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On the cover: The participants in the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program workshop at the Six Rivers National Forest in Eureka posed for this group photo at the end of the training. Photo courtesy Beth and Chris Padon, September 2012.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Michael Newland, President

Even though our colleges and universities send their students to field schools across the state during the summer, fall is arguably the busiest time in California archaeology. By the first of October, the state and federal fiscal years have started, and the planners of a wide range of groundbreaking activities have begun to train one eye on the pending winter weather. October is California Archaeology Month. It coincides with teaching California indigenous history in the fourth-grade curriculum. Every year archaeologists and museum staff from around the state put on demonstrations, give talks to schools, and offer a wide range of events. Increasingly, colleges and universities are unable to offer field schools. Others wish to supplement their existing course load with new experiences through field courses during the academic year and internships. We've all snuck out of our offices and labs to hike through the dry grasses and hard-packed dirt trails and roads, and experience the spicy fall smells of the oak, bay, eucalyptus, and pine. Each time we do, we're reminded that this is the best time of the year in California, and that this is the best job in the world.

This fall was no exception—many of you participated in one of the data-sharing events, and nearly 90 volunteers participated in the fall Climate Change survey in Marin County. We surveyed more than 30 miles, recorded more than 20 new sites and revisited another 30, and walked across two national parks and two state parks. It was a monumental effort, certainly the biggest volunteer project in recent memory around here. There's a nice write-up of the project on KQED's website <http://blogs.kqed.org/newsfix/2012/11/20/what-will-climate-change-do-to-our-past/> that is making the rounds in

the archaeological community. We've had inquiries from agency archaeologists in Washington State about helping plan similar efforts there, and in February I'll be sitting on a panel on behalf of the Society at a symposium for National Park Service planning on climate change and cultural resources. Our efforts in Marin will continue through 2013, and will get off the ground in San Diego County, courtesy of coordinator Jill Gardner. It is my sincere hope that California brings this issue to national awareness and helps launch such studies across the country. I'll be presenting on this at the Plenary Session at our Annual Meeting in Berkeley, and I highly encourage everyone to attend and see where things are heading.

October also marked the memorial for David Fredrickson, who passed away in August. In an unfortunate coincidence, the Northern California Data Sharing Meeting was on the same day as the memorial. I want to personally thank Breck Parkman for giving such a warm overview of Dave's life and what he brought to California archaeology at the Data Sharing Meeting. Looking out over the audience, I saw many new faces, students from a number of different universities, most of whom probably never got the chance to meet Dave. I wish I could have been at both events; for those at the memorial, rest assured that Dave was in our thoughts at the Data Sharing Meeting, and we remembered him there as well. In September, the SCA Executive Board voted to rename the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award the David A. Fredrickson Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor that only begins to acknowledge his contribution to our field.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTINUED

President's Column, Continued

This past October also saw a truly heinous crime committed on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property near Bishop. In the worst act of vandalism ever seen on the Bishop office's lands, thieves cut out petroglyph elements from one of the large complexes that border the valley floor. I spoke with Bishop Paiute Tribal Preservation Officer Raymond Andrews about the loss. Not only was one of their more sacred areas defaced, the damage and vandalism caused to the property may result in that location being permanently closed to vehicle traffic, which in turn means that tribal elders who cannot walk to this location may no longer be able to visit. The BLM is offering a cash reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves; the loss to the tribe, however, cannot be measured in dollars. I strongly urge all of our members to look for similar vandalism at sites in this region and report it immediately. The thefts were first reported by California Archaeological Site Stewardship-trained stewards; this is another example of the success of this excellent program. Let's catch these guys and throw them in prison. The SCA is committed to bringing these thieves to justice; the SCA Executive



Board voted to donate \$1,000 dollars to the reward fund on behalf of the society.

Finally, the Annual Meeting is right around the corner. I was able to attend both Data Sharing Meetings and the INAH conference this year, and all were amazing events. There are legions of interesting studies under way in our part of the world. My hat is off to Arlene Garcia-Herbst and Greg Collins for the fantastic Data Sharing Meetings and to Julia Bendimez for the warm reception we received in Mexico City. For those heading to our Annual Meeting, I highly recommend that you register EARLY and book your hotel rooms. My

understanding is that there is another conference in town that weekend, and hotels all over the city are booking fast—we secured a conference rate at a nearby hotel to accommodate the overflow. In my discussions with Liz Clevenger and Michelle St. Clair regarding planning, our itinerary for the conference is packed with papers. This is going to be a huge meeting, and we're going to take over the hotel—consider that an invitation to come join us and a warning not to dally in making reservations!

See you all in March,
Mike Newland 🍷

SCA PROCEEDINGS

The 2012 volume of the SCA's annual *Proceedings* has now been published online. The new volume contains 298 pages and 28 contributed articles covering a wide variety of topics from last spring's annual meeting.

To access the Table of Contents, with links to the articles, go to <http://www.scahome.org/publications/proceedings/Proceedings.26Title%20Contents.pdf>.

To access the indices by volume, region, author, and topic for all 26 volumes of the *Proceedings*, go to <http://www.scahome.org/publications/>.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greetings from the Pasqual Valley!

Submitted by Annemarie Cox, Archaeology Month Representative

When faced with a newsletter submission deadline, a sleepless night can descend upon the unprepared. Thank goodness that does not describe me. I am ready for the challenge. I have talking points; several, in fact.

- On behalf of the San Diego Archaeological Center, a big thanks to the Society for California Archaeology for the generous funding of California Archaeology Month outreach materials. The Center receives numerous requests to deliver archaeological programming during California Archaeology Month. Text panels, activity sheets, and flyers are not covered by program fees. This contribution covered necessary expenses.
- As co-chair of California Archaeology Month, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Stella D'Oro, SCA webmaster. It became a personal goal carried over from 2011 to seek out and increase the number of events listed for October 2012. Stella was with me the entire way. Although she was in the field for several days leading up to and during October, Stella never failed to post immediately upon her return home.
- A rose to the Southern California Data Sharing Committee. Once again, the Mission Statement was promoted to the public through the Center's award-winning exhibits, public programs, and nationally recognized research projects. The beautiful day gave attendees an opportunity to hear well-prepared speakers, enjoy a delicious lunch and delightful Hawaiian entertainment, and hang out with new friends and old colleagues. Or was it old friends and new colleagues? Either way, I hope you enjoyed the San Diego Archaeological Center and the Southern California Data Sharing Meeting. 🌻

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COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

CASSP Committee Report

Submitted by Beth and Chris Padon

On September 15 and 16, CASSP conducted an initial volunteer training in Eureka for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Six Rivers National Forest. Julie Burcell, Heritage Resource Program Manager, and Anya Rardin, District Archaeologist for Smith River Natural Resource Area, hosted this workshop. Supervisor of this Forest, Tyrone Kelley, welcomed the workshop participants and shared some of his personal experiences with cultural resources. Janet Eidsness, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Blue Lake Rancheria, discussed Native American concerns and emphasized how important site stewardship is to the Native American community. USFS archaeologists Matthew Miller and Brandy Clark provided assistance before, during, and after the workshop.



Janet Eidsness, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Blue Lake Rancheria, spoke during the Saturday classroom session of the workshop. (Photo courtesy Beth and Don Padon.)

On the Sunday field trip, Julie, Anya, Matthew, and Brandy led the volunteers to an archaeological site consisting of both prehistoric and historic components. Each archaeologist led a team of volunteers to examine different sections of this extensive site. The field experience focused on how the volunteers can assist in describing and documenting site conditions, and everyone had a chance to practice filling out the site visit form. Thanks to all who participated in this successful and informative workshop.



At the start of the Sunday field trip, before we broke into smaller groups, Julie Burcell, Heritage Resource Program Manager, summarized known information about the site.

CASSP for 2011–2012

Thank you. Thank you. We can't say thank you enough to the many site stewards and participating agency archaeologists who helped make the volunteer match for 2011–2012 grant. This Off-Highway Motor Vehicular Recreation (OHMVR) Division grant stipulated \$3 of volunteer time for each \$1 of the grant. The site stewards exceeded this goal. To date, more than 250 CASSP volunteers have reported 15,437 volunteer hours.

Many site stewards are visiting multiple sites and providing additional help to their agency archaeologists with site surveys, review of damage to cultural resources, management of interpretative centers, and archival information for archaeological sites. Other site stewards also participate in archaeological fieldwork and contribute important information about site conditions with a minimum of supervision. It is wonderful to have so many talented people actively support the preservation of cultural resources. They definitely make a difference. Thanks to all.

CASSP for 2012-2013

CASSP was awarded a California State Parks OHMVR Division grant for 2012–2013. We greatly appreciate the continued financial support for site stewardship by the OHMVR Division of California State Parks and Recreation. As in previous years, this grant will fund volunteer training workshops at offices of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USFS. We ask BLM and USFS archaeologists who would like to host a CASSP workshop to contact us at (562) 427-3474 or by e-mail at bpadon@discoveryworks.com. And if you want to attend a training workshop, please also contact us so that we can better select workshop locations. More information about CASSP and about the roles of agency archaeologists and volunteers can be found on the CASSP website, www.cassp.org.



COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

Grants and Fundraising Report

Submitted by Richard Olsen

As a long-standing SCA member (29 years!), I am pleased to serve as the 2012-2013 Grants and Fundraising Chairperson, and to donate my time to support our professional organization. I would like to take this opportunity to remind the membership of just how important it is to continue to financially support our Society during this economic downturn. While we are all experiencing tough fiscal challenges at home and at work, we urgently need to continue to keep the SCA financially solvent.



Richard Olsen. (Photograph courtesy of Richard Olsen, 2011.)

The Society has numerous long-standing programs that need annual funding to keep going, some examples being:

- The Native American Programs Committee, which includes the California Indian Sponsorship Program;
- The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP), which sponsors training workshops throughout the state; and,
- The James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award

Also, without the generous donation and support of volunteer time and underwriter money, the SCA would have a very difficult time putting on our Annual Meeting, year after year. I am appreciative of your generous donations of time and money that helped make this year's 46th Annual Meeting in San Diego such a success. I am looking for individuals and corporations to "step up to the plate" once again for our 2013 Annual Meeting to be held in Berkley. March is just around the corner, so I would love to see your tax deductible donations start to come in as soon as possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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DATA SHARING MEETINGS

2012 Northern Data Sharing Meeting

Submitted by Greg Collins, Northern Vice-President



The Red Barn, site of the Northern Data Sharing Meetings. (Photo courtesy Greg Collins.)

Continuing the tradition of hosting the meeting at our illustrious northern California parks, the Northern Data Sharing Meeting was held on October 6, 2012 in the Red Barn Classroom at Point Reyes National Seashore. Roughly 80 participants and their families made the journey to the coast for a weekend of camping, archaeological discussion, and volunteer survey of portions of Point Reyes National Seashore. The program included 15 presentations on a variety of topics and issues relevant to California archaeology, and presenters were drawn from academia, cultural resources management firms, private consultants, and tribes. There were SCA members in attendance from all over the north state including large groups of students from Sonoma State University and Chico State.

After gorging on organic coffee and delicious pastries from the Bovine Bakery the meeting opened with words of welcome from Mark Rudo, regional archaeologist for the National Park Service, Pacific West Region. The group was then welcomed to Coast Miwok ancestral territory by Nick Tipon of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. After a brief discussion of SCA business, Mike Newland gave a few words of respect for the recent passing of David Fredrickson which segued into Breck Parkman of California State Parks sharing a series of personal stories about David and Vera Mae and how Dr. Fredrickson influenced how we practice archaeology in California today.

We then began the program with a series of talks on current research along the northern California coastline with a presentation on current research at MacKerricher State Park by UC Davis graduate student Darren Andolina. Erin Chiniewicz from Humboldt State University discussed a case-study on the effects of projected sea-level rise on coastal archaeology at Tolowa Dunes

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DATA SHARING MEETINGS, CONTINUED

2012 Northern Data Sharing Meetings, continued

State Park in Del Norte County. Also discussing research in Del Norte County, Shannon Tushingam from Elk Valley Rancheria and UC Davis presented recent data on hunter-gatherer organization at the Point St. George sites.

Mixing things up a bit, the next two presentations on the historic landscape were focused, with the first discussion led by Steve Hilton from California State Parks. Steve outlined his work at Empire Mine State Historic Park and managing a heritage landscapes during toxic remediation. The second of this series was presented by Point Reyes National Seashore park archaeologist Paul Engel, who explained his thesis work at the Snook Cabin Site.

Before breaking for a delicious lunch catered by Perry's Deli in nearby Inverness, Mark Hylkema from California State Parks led a lively talk on the recent excavation of a mammoth skeleton that was unearthed with Dan Cleary of Foothill College during farming activities near Castroville.

After lunch, Shannon Tushingam presented more of her recent research in far northern California and was followed by two presentations by graduate students from Chico State. Marilla Baker discussed her preliminary findings from an archaeological testing project in the northern Sierra Valley, and Colleen Ceverko discussed her osteological work on the sexual division of labor in the prehistoric Sacramento River Delta. Sandwiched between this graduate research was a presentation by Sandra Gaskell of ARC Resources concerning the creation of national sensitive data transfer standards.

Nick Tipon engaged the meeting participants in a discussion of tribal perspectives in California archaeology and the effects of climate change and sea-level rise on coastal heritage sites in his ancestral territory. Following Mr. Tipon, SCA president Mike Newland shared the latest updates from the Archaeological Resource Committee concerning the professional qualifications proposed for principal

investigators under CEQA. Between these two presentations, a raffle was held in which five student SCA memberships were awarded courtesy of an anonymous donor (Origer and Associates).

The meeting was closed out by two presentations on local research in Marin County, the first by Cassidy DeBaker of Sonoma State University who talked about her methodology for relocating Mission San Rafael. The last presentation of the day was by private archaeological consultant Ellen Joslin Johnck who talked about her work to save China Camp State Park.

After the day's presentations, Nick Tipon led a large group on a walking tour of the reconstructed Coast Miwok village of Kule Loklo. Conversations regarding all of the engaging presentations were continued at the Madrone Group Camp at Samuel P. Taylor State Park where 50+ of the attendees camped out for the weekend.

A barbecue potluck was held at the camp, and kegs of beer, courtesy of Far Western Anthropological Research Group were consumed.

I could never have put this together without the generous support of Mark Rudo and Paul Engel of the National Park Service

and I'd like to thank them for providing the SCA with such an excellent setting for this year's data sharing meeting. Victor Bjelajac, acting Marin Sector superintendent of California State Parks, graciously provided free camping at nearby Samuel P. Taylor State Park, and also provided free hot showers to all campers. Lastly, I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped me set up the conference room, pick up lunch, and clean up the Red Barn and Madrone Camp, most notably Rhea Sanchez and Erin Chiniewicz.

