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The mission of the San Diego County Archaeological Society is to promote public understanding and appreciation of archaeology in general and to encourage the preservation of the cultural resources of San Diego County.

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President's Message

By Lauren Downs

Hello SDCAS members, I recently returned from a trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula where my mother, sister, and I participated in a weekend hosted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. We learned to ice fish, snow shoe, tie fly's for fly fishing, and build custom arrows. The main takeaway from this program was how much more can be accomplished when we work in groups and cooperate with one another. So over the next few months I encourage all of our members to think about how you can support your colleagues, your family, your friends, and yes, your fellow SDCAS members! I would also like to thank all of you for helping SDCAS become the organization that it is today. I speak for all of the board members when I say that we truly appreciate your support.

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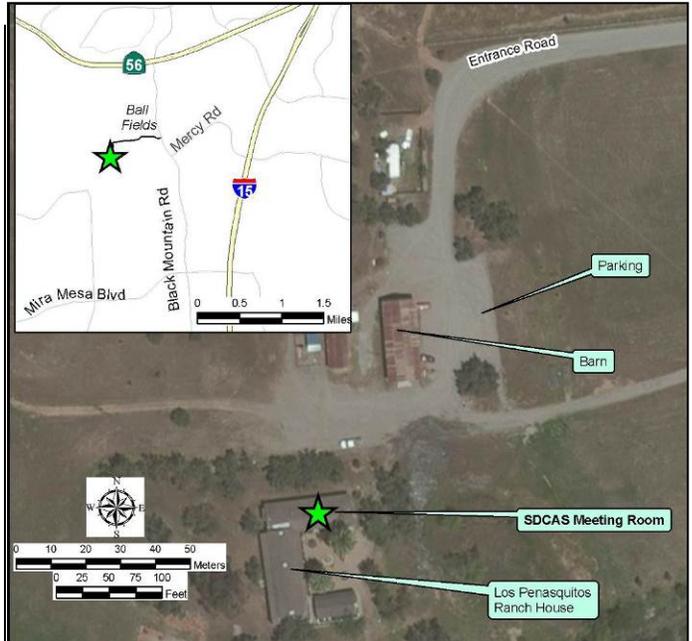
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MEETING INFO: The SDCAS Office is located at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House. During the Fall, Winter, and Spring, Monthly Speaker meetings are held on the Fourth Tuesday of each month except December. During the Summer months General Meetings are held on Saturday evenings, in the courtyard at the Ranch House. See pg. 4 for details of upcoming meetings.



Directions to Los Peñasquitos Ranch House: From I-15 take Mercy Rd. west, turn right (north) onto Black Mountain Rd. and then take the first left (Canyonside Park Driveway) into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Follow the road all the way to the back (past Canyonside Community Park ball fields and through the partially closed gate), and park either in the small parking area by the barn or along the edge of the dirt entrance road. There is additional parking in the field to the east of the barn.

If you put Los Peñasquitos Ranch House into Google Maps, it can also give you specific directions.

Board Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the offices of California State Parks' Southern Service Center in Liberty Station (Barracks 26), 2797 Truxtun Rd., San Diego, CA 92106.

DISCLAIMER: Articles printed in this newsletter are for the information of the members of the Society and do not necessarily represent the views or beliefs of the board members or the Society in general.

Editor's Message

Thanks to all who sent me articles for the newsletter! I really appreciate getting information and articles from our membership.

This issue's theme seems to be cremains (the cremated remains of people). Be sure to read the article about the archaeologist and canine forensics-led cremains recovery effort in Paradise California (see page 7), and then come to our April meeting to hear Natalie tell of her experiences volunteering with that effort (see page 4). There is also a possible new technique for determining the gender of ancient cremains (see page 11).

SUBMISSIONS: Please send all submissions to me at the address below. Emailed digital documents are preferred. Any hard-copy item you wish returned must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The deadline for the next issue is **April 26**. Please send all items to: Marla.Mealey@parks.ca.gov or to Marla Mealey c/o California State Parks, Southern Service Center, 2797 Truxtun Rd., San Diego, CA 92106.

Members' News Corner

SDCAS Secretary Position Now Open

We're in need of a new SDCAS secretary as our previous one had to resign due to other commitments. The SDCAS secretary takes the minutes at the monthly board meeting and distributes a digital copy of the minutes to the board for review. The secretary is also responsible for checking the general SDCAS email and alerting appropriate board member/s of email inquiries or information.

If you are interested in the SDCAS secretary position, please contact SDCAS's president Lauren Downs at Lauren.Downs@aecom.com

Crafts, Culture, & Native History

Saturday, March 9 – 10am-1pm
Location: Edgemoor Barn, 9200 N. Magnolia Avenue,
Santee, CA 92071

Free Event

As part of River Kids Discovery Days, the Santee Historical Society is hosting *Crafts, Culture, & Native History*. The Kumeyaay have lived along our San Diego River for at least 10,000 years. