



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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Happy Holidays

"Trading Spaces: The Economic Landscape of Precontact Central California"

by
Charlotte Sunseri
2007 Scholarship winner

Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
at

Yolo County Library, Davis Branch Davis, 315 E 13th St. CA 95616

The 2007 scholarship winner, Charlotte Sunseri will present her research on social, political and economic reorganization in Monterey Bay to Santa Clara Valley in the Middle Period (600 B.C. - AD 1000) through Middle Late Transition (AD 1000 - 1250) on January 19th. Funds from Sacramento Archeological Society assisted her in the dating of artifacts from one of the 52 sites in the area, SA-SCR-44. Three sites in the area have been interpreted as main residential bases spanning both periods and two have been interpreted as short-term village sites. Charlotte's research proposes the economic system in which these sites participated. The project is part of a broader dissertation, in which spatial and agent-based modeling is being used to explore when and under what circumstances hunter-gathers shifted from one exchange pattern to another at these sites. . Don't miss this very interesting presentation.

The event will be held at the Yolo County Library, Davis Branch in Davis, CA at 315 E. 13th Street from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday, January 19th. Light refreshments will be service. The public is welcome. Invite your friends.

“Art of Decipherment/Women and Glyphs”

by

Lydia Peake

Maya enthusiast

Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm

at

2957 Redwood Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691

If you were intrigued Dr. Karl Taube's presentation on the murals of Bartolo, don't miss this presentation on the Maya by Society member, Lydia Peake. Lydia has been a constant attendee at the annual Maya Meetings. Through this extensive exposure to the Maya research she has gathered information of decipherment of the Mayan writing and has developed a perspective on Mayan women as portrayed in the glyphs. Don't miss this very interesting presentation.

The presentation will be held at the Peake home at 2957 Redwood Avenue, West Sacramento from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

The 32nd Maya Meetings

February 25 - March 2, 2008

Copan Archaeology and History: New Finds and New Research

The focus of these annual Maya Meetings in 2008 will be the spectacular Maya ruins at **Copan, Honduras**, perhaps the most thoroughly studied and excavated of all Maya sites. Key discoveries and advances continue to be made in recent years, even after a century of intensive research by numerous international scholars and institutions. One highlight of the 2008 Maya Meetings will be a detailed presentation of the very latest progress in reconstructing and deciphering the great Hieroglyphic Stairway and its associated sculptures. The Keynote Speaker will be distinguished Mayanist, Michael Coe, Prof. Emeritus, Yale University. Prof. Coe is a pioneering archaeologist and author of Breaking the Maya Code. The keynote is on Friday evening, 29 February 2008, in the Art Auditorium. . For more information see <http://www.utmaya.org/index.html>. Society members will be attending these meetings.

Renewal of Annual Memberships

Since January 1 is the beginning of the Society's new year all memberships are renewed at this time, please support the society by paying your 2008 dues.

The annual dues are:

Student/Limited Member	\$15
Individual Membership	\$25
Family Membership	\$35
Sponsor	\$100 - 499 (individual)
	\$500 - 999 (business)
Patron	\$1000

Membership Benefits

Individual and Student Limited: One-year subscription to SAS Newsletter

Members-only meetings

Members-only fieldwork

Field trips

Special Lectures

Classes and events sponsored by SAS

Family: All of the above for each Family Member

One SAS Newsletter per Family Membership

Sponsor: All of the above plus prominent mention in the SAS Newsletter and event programs for one year

Patron: All of the above plus autographed book from keynote speaker, as applicable

To minimize administrative costs additional invoices will not be sent to each member. Please remit the payment with this **page**.

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2008 Board of Directors

During the Annual Meeting the 2008 Board of Directors were elected.

Candidate	Office	Candidate	Office
April Farnham	President	Ulanda Chavez	Member at Large
Diane Rosales	Vice-President	Dennis Fenwick	Member at Large
Lydia Peake	Secretary	Tom Johansen, MD	Member at Large
Roger Peake	Treasurer	Susan W. Ferguson	Member at Large
Jan Johansen	Past President	Ruth McElhinney	Member at Large

Welcome new members

Welcome new member, Diane Kelly-Abrams. In addition to a degree Anthropology she was married to the founder of the Society. Please welcome Diane. She is a great addition to the Society.

Past Events

Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.'s Annual Meeting

Featured

“The Taino Underworld: Caribbean Explorations into the Rock Art and Supernatural Beliefs of a Vanished Culture”

by

John Foster

Senior State Archaeologist

John Foster was the honored guest and speaker at the Sacramento Archeological Society Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2006. After a banquet luncheon and annual meeting he presented his latest findings from the underworld of the Dominican Republic. In this talk he outlined the history of Dominican Republic by discussing the four periods of migration. Then he presented findings from several sinkholes and caves on the island. The "La Aleta" sinkhole where objects have been preserved in water without oxygen has been the site of major artifacts through 384 dives. Another sinkhole, Two Sisters, was recently discovered and will be the site of further explorations. Jose Maria Cave, Maravillas Cave, Anamuyeta Cave, and Panchito Cave were the settings for rock art that gives us a glimpse into the Naino world. It was a great presentation.

Mark Your Calendars

January 17, 2008 Board Meeting, at 7:00 p.m. at April Farnham's home

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