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COVER CONTEST! Name the archaeologists in the photo and win a prize! Email your best guesses to Denise Wills, scaoffice@scahome.org. The first person to name the archaeologists correctly will be awarded a FREE set of Collector’s Edition SCA coffee mugs. The winner will also be mentioned in the next SCA Newsletter.
President’s Column: Autumnal Equinox Update
C. Kristina Roper, President

I’m writing this column on the eve of the autumnal equinox. For the SCA, fall means it is time to get serious about the data sharing meetings. First up is the Southern California Data Sharing, hosted by Southern VP, Colleen Delaney-Rivera, on October 3 at Pomona College in Claremont. On October 17, Northern VP Jennifer Farquhar hosts the Northern Data Sharing at the USACE Bay Model Facility in Sausalito. We hope to have a full slate of presenters at both meetings and a packed audience. This is the perfect venue for a short spiel on your summer research project, field school, or whatever you are involved in.

Fall also means October is right around the corner which means Archaeology Month. I’ve harped on this in previous columns, but it is worth repeating that we need you - SCA members - to extol the virtues and joy of archaeology to the public. An engaged public is essential to the success of archaeological site protection and preservation! Contact Laura Leach Palm, SCA’s Archaeology Month Czarina, regarding any events you have planned in your community. Need Archaeology Month posters? We still have a few left; contact Denise Wills, SCA Executive Director.

Speaking of an engaged public, I had the pleasure of attending a California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) Volunteer Training Workshop last August at the Sequoia National Forest’s Hume Lake Ranger District office in Dunlap. CASSP Coordinators Chris and Beth Padon, with the assistance of USFS Archeologist Linn Gassaway, prepared an engaging agenda for the 13 participants, which included several members of the Sacramento Archaeological Society. I was surprised to learn of the extensive experience each participant brought to the workshop – we all learned a few things that day!

Native American monitor training is another effort the SCA has supported for many years. In August I participated as an instructor at the North Fork Rancheria’s Native American Monitor Training Workshop in eastern Madera County, attended the workshop. During the Q&A session that followed, important issues were raised by the workshop participants regarding topics ranging from tribal consultation to the need for stronger penalties for those whose actions result in the destruction of cultural properties.

The latter topic, increased penalties for site destruction, is one that is currently being pursued by SCA members Michael
Sampson and Susan Hector with the support of the SCA Executive Board. Specifically, is there an opportunity in California to formulate a legal context that mirrors the federal Archaeological Resources Protection ACT (ARPA)? Michael and Susan are currently seeking Assembly sponsorship for a bill to create a California ARPA. I expect that there will be extended discussions on this topic at the SCA Annual Meeting in Riverside next March.

Although March of 2010 seems far in the future, our 2010 Program Chair Georgia Fox and Local Arrangements Chair Gwyn Alcock are beginning in earnest to develop a program and events for the upcoming Annual Meeting. A call for papers recently went out to SCA members – please note the November 16 submission deadline and get your abstracts in! The SCA is fortunate to have many volunteers who spend countless hours helping to make the Annual Meeting a success. I hope we can count on many SCA members to give Georgia and Gwyn a hand next March!

A final note: The SCA Executive Board is considering contracting with ConferenceDirect to provide site selection and contract negotiation with future Annual Meeting venues. As attendance at the annual meetings has grown, it has become increasingly difficult to find conference facilities that can accommodate us, but also offer reasonable rates for facilities and lodging. The SCA Board will be discussing this topic and hopefully making a decision at our upcoming Board meeting in Riverside on October 2. If you would like to weigh in on this topic, or would simply like more information, please email me at kroper@widlblue.net.
The Bennyhoff Memorial Award
Submitted by Tom Origer

Students, now is the time to apply for research assistance! The James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award for 2010 is available to provide:

- Up to $1,000.00
- Up to 50 obsidian source identifications (donated by Richard Hughes, Geochemical Research Laboratory)
- Up to 100 obsidian hydration readings (donated by Origer’s Obsidian Laboratory)
- Up to four AMS dates (donated by CAMS Facility, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

To apply for the award, submit the following NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2010:

- A concise statement of your research problem (no more than 3 single-spaced pages)
- A budget (one page)
- A schedule for your project
- One letter of support from a faculty advisor
- Your resume (two pages maximum)

Additional Responsibilities for the winner:

- Attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for California Archaeology in Riverside. You will receive two free banquet tickets – one for you and one for your guest.
- Present your research at the Annual Meeting of the Society for California Archaeology 2011 in Rohnert Park, California

For more information or to submit your proposal, contact:

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Archaeology Month

Archaeology Needs You
Submitted by Adie Whitaker

A Word Problem for You:
Question: If every one of the 1,020 dues-paying members of the Society spent 1 hour during the month of October in a classroom, at the public library, or holding a company/academic department open house, and if each of these events drew 20 members of the public, and each one of them told four of the friends or relatives about it, how many people would we reach?

Answer: 102,000 people!!

Think Globally, Act Locally:
The SCA does not have the power to command compulsory viewings of archaeology talks by school children, or have a talk broadcast on all the major networks. That means that the board or one or two individual members do not have the ability to get the message out on a broad scale.

