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FROM THE CHAIR:

by Marcel Kornfeld, (Anpro1@uwyo.edu)

One year ago we were in the process of putting the first CoAS Newsletter on the SAA web page and discovered that this was not as easy as we had anticipated. The process got hung up in the requirement of having permissions from people recognizable in photographs. With only a few permissions, few photographs were included, while the rest were pulled and the newsletter was finally put on the web. With our new editor, the process repeated itself, but nevertheless the fall newsletter, with only a few pictures, is on the web as well. And with this spring's issue we will have three CoAS newsletters on the web and available, not only to our member societies, but to each member in these societies. We appreciate the efforts of Dean Snow, Tobi Brimsek, Kevin Fahey, and Torgom Pogossian in accomplishing this long held goal of the Council.

Last year as a new chair I invited about 50 local or specialized societies to join CoAS in a letter distributed in November. Whether prompted by the invitation or something else, about a half dozen groups inquired or sent in membership applications. I reviewed these and sent them to the SAA Board for approval. If approved we will have grown in membership by as much as 10%. Working towards increasing our membership is important. We should strive to be a representative organization of all the local and specialized societies in the Americas. Although we are yet far from this goal I urge you all to talk to your neighbor societies that are not members and encourage them to join the Council.

One of our potential new members, the Archaeological Society of British Columbia, is our host at this year's SAA annual meeting and we look forward to meeting their representatives and members. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Finally, I look forward to the Council meeting at the Vancouver SAA annual meeting, the displays of all the participating members, state archaeology month poster contest, winner of the Crabtree award, and of course thousands of fabulous presentations.

SEE YOU ALL IN VANCOUVER

FROM THE MEMBERS:

ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

by Hester A. Davis, (hadavis@uark.edu)

A GOOD IDEA from Arkansas:

On the day of its meeting in December, the Ko-Ko-Ci Chapter in Fayetteville had its second used book sale in the lobby area of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) building. All books were donated during the month before by chapter members, AAS staff, and University of Arkansas Anthropology Department faculty and students. In 2006 we did this and took in just over \$400 in the course of 7 hours. This year we made almost that much again--\$300 during that one day. What books remained (and there are always a good many left) we took to a really good second hand book store here, and they paid us \$88 for what they wanted. We gave the remainder (including a bunch of video tapes) to the Friends of the Fayetteville Public Library Bookstore—they liked the videos more than anyone else did! This seems to be very satisfactory recycling system, and the funds are specifically to help cover the costs of the Archeology Month poster. Next year we may also do a small silent auction, also.

SOCIETY FOR CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY

by Candace Ehringer (ehringerc@gmail.com)

The Society for California Archaeology 2008 Annual Meetings will be held in Burbank, CA from April 17-20 and promises to be a very exciting, fun, and interesting meeting. The plenary session, "New Directions in California Archaeology" will focus on new applications of theory and methods that challenge existing paradigms and create new ones. Dr. Jennifer Perry will be discussing landscape theory in California archaeology; Dr. Mark Allen will present his current research on war and conflict; Dr. David Robinson will discuss new developments in rock art studies; Dr. Lynnn Gamble will talk about research on ritual activities in prehistoric California; Dr. Sandra Hollimon takes a look at gender and identity in California archaeology; and Cara Monroe will speak about progressive applications of DNA analysis.

Workshops will include one on writing and publishing in archaeology, which will be led by Dr. Brian Fagan and Mitch Allen of Left Coast Press. In addition, Dr. Fagan will be conducting two book signings for his latest

publications. Additional book signings include Dr. Bill Hildebrandt and Michael Darcangelo of Far Western Anthropological Research Group, who will sign copies of their new book, *Life on the River: The Archaeology of an Ancient Native American Culture*.

The annual silent auction—always a not-to-be-missed event at the SCA meetings—will be held at the Autry National Center this year. The center includes the Museum of the American West and the Southwest Museum of the American Indian. Select galleries will be open for viewing and The Dave Daniels Band will be performing. The meetings promise to be one of the best yet, so if you can, plan to attend!

KANSAS ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

by Vita Tucker, KAA President

The year of 2007 is now history, and the Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA) helped to make some of that history with a busy schedule of activities.

The first event for 2007 was the two-day Certification Seminar held in February at Lindsborg with lithic technology as the topic. The seminar was held in cooperation with the Social Sciences Department at Bethany College. Students learned from lectures, as well as live demonstrations of chipped stone tool making, and some even tried flintknapping themselves.

