakes and continuing work on Lagomarsino. So much rock art that needs protection and detailed documentation and so little time!

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Lincoln County Chapter

Liz Russell

Several members of our chapter attended the annual NAA conference in Mesquite in the early part of April. Pat Fitzgerald moved to Utah and left our chapter. We will miss her but wish her all the luck in her new undertaking. Our April meeting was held in conjunction with Cathedral Gorge State Park. Mark Henderson, from the Ely BLM, and Marty Bush presented a flint knapping demonstration. It was well attended by members and residents of the area and visitors staying at the campsite at the park. In May, Bob Hafey gave a GPS workshop. For the June meeting, Barbara Rohde will be giving some survival tips. Several members have joined the site steward ranks.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Chapter of the NAA will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, at 6 pm in the Council room at City Hall in Caliente. Barbara Rohde has a program planned.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association

The June meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2006 and the July "Members Meeting" will be held on July 20. Members are encouraged to bring slides or photos of their favorite rock art, suggestions for future field visits, and questions. For additional information, contact the SNRAA voice mail at (702) 897-7878, or send e-mail inquiries to SNRAA@hotmail.com.

Preserve Nevada, September Conference

Greg Seymour, Preserve Nevada Board

Preserve Nevada was founded by an experienced and committed group of preservationists devoted to Nevada's cultural and archeological heritage. Although the goal of historic preservation is one common to all states, the diversity of Nevada's heritage, its historical boom-and-bust cycles, the current dynamism of its economy, and rapid growth present unique challenges and opportunities. Preserve Nevada's Board has spent four years developing an effective and sustainable organization to identify and meet the special needs of Nevada's preservation community

(http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Liberal_Arts/History/preserve_nevada/).

Preserve Nevada will be hosting its first conference dedicated to the preservation of Nevada's history in Ely, Nevada on September 7 through 9. Among the highlights of the conference are, announcement of the 11 Most Endangered

Site in Nevada for 2006, a discussion of the Site for the Long Now Project in Eastern Nevada (<http://www.longnow.org>) and a walking tour of the Nevada Northern Railway National Historic District. Some

of the topics to be presented include Heritage Tourism, sustainability and historic preservation, National Register of Historic Places, and repairing various types of buildings and structures.

SHPO News

Alice Baldrice, Deputy SHPO

For more information on any of these topics call Alice Baldrice at 775-684-3444 or e-mail her at ambaldri@clan.lib.nv.us.

Introducing Sali Underwood

As the new SHPO Site Steward Coordinator I wanted to write a brief message about a very important part of my job; communication. To be able to accomplish this daunting task I need to talk to many people, and what better way than through the NAA newsletter?

I am very excited to be a part of this new statewide program and I wanted to introduce a new method of communication. In an effort to make it easier for people around the state who are involved in the site steward program there is a new way to communicate. This site is most useful for site steward volunteers, agencies, and for anyone interesting in what is going on around the state. The <http://nevadasitestewards.org/> web site was created by and is run by the Lincoln County site steward volunteers. This site is great. It has postings of events, workshops, pictures, trivia, and facts and it has a bulletin board where you can post

comments, events, upcoming meetings, and general news. You do not have to join to read about what is going on, nor is it limited to those folks in Lincoln County. Currently we are working on getting site steward forms posted on the site that can be entered into and/or printed off to be filled out and mailed in. The goal is to make it easier for volunteers to complete their monitoring tasks, and for agencies to communicate with the volunteers. It is a great beginning and huge thanks go out to Penny and Bob Clabaugh, and Bob Hafey for administrating the site. The content of the site is monitored and there is the hope that in the future this site, or one very much like it, will play a vital roll in the site stewardship program. It is meant to help not only the volunteers, and regional coordinators, but also the agencies that are involved in the program. If you have a chance, I encourage everyone to check it out and submit material to get the word out about Nevada Archaeology.

Site Stewardship Program

Liz Russell has taken over the coordination of the NAA board with the Site Stewardship Program.

Solicitations, Events and Announcements

Reconciling Ecological Design and Historic Preservation

Greg Seymour

I am soliciting speakers for this symposium that have had involvement in a preservation project that includes an aspect of suitability and historic preservation ie. meshing the two together. During our session, we will discuss how it can work and if it worked.