That leaves the task in our collective hands as California Archaeologists. Start small in your local community and understanding and interest in archaeology will grow around you.

Why is Outreach Important?
Not only does knowledge about archaeology enrich the lives and educations of the general public, but a connection with the archaeological record and an understanding of the importance of protecting archaeological resources may stop future and current pothunters in their tracks!

What Can You Do?
• Invite yourself to a 4th grade classroom to talk about California Indians and archaeology
• Give a talk at your local public library
• Bring artifacts for show and tell at a retirement community
• Host an open house of your academic department or firm laboratory
• Do a flintknapping demonstration at your local farmer’s market
• Introduce an archaeology-themed book to your reading group

What If You Don’t Know What to Do?
There are several on-line references that can help. Here are a few useful links:

The SCA homepage has a list of museums and other historical sites to choose from: www.scahome.org/about_ca_archaeology/index.html

The SAA’s public archaeology page is perhaps the best single resource: www.saa.org/publicftp/PUBLIC/home/home.html

If you participate please send us an email so we can track how many people we reach!

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**Committee Reports, continued**

**Archaeology Needs You, Continued**

**On-line Archaeology for Kids**

Caltrans:
www.dot.ca.gov/kids/

National Park Service:
www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/PUBLIC/kids/index.htm

The Society for Historical Archaeology provides a page about becoming a historic-period archaeologist:
www.sha.org/Futures/futures.htm

An Archaeology magazine for kids published in cooperation with the Archaeological Institute of America. The web site has features and many links to digs, museums, and explorations of the past:
www.digonsite.com/

The Community Archaeology Program sponsored by the Public Archaeology Facility at the State University of New York at Binghamton. This site has a good list of other website about archaeology:
www.binghamton.edu/cap/kidindex.html

A website about an archaeological dig at a farmstead in West Virginia:
www.kidsdigreed.com/

Sponsored by the City of Alexandria, Virginia Archaeology Museum:
oha.alexandriava.gov/archaeology/ar-kids.html

**Education Aids for Archaeology**

National Park Service Teachers Resources:
www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/PUBLIC/Teach.htm

Bureau of Land Management
Information for students and teachers including current exhibits with teacher resources and links to sites protected and managed by the BLM. This site is great also for doing activities involving biology, geography, and geology.
www.blm.gov/education/index.html

The education link on the Archaeological Institute of American website will serve as a primary resource for archaeological information and educational aids like study plans.
www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10260

The Smithsonian page for educators
www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/

The Smithsonian page for Archaeology Lesson Plans: Decoding the Past: The Work of Archaeologists:
www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/decoding_the_past/index.html

Smithsonian Department of Anthropology Outreach offers free teaching aids for anthropology and archaeology:
www.nmnh.si.edu/anthro/outreach/outrch1.html

This site provides links to all the archaeology resources available from the NPS on archaeology and anthropology including teaching aids, conservation and management of archaeological resources, research in the parks, and background on a number of historic and prehistoric American groups.
www.cr.nps.gov/archeology/

Teachers’ resources from the University of Binghamton:
www.binghamton.edu/cap/tchresource.html

Links to many magazine, societies, museums and more:
www.allarchaeology.com/
Archaeology Month

Activities
Submitted by Emily Anderson

Attention Sacramento Region Archaeologists!
The Discovery Museum Science & Space Center invites you to help them celebrate Archaeology Month 2009 by taking part in a “meet and greet” of teachers and families who participate in the Discovery Museum’s school-based archaeology education program. You can simply send a representative of your company, set up a display (last year’s SCA poster), or host an activity for kids.

The Discovery Museum’s activities will be Saturday, October 10, and Sunday, October 11 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. If interested, please contact:

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The current exhibit at the museum is called “Fly Me to the Moon.”
Liaison Reports

Legislative Liaison Report
Submitted by Stephen Bryne

Federal Legislation
H.R. 1612—Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009
Sponsor—Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ)

Status: This bill would amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service. The bill would provide the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce with more financial resources to recruit personnel, in particular at-risk youth, to train and carry out rehabilitation programs on federal lands. The legislation would update and expand the types of projects that would qualify for funding to specifically include cultural, historic, and archaeological resources. The Senate version of the bill, S. 1442, is pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2996—Interior and Environment Appropriations for FY2010
Sponsor—Rep. Dicks (D-WA)

Status: passed the full House June 26, 2009
The bill would fund the Department of Interior, the EPA, and related agencies for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009. Most of the major federal historic preservation programs are funded in this bill. The following is a breakdown of some of the preservation line items, with the difference from FY09 spending in parentheses:

- BLM cultural resources--$15.6 million (down $135 thousand)
- NPS cultural programs--$24.5 million (up $1.8 million)
- NPS Heritage Partnerships--$17.8 million (up $2.1 million)
- Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) SHPO--$46.5 million (up $4 million)
- HPF THPO--$8.0 million (up $1 million)
- HPF Save America's Treasures--$30.0 million (up $10 million)
- Preserve America--$6.17 million (up $6.17 million)
- USFS Recreation, Heritage, Wilderness-- $292.5 million (up $14.9 million)
- Advisory Council Historic Preservation--$5.9 million (up $410 thousand)
State Legislation
A.J.R. No. 3—Offshore Oil Drilling
Author—Nava

In case you missed it in the last legislative report, this resolution would request that Congress reinstate the federal offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium and communicates the Legislature’s opposition to the proposed expansion of oil and gas drilling off the Pacific Coast. It also expresses opposition to any federal energy policies and legislation that would weaken California's legitimate state role in situating energy facilities on state lands. The resolution notes that California's ocean waters are home to four important sanctuaries that are, by definition, areas of special conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, cultural, archaeological, scientific, educational, and aesthetic qualities and are particularly sensitive to the impacts of oil development.