I plan to continue this recent paradigm of a campout weekend at one of California's great national and/or state parks for the 2013 Northern Data Sharing, and I hope my successors as Northern Vice President keeps this trend going for years to come. 🍷




Mark Hylkema speaking about his latest excavations. (Photo courtesy Greg Collins.)

DATA SHARING MEETINGS, CONTINUED

2012 Southern Data Sharing Meeting

Submitted by Arleen Garcia Herbst, Southern Vice-President

The San Diego Archaeological Center graciously hosted the Southern Data Sharing meeting on November 3, 2012. The San Pascual Valley's warm, sunny weather and hummingbirds greeted nearly 50 participants, including the ten presenters. Paper topics included projects on federal and state lands, climate change, data management tools, professional standards, stone tools, rock art, and dating cultural materials. The counties covered by the talks included Kern, Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego. Interesting discussions ensued after each talk and the moderator, SCA Southern Vice-President Arleen Garcia-Herbst, did her best to balance staying on schedule with encouraging dialogue. A delicious island-style feast and luau was catered by L&L Hawaiian BBQ in San Marcos and provided by the SCA. The SCA thanks the Center, participants, and presenters for making this meeting a great success! 

REGISTER TODAY for the SCA's 47th Annual Meeting in Berkeley, March 7 – 10, 2013

Saturday's awards banquet will take place in the DoubleTree ballroom, featuring Malcolm Margolin as the evening's keynote speaker.

The anthropologist Clifford Geertz defined anthropology as "deep hanging out." Malcolm Margolin has been deeply hanging out in both the archaeological and Indian communities for over thirty years. Aside from being founder and publisher of *Heyday* and publisher of *News from Native California*, which he founded with Dave and Vera Mae Frederickson in 1987, Margolin is only the second Native American to ever receive the Chairman's Commendation Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities, given to individuals who have made extraordinary efforts to bridge cultures, promote civility, preserve our legacy and advance humanistic endeavors. In his own words, he will "share thoughts, tell stories and do his best to keep everybody awake and entertained."

For complete details and to register on line, visit

WWW.SCAHOME.ORG

Members, to register for the Annual Meeting log on to the "Members Only" section of the website and click the "Register for Events" link. Non-members email office@scahome.org or call Denise Wills at (530) 342-3537.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Submitted by Maggie Trumbly, SCA Secretary

Attendees:

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Jennifer Farquhar (Immediate Past-President)
Rick Fitzgerald (President Elect)
Greg Collins (Northern California Vice President)
Arleen Garcia-Herbst (Southern California Vice President)
John Burge (Treasurer)
Maggie Trumbly (Secretary)
Denise Wills (Business Office)
Michele St. Clair (AM Coordinator) (afternoon only)
Liz Clevenger (Program Chair) (afternoon only)
Terry Jones (Editor of the Journal) (by Phone)
Tom Origer (CAAMP) (by Phone)

Meeting brought to order at 9:15 AM.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from the July 7th and 8th Executive Board Meeting were approved by the board.

Treasurer Report: The society continues to do well financially, comparable with the same period in 2011.

SCA 2013 Archaeology Month Poster Update: Rick Fitzgerald has received a number of submissions and expects to receive one or two more. The Executive Board will vote on the posters in December.

Climate Change Update: Michael Newland provided an update to the Board on the Climate Change Coastal Survey. The volunteers have surveyed more than 2,500 acres of coastal land in Marin County. The program will be extended to San Diego County and a northern county. The Board voted to create a Climate Change Committee.

Journal Update: Maney Publishing has taken over the publishing of the California Archaeology Journal. Terry Jones provided the Board an update. The Board is continuing to look into a way to support special editions.

Board Manual Update: Maggie Trumbly has the manual and will finalize it for the January meeting.

Business Office Update: Denise Wills reviewed the status of the grants, volunteer hour reporting, and changes to the 2013/2014 registration packages for the Annual Meetings. Denise indicated that volunteer hour reporting is going very well and the Society is on track to meet volunteer commitments.

Denise Wills reported on the award nominations for the 2013 Annual Meetings. All nominations need to be submitted by the end of December.

Website Update: The website is due for a redevelopment; Denise Wills is working on getting bids.

Grants and Scholarships Discussions: The Board voted to move funds from interest earned from the Fiscal Reserves account to bolster the Bennyhoff Award, with the long-term intent of building a foundation large enough that the Award is self-sustaining.

The Board voted to start a new \$1,000 scholarship to support the research and analysis of existing collections.

Annual Meeting Update: Michelle St.Clair and Liz Clevenger reported that plans are progressing for the Annual Meeting.

Yosemite 150-year Celebration

The Board agreed that the SCA should participate and help support the celebration for the 150-year anniversary of Yosemite National Park.

Date Set for January Executive Board Meeting:

Executive Board Meeting dates are January 19 and 20 in Berkeley at the DoubleTree.

