



New Mexico Archaeology

The Newsletter of the Friends of Archaeology
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From the Director Celebrations!

Despite the volatile world of high finance, there are reasons to be thankful and even to celebrate.

Chuck Hannaford and the Office of Archaeological Studies (OAS) staff members who have participated in the Education Outreach Program should be commended. A budget of \$50,000 from the state has allowed a more aggressive approach than we have ever attempted before. As of mid-October, the OAS staff has presented 32 programs to 3,730 adults and 2,117 children. We have reached 15 of New Mexico's 32 counties. Nine programs in five additional counties have been scheduled for the remainder of the year. Although program response has been tremendous, we are on the threshold of having to turn down requests from teachers and organizations. We simply don't have enough time or budget to reach remaining counties before June of next year.

The next reason to celebrate is the 100th anniversary of the Museum of New Mexico. The legislation that created the museum was signed on February 19, 1909. All parts of the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) will be celebrating that day with programs at the Roundhouse. Please stop by and check out what the DCA contributes to the state.

The Friends of Archaeology (FOA) has the honor of starting off the year of anniversary programming with our lecture series in January, 2009. It will focus on Edgar Lee Hewett and his role in shaping archaeology both in New Mexico and the nation. Researching the lecture series has been fun and awe inspiring for me. Hewett was driven and often abrasive, but what he accomplished has left a remarkable legacy that is being carried on today by OAS.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Steve Post's contribution to FOA and this newsletter as editor. He and his team of volunteers have raised the bar through personal commitment and effort. Now Steve is passing the editorial baton to Jessica Badner. With memories of literally pasting up the first newsletters

more than a decade ago, I never imagined that the newsletter would become as strong, professional and interesting as it is now.

Have a great holiday season! If you are down at the Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache the weekend before Thanksgiving, please stop in to see the Education Outreach Program in action.

Eric Blinman, Ph.D.

From the Field and Lab OAS Project Updates

Capitol Parking Lot

Since November of 2007, the OAS has intermittently engaged in testing, data recovery and monitoring archaeological efforts west of the New Mexico State Capitol Building in the downtown Santa Fe area. The location will be home to a new parking structure in early 2009. However, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the area was part of a large multiethnic neighborhood.



An early aerial view of the neighborhood near the New Mexico State Capitol Building (ca. 1930s). Photo courtesy of Museum of New Mexico Neg. No. 40671.

The primary purpose of this neighborhood study was to focus specifically on ethnic, socio-economic and temporal variability in consumption and discard patterns in material culture. Investigations have revealed over 230 archaeological features associated with 11 different residential structures, and

archaeologists have collected approximately 23,000 artifacts. The majority of these artifacts were located within domestic refuse pits and privies which could be tied to a specific residence and, in many cases, a specific family. This distribution of specific artifact types across the family units offered an unprecedented view into domestic life in Santa Fe during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

One of the more exciting looks at life within the neighborhood thus far has come from a privy dating to the Prohibition Era (1920s) and associated with the Romero family. The discovery of moonshine jugs and Juarez and Canadian whiskey bottles in the privy suggests that Adolph Romero, like many other people who lived in the area, disregarded the law of prohibition. However, the quantity of liquor bottles found in this privy is so high relative to discard patterns of other families that it appears Mr. Romero may have been a distributor!

Monitoring, artifact analysis, historical research and ethnological work with descendants of the neighborhood are ongoing. A publication within the OAS Archaeology Notes series is tentatively scheduled for late 2009.

Matt Barbour
OAS Project Director

St. Vincent Hospital Parking Lot

Preliminary testing at the old St. Vincent parking lot has started under the direction of James Moore. That means test pits and backhoe trenches in the parking lot that OAS used to call its own. The preliminary report from a geophysical survey conducted on the property indicates anomalies in the west parking lot. These “blips on the radar” may correspond to foundations of Seton Hall, the Sisters of Charity dormitory and their orphanage. There are also possible indications of a sanatorium that was located on the property. Although the survey did not pick up any signs of the old parroquia (parish church), it could be beneath Seton Hall. Testing will tell. This phase of the project is planned to last three to four weeks.

Jessica Badner
FOA Editor

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What's on the Web?

In the last newsletter we announced NMArchaeology.org. The website is still developing. Archaeology is a multidisciplinary science and in the future OAS hopes to provide a web page with clickable links to some of OAS staff's favorite web sites. For now we'll list the web sites in the newsletter. You can type in the URL (the web address below), or you can search using the key words provided in the title.

Gernot Katzer's Spice Pages. How Do You Ask for Lavender in Finnish?