S.B. 833—Changes to the Public Resources Code
Authors—Committee on Natural Resources and Water

This omnibus committee bill makes a number of substantive and nonsubstantive changes to existing provisions of the Public Resources Code, Government Code, and uncodified statutes. Among these changes, it specifies the information a property owner must record with a county recorder to protect sites of Native American remains: a description of the property, the property owner’s name, and the property owner’s signature.

Sources
Lindsay, David
2009 SAA Government Affairs Update, July 2009

Websites
http://thomas.loc.gov/
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov
The Society for American Archaeology News Report
Submitted by Arlene Garcia-Herbst

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Principles of Archaeological Ethics encourage all archaeologists to undertake public education and outreach, and to support the efforts of others in these activities. The Society provides a variety of resources to support these efforts.

The SAA Public Education Committee has created a Network of State Archaeology Education Coordinators. The California point of contact is Cameron Walker, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton (cwalker@fullerton.edu). Educators should contact Cameron for information about archaeology or contacting an archaeologist in their area.

Additionally, educators interested in incorporating archaeology content and skills into classroom instruction should check out lesson plans and activities for grades K-12 (http://tinyurl.com/nnyllq) created by educators in California and contributed to the SAA’s Archaeology for the Public (http://tinyurl.com/lu5f48) program. Other resources include selected archaeology project websites in the Pacific Western USA (http://tinyurl.com/nxpgjw), which focus primarily on historic California project websites. They include such diverse subjects as the Donner Party Archaeological Project (near Truckee, California) and a variety of projects focusing on Chinatowns throughout the state.

The Society hopes these materials provide educators in California with background information on archaeology as well as hands-on and interactive activities to introduce the fascinating field of archaeology to students of all ages.

Civic Engagement and Media Outreach at the President's House site, Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, PA, July, 2008. NPS Northeast Regional Archeologist Jed Levin speaks with visitors at the viewing platform constructed at the site while URS Cultural Heritage specialist Cheryl LaRoche guides a Fox Cable News production team as they broadcast a story live from on site. (Photo courtesy of P.L. Jeppson)
The Southern Data Sharing Meetings promise to be full of fun and interesting material. The meetings will be held Saturday, October 3, at Pomona College in Claremont, California. The presentations begin mid-morning (approximately 9 am) and continue until mid-afternoon, with a lunch break. The meetings will be in the Hahn Building, Room 101, on the Pomona College campus. Street parking is available in the adjacent area to the Hahn building. Plan to spend the night to take part in our numerous post-meeting festivities, which include a reception at the Pomona College Museum of Art with a private viewing of selected baskets from the Steffa Collection of Cahuilla baskets. Additional activities are to be announced.

Please contact southern vice-president Colleen Delaney-Rivera (colleen.delaney@csuci.edu) as soon as possible if you are interested in participating and sharing some new data with your colleagues. See the following links for information on event locations and local restaurants:

- Pomona College Museum of Art: http://www.pomona.edu/Museum/.
- Pomona College campus map: http://www.pomona.edu/tours/campusmap/home.shtml.
- The Claremont's Chamber of Commerce website: http://www.claremontchamber.org/. Under the Visit option are listings of local hotels and restaurants.

Please visit http://www.scahome.org/meetings_events/index.htm l#S_CA_Data_Sharing to download a map of the campus.
DATA SHARING MEETINGS, continued

Northern California Data Sharing Meeting

Date and time
October 17, 2009
Coffee Social: 8:00 am
Meeting: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Location
USACE Bay Model Facility, Sausalito
For a map, please visit
http://www.scahome.org/meetings_events/index.html
#N_CA_Data_Sharing

Lunch
Sausalito offers an array of restaurants for lunch, most requiring travel by car. For those who want to use the lunch break to explore the Bay Model facility, or simply want to enjoy the beautiful waterfront at the facility, we can arrange to have box lunches delivered (advanced order required). Please mark your selection on the form on the website (see link above), and remember to bring cash or check to make your purchase at the meeting.

After Party
After the meeting, folks are invited to head out to the Marin Headlands for appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dessert! Attendees will provide the entertainment, for sure! Please RSVP for the dinner so that we know how much food to prepare. The party will be held at the Fire Barracks (Building T-1034), located across from the north shore of Rodeo Lagoon, just east of Rodeo Beach.

