



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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March/April - 2012

Mark *Your* Calendars

March 29 – April 1, 2012 - 2012 SCA 46th Annual Meeting, San Diego, Town and Country Inn,
<http://scahome.org/index.html>

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

April 17, 2012 – Rocky Hill Exeter Rock Art Tour, Manuel Adrotti, Archaeological Conservancy, Exeter, CA

May 17, 18 or 19, 2012 – “Fort Ross – Russian American Company Era”, Dan Murley

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZA-BORREGO ARCHEOLOGICAL TOUR

including

The Colorado Desert Archaeology Society's 9th annual archaeology weekend



DEDICATION OF MORTEROS TRAIL

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

April 13- 16, 2012

Sacramento Archeological Society members will travel to the Colorado Desert to participate in the April 14th and 15th Archaeology Weekend in Borrego Springs, San Diego County. This promises to be a lot of fun as we will be hosted by the Colorado Desert Archaeological Society (CDAS) – a group that operates the Begole Archaeological Research Center and provides site steward patrols and guides for the largest state park in California – Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We will have the opportunity to visit several archaeological sites, get an insider's look at the Research Center, and participate in various activities and events for the weekend.

SAS Itinerary

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Drive to Borrego Springs (eastern San Diego County). *Host motel – Hacienda del Sol*, 610 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5442. <http://haciendadelsol-borrego.com/>

Friday, April 13, 2012

CDAS guided tour of archaeological sites in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We plan to visit the Clark Dry Lake petroglyphs in the morning and perhaps the Mine Canyon Kumeyaay village in the afternoon. The Clark Dry Lake tour involves a three mile round-trip guided hike to a rock art site at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains to view Petroglyphs. These are 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. A Kumeyaay winter village site is located about two miles up Mine [Canyon Wash Road](#). It is, replete with bedrock mortars which were used to grind foodstuffs by this nomadic band of Native Americans.

Friday evening SAS will host a mixer for the CDAS folks at the Hacienda del Sol.

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Archaeology Weekend activities at the Visitor's Center, ABDSP (Preliminary, subject to change)

Events:

- 9 - 4:30 **Silent Auctions** at the Begole Archaeological Research Center
- 9 - 4 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations** (Craft items for sale)
- 9:30 - 4 **Tours of the Archaeology Lab:** Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 9:30 - 3 **Kids Activities:** Fun table with archaeology crafts and games
- 10 - 3 **Display: Desert Plant Use by Native Americans: food, clothing, & medicine**
By ABDSP Volunteer Naturalist, Marge Hatcher.
- 10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques.
By Archaeology volunteer, Carol Black.
- 3 - 5:30 **Free Ice Cream Social:** Announcement of silent auction winning bids at 5:00 at Begole Archaeological Research Center

Lectures:

- 10 - 11 **"Archaeology Underwater: Explorations beyond the Shores of Time"** by John Foster, Senior State Archaeologist, California State Parks (Retired)
- 11- 12 **"Living on the Edge - The Sage Canyon Project in the West Mojave Southern Sierra Ecozone"** by Dr. Mark W. Allen - Professor of Anthropology, Department of Geography & Anthropology, Cal Poly Pomona
- 1 - 2 **"Organization & Elaboration of Mortuary Spaces within Hunter-Gatherer Settlement Systems in the Western Colorado Desert"** by Mariam Dahdul
- 2 - 3 **"Kumeyaay Ethnology"** by Mike Wilken
- 3 - 4 **"Optical Stimulated Luminescence Dating"** by Joan Schneider

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Archaeological Weekend activities and tours (Preliminary subject to change)

Events:

- 9 - 2:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations** (Craft items for sale)
- 9:30 -12 **Tours of the Archaeology Lab:** Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour
- 10-1:00 **Morteros Cultural Trail Dedication Ceremony in Blair Valley**
- 10-3:00 **Display - Desert Plant Use by Native Americans:** food, clothing, & medicine.
By: ABDSP Volunteer Naturalist, Marge Hatcher.
- 10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques
By Archaeology volunteer, Toni Kastelic (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
- 12-1:00 **Walk: Desert Drug Store** by ABDSP Certified Interpretive Guide, Abby Barker

Field Trips

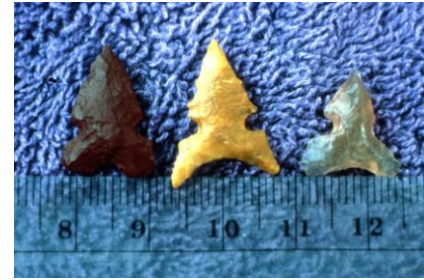
- 10-1:00 **Morteros (Ehmuu) Trail Dedication Ceremony**
- 2 - 4 Hike to Pictograph Rock and Smugglers village site.
- 2- 4 Hike to Butterfield Trail site by Chris Wray

Pre-registration and \$5.00 fee required for "Forgotten House" field trip. For reservations call ABF at 760/767-4063.
During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the ABF table in front of the Visitor's Center.

