



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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Q4 – October/November/December- 2008

Mark Your Calendars

November 1, 2008, Saturday – 9:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tour of **Peace Valley** in Sutter Buttes

November 6, 2008, Thursday - Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. location TBD

November 15, 2008, Saturday – 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Field Trip to Asian Art Museum in San Francisco to view “Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from National Museum, Kabul” exhibit.

December 6, Saturday - 11:00 – 2:00 p.m., Annual Meeting and “**Life on the River: The Archaeology of an Ancient Native American Culture**” by **Dr. Hildebrandt**, Far Western Anthropological Group, Vallejo’s Restaurant

January 17, 2009, Saturday – **Bronze Age site of Mycenae in Greece Presentation** by **Samantha Emmanuel and Kalie Sacco**, 2008 Scholarship Winners

“Tour of Peace Valley, Sutter Buttes”

Saturday, November 1, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting place: The Waffle Shop, 10432 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak, CA
Moderate Hiking Difficulty (3-4 “boots”)



Join **California State Parks Ranger Tim Davis** on a special hiking tour of Peace Valley, a state parks property nestled within the majestic Sutter Buttes. Ranger Davis will point out some of valley’s unique geological, cultural, prehistoric and historic features. These features include undisturbed archaeological sites such as bedrock mortar stations and hunting blinds utilized by Native Americans. **Kathie Lindahl**, a Senior State Archaeologist involved with the most recent cultural resource surveys of the valley, will also accompany this tour.

Event will begin promptly at 9 a.m. at The Waffle Shop in Live Oak. Participants may wish to arrive earlier for coffee and breakfast at the restaurant. Following a brief introductory talk, Ranger Davis will lead a carpool caravan from the restaurant to a ranch road that follows a creek south into

Peace Valley. Actual hiking time will be around 4 hours with stops for lunch and questions. **Note: Bathroom facilities (porta-potties) are only available at the hike's beginning staging area!

Variable weather may be expected so please come prepared! Wear layered clothing and sturdy hiking shoes/boots. Hiking poles are a plus! Please also bring water and a sack lunch or midday snacks. Participants who are willing to drive into Peace Valley with carpool passengers are encouraged to use SUVs, trucks, or other high clearance vehicles.

To register for this hike or obtain directions contact April Farnham at (916) 371-6806 or by Email at april_farnham@sbcglobal.net . **The activity is limited to 26 participants so please sign up early!**

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Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.'s Annual Meeting

Featuring

Life on the River: The Archaeology of an Ancient Native American Culture

by

Dr. William Hildebrandt

Archaeologist/Author

Far Western Anthropological Research Group

Saturday, December 6, 2008

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

at

Vallejo's Restaurant

1100 O Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

This year we are pleased to feature Dr. Hildebrandt co-founder and President of Far Western Anthropological Research Group as our guest lecturer. Dr. Hildebrandt will present and answer questions about an archaeological excavation on which his book, **Life on the River** is focused. In this detailed account of a dig along the banks of the Upper Sacramento River in Northern California, we gain unforgettable glimpses into the village life of a Wintu tribe 175 years ago, including signs of their often contentious interactions with other groups and evidence of the epidemic that nearly destroyed the tribe in 1833.

With the assistance of several Wintu tribal members and volunteers from throughout the area, archaeologists conducted careful excavations of the site, preserving portions of it from the threat of land development. The investigations of this team yielded a firsthand look at how the Wintu lived prior to the arrival of Europeans in the region-their food, clothing, tools, social structure, burial techniques, and more-as well as their experiences during and following contact. Not only did the site yield rich

information on day-to-day village life, but the investigations also led to the dramatic discovery that a malaria epidemic had swept through the area along with some of the earliest European fur traders.

Please join us as local author discusses his new book. Dr. Hildebrandt will sign books that have been purchased in advance of the Annual Meeting presentation. Please join us as local author discusses his new book. Copies are available for sale at the Avid Reader (both in Sacramento and Davis) and through www.heydaybooks.com.

Dr. William Hildebrandt is a California archaeologist with an extensive record of research, cultural resource management, and public service. He is co-founder and President of Far Western Anthropological Research Group, a cultural resource management firm based in Davis, California, with offices in San Luis Obispo and Reno, Nevada. His other research addresses change in human settlement and foraging strategies over time and focuses on gender differences in labor and reproductive strategies through the application of human behavioral ecology to the archaic periods of California and Great Basin prehistory.