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Council of Affiliated Societies CoAS

Sue Edwards

The Council of Affiliated Societies (CoAS) will be sponsoring a Poster Symposium at the SAA 72nd Annual Meeting to held in Austin, Texas April 25-29, 2007! The theme of the poster symposium will be "Avocational and Professional Partnerships: the Power of Cooperation." The purpose of the session will be to highlight successful projects or programs undertaken by avocational/professional organizations like the NAA. I know the NAA has many examples of recent and ongoing programs that would lend themselves to a poster presentation. Submissions are limited to one per organization (NAA, Archaeo-Nevada, Nevada Rock Art Foundation, Utah Statewide Archaeological Society, etc), but can have single, multiple, or group authorship for each organization. The Council is hoping that at least one of the presenters for an organization will be an avocational member. If you have any

questions or just want to discuss possible poster ideas, I am organizing the session so please contact me at: Susan Edwards, CoAS President, c/o Desert Research Institute, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119; phone 702-862-5421; fax 702-862-5324; email: susan.edwards@dri.edu. Poster titles, authors names and affiliations, along with a 100 word abstract, and the associate membership fee of \$100 (I hope the NAA will consider paying the fee) need to be in my hands by August 16th, 2006.

Call for Papers

2007 Nevada Archaeologist

David Valentine, Editor

Papers are needed for Volume 25 of the *Nevada Archaeologist*. This issue will focus on the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon region of northwestern Nevada. If you have research pertaining to the archaeology, ethnography, history, or paleontology of the area that you need to report, please send your submissions to: David Valentine, P.O. Box 1084, Winnemucca, NV 89446 by **February 14, 2007**. Please submit one hard copy and an e-copy of your paper. If you have questions, Dave can be reached [via e-mail](#): or by phone at (775) 623-1766 (w) or (775) 625-1604 (h).

Fall Newsletter

Suzan Slaughter

The Fall 2006 issue of *In-Situ* is scheduled for publication in late September. If you have anything you want included, such as mini-reports, requests for information, announcements, letters to the editor, book reviews, etc., send it to Suzan Slaughter, via e-mail to: roses4@unlv.nevada.edu, or by snail mail to 1208 Nelson Court, Boulder

City, Nevada 89005. Photographs are encouraged. When submitting electronically please embed jpegs in a word document or stand-alone jpegs can be sent to the email address. Remember, a diverse and interesting *In-Situ* cannot be maintained without member support and participation. As the new editor of *In-Situ*, I feel somewhat like a fish out of water and welcome all comments, complaints and suggestions.

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.

THE ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT: INSPIRATIONS FOR CONTEMPORARY BASKETMAKERS

**Presentation by Dr. Catherine Fowler
For Frances Humphrey Lecture Series**



7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2006

**NEVADA STATE MUSEUM
600 N. Carson Street, Carson City**

*Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, under 18 & members, free
For more information, call 775-687-4810, ext 239*

Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs, Division of Museums and History

35th 2006 Annual Meeting, Mesquite Nevada, April 7-9, 2006

The annual meeting in Mesquite was a great success. Sixteen papers were presented representing a broad spectrum of interest and participants including avocationalists, cultural resource management professionals and academic researchers.

Synopsis of Papers

Mark A. Giambastiani
2006 NAA Program Chair

The NAA 2006 program featured a varied collection of interesting papers delivered by professionals and students. Topics in historic archaeology dominated the schedule, but several papers focused on discussions of prehistoric archaeology, rock art, or cultural resources management. Individually, each paper was thoughtfully prepared and well executed. As a group, conference presentations showcased the many interesting kinds of archaeological study currently underway in Nevada.

Mark Giambastiani led off the conference with a summary of prehistory in the Mesquite area. This paper discussed results of a 13,500-acre upland survey north of Mesquite that encountered a variety of sites (residential camps, lithic scatters, lithic quarries, rock hearths, and potdrops) that can be attributed to Archaic, Paiute, and Anasazi groups. Radiocarbon dates, projectile points, and ceramics testify to a 4,000-year record of occupation in the area, and imply that both Anasazi and Paiute groups may have exploited upland plant and lithic resources sometime prior to Anasazi abandonment of the Mesquite Reach of the Virgin River ca. A.D. 1150-1250.

In a related subject, Diane Winslow discussed a recent survey of 71 miles of Logandale ATV Trails. This effort identified 74 sites, including 32 rockshelters and caves, three Anasazi pithouse/pueblo sites, rock art sites, small lithic quarries, lithic scatters, and a few historic sites. Also discovered were three check dams, apparently the first finds of this kind in the region.