The Fire Barracks is available for anyone interested in spending the night. Please fill out the form provided on the webpage link above to make your reservations because space is limited. Be prepared for a cozy, somewhat communal experience (i.e., bunk rooms) should you decide to stay over. More refined lodging can be found in nearby Sausalito or San Francisco. The barracks will also be available the Friday night before the Data Sharing to facilitate the meeting’s early start time.

We still need a few more presentations to round out the day. Please contact Jennifer Farquhar at jfarquhar@albionenvironmental.com if you would like to participate by giving a paper.

The USACE Bay Model Facility, Sausalito
President

Jennifer M. Farquhar, Albion Environmental, Inc., Santa Cruz

Education: M.A. Anthropology 2003, California State University, Sacramento; B.A. Anthropology 1989, University of California at Santa Cruz

Background: I have over 20 years experience in California archaeology, with additional training in Mexico and Belize. Currently, my research interest focuses on pre-historic lithic technology, specifically understanding the connection between technological organization and settlement strategies. Most of my experience has been in the private sector as a contract archaeologist, allowing me the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills ranging from directing field and laboratory projects, to managing cultural resource investigations under Section 106 of the NHPA and CEQA. I am currently a lecturer in the Anthropology Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where I teach courses in lithic technology. A long-standing member of the SCA, I currently serve the organization as Northern Vice President and Co-editor of the Newsletter. In 2007, I was the Local Arrangements Chair for the Annual Meeting in San Jose.

Position Statement: O.K….I admit it…I just cannot get enough of the SCA….they say the first step to recovery is admitting you have a problem.  Well, I’ve said it…but I must confess that I’m not quite ready for recovery….I’d like to throw my hat in for another few years.  So here goes….

My involvement in the SCA, first as Local Arrangements Chair, then as Northern Vice President has been an incredibly enriching experience, bringing me into touch with so many energetic, intelligent, and committed people, and broadening my understanding of issues that impact our discipline such as ethics and standards, education, outreach, and conservation.  It has truly been an honor to work with SCA Board over last few years, a time of significant change for the organization.

As you know, membership has more than doubled in the past few years; during this time the Board has begun to examine operations to accommodate the growing numbers, as well as to explore opportunities that accompany this growth, including Annual Meeting procedures, volunteer coordination, and Business Office operations. Some very important changes have come to the SCA during this time, including reorganization of the Business Office, establishment of our own professional journal, and transitioning to a digital format for both the Newsletter and Proceedings. Other projects, including development of an updated Strategic Plan, have yet to get off the ground. This effort is essential for providing for a strong, efficient, and relevant SCA. Another important task involves strengthening SCA’s role in improving professional standards and ethics in California archaeology. This issue has received more attention in recent months with the appointment of Christine McCollum as the Chair of the Professional Standards and Guidelines Committee, and the addition of a regular Newsletter column on this topic. These efforts can be augmented by strengthening the existing relationship between the SCA and the Archaeological Resources Committee (State Historical Resources Commission).

At this juncture, it is imperative that the Board guide the SCA in a direction that ensures success of new and existing programs, while moving to assess fundamental aspects of the organization such as financial stability, policy, and Board and meeting procedures, in order to provide a solid foundation to support the exciting developments we are now enjoying.

I think that my recent experience, both as a meeting planner and VP (spanning five presidents), places me in a position to do just that.

I appreciate your consideration.
Election 2010: Position Statements, continued

Northern Vice-President

Greg Collins, California State Parks

Education: I received a BA in Anthropology and Geography from Humboldt State University in 1998. Currently I am pursuing my MA in Anthropology at the California State University at Chico.

Background: I’ve been a professional archaeologist in California since 1999. Work experience ranges from the National Forest Service on the Lassen, Shasta-Trinity, and Mendocino National Forests; technician work with various private consulting firms throughout California and the Great Basin; Associate Environmental Planner, Archaeologist with Caltrans, District 4; and currently as an Associate State Archaeologist for California State Parks as the North Coast Redwoods District Archaeologist. Research interests include Zooarchaeology, GIS, Tribal Consultation, Cultural Resources Management, Cultural Resources Protection Law, and North Coastal California Archaeology and Ethnography.

Position Statement: As someone who has lived and worked in California my entire life, I would be honored to serve as your next Northern Vice President of the Society for California Archaeology.

Due to the current fiscal crisis, California is seeing its most trying times in decades. Through budget cuts, historic and prehistoric archaeological sites throughout California face a lack of protection by the closure of State Parks. Cuts in higher education are making it more difficult for students to pursue a career in archaeology and cultural resources management. We are at a unique crossroads where, as in the fledgling days of the SCA in the early 1970s, we as the stewards of California’s heritage have an obligation to make sure that archaeological sites receive the protection they deserve.

If elected as the Northern Vice President of the Society of California Archaeology, I would like to work closely with California archaeologists and Native California Indians through the SCA to promote revising California cultural resources protection laws to better shield archaeological sites from the damaging acts of looters and vandals.

Additionally, I pledge to bring awareness of cultural resources protection and stewardship by promoting the California Archaeological Site Stewardship and Protection program to encourage volunteers to help in the preservation of California’s heritage.

