



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc. *Newsletter*

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January/February - 2011

Happy New Year

2010 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS PRESENTATIONS

By

Gary Alexander
Allison Barden
Brandon Li
Preeta Malelu
Naomi Scher

Saturday, February 5, 2011

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

at

Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Branch
1212 Merkley Avenue,
West Sacramento, CA 95691

In 2010 five scholarships were awarded to support the archeological/anthropological education and graduate research. The recipients are targeted to speak on the areas of study that were made possible by the Society's scholarships.

- Gary Alexander, American River College - flint knapping workshop through the Center for American Archaeology
- Allison Barden, UC Berkeley - archaeological field school in Guam
- Brandon Li, UC Berkeley - archaeological field school in Japan
- Preeta Malelu, Sacramento City College - Yucatan Peninsula Field School
- Naomi Scher, Sonoma State University graduate student - thesis research for "A Geoarchaeological Assessment of the Potential for Buried Archaeological Sites in the Vacaville Area of Solano County, California"



Bring friends and food to share and we will hear from our scholars.

Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.'s

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Featured

"The Golden Gate: An Archaeologist's Tale"

by

Breck Parkman

California State Park Senior Archaeologist

At the Society's 2010 annual meeting on December 4, 2010 we were pleased to feature Breck Parkman as our guest lecturer. A long time employee of California State Parks, Breck serves as a Senior State Archaeologist assigned to the Diablo Vista, Marin, and Russian River Districts. His archeological theme of the Golden Gate was very intriguing. It was not a presentation about the Golden Gate Bridge but rather a series of stories about the archeological puzzles of the area. Archeologists are detectives. They find mysteries, look for clues, make hypotheses and attempt to validate the hypothesis. Breck relayed several of these finds and associated stories from his experience in the area. During World War II many planes crashed in the mountains of the area. Finding pieces of the wreckage on difficult terrain is the beginning of the puzzle that can often be validated by military records. A more difficult mystery surrounded the discovery of horse bones and an intact saddle. Breck hypothesized the story of the horse's demise including the horse's name. Only after much investigation and scientific evaluation was the horse finally identified. Another example was the finding of strange markings on rocks in the now Olompali State Historic Park. In the late Pleistocene did mammoth really rub rocks here? It is quite likely. All in all the presentation was very interesting and entertaining.

2011 Board of Directors

During the Annual Meeting the 2011 Board of Directors were elected.

John Foster - President

Lydia Peake –VP

Carolyn McGregor - Secretary

Jan Johansen - Treasurer

April Farnham - Past President

Dennis Fenwick – Member at Large

Jeremy Johansen – Member at Large

Tom Johansen, Md - Member at Large

Ruth McElhinney - Member at Large

Roger Peake - Member at Large

Diane Rosales – Member at Large

DONATIONS AND RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

January 1 is the renewal date for all memberships except those who join recently (after September, 2010). If you have not done so already, please support the Society by paying your 2011 dues now. The donations enable the Society to offer scholarships to archaeology/anthropology students.

We are pleased to announce the donation of \$500 by Far Western Anthropological Research Group. Thank you!!!

Annual Dues for 2010

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Student/Limited Member	\$15	_____	\$	_____
Individual Membership	\$30	_____	\$	_____
Family Membership	\$40	_____	\$	_____
Sponsor	\$100	_____	\$	_____
	Total enclosed			\$_____

On your renewal please note your name(s), address, email and telephone number, make out your check to "Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc." and mail it to

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MEMBER VOICE

I have been exploring archeology as a career option for a couple of years, and I have recently decided to go for broke (literally!) and get a degree in Anthropology to make it happen. Joining the Sacramento Archeology Society seemed like a great way to meet like-minded people. My husband Paul and I recently joined SAS, and we really enjoyed the annual meeting at Vallejo's.

