



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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January/February - 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR
WE HOPE THAT YOU HAD A FABULOUS HOLIDAY

Mark Your Calendars

January 15, 2012, Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 – “Prehistoric Great Basin”, Andrea Maniery, Yolo County Library, West Sacramento

April 13-16, 2012 – **Anza- Borrego Tour** including Colorado Desert Archaeological Society's weekend, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center, Borrego Springs, California

UPCOMING EVENTS

PREHISTORIC GREAT BASIN LECTURE

Field School exploration

By

2011 Scholarship Winner

Ellie Maniery

Sunday, January 15, 2012

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at

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

In 2011 three scholarships were awarded to support archeological/anthropological education. Two of the recipients spoke in December. The third, **Andrea ‘Ellie’ Maniery**, senior at University of Nevada, will talk on the prehistoric Great Basin on Sunday, January 15, 2012. President, John Foster will also offer perspective on Clovis and pre-Clovis archeology. Don’t miss this step back into the distant past.

The public is invited. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcome. In addition a variety of pies will be served. Bring your friends and your sweet tooth.

ANZA-BORREGO ARCHEOLOGICAL TOUR

including

The Colorado Desert Archaeology Society's 8th annual archaeology weekend

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California

April 13- 16, 2012

Sacramento Archeological Society is organizing an archaeological tour in the Anza-Borrego Desert on April 13 through 16, 2012. It coincides with Colorado Desert Archeology Society's 8th annual archaeology weekend. Our Society has been invited to participate. This is a great opportunity to see the desert in springtime and interact with member of the Colorado Desert Archaeological Society. Travel dates are assumed to be April 12th and 16th. The tour will include guided visits to Clark Lake Petroglyphs and Mine Canyon village on Friday, April 13th and participation in the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society's 8th annual archaeology weekend on Saturday, April 14th and 15th and possibly on April 16th a morning tour of Exeter Rocky Hill rock art site, an Archaeological Conservancy property. The details of the archaeology weekend are not finalized but will include the grand opening ceremony for the Morteros Cultural Trail, lectures, demonstrations and tours (possibly Pictograph Trail and Indian Hill).

Tentative events include:

Friday, April 13 Morning - Clark Lake Petroglyphs.

A three mile round-trip guided hike to a rock art site at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains to view petroglyphs, interpreted as an early Cahuilla style, which were pecked into the reddish-brown desert varnish covered boulders in the area. 4-wheel drive vehicles are preferred.

Friday, April 13 Afternoon – Mine Canyon village

About two miles up Mine [Canyon](#) Wash Road is a Kumeyaay winter village site, replete with bedrock mortars which were used to grind foodstuffs by this nomadic band of Native Americans.

Friday, April 13 Early evening - A Society sponsored get-together will be hosted at the Hacienda del Sol.

Saturday, April 14 - Morteros Cultural Trail grand opening – It is the first interpreted prehistoric cultural feature of the Anza-Borrego Desert State park. The morteros mark the site of a prehistoric village, where the indigenous Kumeyaay spent thousands of years grinding mortar stones into the massive boulders.



Moreros (grinding mortar)



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center



Anza-Borrego Desert

To get a feel for the possible weekend events the following is a list of activities from last year's Colorado Desert Archaeological Society Archaeological Weekend.

Demonstrations:

Native American basket and pottery display and demonstrations. (Craft items on sale)

Tours of the Archaeology and Paleontology Labs

Display: Desert Plant Use by Native Americans: food, clothing, & medicine

Talk: We have Wal-Mart the Native Americans had Desert-Mart

Pottery Making Demonstration

Lectures:

What the heck IS Archaeology? And why is it important to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors?

Of Shamans & Stars . . . Mystery Circles of the Desert

Shamanistic Views of our Skies: Prehistoric Archaeoastronomy

Archaeoastronomy & Rock Art

Ceramics Presentation & Workshop By: Patrick Quinn, Ph.D.

Field Trips

Clark Lake Petroglyphs

Indian Hill Rock Art Shelter – Led by archaeologists Joan Schneider and/or Ken Hedges and Steve

Freers. A 3-mile round-trip hike to a rock art shelter with a visual demonstration talk on rock art as it applies to archaeoastronomy.

Since the Anza-Borrego tour is during the height of desert tourist season, commitment to the tour and lodging reservations is essential. Two accommodations in Borrego Springs are recommended: Hacienda del Sol and Palm Canyon Resort. Additional lodging information is available at *the Chamber's Lodging web page*: <http://www.borregospringschamber.com/lodging.html>

Hacienda del Sol

610 Palm Canyon Dr

Borrego Springs CA 92004

760-767-5442 | Fax: 760-767-4219

www.haciendadelsol-borrego.com

Palm Canyon Resort

221 Palm Canyon Dr

PO Box 956

Borrego Springs CA 92004-0956

800-242-0044 | 760-767-5341 | Fax: 760-767-4073

www.p cresort.com

Please notify John Foster at parkarky@yahoo.com or 916-673-7343 of your interest in attending the tour and make your own lodging reservations.

THIS IS A SAS MEMBERS ONLY EVENT.

PAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

SACRAMENTO ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.'S ANNUAL MEETING

Featured

"Transport to Ancient Greece"

by

Veronica Lim and Patricia Roberts

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Veronica Lim, junior at UC Berkeley and **Patricia Roberts**, senior at UC Berkeley who each received scholarships from SAS attended a field school in Nemea, Greece presented a fabulous presentation on their experiences excavating. After a delayed start because of a slow approval of paperwork excavations were restarted at Nemea. The trenches deepened and in some cases made it to bedrock. Pottery shards were found and pots were reconstructed. Veronica and Patricia found it difficult to cover up the trenches after the hard work of digging them in the packed clay. Excavations will continue next year. Their presentation was consistent with the tradition of quality by scholarship recipients. Thank you Veronica and Tricia.

Thanks also to Roger and Lydia Peake for hosting the event. The pot luck food was first rate and the intimate atmosphere was great for socializing. Next year Gordon and Carolyn McGregor have offered their home for the event.



2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Society's Annual Meeting the 2012 Board of Directors were elected. Please support the board.

Officer	Office	Officer	Office
John Foster	President	Dennis T. Fenwick	Member at Large
Lydia Peake	Vice-President	Tom Johansen	Member at Large
Carolyn McGregor	Secretary	Jeremy Johansen	Member at Large
Jan Johansen	Treasurer	Ruth McElhinney	Member at Large
		Diane Rosales	Member at Large
		Roger Peake	Member at Large

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal of Annual Memberships

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time. To date only 11 have renewed. All memberships are renewable on January 1 annually except for those who join recently (after September of the previous year). Please support the society by paying your 2012 dues. Remember your dues make **scholarships** possible. We keep overhead low so that the funds can be used to support students.

The annual dues are:

Student/Limited Member	\$15
Individual Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
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

Please make out your check to "**Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.**" and mail it to:

Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 163287

Sacramento, CA 95816-9287

Thank you in advance for your prompt payment. We really appreciate your support.

Annual Dues for 2012

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Address: _____

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Sponsor	\$100	_____	\$_____
Scholarship Donation			\$_____

Total enclosed \$_____