Bob Kautz and Dwight Simons discussed the archaeology of the Bald Mountain Mining District in White Pine County, based on data from a group of 59 survey projects that

have covered more than 23,000 acres. Some 767 prehistoric sites have been documented in the district, most of them being lithic scatters or cryptocrystalline outcrop quarries. Projectile points and groundstone tools are notably scarce at Bald Mountain sites, and the lithic scatter sites appear to be quarry areas. At the latter, there is no evidence of intensive excavation or long-term, repeated use; this led the authors to question whether lithic procurement was or was not embedded within a subsistence-settlement pattern.

Ed Stoner also presented data from White Pine County, discussing three cycles of mining in the Robinson Mining District of the Egan Range. The first cycle occurred between 9,000-5,000 years ago, and involved the procurement of local toolstones, particularly fine-grained dacites and crypto-crystallines, from alluvial fans in the area. By 5,000 B.P., prehistoric foragers were mining chert nodules from limestone beds, separating them from the limestone with the use of fire. The second and third mining cycles are of historic age. The earliest occurred in the 1860s and led to the development of the Robinson District, involving mostly prospecting and small-scale mining. The third cycle was a large-scale, 20th Century copper boom that began in earnest in the early 1900s and continued into the 1980s.

Barbara Roth, David Yoder, and Elizabeth Toney presented a model of prehistoric land-use in Piute Valley, southern Nevada, based on a survey of the Walking Box Ranch property that identified 78 prehistoric and 55 historic sites. The spatial distributions of the identified sites allowed for some general interpretations about land-use patterns. Surprisingly few sites were identified on the

valley floor, most being present in foothill locations (within pinyon-juniper woodland). This, among other observations, led the authors to view Piute Valley as having been a primary travel corridor between the Colorado River and the foothill pinyon zones surrounding the valley.

Kevin Rafferty discussed the results of a nearly 3,800-acre survey in Sandy (Mesquite) Valley, southeastern California. Seven prehistoric sites were identified, all of them situated adjacent to or near mesquite dunes and containing variable artifact assemblages containing flaked stone tools and debris, ground stone artifacts, fired rock, and ceramics. All are interpreted as plant processing sites, and based on diagnostic artifacts appear to range in age from the Gypsum period (ca. 5000-1500 B.P.) to Paiute/Patayan times (ca. 850-100 B.P.). 800 B.P.).

Three papers dealt with subjects in rock art. Anan Raymond, discussed the archaeology of Cave Creek in Ruby Valley, Nevada. In the cave, pictographs and graffiti indicate this site was important to prehistoric people and was visited regularly by 19th Century white emigrants, military personnel, and settlers. The dramatic pictograph record within the cave attests to the place being a source of power to local Native Americans, while Euroamerican graffiti consists mainly of signatures, many by military personnel inhabiting an outpost in the area. The source of power for Native Americans was the forceful spring that exits the cave, one apparently fed by a large subterranean aquifer.

Alanah Woody presented a discussion of “medicine rocks” and “power rocks” in Nevada. Woody suggests that these medicine rocks or “doctor rocks” are long held to be sources of beneficial power. They are sometimes associated with rock art, and sometimes not. It is a common but incorrect perception that all medicine rocks include cupules. Woody discussed the Eastgate Medicine Rock as an example where no rock art is present and examples at Ruby Valley and Truckee River that have cupules where the grinding of medicines is inferred. Woody concluded with a discussion of how these places on the landscape are becoming more popular with contemporary Native people, and of how we are just beginning to understand the meaning of these sites.

Bob Ford, Dixon Spendlove, Cody Spendlove, David Maxwell, Gordon Hutchings, and Farrel Lytle, discussed a single petroglyph type found in Utah, Arizona, and southern Nevada that appears to be a directional marker for sources of water. Termed “waterglyphs”, these elements are large, deeply incised designs generally consisting of a circle or series of circles bisected by a straight line and having a small “dot” somewhere near the line. Having conducted an extensive GIS study of the locations of waterglyphs, in consideration of the orientations of line and circle motifs within the elements, the authors conclude that waterglyphs are directional makers pointing to sources of water.

One presentation, given by Amy Henderson, was management-related and focused on the use of site monitoring as a way to track natural and cultural changes in the archaeological record. Henderson provided a sample monitoring form used by Petrified Forest National Park, and discussed how to complete the form using information from previous site records and archaeological reports.