Annual Meeting Buffet Banquet

Following Dr. Hildebrandt's presentation and brief Annual Meeting **Vallejo's Restaurant** will offer a fine buffet banquet. The Mexican cuisine will include carnitas, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad w/cheese, beans with cheese, roasted peppers, chips, tortillas, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, tomatoes, onions, cilantro, red and green salsa. Complementary soda and ice tea will be served. Dessert will also be available. **Reservations are required** by Thursday, **November 20th**. The cost of the luncheon inclusive of tax and gratuity is **\$20**.

Please make your reservation on the enclosed form by November 20th. Don't miss this annual event.

The facility is limited to 40 participants so please sign up early!
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For more information, contact Jan Johansen, Past President of Sacramento Archeological Society at 530-756-6970 or janjohansen@sbcglobal.net.

Election of 2009 Board of Directors

During the Annual Meeting the 2009 Board of Directors will be elected. Additional participation on the board is requested. The number of Members as Large is not limited. Please make recommendations to April Farnham at april_farnham@sbcglobal.net. The early slate of the board is:

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

Society's Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Please send your reservation as soon as possible and no later than Thursday, **November 20, 2008**

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
_____ Phone: _____

<u>Annual Meeting</u>		#	Total
Luncheon	\$20	_____	\$_____

Make checks payable to "**Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.**" and send it to

Jan Johansen
505 Cleveland Court
Davis, CA 95616

Renewal of Annual Memberships

Since January 1 is approaching and all memberships except those who join recently (after September, 2008) are renewed at this time, please support the society by paying your 2009 dues by **January 1, 2009**.

<u>Annual Dues for 2009</u>		#	
Student/Limited Member	\$15	_____	\$_____
Individual Membership	\$30	_____	\$_____
Family Membership	\$40	_____	\$_____
Sponsor	\$100	_____	\$_____
	Total enclosed		\$_____

Please make out your check to "**Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.**" and mail it either early with your **Annual Meeting Reservation Form** to

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or separately before January 1 to:

Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 163287
Sacramento, CA 95816-9287

Sacramento Archeological Society Field Trip
to
**"Afghanistan: Hidden Treasure from National
Museum, Kabul"**
at
Asian Art Museum
200 Larkin
San Francisco, CA 94102
Saturday, November 15, 2008
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join Sacramento Archeological Society members in a private tour of "Afghanistan: Hidden Treasure from National Museum, Kabul" on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco. If you are interested in the tour, please contact Jan Johansen at 530-756-6970 or janjohansen@sbcglobal.net. The admission fee is \$10 adults, \$7 seniors (65 and older), \$6 students, and free (children under 12). **Spaces are limited and advanced reservations are required by October 14th so reserve now.** Car pooling is recommended.

In 1978, on windswept plains of northern Afghanistan, archaeologists unearthed tombs of ancient nomads that had been sealed for two thousand years and discovered an extraordinary trove: some 22,000 individual pieces of gold buried with the remains of six Bactrian Central Asian nomads. Within months of this discovery at Tillya Tepe, the country descended into war, and the so-called Bactrian Hoard disappeared into legend once more. Twenty-five years later, in 2003, Afghanistan surprised the world by announcing that the priceless artifacts had been located intact in the presidential palace bank vault in Kabul. They had been rescued, along with other masterpieces of the National Museum, Kabul, and protected in the intervening years of turmoil by a group of selfless Afghan heroes who have come to be known as "the key holders."

Strategically located on the commercial routes between China and India in the east and Europe in the west, Afghanistan was at the crossroads of civilizations in Central Asia. "Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul" explores the rich cultural heritage of ancient Afghanistan from the Bronze Age (2500 BCE) through the rise of trade along the Silk Road in the first century CE.



Drawn mainly from three archaeological sites, the exhibition features nearly 230 artworks, including gold objects from the famed Bactrian Hoard, bronze and stone sculptures, ivories, painted glassware, and other ancient Afghan works of art.

Bronze Age Site in Mycenae, Greece: Field School Presentation

By

Samantha Emmanuel and Kalie Sacco

2008 Scholarship Winners

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Don't miss Samantha Emmanuel and Kalie Sacco's (both UC Berkeley students) presentation on the field school they attended at the Bronze Age site at Mycenae in Greece. The Sacramento Archeological Society' scholarship helped them attend. The presentation is planned for **January 17, 2009** in the afternoon. Mark your 2009 calendar.