The KAA annual meeting was held on April 14 in the Potawatomi Mission at the Kansas History Center in Topeka. A business meeting was first on the agenda, with certificates of appreciation being awarded to Mary Conrad, Tim Weston, Shannon Ryan, and three local flintknappers for their contributions to KAA. A Professional Archaeologists of Kansas (PAK) Public Service Award was presented to landowner Kathy Fox, who donated the Hard Chief's Village site (14SH301) to the Archaeological Conservancy. Individual presentations included "Birds of Kansas," "What KAA Members Need to Know About Federal Law and Archeology," "Growing Old With KAA," "Hard Chief's Village Twenty Years Later," "Prolog for Topeka: Recognizing the Contribution of George A. Root," a Native American flute demonstration, and a review of the 2007 Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP) field school at Nicodemus.

The 2007 KATP field school involved a partnership among the Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas Anthropological Association, Nicodemus National Historic Site, Midwest Archeological Center, Nicodemus Historical Society, and Washburn University. There were 131 participants over the 16-day field school. The project included excavation and documentation of settlement-period dugout ruins in the vicinity of Nicodemus, a post-Civil War free African American settlement. Nicodemus

was promoted as the "promised land" to African-American people in Kentucky in 1877. The first group of 350 people arrived by train in Ellis and walked 30 miles to the newly platted town site. The population grew to around 700 residents by 1888 before starting to lose population. A large number of descendants return each year for the Emancipation Day celebration/homecoming, held annually since 1878. The initial focus of KATP excavation was the Thomas Johnson/Henry Williams farm site (14GH103) north of Nicodemus. Dr. Flordeliz Bugarin of Arlington, Virginia, was the principal investigator. She is an assistant professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C., with primary research interests in race and ethnicity, poverty, and marginalized societies. All collected materials are being analyzed by Howard University students. Written reports will appear in a future issue of *The Kansas Anthropologist*, published annually by the KAA.

KAA's journal *The Kansas Anthropologist* received second place in the Kansas Professional Communicators' 2007 contest.

On August 11th and 12th, KAA members held a Summer Spree at the Kansas State Historical Society Archeology Lab in Topeka. The purpose was to prepare the artifacts from the KATP for shipment to Howard University for analysis. Activities included sorting and cataloging flotation material and preparing and packing the collection for transportation. Members were able to earn credit toward their certification categories.

Nineteen KAA members attended the 65th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota, in October. Several of these members presented papers.

Local KAA chapters around the state also hold various activities throughout the year. Some of these events are summarized below.

The High Plains Chapter in Colby held an overnight event at the Dancing Leaf Cultural Center in Wellfleet, Nebraska. They enjoyed sleeping in an earthlodge, eating buffalo stew, canoeing, hiking, and listening to informative talks. Several members have assisted with the ongoing excavation of the Kanorado site on the Kansas/Colorado state line along Interstate 70.

The Ninnescah Chapter in the Pratt area held a fun event in February. The president brought in clay from his property, and the members made clay pots, bowls, and other shapes, which they took home to dry before the March meeting. Some members had problems with their pots cracking while they were drying, while others had good luck. They plan to fire their creations in the future. They hold monthly meetings with speakers and field trips to subjects of interest.

Mud Creek Chapter members from the Salina area hosted an artifact identification session in September at the Coronado Quivira Museum in Lyons. Area residents bring in artifacts for identification or advice regarding storage, repair, or cleaning. They had a good turnout this year. Members of the chapter take responsibility for a program at one of their monthly meetings.

Shawnee Chapter meets at the Kansas State Historical Society's Center for Historical Research Center in Topeka and has several of the archeology staff as members. The members participate in lab work sessions as well as special programs. In November members conducted field excavations at the Wilmington School site (14WB430) in Wabaunsee County. This school was built in 1870 along the Santa Fe Trail. The Flint Hills Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association owns the property where the one-room schoolhouse is located. Fifteen Shawnee Chapter members excavated eight units (four inside and four outside) to learn how the building was constructed. Artifacts found were typical of school grounds of the period.

Two other chapters, Kansa Chapter in Atchison and Waconda Chapter in Beloit, do not meet on a regular basis but do work in conjunction with their local historical societies and museums.