<http://www.uni-graz.at/~katzner/engl/index.html>

This web page was sent to me by Dawn Kaufmann, volunteer coordinator at MIAC, when she was in graduate school completing a master's degree in archaeobotany. The page, a true compendium, is a description of more than 110 spices. For each spice Gernot Katzer has created nine page sections with headings, including synonyms in numerous languages, parts used, plant family, sensory quality, main constituents, origin, etymology, pictures of the plant and selected links for that particular spice. He also has a section on spice mixtures.

Jessica Badner
FOA Editor

OAS Brown Bag Talks

OAS is offering three more brown bag lunch talks in the coming months. Please check the dates and put them on your calendar. We are fortunate that the New Mexico Film Museum will continue to sponsor the venue, the former Jean Cocteau Theater, now the New Mexico Film Museum Theater. Doors will open at 11:45 AM, and the talks will start at 12:00 PM at 418 Montezuma in Santa Fe.

December 9 Dean Wilson, OAS Ceramic Lab Director. “Early Southwestern Ceramics: Inception, Spread and Differentiation before A.D. 900.” Dean will encapsulate the presentations and discussions from the early ceramic conference he organized for November 7 and 8 in Santa Fe.

January 13 Wolky Toll, Ph.D., OAS Archaeologist. “Acting to Protect Galisteo

Archaeology.” The Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act was passed in 2004. OAS has been involved in performing initial assessments of these impressive sites preliminary to the establishment of a federal preservation entity. Initial assessments are the first step in developing and implementing long term management plans for the sites. Wolky will talk about the law and the process, focusing on the sites themselves.

February 24 Stephen Post, OAS Deputy Director. “A History of Archaeology in Santa Fe.” Over 100 years of archaeology in Santa Fe reflects and contrasts with the broader developments and foci of the Greater Southwest. Beginning with the arrival of the Spanish in the first decade of the 1600s, people have encountered the remains of those that came before. This talk will look at how the parade of successive new settlers incorporated the people of the past into their present through the practice of archaeology as Santa Fe grew from a small outpost on the edge of empire to the arts and culture center of New Mexico.

FOA Trip Review

Dinetah and Beyond

Dinéah country is a morass of dry creek canyons, scrub, sandy cliffs and distant blue mountains that stretches from the upper San Juan River drainage to eastern Gobernador Canyon, south to Chaco Canyon and west to US 550. It is a place of great historic depth with many peoples leaving their traces. The Diné, or Navajos, are descendants of northern Athapaskans. For five hundred years or more they developed their unique culture, becoming farmers and absorbing from those who went before. Much of the time during the 1700s they spent defending themselves from the Spanish, Ute, Apache and Comanche by building small masonry structures, peublitos, hidden in canyons and walls of Dinéah.

FOA met on a ridge top at Angel Peak National Recreation Site with archaeologists Chuck Hannaford of OAS and Jim Copeland of BLM, Farmington, to begin our exploration of the Dinéah. Pointing to the remains of a small rock building on the eroded ancient dune in front of us, Jim and Chuck told us that the structure marked the end of a Chacoan road centuries older than any Diné remains. Passing under the rest station and through a contemporary dune near us was the road south to Chaco. Once this road was strewn

with broken sherds on either side and led to nowhere except to this bleak canyon, a hole to the underworld. The current understanding is that such roads were used for ceremonial purposes, trade, or a combination of both. In our imagination we could see the beginning of life as souls rose up from the depths. Gesturing toward Huerfano Mesa behind us, Jim explained that almost a thousand years after Chacoans built the road Navajos believed that the mesa was the living place of First Woman, First Man and Changing Woman. It was also the birth place of the War Twins, who were bathed in the water of eroded rock ponds.

Later, driving down a washboard road to Blanco Canyon, a tributary of Largo Canyon, we found the Blanco star panel with its dancing horned figure, spheres of sun and moon and a knife wing or thunderbird. All the panels we saw were carved or painted on easily eroded sandstone and were re-carved, one image on top of the other. Jim speculated that the Navajo chose these places not only for their directional aspects but also because they held spiritual significance. Perhaps they were created to negate or capture the power of older carvings faintly moving across the surface beneath the newer images. Jim believes that the panels often tell stories, but what they are, he doesn't know. One panel clearly marks out star patterns, the Pleiades and the Big Dipper, but they have not yet been aligned and corroborated with a specific time of year. Images of deities, both horned and feathered, corn plants, animals, circles and men on horseback covered the walls.