Monday, April 16, 2012

Depart Borrego Springs and drive to Exeter. *Host hotel: Best Western, Exeter.*

<http://www.bwexeterinn.com/index.asp>



1. sampsonbegolesm: Archaeologists examine the remains of a presumed house structure at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This park has over 5,000 recorded archaeological sites.
2. Cupples: Dimpled granite boulders mark the Mine Canyon village site in Anza-Borrego.
3. DSN pointism: The Begole Archaeological Research Center holds many artifacts from Anza-Borrego including Desert side-notched points.

THIS IS A SAS MEMBERS ONLY EVENT.

ROCKY HILL EXETER ROCK ART TOUR

By

Manuel Adrotti, Archaeological Conservancy
Exeter, CA

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

On Tuesday, April 17 Manuel Adrotti, from the Archaeological Conservancy will lead a two to three hour tour of Rocky Hill Exeter Pictographs. The Rocky Hill Exeter site belongs to the Conservancy. All of the Conservancy's archaeological sites are protected, and one cannot visit them without a guide. The artwork at Rocky Hill Exeter is awesome. Rocky Hill Exeter features some of the best examples of Southern Sierra style paintings in California. This is a great opportunity to view these ancient creations.



1. condorsm: A six-foot condor image painted on the roof of a shallow cavern at Exeter Rocky Hill.
2. largefiguresm: Exeter Rocky Hill features some of the best examples of Southern Sierra style paintings in California.
3. R07C20sm: A dramatic red figure from Exeter Rocky Hill.
4. Rocky Hill Exeter 022sm: A white mountain lion surrounded by other figures at Exeter Rocky Hill.

The tour will start at 9:30 from a "Whistle Stop" restaurant in town where we could have breakfast. There's about a mile of walking. Some parts of this tour are steep, one part in particular – the "caves" are really rocky overhangs on the hillside.

Since the tour is limited to 15 individuals, please contact John Foster at 916/967-6607 or parkarky@yahoo.com to reserve your spot. Please make your own lodging reservations. We are suggesting the Best Western motel, Exeter. After leaving Rocky Hill Exeter, we will all drive back home – or wherever else we're going! But this is the end of the SAS field trip.

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Recent Archaeological Activities

PREHISTORIC GREAT BASIN LECTURE

Field School exploration

By

2011 Scholarship Winner

Ellie Maniery

We wish to thank ‘**Ellie**’ **Maniery**, senior at University of Nevada, for her talk on her experiences on the Great Basin Field School on Sunday, January 15, 2012. Braving the extreme conditions of the Great Basin and enjoying the experience shows the dedication of this prospective archaeologist. President, John Foster also offered perspective on Clovis and pre-Clovis archeology. His presentations are always entertaining and informative.

Membership

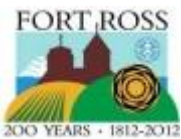
New Members

Welcome Mary and James Maniery as new sponsor members of the Society. Their positions as CEO and CFO in PAR Environmental Service, Inc. in Sacramento offer the Society a valued link to present day archaeological investigations.

Other Upcoming Events

Fort Ross Bicentennial

Retired State Parks Ranger Dan Murley will be sharing his stories on the natural influences made during the Russian American Company era. Notable scientists and ethnographers studied the northern areas of California making many contributions of value today. Please join Dan as he highlights this era, giving special attention to the sea otter, with images, hands on opportunities, and stories of this fascinating time in California.



May 17 - Dan Murley at the Golden Gate Club, Presidio, San Francisco from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

May 18 - Dan Murley at the Sonoma County Museum, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. SCM members \$8; non-SCM members \$10

May 19 - Dan Murley at Fort Ross from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For information on other bicentennial events refer to <http://fortrossinterpretive.org/events/>

Scholarship Corner

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Due May 1, 2012

The Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc. (SAS) is seeking applicants for one or more scholarships. **The total funds available are about \$1,400.** The scholarships may be in lesser amounts, so that more scholarships may be awarded. Should several worthy applications be received, funding in excess of \$1,400 may be available.

Scholarships will be considered in archeology and related fields for undergraduate and graduate students. Examples for which scholarships may be awarded, but are not limited to, the following:

- participation in a field school
- obsidian hydration dating
- a special project
- a special need for project related materials and/or equipment
- tuition for a field school

Requirements:

- Scholarship Application Form (see www.sacarcheology.org for form)
- An explanation of about 200 words that describes your proposal.
- An itemized budget
- One copy of your transcripts (need not be official, copy is OK)
- Two letters of recommendation

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Is the application complete?
2. Does proposal promote the training of archeologists?
3. Does proposal support the collection and dissemination of archeological data?
4. Does proposal promote accessibility of archeological data to the public?
5. Is it likely that the project will be completed in 12 months?

This year's deadline for applications is **May 1, 2012**. All application materials must be **postmarked** by this date. Successful applicants are expected to present their project results in a public presentation sponsored by SAS.

If you have questions, contact Jan Johansen, at janjohansen@sbcglobal.net or 707-682-6031. Please mail the completed application to:

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