



Sacramento Archeological Society, Inc.

Newsletter

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November/December - 2013

Mark Your Calendars

November 9, 2013, Saturday, 10:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. - “Native Literature Showcase”, State Indian Museum at 2618 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816.

November 16, 2013 – “Continuing Culture Skills Workshops”, State Indian Museum

10:00 to 12:00 **Soapstone Carving** with Al Striplen, Amah Mutsun Ohlone, **Indian Beadwork** with Helen Kawelo, Navajo

12:00 to 2:00 **Tule Doll Making** with Diana Almandariz, **Maidu/Wintun Cordage Making** with Melanie Loo, Docent

2:00 to 4:00 **Pine Nut Bead Making** with Dixie Rogers, **Karuk Clapstick Making** with Mike Maulhardt, Docent

November 23, 2013, 10:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. – “Native Film Festival”, State Indian Museum

November 29 and 30, 2013 -“Indian Arts and Crafts Holiday Fair”, State Indian Museum

December 7, 2013, Saturday, 4:00-8:00 P.M. – Annual Meeting with "Prehistoric Mounds in the Sacramento Delta", Christopher Corey, at Roger and Lydia Peake's home

January 9-19, 2014 - Maya of Yucatán and Calakmul, The Archaeological Conservancy

January 19, 2014– Sunday, 1:00-5:00 P.M. -Annual Scholar Symposium, Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Branch

February 13-23, 2014 - Guatemala Highlands and Copán, The Archaeological Conservancy

April 10, 2014 to April 15, 2014 – Flagstaff/Sedona Archeological Tour

May 1, 2014 Scholarship Applications due

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTO ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.'S ANNUAL MEETING

Featuring

"Prehistoric Mounds in the Sacramento Delta"

by

Christopher Corey, CA Archaeologist

Saturday, December 7, 2013

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at

Roger and Lydia Peake's home

2951 Redwood Ave.

West Sacramento, CA 95691

We are pleased to feature Christopher Corey, Associate California State Archaeologist as our speaker for the annual meeting. In his presentation, “Prehistoric Mounds in the Sacramento Delta” Christopher

will address the history and archaeology of the Sacramento Delta area and offer personal stories from his varied experience as a consultant and state archaeologist.

Christopher brings in depth archaeological experience. He graduated from University of Arizona with a major in anthropology and a minor in American Indian Studies and was employed by the National Park Service in Arizona as project manager on a wide variety of survey and testing projects. He returned to the California coast during lulls in projects with the National Park Service (NPS), and spent some time as an independent contractor in northern California. He worked at many locations, including Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, on various projects in San Luis Obispo, and at Fort Hunter-Liggett in southern Monterey County. As a result of the rampant development in the Central Valley, he worked in various locations in and around the Valley, including the oil fields west of Bakersfield, Fresno, Redding, and throughout the greater Sacramento area. He returned to NPS intermittently as projects got funded. Prior to his employment as an Associate State Archaeologist for State Parks which started in May 2007, he was employed as a Senior Archaeologist and Project Manager for a large environmental consulting firm with offices in Sacramento.

Prior to Christopher's presentation we will enjoy social interaction and "happy hour" and annual meeting starting. We ask attendees to bring their favorite dish to share and provide a suggested contribution of \$15 to our scholarship fund. The agenda for the event is as follows:

3:00 p.m. – Spirits and appetizers

3:30 p.m. – Annual business meeting including election of officers

4:30 p.m. – "Prehistoric Mounds in the Sacramento Delta", Christopher Corey

5:00 p.m. – Meal

Don't miss this annual event. We would love to expand our membership. Please bring prospective members.

Please RSVP by December 1 to Roger Peake at 916-371-6391 or rapeake@att.net.

ANNUAL SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM

By

2013 Scholarship Recipients

Heather Benham

Cassandra Brainard

Kyle Lee-Crossett

Antonietta Catanzariti

Allison Wolfe

Sunday, January 19, 2014

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

at

Yolo County Library, Arthur F. Turner Branch

1212 Merkley Avenue,

West Sacramento, CA 95691

In 2013 Sacramento Archeological Society awarded six scholarships to support archeological/anthropological education. One of the recipients was unable to use the award and returned it. The other five will be speaking on the experiences made possible by the scholarships.

- Heather Benham, California State University - 76 Draw Site field school near Deming, New Mexico. The excavation included a dense artifact scatter dating to Casas Grandes Medio period, 1130 – 1450 BP.
- Cassandra Brainard, California State University, Sacramento - Paleo-indian bison kill site in Oklahoma.
- Antonietta Catanzariti, University of California, Berkeley – Middle Bronze Age Ceramic Vessels and new excavation project in Iraq. With a special permission from the Director of the National Museum of Beirut Antonietta was able to performed XRF analysis on the ceramic vessels of Kamid el-Loz from the Middle Bronze Age. This study is part of her doctoral dissertation project. In addition she will report on a short survey in the western area of Sulemaniya in the Khurmali region in Iraq where she is developing her own excavation project.
- Kyle Lee-Crossett, Stanford University - Catalhoyuk Research Project in Turkey.
- Allison Wolfe, University of California, Berkeley - Zooarchaeology and Field Ecology Field School at Eagle Lake, CA.