A Dinéah rock panel. Photo by Ann Batum

The following day we met with Doug Dykeman of Dykeman Roebuck Archaeology and traveled to Delgadito and Jesus Canyons. These canyons were dominated by pictographs of small figures in reddish brown and yellow hues marching to silent chants. Doug called one panel “the Nightway Chant” because

of elements recalled in Diné stories. We entered Jesus Canyon past a defensive fort high up on the cliff side. A white pictograph of a lone warrior with shield and spear stood guarding the opposite side. Inside the canyon was another pueblito, situated on an isolated rock too high for an easy attack.

Linda Wheelbarger, Co-director of the San Juan College Cultural Resources Management Program, led us on a tour of B-Square Ranch. Owned by Tommy Bolack, the Farmington ranch has archaeological sites with origins ranging from Archaic, Puebloan and early Navajo periods to historic times. Numerous remains from all time periods dot the braided San Juan River valley. The Point Site, our last stop, displayed Chacoan style masonry, kivas, keyhole walls and a possible alignment east and west that may be another Chacoan road. Linda will be operating a field school next summer to further explore the site.

We all wish to thank Tommy Bolack for giving us permission to visit his ranch and our archaeologist guides for leading us. We also appreciate Penny Gomez for her enthusiasm, warmth and organizational skills in planning this successful educational trip.

Ann Batum
FOA member

From the Board

Over the last year I have written in this space about two issues of concern for the Friends of Archaeology: the problem that all 2008 events quickly sold out and the need to encourage more active involvement among the general membership of FOA. The first issue is important because we are not improving people's archaeological experience if they can't sign up for trips due to the fact that trips are already full when they call. The second issue is important because we need to bring fresh ideas and perspective to the organization. I would like to report on progress made in these areas since the August, 2008 issue of the FOA newsletter.

To deal with the problem that our trips quickly sell out, we have expanded the program of multi-day field trips from three in 2008 to five in 2009 and the program of one day trips from three to four. Multi-day trips require planning almost a year ahead, so this expansion is notable. New multi-day trips added to the program are southern Arizona, April 3-6, and the Colorado Plateau, August 7-9. These trips augment our portfolio of Marfa/Big Bend, Chaco Outliers, and

Chaco Canyon "Downtown" trips, which were announced in the August FOA newsletter. Please see the 2009 FOA program brochure included with this issue. Our program expansion takes place with the awareness that the current global financial crisis could have an impact on these plans.

Penny Gomez, our energetic membership committee chairperson, continues her activities to recruit and identify people who wish to become more involved in our diverse archaeological activities, from field research to event planning to working on the FOA newsletter. We talked about numerous specific cases of FOA members' joining programs in the last issue. One new archaeology activist is Paula Dransfield, who brings experience in event planning from her work with Recursos de Santa Fe. Paula is a vital addition to our activities committee and will help us carry out the planned event expansion described above.

A great recruiting event was the "Meet the Archaeologists" pot luck held at Penny's house July 19. We plan a second pot luck event at our home on Upper Canyon Road January 24. Penny has included a note describing details of this event elsewhere in these pages. I hope you will join us.

W. Richard Schmeal
FOA Chairman

Upcoming Events

100th Anniversary Lecture Series: Edgar L. Hewett's Archaeological Legacy

5:30 PM, Fridays, January 9 through February 6, 2009

**New Mexico Film Museum Theater,
418 Montezuma Street, Santa Fe**

FOA members: \$12 per lecture, \$50 for the series
Non-FOA members: \$15 per lecture, \$60 for the series.

For advance reservations, please call the FOA Hotline at 505-992-2715, ext. 8.

Archaeology was central to the founding of the Museum of New Mexico in 1909. Edgar Lee Hewett had been pursuing his interest in archaeology for more than a decade, first through New Mexico Normal University in Las Vegas in 1893 and then in Santa Fe

through the School for American Archaeology in 1907. The Museum of New Mexico was envisioned as a state supported education and outreach base for Hewett's archaeological explorations, establishing an institutional presence for archaeology in the Palace of Governors.

Hewett's impact on archaeology was considerable through institutions, laws and public awareness, as well as through excavation and interpretation. This 100th Anniversary lecture series highlights Hewett's contributions in New Mexico and North America and to the growth of the discipline as a whole.

January 9 Michael Stevenson. "Edgar Lee Hewett: Allies, Rivals, and Institutions."

January 16 James Snead. "Winds of a Thousand Years: Edgar Lee Hewett and the Ancient Southwest."

January 23 Eric Blinman. "Beyond New Mexico: Hewett's Outreach to the Continent."

January 30 Wolky Toll. "Hewett's Chaco Legacy."

February 6 TBA. "Rivalry and Convergence: The Laboratory of Anthropology and Museum Archaeology in Santa Fe."