Committee on Advanced Annual Meeting Planning Report, Decisions about 2016 Meeting

Location: The Board voted to hold the 2016 Annual Meeting at the Ontario DoubleTree.

Meeting closed at 5:21 PM. 🌳

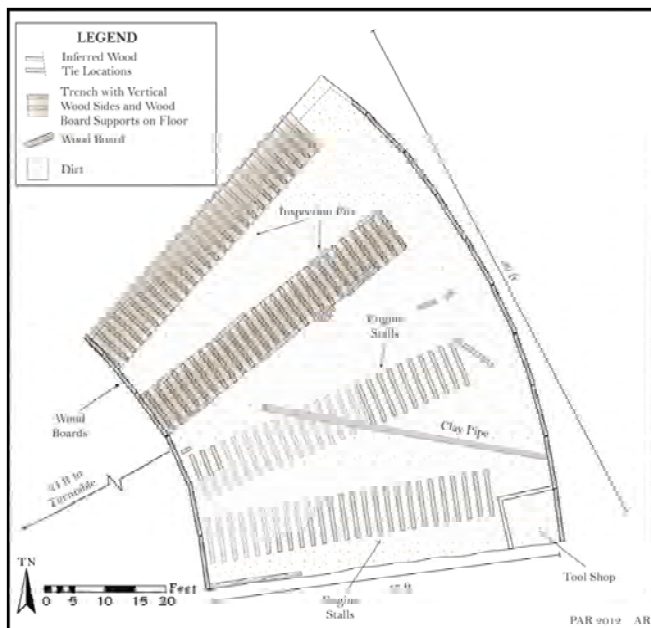
LIAISON REPORTS

Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) Liaison Report

Submitted by Karen K. Swope

The *SHA Newsletter* for Summer 2012 (45[2]) includes several items of California interest. Mary Maniery of PAR Environmental Services, Inc. reported on archaeological excavations at the Sacramento Valley Railroad (SVRR) yards (featured on pp. 39–41; see

http://www.sha.org/documents/NewsletterSummer2012final_000.pdf). The SVRR, built in the 1850s, connected Sacramento with the gold fields via Folsom. Related features include the remains of a turntable, a roundhouse, foundations, and other shop elements. Commercial features adjacent to the railyards and historical features postdating the railroad were also investigated. The project provided multiple opportunities for public participation.



Plan Drawing of Roundhouse (courtesy PAR Environmental)

Three book reviews featuring California topics were recently published in the journal *Historical Archaeology* (http://www.sha.org/documents/book_reviews/Review_s45_2.pdf).

Rebecca Allen (Allen, Review of Hull, *Historical Archaeology* 2011:201–202) reviewed Kathleen Hull’s *Pestilence and Persistence: Yosemite Indian Demography and Culture in Colonial California*, published by University of California Press, 2009.

Hull drew from oral history, historical accounts, and archaeological data in her consideration of the themes of depopulation and survival of Native Americans in the Yosemite Valley. Included is a contrast of patterns of cultural change and continuity in this area with decimated populations in other regions. Allen recommends the book for use in any study addressing “culture contact, engagement, and its consequences, with or without the accompanying complication of depopulation.”

Robert Hoover (Hoover, Review of Silliman, *Historical Archaeology* 2011:231–232) reviewed Stephen Silliman’s *Lost Laborers in Colonial California: Native Americans and the Archaeology of Rancho Petaluma*, published by University of Arizona Press, 2004. Although the site deposit was shallow and largely unstratified, Silliman was able to address themes of colonialism, labor relations, and resistance related to Native American workers on the rancho. Hoover described the book as a major contribution toward filling gaps in the understanding of native acculturation in the Spanish borderlands.

Teresa Moyer (Moyer, Review of Wilkie, *Historical Archaeology* 2011:245–246) reviewed Laurie A. Wilkie’s *The Lost Boys of Zeta Psi: A Historical Archaeology of Masculinity at a University Fraternity*, published by University of California Press, 2010. Wilkie’s book presents the results of research at the fraternity chapter house on the UC Berkeley campus. Moyer notes that Wilkie’s presentation demonstrates the material component of white fraternity masculinity, and that studying it can inform the ways that whiteness shapes contemporary American society. Moyer commends Wilkie for this contribution to the analytical study of white privilege, and recommends the book for interdisciplinary application in the themes of whiteness, gender construction, identity, and hegemonic relationships between social locations.

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LIAISON REPORTS, CONTINUED

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Top Ten Things We Don't Know About California Archaeology

Submitted by Shelly Davis-King

At the San Diego Annual Meeting, Matt Hall asked, “What are the top 10 things we don’t know about California Archaeology?” This question was posed to a number of SCA members who responded with about 35 major questions/topics. Many of the submissions discussed methods, education, and geographically specific topics. In the spirit of Matt Hall’s question, listed below are ten top research needs, based on comments received from about 50 members.