Six papers focused on strictly historic themes. Mary Ringhoff discussed the discovery of the Franks Brothers Bottling Works during the RETRAC railway construction effort in downtown Reno. Combining results from project discoveries, which included glass dumps from the factory, and from detailed background research, Ringhoff described the history of the company (ca. 1906-1939) but focused on the company’s output during Prohibition years. During prohibition the Franks Brothers company switched from bottling alcoholic beverages to soda and began an intensive program of bottle return-refill-reuse. These changes are evident archaeologically and are particularly evident when the company expanded their bottle reuse to include nearly any type of bottle customers brought in to be refilled.

Two papers dealt with the subject of historic Chinese populations in Nevada. Danielle Risse discussed the history of Carson City’s Chinatown, based on the results of excavations in 2004 for the expansion of the state Department of Information Technology complex. Excavations unearthed a series of structural remnants and refuse piles indicating

the presence of intact deposits and those in secondary context. Risse also presented interesting background research involving Sanborn insurance maps and assessor plat maps showing how the Chinatown changed over time and how the character of its residents also shifted as families competed for business during the later years of the Chinatown's existence.

Ryan Schmidt presented a bio-anthropological analysis of two Chinese cemetery populations from Carlin and Carson City, Nevada. The population from Carlin, consisting of 13 individuals buried in coffins, derives from a cemetery that likely dates between 1890-1920. Quite different is the population from Carson City, a group of six individuals recovered from an earthen deposit adjacent to the Lone Mountain Cemetery, a graveplot that was evidently used until 1883. Schmidt compared the two populations based on associated artifacts and skeletal traits. Schmidt discussed his findings in the context of acculturation to American society, and suggested that some of the individuals might have been victims of anti-Chinese violence.

Christopher Harper discussed the results of data recovery excavations at a historic rockshelter site in the upper Moapa Valley, Nevada. Coyote Springs Rockshelter was occupied briefly during prehistoric times, and probably also during the Contact period sometime between the 1770s and 1830s, but its main deposit is of historic age and probably dates between 1830-1875. Recovered prehistoric artifacts include Southern Paiute and Virgin Anasazi ceramic sherds, flaked and ground stone tools and debris, incised tablets, and other items. Historic artifacts consist of glass trade beads, glass shards and earthenware sherds, bits of hardware, a bone button, a watch key fragment, shotgun cartridges, and a few other pieces. Harper noted that the site lies along the Old Spanish Trail/Mormon Road, and that Paiutes once occupying the site may have abandoned it due to increasingly fragile relationships between the Paiutes and Mormons living along the Muddy River.

Greg Seymour, Douglas (Griswold) Merkler, and Lois Merkler discussed the history of the Chauncey W. Griswold family and their sheep ranching operation in eastern Nevada during the late 19th century to the mid-20th century. Providing a number of anecdotes, the presentation described some of the more important events in the life of the Griswold family. In an effort to document family history, Seymour and the Merklers recently visited the Griswold cabins in the Ruby Mountains and are preparing a National Register nomination package.

Jeffrey Wedding described the preliminary results of excavations at a historic homestead site located at Mormon Green Springs in Clark County, Nevada. On the surface, the site manifested a cobble cabin foundation and a light artifact scatter but did not offer much data to help develop an age estimate for the homestead. Excavations within the main cabin revealed more about the cabin's structure, but units placed outside the cabin encountered a buried artifact deposit that produced materials dating between 1895-1925. Additional excavations outside the cabin exposed a larger foundation and other refuse deposits. Wedding noted the further investigation of the refuse deposits is likely to yield significant data regarding the dietary and purchasing habits of site inhabitants.

Following the session, I received many comments regarding the informative content of the presentations. Many folks noted it was the best NAA program in years, and I attribute this to the efforts of all the presenters. The two student papers (Schmidt and Roth *et al.*) were particularly well-prepared, and we look forward to greater student participation in the future. In retrospect, the 15-minute time limit worked well for the meeting schedule yet still allowed presenters to adequately cover discussion topics. Hopefully next year we will be able to expand the program to a day and a half of papers, and possibly include a lunchtime roundtable session. Thanks to all who participated in the session...and we hope to see you in 2007!

Auction

The auction was a huge success again this year thanks to the efforts of Mark and Yolanda Henderson and generous donations from members and patrons. This year the auction was dominated by the donation of a large library of books relating to cultural and natural history donated by Lynda Blair and HRC. The hundreds of books were a mixed blessing as we were somewhat at a loss to know how to handle such a large volume of items. Unfortunately, because of this situation, the auction went on much longer than planned and not all donated items were auctioned at this meeting. We would like to assure all those who donated items for the auction that their generosity is appreciated. We learned many lessons this year and hope to organize the event more efficiently in the future.