Put January 19, 2014 on your calendar. These will be diversely interesting presentations.

ARIZONA ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIP

April 10 - 15, 2014

at

Flagstaff and Sedona, Arizona

This tour for Sacramento Archeological Society Members only will explore notable archeological sites in the Flagstaff and Sedona area. Archeologists who have investigated this area will lead us.

The tentative agenda for the field trip is

Thursday, April, 10 – Travel day

Day 1 - Friday, April 11 – Flagstaff area

A.M. Museum of Northern Arizona

P. M. Walnut Canyon National Monument (Archaic, Sinagua, Hopi)

Overnight: Flagstaff

Day 2 - Saturday, April 12

A.M. - Wupatki National Monument and Wuloki Pueblo - Before about A.D. 1150, this area remained a frontier between established groups of Sinagua, Cohonina, and Kayenta. Then in a warm and dry period, dense populations flourished in the Wupatki area. A ball court which is rare in northern Arizona is located at the Wupatki site.

P.M. - Sunset Crater - Sometime between 1040 and 1100 A.D. the crater was formed from an eruption. It is the most recent eruption in a volcanic landscape formed over six million years.

Overnight: Sedona

Day 3 – Sunday, April 13

A.M. – V-Bar-V Heritage Site with cliff dwellings and rock art (A.D. 900-1300) - More than 1000 petroglyphs have been identified on 13 panels. All rock art has been classified in the Beaver Creek style. (Site is open only Friday to Monday)

P.M. – Montezuma Well (part of the Montezuma Castle National Monument) - The “well” is a cenote (sinkhole) that is replenished with natural water flow of 1.5 million gallons per day. On the rim of the “well” are two cliff dwellings. The “well” is habitat for five unique species. A pit house ruin is location close by.

Montezuma Castle - This Sinagua site has been fully reconstructed. The Norn Sinagua are credited with above ground masonry dwellings when they moved into the Verde Valley about

A.D. 1125. The Southern Sinagua began building large pueblos often on hillsides or in cliffs. Montezuma Castle was abandoned in the early 1400's.

Overnight: Sedona

Day 4 – Monday, April 14

A.M. Palatki Heritage Site - Cliff dwellings of the Southern Sinagua (between A.D 1150 and 1300). A sister site, Honaki is near. At Palaki the exceptional pictograph panels include rock art.

P.M. Sedona. The area is known for red rock and formations, crystals, and vortices.

Overnight: Sedona or departure

Tuesday, April 15

Depart

Mark the dates. For more information contact Roger Peake at 916-371-6391 or rapeake@att.net.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY TOURS

5301 Central Ave. Ne Suite 902

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Maya of Yucatán and Calakmul

January 9-19, 2014

From A.D. 300 until A.D. 900, a brilliant culture flourished in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico – the Classic Maya. Accompanying us on our tour of some of their most splendid sites will be Cornell University's Dr. John Henderson, one of the nation's leading scholars of the Maya.

Guatemala Highlands and Copán

February 13-23, 2014

On our tour you'll experience a complete spectrum of history – from ancient Maya ruins to modern-day Maya cities. Our travels will take us from beautiful Lake Atitlán to the Honduran rainforest where we will visit Copán, considered the crown jewel of the southern Maya cities.

PAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Sacramento Archeological Society and Maidu Museum & Historical Site

IN CELEBRATION OF CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

REDISCOVERING AN ANCIENT HERITAGE

On Saturday, October 19 approximately 60 people visited the Maidu Historical Site and Museum for the events celebrating California Archaeology Month. The day started with museum staff conducting a regularly scheduled tour of the historical site. Later in the morning a special tour was led by Dan Foster, archeologist who surveyed the area as a potential preservation site. Dan talked about acorn processing and pointed out the resulting midden from heavy use in prehistoric times.

The afternoon was spent listening to lectures, “A World of Archeology - Discussions by Distinguished Speakers”