1. When did humans first arrive in California, and where did they come from (e.g., Northwest Coast, Great Basin, etc.)? More data are needed regarding the origin of the Western Stemmed

Tradition (WST) and its relationship to Clovis. From which direction did the WST users come? Did mariners from the north establish themselves first on the Channel Islands, then on the mainland shore, and then spread inland into the pluvial lakes country? Did Clovis enter California from the east? Was it contemporary with, and how did it interact with, the Western Pluvial Lakes Tradition? A synthesis of all the early sites would help to clarify a picture of human entrance and activities into California. Since this state is the terminal margin for western migration, it would seem this would offer some insight into the origin and direction of groups populating the western edge of the north and south continents.



Clovis points. (Photo courtesy www.blm.gov.)

2. We need a better understanding of the interplay of contact-period California Indian tribes or dialectical groups and the archaeological record. What is the demographic history of California?
3. We do not know what is currently housed in museums and archives. A master composite database should be created for use in research. In the same vein, we do not have good syntheses and need more published “big picture” research using California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) data that involves data integration, mapping for space and time, and nested research designs.

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4. We need information on the California Indian biological record from initial settlement to today.
5. Why didn't horticulture/agriculture and pottery become more widely adopted in prehistoric California, and what specific factors can explain their distributions?
6. We do not know much about what is deeply buried and need more information on the location of such sites. Archaeologists still survey using surficial methods without regard to depositional histories in the lands they are investigating.
7. We need better temporal control at sites, and we need more information about the age of sites/components.
8. What were the relative roles of economic, social, and ideological factors in the exchange systems of prehistoric California?
9. Were Holocene climatic shifts and other environmental changes key factors in the events of California prehistory, or did they cause only relatively minor perturbations?



Folsom Lake during a previous drought. (Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources.)

10. Were there any contacts with California from outside North America during the Holocene prior to AD 1540? 🌐

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New Orphaned Archaeological Collection Grant Available

Submitted by Michael Newland

The Society for California Archaeology is pleased to announce the creation of the new Orphaned Archaeological Collection Grant. This grant can be used towards cataloging and research on an existing collection. The collection must have been orphaned for at least ten years; the chain of ownership of the collection must be unambiguous, with rights to study the collection granted to the collection facility holding the artifacts; and the collection must be either lacking previous research on part or all of the collection, or the research is incomplete. The finished product must include a digital database of the material studied and said database must be made accessible to the archaeological community. The money can be used towards wages, travel and per diem, photocopy costs, with overhead no more than 25 percent. Preference will be given to student research leading to a graduate degree but is not restricted to applicants associated with a university. The total amount for 2013 is \$1,000; applications will be accepted until January 31, 2013. A final decision on the award will be made at the March 7 Executive Board Meeting in Berkeley.

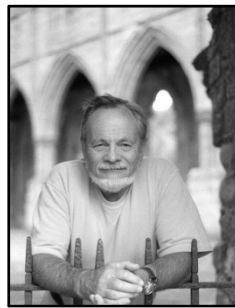
Please send applications to SCA President Michael Newland. Applications should consist of a cover letter containing contact information and a one-paragraph summary of the project, with no more than three (3) pages of additional supporting information outlining the history of the collection, proposed research and methods, and means for circulating the final product. Letters of support are encouraged and can be submitted in addition to the supporting information. 🌱

Archaeopalooza Celebrated California Archaeology Month

Submitted by John P. Hale, Ph.D.

Archaeopalooza. The name just sounds fun, doesn't it? And that is precisely the idea behind the event

meant to celebrate California's Archaeology Month and the American Institute of Archaeology's National Archaeology Day at the Copper Mountain College's Bell Center on October 20, 2012, in the town of Joshua Tree. The idea began about two and a half years ago to create an event intended for the public that incorporated something for all ages, and has blossomed into a full day's worth of hands-on archaeology and education. Sponsored by the Copper Mountain College Foundation, Archaeopalooza was funded by grants from the SCA and the California Office of Historic Preservation. The event lasted from 8 am until 4 pm, with an attendance of between 300 and 400 people. While many of the attendees were locals, some came from as far away as San Diego and Long Beach to enjoy the range of activities.



Dr. Brian Fagan
(Photo courtesy
www.brianfagan.com)

The event centered on a series of lectures aimed at the older participants, though the speakers were chosen for their speaking ability and topics chosen for a broad appeal to a largely public audience. The keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Fagan, whose career in public archaeology has spanned almost 50 years and who consistently entralls his audience. Dr. Fagan spoke on ancient seafaring, and the spread of humanity across the world via water.

Mr. Tom O'Key, who owns one of the larger collections of fire-making implements in the world, discussed making fire from prehistoric times to the much more recent past. Tom's extensive knowledge of how fire was made was a fascinating look into a time on the earth when fire was the only source of light. Dr. Jim Cassidy complemented Brian Fagan's talk with a closer look at earlier seafaring along the California coast, and the evidence for a history of maritime exploration potentially extending back to the end of the Pleistocene. Dr. Alan Garfinkel talked about the decorated animal-human figures within the Coso Rock Art Complex in eastern California that may be representations of important supernatural figures. Dr. Micah Hale spoke on the work of Dr. Malcolm Rogers and his work along the San Diego coast, a critical time in the development of California archaeology. Also included in the program was a screening of the independently produced film *Buried Stories*, about the life of Ella Rodriguez, who fought tirelessly for archaeological monitoring at construction sites well into her seventies.