Auctioneer Mark Henderson Stirs Up the Bidders

NAA Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2006 NAA Lifetime achievement award was presented to Dr. Margaret Lyneis, Professor emeritus of UNLV. Her nomination was drafted by five of her former students who are among numerous others who have benefited from her excellent training and mentoring during our careers as students and professionals. Congratulations and many thanks to Dr. Lyneis.

NAA Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination
Submitted by Laureen Perry, Eva Jensen, Sue Edwards,
Greg Seymour, and Susanne Rowe

We nominate Dr. Margaret Lyneis for NAA's 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award because she has been greatly influential in the development of the prehistory of southern Nevada. Her influence goes beyond research as she has touched many people by sharing her knowledge through formal university classes, informal workshops, and just chatting about. She has been an inspiration to many students who now lead professional archaeology careers. Now *emeritus* from UNLV, Dr. Lyneis still finds time to share her new-found pottery experiences with many people, keeping in touch with southern Nevada folks.

As a UCLA graduate student, Margaret Lyneis was the only woman scientist present at the 1963 Tule Springs excavations, headed by Vance Haynes. The results of those excavations were crucial to Nevada's and North America's prehistory, as the researchers demonstrated human presence at the site, approximately 11,000 years ago. After receiving her PhD from UCLA (undergraduate work at the University of Washington), Margaret taught at Cal State Long Beach, then came to UNLV in the 1970s, and started a career that was very influential in the development of archaeology and prehistory in southern Nevada.

Well known for her ceramic studies of the Virgin Branch of Ancestral Puebloans, Margaret began her studies by attending a month-long odyssey at MIT. Through observations, discussions, and experimentation, she developed techniques that went beyond mere typology to sourcing through petrographic analyses. Her identification of the Mt. Trumbull area for the source of Moapa Gray Wares and the

Shivwits Plateau for the source of Shivwits types has spawned numerous important studies, still ongoing. Through Margaret's ceramic studies and work on Moapa Valley sites, she's kept southern Nevada in the boundaries of the prehistoric Puebloans' range.

Margaret's studies went beyond ceramics and the Puebloans. Her settlement, subsistence, trade patterns, etc., proposals are still the basis of research designs in southern Nevada, southwestern Utah, and northwestern Arizona. Southern Nevada was largely a blank spot on the map in Southwest and Great Basin archaeology. Her reputation for professionalism and her attention to detail in her research brought southern Nevada into the prehistory books and gained the attention and respect of other researchers throughout the West. In 1978, she wrote a prehistoric context for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office where she proposes research directions still valid today. Margaret has also contributed to Numic expansion theories, keeping touch with the Great Basin where some of her early student work started, in Oregon.

One of Margaret's legacies is the number of professional archaeologists who cut their excavation teeth on UNLV's Saturday field classes at the Yamashita sites in Moapa Valley. The field classes went on for more than two decades, including Continuing Education classes, which she "cheerfully" endured. Margaret also worked with avocational groups, presenting ceramics workshops and talks. Known as a tough, but fair, classroom teacher, a grade of "B" from one of her classes was a proud achievement. In the field, Margaret demonstrates through example how keen observation and good scientific techniques

can be fun. Her gentle prodding and inquiries got most of us thinking in ways we thought not possible. Adding the contributions of her former students to her own contributions, we have the basis and future of southern Nevada prehistory.

In “retirement,” Margaret continues to probe essential research questions of Nevada and the Southwest. Her own research into pottery production in Moapa Valley is ongoing. She has taken on the daunting task of learning to make pottery and is actively pursuing the right clay, temper, paint and technique to replicate prehistoric pottery of the Moapa Valley. In

our experimental pottery making sessions she participates, encourages our efforts, and continues to pose the questions that will push the research one step further. Her work is the basis for continuing research in the Moapa Valley and on the Arizona Strip. Professors, students, and graduate students at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and Brigham Young University will be in the field again this summer largely because of the work she has done and continues to encourage. Margaret Lyneis is our colleague, mentor, and friend. We are all better archaeologists because of her.



Dr. Margaret Lyneis, Recipient of the NAA 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award

REPORTS AND ARTICLES

The Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) Archaeological Survey Field School Dr. Kevin Rafferty, Chairman, Department of Human Behavior, CCSN

The Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) Archaeological Survey Field School, under the direction of Dr. Kevin Rafferty, recently (May 2006) completed a second season in Valley of Fire State Park. Ten students, including several pursuing their Associate of Arts Degree in Anthropology, took part in the field school. This session built on the 2003 field season, which conducted a 1¼ square mile block survey in St. Thomas Wash and recorded 16 prehistoric sites, including sites dating from the Lake Mojave period (ca. 10,000-7500 BP.) through the Early Historic period (post-1850 A.D.). The 2006 season examined two, one-half square mile areas, one adjacent to and west of the St. Thomas Wash survey area, and one abutting and south of Atlatl Rock, a nationally prominent petroglyph site. At least ten sites were recorded, including one (26CK222) first recorded by Richard and Mary Shutler in 1961. The most significant site encountered was the remnants of the Arrowhead Trail, one of the

first improved roadways that connected the Las Vegas Valley and the Muddy River settlements. Included in the road recordation was a prominent sandstone outcrop that served as a way station or resting area for travelers along the road. This outcrop contained carved historic inscriptions dating between 1882 ('Chas. O. Spencer 11/11-1882') and 1923. Also recorded was a painted sign in red and black paint that read 'Balleros Campers'. Surrounding this outcrop and outline the road was an assemblage of historic artifacts including solder top cans, tobacco cans, purple glass, salt glaze crockery, porcelain china, and a variety of other artifacts dating between 1880-1930. Archival research is ongoing to try to identify the individuals who carved the graffiti and flesh out the known data regarding the road. Anyone with any pertinent information or who can provide direction or guidance to the archival research is asked to contact Dr. Kevin Rafferty at Kevin.Rafferty@CCSN.edu

Poster Home Demolished

Eva Jensen
Lost City Museum

“ An icon of Moapa Valley history vanished suddenly on April 29th. In a few hours on a Saturday morning, the old Whitmore/Anderson home which had stood in downtown Overton for well over a century was bulldozed to the ground; leaving and empty hole in the community’s landscape as well as in the hearts of its older residents. “

Vernon Robison, Editor Moapa Valley Progress, May 17, 2006.

Losing a significant historic building sometimes feels like losing a special friend. On April 29th and 30th, just two days before Archaeology Awareness and Historic Preservation Month, the Brigham Whitmore home in Overton built in @1882 was demolished. The house was featured on the “Home Means Nevada” poster and on the cover of the brochure for activities during Archaeology Awareness and Historic Preservation Month.

The home was the among the three oldest standing structures in Moapa Valley and has stood as a mark of the creation of the town of Overton for more than 120 years. Built by Mormon pioneers returning to the valley in the 1880’s, the construction was sun dried adobe brick, some of it “borrowed” from the original Muddy Mission settlements abandoned in 1870

(Olson, 1984:11). The two-story home had a flat roof porch on the north and west sides that served as an upper floor sleeping balcony for hot nights. Many early Mormon settlers were polygamists. The home reflected a common feature of the time where two front entry doors and twin chimneys. This bisymmetry has been referred to as the architecture of polygamy (Poulsen, 1979:142-143). Before a community school was built, classes were held in a room added under a shed roof on the east side of the house.

The home was sold to Joseph Anderson in 1908 and modified by his son in 1922 adding 3 bedrooms and a kitchen where the shed roof appendage had been. For a short time the upstairs rooms served as a maternity ward. The Anderson family owned the home until the 1980's when it was sold to Moapa Valley Credit Union.

The destruction was announced by Moapa Valley Credit Union only a few days before demolition. Despite pleas to save or move the structure, the demolition went

forward early on Saturday morning. It was less than a week between the announcement and the destruction and some feel the process may have been accelerated by the requests to consider preservation.

Long time residents of the area and people involved in preservation efforts were dumbfounded by the action. While this historic treasure is now gone there are voices echoing regret and speaking in support of preservation activities for other sites. In the local paper an editorial by Vernon Robison entitled "Owning History: A Sacred Trust" he states: "After all owning such a property is not just run-of-the-mill ownership. It involves much more. It entails a sacred trust to represent the interests of the community in preserving the site as a point of interest to the present and future generations. It would be a betrayal of that trust just to mow it down to make way for a bigger office building."

We will miss our old friend the 'Brig' Whitmore/Anderson home. We are heartbroken at your loss.

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Brigham Whitmore house built @1882, Overton, NV. The house was built by early Mormon settlers using sun dried adobe brick. It featured a house plan with bisymmetry including two front entry doors, a style sometimes referred to as the architecture of polygamy.



April 29, 2006, The Brigham Whitmore house was demolished just two days before Archaeology Awareness and Historic Preservation Month.

IN MEMORIUM

Roslyn Works



Photograph courtesy of Nevada State Museum

It's with a great deal of sadness to report the sudden death of Roslyn Works, former Administrative Assistant with the Nevada State Museum's Anthropology Department.

Many archaeologists may remember Roz selling museum publications at meetings and as the department's receptionist. During her 13 years with the museum, she was Don Tuohy's typist, she handled production of the NSM Anthropological papers, and she provided a great deal of support for the Under One Sky exhibition. Prior to being hired by Don Tuohy, she worked with Bob Elston and Cashion Callaway at Intermountain Research. Roz was best known for her keen sense of humor and her spontaneous outbursts into Broadway songs and dance. Roz retired from the museum two years ago, and she is missed by her friends and colleagues at the museum.

Eugene M. Hattori
Curator of Anthropology
Nevada State Museum

Roslyn Merle Schwartz Works

Nevada Appeal June 16, 2006

A celebration of life for Roslyn Merle Schwartz Works, 67, a Carson City resident, will be 2 p.m. July 9 at the Silver City Park. Friends are asked to write down any stories about Mrs. Works to incorporate into a Memory book.

Mrs. Works died June 8, 2006 after a brief illness. She was born Nov. 25, 1938 in Chicago to Morris Schwartz and Bertha Savelow Schwartz.

She attended Sullivan High School in Chicago, and earned an associate's of arts degree from Wright Junior College in Chicago. She then moved to New York City and studied acting at the Herbert Bergdorf Studios alongside actors Matt Clark, Penelope Allen, Al Pacino and Martin Sheen.

Before moving to Carson City, Mrs. Works lived in Silver City for 24 years. She worked in the Nevada State Museum's Anthropology division for 14 years. She was preceded in death by her brother Samuel Schwartz.

Among her survivors are her husband of 41 years, Donald S. Works Sr.; daughter Rose Maury Works; daughter and son-in-law Mary Works and Aaron M. Covington; son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Monica Works; brother and sister-in-law Jerrold and Shirley Schwartz; sister, Robyn Fabian; one aunt; four grandchildren; and several extended-family members.

Capitol City Cremation is in charge of arrangements.

**Nevada Archaeological Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Pahrump, Nevada
January 21, 2006**

Board Members Present: Steve Daron, Greg Haynes, Eva Jensen, Hal Rager, Suzan Slaughter, Dave Valentine.

Board Members Absent: Daron Duke, Ted Goebel.

Others Present: Alice Baldrice, Sali Underwood, Greg Seymour, Laurie Perry, Don Hendricks, Anne DuBarton.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. at the Pahrump Valley Museum in Pahrump, Nevada.
- B. Presidents Report:
 - a. Steve Daron announced the passing of Darrel Wade and Jack Holmes. Jack and Elaine Holmes were co-recipients of the 2006 Ting Perkins award with Darrell and Terri Wade.
 - b. Ted Goebel is taking a position in Texas and will be resigning from the NAA Board.
 - c. The NAA received a letter from the Archaeological Legacy Institute requesting support for an archaeology Television Statement. They are requesting an annual contribution of \$250.00. The Board voted against this contribution.
 - d. The NAA is now registered as a non profit organization with the State of Nevada and all fines and penalties have been paid.
- C. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the October 2005 board meeting were reviewed by the board and accepted with corrections. Corrections will be made and resubmitted to Steve Daron.
- D. Treasurers Report: Eva Jensen.
 - a. Total available assets as of January 21, 2006 are \$12,472.38
 - b. Archaeology Month poster for 2006: Donations received to date: from the USFS Humboldt/Toiyabe, \$350.00; Kautz Environmental, \$100.00; BLM, \$500.00 for a total of \$950.00. We will continue to solicit donations from contractors.
 - c. The Site Stewardship Program reports no income for the last quarter. With expenses totaling \$ 770.93, the program shows a net loss of
 - d. 4770.93.
 - e. Promotional Materials Sales: George Phillips is using the Handy Hypotenuse Hankies' for the site stewardship rewards program. Daron Duke reported that the "Hankies" have been selling well and a total of three grosses have been purchased. To-date sales total \$380.00. With costs for printing at \$686.05, the net to date is -\$306.05.
 - f. Membership dues for the third quarter came to \$455.00
- E. Secretaries Report: Various errors were pointed out by the board. Secretary Suzan Slaughter made all suggested corrections and submit the corrected minutes to Dave Valentine for inclusion in the Newsletter and president Steve Daron
- F. Newsletter Editors report: Dave Valentine reported he mailed out 161 copies of *In situ* at a cost of \$391.02.