Eric Blinman
OAS Director

Stonehenge World Heritage Site

The Friends of Archaeology have arranged for Michael Parker-Pearson, British archaeologist, to give a talk in Santa Fe on his work at the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. Dr. Parker-Pearson has been working in the Stonehenge area for five years. His work was the cover story in the June 2008 National Geographic, which also produced a special on his project. Stonehenge is one of most intriguing mysteries left to us by the ancient world, and Michael keeps adding to our understanding. He recently excavated nearby Durrington Walls, a "wood henge," that, in contrast with Stonehenge, seems to be oriented solely toward the winter solstice. Mike tells us that this past summer he found yet another nearby henge, but details haven't yet been released.

Dr. Parker-Pearson will be speaking on Tuesday, February 3, but the location, time and admission fees are still undetermined. Watch for details on the Museum of New Mexico Foundation website www.museumfoundation.org or the OAS website www.nmarchaeology.org. As soon as they become

available, details will also be announced on the FOA Hotline number (505) 982-7799, ext. 5.

Tim Maxwell
FOA Board Member

Upcoming Trips

Archaeology and Art of Marfa & Big Bend Country, February 20-23, 2009

Marfa, Texas, and neighboring Big Bend National Park are well known for contemporary art and breathtaking scenic beauty. Less well known are the traces and sites left by peoples from early Clovis to more recent Jornada Mogollon Puebloan cultures. The Friends of Archaeology will conduct a field trip again this year to visit sites located between Marfa and the Rio Grande that span thousands of years. We will view both ancient rock art and contemporary works of art at the Chinati Foundation in Marfa.

We will meet in Marfa Friday evening, February 20 for dinner and discussion of the archaeological history of the region with our archaeology study guide, Robert Mallouf, former Director of Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University.

The self motor caravan tour departs Saturday morning from the Paisano Hotel in Marfa. We will drive south to the nearby San Esteban rock shelter, to silver mines in the foothills of the Chinati Mountains, to the Millington site near Presidio on the Rio Grande, to the Polvo site near Redford, and to the Cielo Bravo site. Lodging Saturday night will be at the Chisos Mountain Lodge in the beautiful crater within Big Bend National Park. On Sunday we will visit numerous sites in Big Bend National Park and Chalk Draw Ranch, site of Bee Cave, returning to Marfa for dinner.

Monday morning's activities will begin with a visit to Donald Judd's 100 untitled works in mill aluminum at the Chinati Foundation's artillery sheds. The rest of the morning will be devoted to art, and our official program will end at lunch. Participants may wish to stay in the area and explore on their own or start the eight hour trip back to Santa Fe.

A few words on some of the many archaeological sites we will see are in order. Our first site, San Esteban rock shelter, a large shelter with accompanying springs and pool of blue-green water,

contains Archaic and Late Prehistoric cultural deposits ranging up to three meters thick, as well as prehistoric and early historic rock art. Folsom artifacts have been found in the near vicinity of the shelter. Large scale excavations were carried out at the Millington site in the 1930s. The site contains numerous prehistoric pithouse blocks, as well as the remains of historic agriculturalists and a Spanish mission. The Cielo Bravo site is one of several type sites for the Cielo Complex, which date from A.D. 1330 to 1690. The Cielo Complex, an aceramic hunter gatherer culture, was coeval and interacted with the La Junta agriculturalists. Located on a high pediment above the Rio Grande, the site contains 12 stone based, circular wickiups, a communal ramada and a variety of other associated features.

Another spectacular rock art site which we will visit is Bee Cave. See the May FOA newsletter for more information on these sites.

The trip will cost \$340 per person. This includes two dinners, two lunches on the tour, one continental breakfast, art and archaeology guide expenses, site fees and a \$125 tax deductible contribution to OAS research and education programs. Hotel costs and transportation are not included.

The Paisano Hotel in Marfa is holding a block of rooms for the Friends of Archaeology for the nights of February 20 and 22. We will be in Big Bend the night of February 21. A small number of historic rooms with one queen bed are available for \$99-\$109. Deluxe historic rooms with a king bed or two queen beds are \$139-\$149. The block will be held until January 9. Once reservations are made, cancellations are allowed up to five days prior to scheduled arrival. The hotel's phone number is (866) 729-3669. Be sure to ask for rooms in the FOA block.

Saturday night, February 21, we will stay at the Chisos Mountain Lodge in Big Bend National Park. Room rates are in the \$120 range and include two double beds. The room block will be held until January 21, and cancellations can occur up to the 48 hours preceding our arrival. For reservations, call Sonia Michaels at (480) 998-7199, ext. 7118, and ask for the Friends of Archaeology room block.