- Eric Bartelink -- CSU Chico -- “Bioarchaeological Insights into Health, Nutrition and Warfare in Prehistoric Central California” Eric presented research that explored diets and evidence of warfare in the San Francisco region and the Central Valley during precontact periods. He reported a decline in marine protein in the San Francisco region over the periods but no significant change in diet in the Central Valley. He also noted that the San Francisco region showed no evidence of declining health; whereas, the Central Valley experienced a decline. He concluded that diet did not seem to affect warfare in either region.
- Holley Moyes -- UC Merced – “Las Cuevas Archaeological Complex in Belize: Maya Cave and Surface Discoveries in the Shadow of Caracol”. Holley described her experience in Mayan caves and discussed caves as ritual spaces for Maya. The entrance to the cave is thought to be an entrance to the underworld. In a Mayan glyph the rain god, Chac is portrayed sitting in the entrance to a cave breathing smoke that turns into the prayed for rain.
- Al Striplen -- Amah Mutsun Ohlone – “Rediscovering and Relearning Heritage Traditions”. Al led us through his search for truth and healing by describing experiences with medicine men and “energy”.
- Jack Meyer -- Far Western – “Landscape Evolution and Chronology Building in Ancient California”. Jack presented landscape change arguments for the lack of early Holocene sites. Early sites in the Central Valley are mostly still buried.
- Georgia Fox -- CSU Chico – “The Betty's Hope Plantation Project: Insights into Archaeology and Conservation in Antigua”. Georgia presented the results of excavation of Betty’s Hope Plantation on Antigua. This ongoing field work has progressed from exploration of the great house, to the distillery and boiling house and now to the slave quarters.

A panel discussion on “First Native American Families of East Yolo exhibit” capped the day.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REFERENCES

“Talegas and Hoards: The Archaeological Signature of Contraband on a 1725 Spanish Merchant Vessel”, John W. Foster, Matthew J. Maus, Anna Rogers

The abstract from the article is:

“Nuestra Señora de Begoña, a Spanish merchant vessel bound from Caracas to Tenerife, was wrecked at la Caleta de Caucedo in the Dominican Republic in 1725. An investigation of the incident resulted in charges being brought against Captain Don leodoro Garces de Salazar and his conviction of silver smuggling. Contemporary salvage of the Begoña cargo was only partially successful, but some 21,000 pesos in silver were recovered including "six talegas found under the captain's bed." Only 8,761 pesos were registered as formal cargo. Archaeological testing at the site has begun to record further evidence of contraband. Two additional talegas (moneybags) have been recovered and a hoard of coins in the shape of a canvas bag or satchel. Silver dinnerware and the remnants of a wooden chest have also been recovered. !is paper describes the talegas and hoard and presents numismatic details recorded to date. !e Begoña’s archaeological signature of a contraband cargo is beginning to emerge.”

News article “**Stunning Skull Gives a Fresh Portrait of Early Humans**” and research article “A complete Skull from Dmanisi, Georgia, and the Evolutionary Biology of Early *Homo*” in Science (2013-10-18, Vol. 342 pp. 297-8 and 326-331) add new light to the evolution of humans.

The introduction article, “Stunning Skull Gives a Fresh Portrait of Early Humans” discusses controversy in human evolution as a result of the 2005 find in Dmanisi. At the site of four other skull finds David Lordkipanidze uncovers the most complete early homo skull. “Unfortunately” it features a protruding apelike upper jaw and a tiny braincase. “One scientist joked that ‘you should put it back in the ground’”. Instead after eight years of analysis the researchers date it back to about 1.8 million years ago and prefer to call it “early *homo*”. If the five skulls were found in Africa, they would be classified by their morphology in three different species—*H. erectus*, *H. habilis*, and *H rudolfensis*.

The abstract from the research article by David Lordkipanidze et. al. is:

“The site of Dmanisi, Georgia, has yield an impressive sample of hominid cranial and post cranial remains, documenting the presence of *Homo* outside Africa around 1,8 million years ago. Here we report on a new cranium from Dmanisi (D4500) that, together with the mandible (D2600), represents the world’s first completely preserved adult hominid skull from the early Pleistocene. D4500/D2600 combines a small braincase (546 cubic centimeters) with a large prognathic face and exhibits close morphological affinities with the earliest known *Homo* fossils from Africa. The Dmanisi sample, which now comprises five crania, provides direct evidence for wide morphological variation within and among early *Homo* paleodemes. This implies the existence of a single evolving lineage of early homo, with phylogeographic continuity across continents.”

In “Did the Denisovans Cross Wallace’s Line?” A. Cooper and C. B Stringer explore effects of the natural barriers of Wallace’s Line and Lydekker’s Line in Southeast Asia on the possible migration of ancient Denisovans. The modern and indigenous hunter-gather populations show no or very little Denisovan DNA west of Wallace’s Line, suggesting limited back migration from Wallacea. (Science 2013-10-18, Vol. 342 pp. 321-2.)

MEMBER’S NEWS

ELECTION OF 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the Annual Meeting the 2014 Board of Directors will be elected. Additional officer participation is always welcome. Please make recommendations to John Foster parkarky@yahoo.com. An early slate of the board is:

Candidate	Office	Candidate	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

Welcome new members in the last four months: W. James and Carol Barry; Marcelle Powers, student; Laura Roccucci, student; Karen Hinson, student; Nicole, Micheel and Sonia Zamora and Amy Penrose, student. Hope to see you all at the annual meeting.

Renewal of Annual Memberships

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 2014 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

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 2014

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Individual Membership	\$30	_____	\$_____
Family Membership	\$40	_____	\$_____
Sponsor	\$100	_____	\$_____
Scholarship Donation		_____	\$_____

Total enclosed \$_____

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