Lastly, I pledge to work with the SCA to be more inclusive of Native California Indians in the SCA to better protect their heritage, as they are our greatest allies in the protection, interpretation, research, and understanding of archaeology in California.

Patrick C. Riordan, California Dept of Parks and Recreation

Education: B.A. 2004, University of California at Chico

Background: Patrick has worked for several CRM firms around Sacramento. Currently Patrick is an Assistant State Archaeologist with California State Parks, Archaeology, History and Museums Division in West Sacramento. Patrick has recently founded The Sacramento Area Cultural Resources Alliance (SACRA), in an effort to advocate for the preservation and management of cultural resources in the Sacramento region

Position Statement: As a sixth-generation Californian, the preservation and study of California’s past is not just an act fueled by historic romanticism or an academic exercise. It’s personal. I remember first thinking about the past while on childhood fishing and hunting trips with my father in northern California. In the mid-day and early afternoon, Dad would bring us back to camp for lunch and we’d break out the Forest Service maps and plan out our afternoon expeditions. If we were at Eagle Lake, our expeditions would center around relocating the ice-caves that Ol’ Grandpa Spaulding used to store kegs of beer and other supplies for businesses in Susanville (we’ve yet to find them), or visiting “Indian Camps” that Dad’s great grandfather had shown him as a boy. The first time I was shown an “Indian Camp” and walked into the remains of a rock ring I was captivated by the possibilities of wondering who may have lived there.
Northern Vice-President, Patrick C. Riordan, Continued

and what life was like for them.

This childhood curiosity provided the catalyst that began a career in California Archaeology. Over the last five years I’ve been “in the trenches” on the front lines of the CRM industry and, fortunately, now find myself working for California Department of Parks and Recreation as an Assistant State Archaeologist. Some of the experiences of my career have left an indelible imprint upon how I view the current state of Cultural Resources Management. As a result, I began the Sacramento Area Cultural Resources Alliance (SACRA), a small group of Archaeologists, Native Americans, and concerned citizens dedicated to voicing concerns about the management of Cultural Resources within our community. SACRA has participated in the General Plan Update for the City of Sacramento and provides comments on environmental documents in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area. The impetus for starting SACRA came when I realized that there often was few, if any, public comments submitted addressing Cultural Resources for local projects. The environmental review process, democracy, and The Society for California Archaeology are all reliant upon public and membership involvement. And if they are to function successfully, we all have an obligation to be actively involved. It is this same dedication to involvement that now spurs my desire to seek the office of Secretary to the Executive Board of the Society for California Archaeology.

Adrian (Adie) Whitaker, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.


Background: Since graduating in June of 2008 with a Ph.D. from U.C. Davis, I have worked as a principal investigator/project director for Far Western. I spent my graduate career working at several sites in the Northwest corner of the state as part of four U.C. Davis field schools. While at U.C. Davis, I served as treasurer and then president of the Center for Archaeological Research at Davis (CARD) and as the de facto outreach coordinator for the department. Over the past year-plus, I have worked on CRM projects in the Central Sierra Nevada, the Bay Area, and the Sacramento Valley. My research interests broadly focus on prehistoric human ecology in California, specifically the role of humans in shaping prehistoric animal populations in the state. I am also interested in identifying archaeological correlates of linguistic movements during California prehistory. I have been a member of the SCA since 2002 and I have spent the last year serving as Secretary on the SCA executive board.

Position Statement: As Northern Vice-President it would be my goal to continue the program of positive changes which recent boards have made while pushing for increased participation in both data sharing and annual meetings, and in Archaeology Month. Having spent the past year on the Executive Board as Secretary, I would be able to smoothly transition into the role of Northern Vice-President and quickly begin to work on maintaining and improving the society. In addition, I have experience in coordinating outreach events, symposia, and speaker series which will aid me in the most important role of the Northern Vice-President—organizing the Northern Data Sharing Meetings.

The SCA has made tremendous strides in the past few years. The membership has grown, meeting attendance has been strong despite a faltering economy, and the quality and quantity of novel research published on the state’s archaeology has put California in the national spotlight. Additionally, we are well on our way to bringing the society fully into the digital age. As Northern V.P. I would work with the rest of the board to continue this transition towards producing accessible digital content for California archaeologists and the general public alike.

From my first exposure to archaeology as an undergraduate I have been dedicated to bringing archaeology to the general public. I have found that working with the general public, and children in particular is one of the most rewarding aspects of our profession. How many other professionals garner interest at a dinner party simply by stating their occupation? I believe that public outreach is integral
**Northern Vice-President,**  
Greg Collins, Continued

not only in producing future archaeologists, but in protecting the valuable cultural resources that are destroyed daily in the state. As a member of the board I would work to increase the reach and scope of public outreach through both the organization of Archaeology Month Activities on a larger scale, and through development of the public outreach page on the SCA website.

**Secretary**

Michelle C. Jerman, ICF Jones & Stokes, San Francisco

_Education:_ I received my BA in Anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 2000 and my MA in Anthropology with a Specialization in Historical Archaeology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA in 2005.