The KAA has another full year of activities planned for 2008. We are always glad to welcome visitors to all of our events. Come and join us.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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MAS President

MAS continues to operate the Robbins Museum of Archaeology in Middleborough, MA, to publish the *Bulletin* and newsletter. The Fall, 2007 and Spring, 2008 issues of the Bulletin will be combined and published as a double issue on Cape Cod Archaeology. We also hosted two conferences for our members and the interested public and presented lectures and programs to numerous organizations. Our Education Committee initiated an Annual Poster and Essay contest about archaeology and Native American lifeways for fifth graders.

The Robbins Museum has received a real publicity boost from an article published in the AAA Horizons newsletter sent to their Plymouth Chapter, which includes 164,000 households. MAS received several grants which enabled us to hire a part-time educator to implement our Native American Educational Outreach Project and expand our educational offerings. Our website is being developed to include an online store to offer our publications, posters, and other items; please see (www.massarchaeology.org).

The Spring meeting of the Society will be held on May 3rd in conjunction with the Archaeological Society of Connecticut. We will meet in the new Archaeology Center at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

by Gina Powell, (ginsuguard-coas@yahoo.com)

Kansas City Chapter

First Annual Artifact Road Show at Fort Osage

Saturday, May 10, 9AM – 4:30PM

Fort Osage Education Center, Sibley, Missouri

Archaeologists will be on hand to provide information about your artifacts and how we can all become stewards of cultural resources.

Ann Raab, University of Kansas, will be offering an archaeological field school June 2-22, 2008 in Bates County, Missouri. The field school will be offered through the University of Missouri-Kansas City, but is open to all current university students in good academic standing. This field school will focus on one of the most traumatic events in American history. During the Civil War, the Union Army ordered Bates County, Missouri forcibly depopulated in order to stop guerilla warfare raging on the Kansas-Missouri border. General Order 11 included the complete destruction of all towns, farms, livestock, and crops in Bates County, and the relocation of the county's entire population. The field school will research the effects of this order, particularly the ability of the county's people to recover economically and socially after the war. Although this program focuses on Civil War-era archaeological sites, students will receive training in research techniques employed by archaeologists around the world. This field school is valuable to students planning advanced work in archaeology, students seeking employment in contract (CRM) archaeology or who merely want to experience field research in archaeology. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Ann Raab via email at annmraab@ku.edu for more information.

Ozarks Chapter

The Ozarks Chapter is hosting the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Archaeological Society. The meeting will be held the weekend of April 4-6 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield. Dr. R. Bruce McMillan, Emeritus Director of the Illinois State Museum, will be our Koch Banquet speaker this year. For more information, please go to <http://associations.missouristate.edu/mas/>.

OREGON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
by Cathy Poetschat (poetschat@msn.com)

Here are some of the things that OAS is doing this Spring!

Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings are where about 100 of our 300 total membership gather each month for business, followed by a guest presentation. Our meetings are open to the public and are held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Portland.

In recent months Richard Pettigrew had a presentation about The Archaeology Channel; Richard Daugherty talked about Washington State Archaeology; and Mark Michel talked about The Archaeological Conservancy's sites in the Northwest.

Training Program

The Annual OAS Training Program began its six Saturday classes on February 2nd. There were 59 enthusiastic participants, most of them new to OAS. The first two Saturdays featured several experts' presentations about Northwest Archaeology, Sites, and Artifacts; Law and Ethics; What to Expect When You Volunteer; and Rock Art; along with a mini "fair" including flint knappers, rock art recording, books, and featured OAS projects. The final four Saturdays are hands-on faux Map & Compass, Survey, Excavation, and Laboratory practicums. When the classes are completed, the participants respect archaeology and are better prepared to assist on archaeology projects. Of course, they also have a great time.

OAS Annual Awards

The OAS Annual Awards were given out at our February 5th meeting. The Helen Hiczun Volunteer Awards were given to Betty Tandberg and Nancy Brown for their many contributions to OAS over the years. The President's Award went to Macie Lundin, owner of the Bear Gulch, Montana, site for her work with OAS there and for preserving the rock art on her property.

Oregon Archaeology Celebration (OAC)

OAC is Oregon's Archaeology month in October, but the committee starts planning in February. I have been the OAS representative on the OAC Committee since its beginning in 1993. We create a poster, raise money to pay for it, and list all the events for the month. OAS supports the Celebration financially as well.

Classes

On April 5th a beginning to advanced Flintknapping class will be given by long time member Dennis Torresdal, an expert knapper.