My interest in Archeology dates back to the late 1970s when I had the honor of participating in an Earthwatch dig briefly. It remained dormant while I raised two children, but it has recently reawakened. I attended an archeology field school in Los Padres National Forest during the summer of 2009. When I returned home, I felt like I still needed to hone my skills. I decided to excavate a unit in my yard. We live in the foothills, and both rain and rodents are constantly presenting fragments of the past from the Gold Rush to the near present. There has been a lot of grading to our lot, so I am unlikely to disturb any intact layers. So why not excavate? I contacted my field school instructors, who



were very happy to offer advice from afar, such as gridding off the whole area. However, I decided I need a mentor who can come and look at the site occasionally and let me know where I need to improve my methods. So my fellow SAS members, if you would like to occasionally make the drive up to Diamond Springs and check on my work, I would be happy to compensate you by having you join Paul and me for dinner, perhaps at our favorite Mexican restaurant? I would really appreciate some expert guidance in starting this exciting project.



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PLANNED AND PROPOSED EVENTS FOR 2011

Sacramento Archeological Society Events

Planning is in process for Society events for 2011. Stay tuned for further details.

- March 27, 2011, Sunday - Meeting with speaker: Possibilities include Chris Corey (Indian Mounds of Sacramento Area); Dan Foster (The Ycatan Maya); Dennis Fenwick (Peru Archaeology); John Foster (Spain and the World that Produced Columbus; Mike Rondeau (Fluted Projectile Points in California)
- March 31, 2011, Thursday - SAA Sacramento River Tour, lead by John Foster
- Joint activity with State Indian Museum - TBD
- Sierra Nevada Rock Art Field Trip – targeted for August
- Fort Ross Archaeology Tour and Campout - TBD
- Humboldt County Archaeology Tour – targeted for fall
- Exeter Rocky Hill Rock Art Tour - TBD

Maidu Museum & Historic Site

Dancing with the Bear, Lilly Baker & the Maidu Legacy

Saturday, January 15, 2011
Maidu Museum & Historic Site
1960 Johnson Ranch Drive
Roseville, California 95661

Rick Adams hosts the film: *Dancing with the Bear, Lilly Baker & the Maidu Legacy*.

Basketry is woven into the belief that all things are alive. The source of life inherent in plants used to make baskets does not end when an object is created. A creation of a basket goes far beyond simply utilitarian use. These objects are a part of everyday life and culture. This film honors the elders and the traditions of the Maidu basket weavers.

For more information refer to www.roseville.ca.us/indianmuseum

The California Indian Museum & Cultural Center

Pomo Language Forum

Saturday, January 22, 2011

1:30– 3:30 p.m.

5250 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

California Indian people are interested in learning their languages, yet speakers and teaching materials are difficult to find within their communities. Join us for an afternoon of addressing the Pomo language preservation topics. Hear from presenters and speakers that are implementing and participating in important revitalization projects.

**Waibax ganu much ganulim!
Speak Our language!**

Funding for this project was made possible through a grant from the Administration For Native Americans.

For more information contact California Indian Museum at 707 579-3004, cimandcc@aol.com or www.cimcc.org

The California Indian Museum Lecture Series

Announcing the 2011 Tillie Hardwick Lecture Series

Ishi Centennial Series

February 5, 2011 **NAGPRA 20 Years Later**

April 16, 2011 **The Two Worlds of Ishi**

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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All lectures are open to the public. Lecture dates and times are subject to change based on availability.

Prehistory & Wintun/Patwin history of Yolo County and West Sacramento

Sunday, February 27, 2011

April Farnham will be speaking for the West Sacramento Historical Society on from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at a West Sacramento location to be announced. For more details contact April at

april_farnham@sbcglobal.net.

Society for California Archaeology 45th Annual Meeting

March 10-12, 2011

Attend the Society for California Archaeology 45th Annual Meeting at Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park, CA. For more detail, visit www.schome.org.

Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting

March 30 – April 3, 2011

Attend Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting at Sacramento Convention Center. This is the largest gathering of archaeologists in the world. Some 3000 are expected to attend the SAA meeting. Sessions will cover archaeological topics on practically every region and specialty. Dennis Jenkins will keynote. A river tour will be hosted by our president, John Foster. For details, visit

<http://www.saa.org>

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