_Background:_ I am a Registered Professional Archaeologist since 2005 and also completed a field school (survey and excavation courses) through the Cabrillo College Archaeology Technology program in 2000. I have almost 10 years experience in California archaeology with additional training in Virginia and Bermuda. The bulk of my experience has been in the private sector working as a contract archaeologist. I started my career in 1998 as an intern for the National Park Service working for the National Register in Washington, D.C. I returned to California in 2001 to complete my MA thesis research, where I begin working as a field and laboratory technician for Pacific Legacy, Inc. I currently hold the position of Senior Archaeology/Project Manager for ICF Jones & Stokes. My research interests include Spanish Colonial history and archaeology, zooarchaeology, military history, and urban archaeology.

_Position Statement:_ Organization, accuracy, timely dissemination of information, and clear communication are vital to the success of the SCA. It is my goal to assist the SCA with these efforts by serving as Secretary. I have been an active member of the SCA since 2002 and feel that it is time to expand my involvement by running for office. My experience working within the realm of cultural resources management over the years has involved managing projects, budgets, and staff, authoring technical reports, and attending various meetings. I have published articles in several academic journals and have experience in publishing, layouts, and design. I also have experience working with a variety of people including archaeologists, planners, engineers, and developers. The result of my varied experience is my ability to work well with people, enthusiasm to be part of a team, and my excellent organizational skills. The office of SCA Secretary is very important and I am motivated and eager to tackle the responsibility of the position. I believe my ability to both communicate and listen will make me a flexible and reliable secretary. I also think that my skills as a writer and familiarity with cultural resources practices and laws are well suited to the position. I hope to innovate and expand the role of the SCA Secretary position throughout my term. Please allow me to bring my experience to the table and serve as SCA Secretary for the upcoming term. Thank you for your consideration.

Christine L. McCollum, Cultural Resources Specialist, Ecology and Environment, Inc., San Francisco

_Education:_ B.A. Anthropology 2002, University of California, Davis

_Background:_ For nearly 10 years I have been involved with the Society, first as a student member and volunteer, most recently as the Chair of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee. My professional background has taken me from California to Virginia, with a focus on prehistoric archaeology. I currently work with federal, state, and local agencies, and private clients, to perform such work as cultural resources impact evaluations and regulatory compliance reviews which affords me the opportunity to work with specialists from various backgrounds. I find my position most fulfilling when I can help others better understand and appreciate archaeology.


**Secretary,**
Christine L. McCollum, Continued

*Position Statement:* As Secretary, I will continue adhering to the mission of the Society by supporting membership and helping to increase public appreciation and support of California archaeology. I will achieve these goals by recording and disseminating unbiased, accurate reports from the Society’s functions, and will ensure that all appropriate excerpts are published in the Society's *Newsletter*. I am no stranger to supporting the Society’s mission. As Chair of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee I have introduced a column in the *Newsletter* focused on the subject. As Secretary, I will continue to concentrate on promoting discussions of professional standards and ethics issues affecting California archaeologists.

At the 2009 Annual Meeting in Modesto I served as Registration Coordinator, a role that allowed me a glimpse into the level of organization SCA Executive Director Denise Wills requires to keep the Society functioning successfully. For the upcoming Northern Data Sharing Meeting in Sausalito, I am supporting Northern VP Jennifer Farquhar with coordinating the event (hint: it’s going to be terrific). Jennifer makes the work seem like a breeze- a quality indicative of a good officer. Another experience that inspired my decision to support the Society as Secretary was working with current SCA Secretary Adie Whitaker at this year’s Executive Board meeting in Chico. Adie showed me how a good Secretary performs the role while offering ideas and suggestions to improve the quality and efficiency of the Society.

I would be honored to continue supporting the Society and the dedicated Executive Board as Secretary and appreciate your time and consideration while reviewing this position statement. See you at the Northern Data Sharing Meeting in Sausalito next month!

Voting packages will be mailed to SCA members in October.

There will also be a voting option on-line at www.scahome.org.

Stay tuned!
Historic-Period CRM in California: Reconsidering the Two Thresholds
Submitted by Don Laylander

Two thresholds are critical for dealing with the physical remnants of California’s past within a Cultural Resource Management (CRM) context. The thresholds are worthiness of being formally recorded within the California Historical Resources Inventory System (CHRIS), and worthiness of being recognized as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). I’d suggest that our current practices with respect to historic-period remains frequently set those thresholds substantially too low.

What is a cultural resource? By definition, the word “resource” designates something with a recognized potential use. Physical residues from the past, even if they possess antiquity, pristine condition, and historical associations, may not have any realistic potential uses, and therefore they may not be resources, properly speaking. I’d argue that our historic-period cultural resources have two types of potential uses: for research, to reveal significant new information about the past; and for public interpretation, to explain the past or to bring it to life for an audience. Without some realistic potential for being used in one or both of those ways, artifact scatters, features, or other remains aren’t really cultural resources.

CRM involves two different kinds of resources. There are the resources it’s in business to protect, and there are the resources it marshals in order to accomplish that job. CRM’s tools include the professional expertise and effort expended to record, archive, and evaluate information about cultural resources; the funding used to support this work, which is usually either provided directly by or mandated by the public; and the political support needed to impose restrictions on development projects, in order to protect cultural resources. Like the cultural resources themselves, these operational resources are finite. It’s important that they be husbanded intelligently, and not squandered.