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One of the highlights of the event was a presentation on the history of the atlatl and the hands-on throwing demonstration. Chris Henry of PaleoArts constructs handmade atlatls and the darts to go with them, but also uses them for hunting and competitions. The crowd lined up to watch Chris demonstrate his technique, and then tried their hands at hitting the target. Chris made it look so easy! The atlatl demonstration proved so popular that Chris brought all his equipment back out to the target area an additional three times to accommodate everyone that wanted to try.

The kids' area was abuzz with activity from the early morning to the late afternoon. Lorna Lange, a supervisor for the Joshua Tree National Park's Education Division, kept kids of all ages busy playing historic games, doing mock digs, and learning about archaeology. The Homestead Game proved very popular, while early games such as Pin-and-Bone fascinated the younger audience. In addition, the face painting by Lety Aguirre of Thousand Palms was enormously popular, as was her 12-foot by 8-foot mural of a Mayan temple. The mural provided a background for innumerable photos throughout the day!

Several nonprofit organizations maintained tables at Archaeopalooza, including the Copper Mountain College Desert Studies Club, which provided complimentary breakfast items; California Archaeological Site Steward Program (CASSP) personnel helped out by giving away SCA Archaeology Month posters and stickers for the event; and Heaven's Gate Large Animal Rescue, which provided a hands-on display on the desert tortoise. The Cahuilla Bird Singers, led by Gerald Clarke, entertained the crowd during lunch, and informed them about the origins of the Bird Songs. The Morongo Basin Historical Society, Hi-Desert Nature Museum, National Park Service, and Copper Mountain College all partnered to make Archaeopalooza happen, and provided both support and volunteers to keep things moving smoothly.


Archaeopalooza is scheduled for the second Saturday in October 2013, and will once again be hosted by the Copper Mountain College Foundation at the Bell Center. 

Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference Will Showcase First Americans Studies Submitted by Laurie Lind

The Center for the Study of the First Americans is excited to present three days of public lectures by leaders in the field of First Americans studies (archaeologists, paleoanthropologists, and geneticists) as well as posters and artifact displays. The conference is open to the public and will be held October 17–19, 2013, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Center is excited not only about visiting this gorgeous and historic place, but also reaching a large audience of professionals, avocationalists, and members of the public interested in the Ice Age peopling of the New World.

Lists of speakers, exhibits, and displays, as well as information about the conference banquet and special lodging rates, are available at <http://paleoamericanodyssey.com/index.html>.

For professionals and serious avocationalists, there's still time to submit a poster proposal for the conference: the deadline is April 1, 2013. If interested, please visit our Call for Posters at <http://paleoamericanodyssey.com/posters.html>. Poster space is limited, so make sure you submit your poster proposal early!

For more information, visit the website or contact Laurie Lind, Office Manager, Center for the Study of the First Americans, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, 4352 TAMU, 210 Anth Bldg., College Station, TX 77843-4352; (979) 845-4046 (office), (979) 845-4070 (fax); (979) 219-3304 (cell); csfa@tamu.edu. 

A Partnership in Protecting and Promoting our Shared Cultural Heritage: INAH, BLM, and SCA

Submitted by Ken Wilson

On March 22, 2000, the National Director for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Director of Mexico's Instituto Nacional De Antropología e Historia (INAH) signed a joint declaration that pledged closer cooperation in our two countries' cultural resources management programs. The document commits both agencies to develop specific cooperative projects on cultural resources management.

In response to this joint declaration, INAH Baja California, the BLM in California, and the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) have cosponsored 12 of the 13 annual binational symposia, "Balances and Perspectives on Anthropology and History of Baja California." This binational symposium promotes preservation and understanding of the shared heritage resources between our two countries. Cosponsored symposia have been held in Mexicali, Ensenada, Tecate, Rosarito Beach, Tijuana, and Mexico City.

The 13th annual Balances and Perspectives Binational Symposium was held at the National Museum in Mexico City, September 24 and 25, 2012. The meetings included papers on the prehistory, history, and ethnography of Baja California. SCA members presenting papers included Eric Ritter, Ken Hedges, Jon Harman, William Eckhardt, and Lee Panich.

On September 26, INAH hosted a field trip to three locations. The first, to salvage archaeological excavations at Alameda Park, revealed living floors to the late Postclassical Aztec period. The park dates to the 1600s with prehispanic occupation perhaps dating between 1480 and 1521. Our second stop was the Alondiga Building, which is the repository for the Office of Salvage Archaeology for INAH. The building dates from 1573 and was the largest grain storage building for New Spain's capital. In the 1800s, the building was turned over to the Catholic Church and was used to receive taxes. We were provided a guided tour of the collections housed by the repository. Our last stop was an opportunity to visit "closed-to-the-public" archaeological

excavations at Templo Mayor. The hypothesis is that the spectacular offerings being discovered in the excavations correspond to the VI stage of Templo Mayor and are related to the rein of Ahuitzotl (1486–1502), eighth monarch of Tenochtitlan, then capital of the Aztec Empire. We were also provided a guided tour of the museum at Templo Mayor.



Templo Mayor. (Photo courtesy <http://en.wikipedia.org/>)

The BLM and SCA have also worked to build strong bonds between Mexico and California by annually sponsoring participation of INAH professionals at professional meetings in California, especially the SCA Annual Meetings. For example, in 2005 and 2006, not only did BLM sponsor a symposium on Baja California at the SCA Annual Meetings, but they facilitated three days of field trips for six visiting INAH cultural resource professionals to the Presidio in San Francisco, the Anthropology Department and Phoebe Hearst Museum at University of California Berkeley, and Fort Ross State Historic Park.

The BLM and SCA have developed a very proactive relationship with INAH over the last 12 years. In addition to the binational conference, we have worked together to discuss and address major off-highway vehicle (OHV) issues relating to impacts to significant cultural resources in Baja California, especially along our joint border. In 2005, the BLM and SCA hosted a meeting between INAH, the

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A Partnership, continued

California State Historic Preservation Officer, the California Deputy Director for State Parks (OHV Division), the U.S. Forest Service, and key personnel from BLM. We also visited sites near Mexicali, Baja California, with OHV and cultural resources specialists to discuss and begin resolving this issue.

Activities in March 2008 also included providing site stewardship training for INAH staff for the application of a site stewardship program in Baja California. The BLM and SCA also sponsored the translation of the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Manual into Spanish through INAH for our Spanish-speaking citizens in California.

In July 2006 and 2007, the BLM, SCA, and California Indian Basketweavers Association sponsored the participation of two indigenous basketweavers, Daria Mariscal Aguiar (Paipai) and Virginia Melendrez Silva (Kumiai) from Baja California, Mexico, to participate in a cultural exchange with the Karuk Indigenous Basketweavers at *Following the Smoke* along the Klamath River in northwestern California. In May 2008, five members of the Karuk Indigenous Basketweavers with BLM and INAH representatives visited Ms. Aguiar in Santa Catarina and Ms. Silva in San Jose de la Zorra, Baja California. The purpose of the visit was to continue the cultural exchange started in 2006 and discuss issues relative to traditional indigenous values that are important for managing our cultural/heritage programs for the BLM in California and INAH in Baja California, Mexico.

The strong bond and partnership between the BLM, SCA, and INAH in addressing our shared prehistory, history, and cultural resources management issues continues to grow and is rapidly expanding to include other state and federal agencies, professional societies, academia, and cultural resources consulting firms. 🌱



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SCA EVENTS CALENDAR

Submitted by Stella D'Oro

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 19, 2013

125th Anniversary of the San Bernardino Society of California Pioneers

This event will be held from 10 AM to 3 PM at the [San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum](#). Activities will include Western re-enactors, special displays, historical programs and more.

January 31, 2013

Farewell to Surrealism: The Dyn Circle in Mexico



People Dressed as Dogs for the Fiesta of Huchuenchis, 1939.
Carlos Mérida (Guatemalan, 1891-1984).
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This lecture examines modern art's relationship with archaeology and anthropology, as expressed by an international group of artists working in Mexico in the 1940s. Art historian Dawn Ades focuses on the avant-garde journal *Dyn*, which represents a high point in surrealists' engagement with pre-Columbian and First Nations art. The event will be held at 7 pm in the Museum Lecture Hall, Getty Center, Los Angeles. Read more [here](#).

February 20-23, 2013.

Southern Sierra Adaptation Workshop

This is an inter-agency effort to identify shared conservation goals and values-at-risk, and to explore regional scale strategies to conserve Southern Sierra Nevada natural resources in the face of rapid change and an uncertain future. This event will be held in Visalia. Visit the site at <http://www.cafiresci.org/sierra-adaptation-workshop>

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS:

January 11-12, 2013

Institute of Andean Studies 53rd Annual Meeting.
University of California, Berkeley, Room 112,
Wurster Hall.

March 7-10, 2013

Society for California Archaeology 47th Annual Meeting. Doubletree Marina, Berkeley, California.
<http://www.scahome.org>

March 19-23, 2013

Society for Applied Anthropology 73rd Annual Meeting.
Denver, Colorado
www.sfaa.net

April 3-7, 2013

Society for American Archaeology 78th Annual Meeting. Honolulu, Hawaii.
<http://www.saa.org>



Downtown Honolulu. (Photo courtesy hawaiiw.net)

March 21-23, 2014

Society for California Archaeology 48th Annual Meeting. Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, California.
<http://www.scahome.org>

April 23-27, 2014

Society for American Archaeology 79th Annual Meeting.
Austin, Texas.
<http://www.saa.org>.