This tour will be limited to 20 participants, and we will begin taking reservations starting December 1. We recommend that you reserve your place as soon as possible after this start date, before the trip fills up, by calling (505) 982-7799, ext. 5. Payment may be made by check or credit card. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Friends of Archaeology and send payment to Friends of Archaeology, c/o Office of

Archaeological Studies, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM, 87504, noting Marfa in the memo line. We can take credit card information by telephone. Our cancellation policy is to refund in full before January 15, 2009, and in part thereafter. For further information on the tour, please contact Richard Schmeal, (713) 529-3216. High clearance vehicles are not required.

W. Richard Schmeal
FOA Chairman

Meet the Archaeologists

Responding to popular demand, the Friends of Archaeology will present our second **"Meet the Archaeologists" pot luck dinner** on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

Following our first pot luck event on July 19, 2008, at which Office of Archaeological Studies archaeologists described their current work and needs for volunteer assistance, a number of you have become actively involved in archaeological projects in both the lab and in the field. You have contributed articles and photos of FOA trips for the newsletter, helped plan and facilitate the November 2 winter holiday party and silent auction, provided ideas for future trips, helped with the mass mailing of our newsletter to about 800 members, answered the two FOA Hotlines and assisted with the Caja del Rio Paleoindian site work.

Dick Schmeal, FOA board chairman, and his wife Jackie are offering their home as the venue for this winter event. Please join us on January 24 for an evening of camaraderie, conversation and communication with OAS staff and enthusiastic FOA members. We will have spirits and conversing at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM and the program at 7:15 PM.

If you would like to attend, please call the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Friends of Archaeology Hotline number, (505) 992-2715, ext. 8. A volunteer will return your call, ask you what dish you prefer to bring and provide directions to the Schmeal home. FOA board members will provide wine and other beverages. Please come, ya'll!

Penny Gómez
FOA Membership Coordinator

Friends of Archaeology

Mission Statement

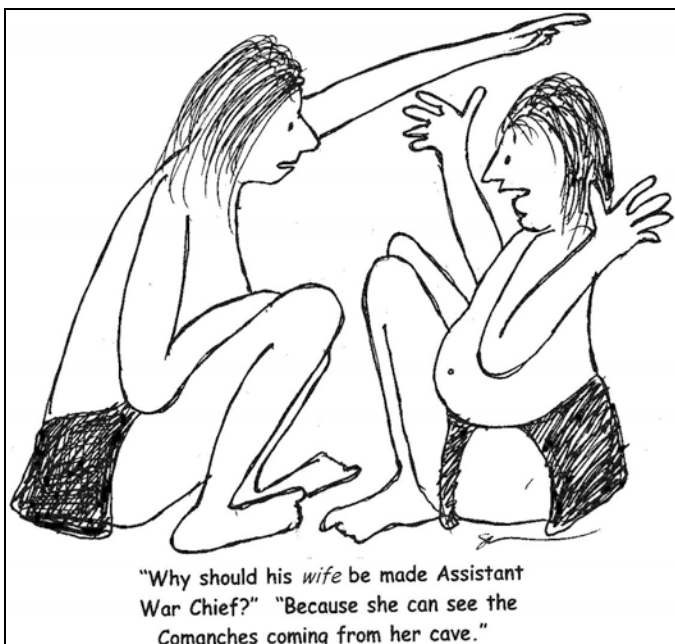
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The Friends of Archaeology subscribes to the following Code of Ethics, and asks that all members promote the principles listed below.

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2. We will respect the rights of private land owners, and will abide by any stipulations made by the owners in allowing archaeological visits, work and investigations on their property.
3. We shall not engage in the illicit excavation of archaeological sites or gathering of artifacts from archaeological and historical sites.
4. We will leave campsites, picnic areas and work sites in as good or better condition than we found them.
5. We will be alert for signs of illegal activities at archaeological and historical sites. If such activities of recent age are noted, we should inform the proper authorities through the Office of Archaeological Studies. If such activities are observed, we will contact the local law enforcement agency.

Gerry's Corner



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The Office of Archaeological Studies was the first museum program of its kind in the United States. Its staff conducts international field and laboratory research, offers educational opportunities for school groups and civic organizations, and works to preserve, protect, and interpret New Mexico's prehistoric and historic sites.

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April 3-6. Southern Arizona & Tucson Area. See February 2008 newsletter for more information.

April 26. Chiles & Sherds VII. A Celebration of the Cuisine and Archaeology of New Mexico at Los Luceros. See February 2008 newsletter for more information.

May 9. Day Trip to Pueblo Sites Explored by Edgar L. Hewett.

May 15-17. Chaco Outliers. See February 2008 newsletter for more information.