The First Threshold: Recordability
The 50-year rule imposes an arbitrary (but probably reasonable) threshold, suggesting that, in most cases, remains must be at least 50 years old to be considered seriously as possible cultural resources. However, the 50-year rule, which may make sense as a necessary criterion for recordability, is frequently treated as a sufficient criterion for recordability. As the 50-year time horizon has moved into and through the 1950s, with their nearly ubiquitous physical traces scattered throughout our landscapes, the recordation of all such remains has moved from being merely burdensome to becoming ridiculous.

In addition to consuming professional effort and money, this over-recording of “resources” is taxing the CHRIS. Filing cabinets are becoming stuffed with essentially useless paperwork, inventory maps at the Information Centers are becoming cramped and illegible, and serious research using CHRIS records is being inhibited by the necessity of sifting through masses of the trivial. A substantial share of the blame for this situation must go to the formal records sometimes prepared for isolated prehistoric flakes or potsherds, but the records for historic-period trash scatters and linear features are also contributing significantly to it.
It might be suggested that, as a prehistorian, I’m applying a biased double standard to recording prehistoric and historic-period remains. I do favor the recording of small prehistoric artifact scatters and isolated milling features, yet not small, unassociated historic-period artifact scatters or undistinguished roads, canals, and other features. The differences between the two cases have to do with (1) the potential value of the distributional information, (2) the redundancy of the information, and (3) the “tip-of-the-iceberg” effect. The geographical distribution of particular kinds of prehistoric sites, features, artifacts, and other remains is potentially a crucial set of information for research into prehistoric events and lifeways. For this reason, formal CHRIS recordation of these remains is a valuable contribution, even if the individual sites may not have any further research potential beyond this initial documentation. In contrast, accumulating records on the distribution of 1950s can scatters, for instance, has no potential to make a significant contribution to our understanding of the history of California during that decade.

In almost all cases, making formal records is the only way to permanently preserve any information about prehistoric remains that may be destroyed by development. In many cases, information about historic features and sites is already well preserved in graphic or written form, without any contribution from CRM. In some cases, CRM fieldwork may be able to provide some additional details concerning otherwise-documented historic remains, but it’s fair to ask, in each case, whether the additional field observations are really significant for history, or only trivial.

Most (but not all) prehistoric surface manifestations have some potential to mark the locations of more substantial and interesting subsurface elements -- the “tip of the iceberg” effect. Recording such sites is a necessary first step toward testing for this subsurface potential, if circumstances warrant doing so. Fewer historic-period surface sites have any realistic potential to conceal important subsurface components, and this potential is usually more easily assessed by surface observations alone than is true at prehistoric sites.

Modest Proposal #1: that, as partial remedies to the problems discussed above, formal CHRIS recordation be discontinued in the cases of (a) small, post-1860 trash scatters that lack evident interpretable contexts, and (b) segments of historic-period linear features (such as roads, railroads, aqueducts, irrigation systems, and transmission lines) that are already documented in existing maps and written records.

The Second Threshold: Eligibility
The purpose of NRHP and CRHR eligibility, at least within a CRM context, isn’t commemorative, that is, the granting of an honorary recognition of historical importance. It’s managerial, representing a decision that a site or feature merits further consideration in the context of planning for a project that may alter or destroy it. That means that the physical remnants ought to be evaluated specifically as a resource.

I’d invoke two experiences concerning the Owens Valley Aqueduct. It’s undeniable that the creation of this aqueduct was an episode of the first importance in the early twentieth-century history of California. But to what extent do the various existing physical elements of the aqueduct constitute cultural resources, and how should they be managed?

One case concerned Alabama Gates, a feature of the aqueduct near Lone Pine. In November 1924, Alabama Gates was the scene of a confrontation between hundreds of Owens Valley residents and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The episode was certainly pivotal in local history, and arguably it was also a landmark in the evolution of...
statewide water rights and environmental concerns. The gates, as they exist today, are clearly recognizable in 1924 photographs. However, because some subsequent modifications of them had occurred, Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff concluded that the feature lacked integrity and therefore wasn’t an element contributing to the aqueduct’s NRHP eligibility, and consequently that it wouldn’t merit preservation. That judgment might have made sense if the feature were being evaluated as a work of art. But it seemed to me that the supposed loss of integrity had done nothing to seriously diminish the potential value of the feature as a resource for evoking history for the public.

In the second case, Caltrans proposed to construct a highway alignment across an undistinguished segment of the aqueduct’s 233-mile course. No one suggested that this particular segment possessed any significant potential either for research or for public interpretation. The highway project wasn’t even going to touch the aqueduct physically. Still, I sat through a meeting in which OHP staff and the Caltrans engineer haggled over exactly how close to the NRHP-eligible aqueduct it would be allowable to place the highway bridge footings. I don’t think this was a good use of CRM’s resources.

For segments of linear infrastructure features that are older than 50 years and that retain good physical integrity, the critical question shouldn’t be whether or not they played a significant role in regional or local development (almost invariably, they did), but whether their preservation would significantly serve the interests of history (usually, it wouldn’t).