- G. Membership Secretary's Report: Daron Duke did not have a tally on current membership numbers, however he estimates there are 225 total members including life members.
- H. Web-Masters Report. Web master, Hal Rager, was not in attendance.
- I. Chapter Reports
- AmArchs: No representative was present. Daron Duke reported that he had given a presentation to the chapter and that about 50 people attended the last meeting.
 - Churchill County: No report.
 - Archaeo-Nevada: No report.
 - Elko County: No report
 - White Pine County: No report.
 - Lincoln County: Eva Jensen reported that the chapter is up and running. Several meetings including an organizational meeting were planned for October. Eva estimates that there are about 12 members in the chapter
- J. SHPO Report: Alice Baldrice announced that the SHPO's office is advertising a new position in the southern part of the state which will be responsible for establishing and coordinating a stewardship program in Las Vegas.
- K. Nevada Archaeologist
- 2004 volume: Eva Jensen, and Laurie Perry are editing the 2004 journal. Eva reported that all submissions are in hand.
 - 2005 volume: Geoff Smith and Linsie Lafayette editors. Dave Valentine reported that several papers have been submitted.
 - 2006 Volume: Heidi Roberts, editor. No report.
 - 2007 Volume: Dave Valentine, editor, ran a call-for-papers. There is no deadline for submissions.
 - 2008 Volume. The theme for the 2008 volume is still open. There is as yet no editor for this volume.
- L. Ting Perkins Award: A written nomination of Jack and Elaine Holmes has been received by the board from George Phillips. Steve Daron suggested that Darrel and Teri Wade should also be nominated and proposed that two Ting Perkins' be awarded this year. Dave Valentine seconded and the motion was passed. The Holmes' are to receive their award at the Clark County Site Stewardship recognition event planned for November 5 and the Wades at the Lincoln County Site Stewardship picnic.
- M. Lifetime Achievement Award: Eva Jensen is preparing a nomination for Margaret Lyneis. Eva will look into plaques for the award.
- N. 2006 Annual Meeting: Mark Giambastiani will be the program chair for the 2006 meeting. Local arrangements will be handled by Nancy Hall. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2006 in Mesquite.
- O. Nevada Archaeology Historic Preservation week.
- a. The week is officially now a month. Alice Baldrice will post information on the SHPO website.
 - b. 2006 Poster: Eva Jensen brought a mock-up of a proposed poster layout. Several members brought photographs which were given to Eva to make a selection.
- P. Special Publication Series: No Report.
- Q. Student Grant: Ted Goebel sent a revised Student Grant Application for review by the Board. The revisions would require an increase from 600 to 1,000 words for proposals.

Additionally the proposals should include a bibliography and a one-page budget narrative. After discussion, the changes were agreed to with the modification that the budget narrative need not be an entire page in length. It was also discussed whether the award should be given as a lump sum or part be held back until presentation of a paper at the annual meeting. It was decided that a small portion should be held back.

- R. Occasional Papers: No Report.
- S. Site Stewardship: A committee meeting was held just prior to the board meeting on 10/14/2005 at the Public Lands Office.
- T. Professional Organization: Alice Baldrice noted that there appears to be a lack of interest in a separate organization and among those polled, a separate committee within the NAA was preferred.
- U. Other Events:
 - a. Great Basin Conference will be held in Las Vegas October of 2006
- V. New Business
 - a. Term Limits for board members was discussed.
 - b. Officers and Directors insurance was again discussed. George Phillips will follow up.
 - c. The Ely RMP was discussed. Dave Valentine will comment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm
Suzan Slaughter, Secretary



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CHAPTER AFFILIATION *Check all that apply*

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CODE OF ETHICS:

The purpose of the Nevada Archaeological Association (NAA) is to preserve Nevada's antiquities, encourage the study of archaeology, and to educate the public to the aims of archaeological research. Members and chapters of the NAA shall:

1. Uphold the purpose and intent of the NAA
2. Adhere to all antiquities laws
3. Seek the advice, consent, and assistance of professionals in archaeology and/or history in dealing with artifacts, sites, and other materials relating to antiquities
4. Assist professionals and educators in accomplishing the objectives of the NAA
5. Be a personal envoy of the NAA and responsible for conducting themselves in a manner so as to protect the integrity of the artifacts, sites, or other material

I hereby agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Nevada Archaeological Association.

Signature: _____

Date: _____