In May a "Geology In Archaeology" class will be

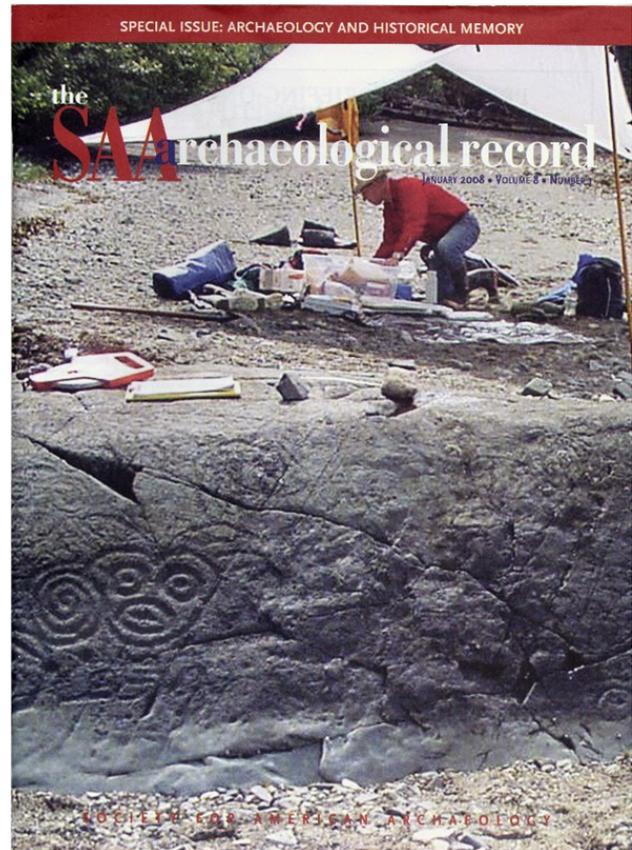


Figure 1. OAS Member George Poetschat on the cover of the January 2008 SAA Archaeological Record. George is assisting on a Passport In Time rock art recording project in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Photo by OAS Member Carolynne Merrell.

presented by Sheila Alfsen, science instructor. She will include formation of rocks, Native American use of stone, and basic identification of rocks.

Cascadia Cave Rock Art Project

Later this year, OAS will start a project at Cascadia Cave for the U.S. Forest Service, recording the rock art there. It will probably take three or four weekends in the field in 2008 and 2009, plus numerous Saturday laboratory sessions to complete the recording.

Rock Art Recording Class

In preparation for the Cascadia Cave Project, members were asked to sign up for a one-day Rock Art Recording Class. There were so many wanting to take the class that it will probably be offered twice. Many of these new students will be helping with the Cascadia Cave Project, and other OAS rock art recording projects.

OAS Member's Art Sale

In May OAS will have its first Member's Art Sale. Several members are artists that create paintings, carvings, weavings, etc., and they have inquired about selling their art at OAS Meetings. So we decided to have

a Member's Art Sale at one of our regular meetings where members can each have a table to sell their art. We plan to continue to have these sales in the future, probably annually toward the end of the year, when we all are looking for those special presents! OAS will benefit from the sale by receiving 10 percent of the gross sales.

WYOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Wyoming Archaeological Society (WAS) will be holding its Annual Spring Meeting on April 25-27, 2008, in Rock Springs. This year's banquet speaker will be Dr. James Keyser of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northwest Region. The tentative agenda begins Friday evening with the usual get-together, followed Saturday morning with a business meeting, and a series of archaeological presentations in late morning and throughout the afternoon. The Wyoming Archaeological Foundation is expected to meet at noon and consider several graduate and undergraduate awards, including the Mulloy award for undergraduate students, the Frison award for MA students, and the Henry and Clara Jensen Travel grant for doctoral students. The latter award is supported by the Clara and Henry Jensen Endowment Fund, the Wyoming Archaeological Society, the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, and the Wyoming Archaeological Foundation. Morning and afternoon presentations are expected to be by University of Wyoming students as well as by archaeologist conducting studies throughout Wyoming and the central Rocky Mountain region. After the silent auction and happy hour, there will be a banquet dinner. A fieldtrip Sunday will likely feature significant nearby sites.

Each summer members of WAS volunteer on field projects in Wyoming as well as in PIT and other projects in the region. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the George C. Frison Institute (Willa Mullen, wmullen@uwyo.edu, 307-766-6920).

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