Modest Proposal #2: that, in addition to the explicit NRHP and CRHR eligibility criteria, the implicit criterion of potential usefulness as a resource, either for research or for public interpretation, be recognized, and that it be clearly addressed in making eligibility proposals.

**Conclusion**

It’s not my intention to belittle the potential contributions to history from historical archaeology and historic preservation in California, which are considerable. But maybe we need to reconsider whether some of our existing practices are making effective use of CRM’s limited resources to realize that potential, or whether too often we’re just wallowing in bureaucratically mandated trivia.
SCA Calendar of Events

Submitted by Stella D’Oro

Upcoming Events:


October 3, 2009.
SCA Southern Data Sharing Meeting.
Pomona College, Claremont.
For more information contact Southern Vice President: colleen.delaney@csuci.edu

October 17, 2009.
SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting.
USACE Bay Model Facility, Sausalito.
For more information contact Northern Vice President: jfarquhar@albionenvironmental.com

October 24, 2009.
“This is Your Life, Jay von Werlhof: A Symposium Honoring His Nearly Forty Years of Anthropological Contributions in California’s Deserts”
Imperial Valley College Museum, Ocotillo, California. Papers, talks, stories and Presentations are being solicited.
For more information contact Russell Kaldenberg: rkaldenberg@asmaffiliates.com

October 30-31, 2009.
Desertlands/Sacred Lands Conference
UCR Palm Desert Graduate Center
This conference is to promote the appreciation of local desert landscapes, including their natural and cultural heritage sites, areas, and resources. For more information contact (619) 825-9101 or NALC_Conference@cox.net

Future Annual Meetings:

December 2-6, 2009.

January 6-9, 2010
Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) Annual Meeting will be held at Amelia Island Plantation near Jacksonville, FL. Website: http://www.sha.org/about/conferences/2010.cfm

March 17-20, 2010
The SCA Annual Meeting will be held in Riverside.

April 14-18, 2010
SAA’s 75th Anniversary Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri.

May 5-8, 2010
Society of Ethnobiology. 33rd Annual Conference. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

August 23-28, 2010
The International Council for Archaeozoology International Conference. Museum National d’Histoire Naturelle and Pierre Et Marie Curie University in Paris, France. For information: Jean-Denis Vigne, vigne@mnhn.fr; Please write “ICAZ2010” in the subject heading.

March 30-April 3, 2011
76th SAA Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA.

November 7-8, 2009
Prehistoric Milling Sites Conference
This is a County Planning Department and Parks District sponsored two-day conference focusing on prehistoric milling sites within Riverside County. The conference will be held at the Idyllwild Nature Center. Please contact Leslie Mouriquand at lmouriqu@rctlma.org or at crmlady@aol.com for more information.
APPENDIX A:

ANNUAL MEETING SESSION AND PARTICIPATION FORMS
2010 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS

Submissions of symposia, forums, workshops, and contributed papers or posters for the 2010 Annual Meeting are now being accepted. The meeting will be held at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA, March 17-20, 2010.

Forms and detailed instructions for submissions of abstracts and other information for organized or individual contributions to the program can be found in the Meetings section of the SCA website at http://www.scahome.org/. The deadline for submissions is November 16, 2009.

All submissions must be made via e-mail using the program forms, as this will greatly expedite program preparation and minimize data processing errors. As noted in the online instructions, organizers of symposia or forums should plan on submitting data for all participants in their session as one package. A 15-minute time slot will be allocated for each paper, so organized symposia should have a minimum of four and a maximum of 14 presentations. Forums and workshops allow for more time and participant flexibility, but should fit comfortably within blocks of time commensurate with symposia. To minimize scheduling conflicts, individuals are limited to two presentations at the Annual Meeting. Also remember that professionals and students contributing to the program must be SCA members in good standing, so 2010 membership will be verified in January prior to inclusion of any participant in the program. If you have questions about, or anticipated special needs for, a symposium, forum, or workshop you intend to propose, please contact Program Chair Georgia Fox via email at gfox@csuchico.edu.

More details on meeting events and proposed symposia will be available in the next Newsletter, upcoming SCA Newsflashes, and meeting registration packets. Keep in mind that if you would like your symposium or forum mentioned in the Annual Meeting update in the next Newsletter, your submission must be received before the November 20, 2009, Newsletter deadline.

2010 PLENARY SESSION

Forging New Frontiers: The Curation Crisis, Stewardship, and Cultural Heritage Management in California Archaeology

The Plenary Session for 2010 will focus on current and ongoing curation concerns in California cultural heritage management, and seeks to continue the dialogue on these important issues. The Call for Papers also encourages symposia, sessions, papers, and posters on collections, conservation, and cultural heritage concerns and Native American participation on these topics.
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# 2010 SCA Annual Meeting Participant Submission Form

**Submission Deadline: November 16, 2009**

Complete form electronically, save file as “Abstract Submission [Last Name]”, and submit via e-mail to Georgia Fox at gfox@csuchico.edu; include “Abstract Submission [Last Name]” in the e-mail subject line.

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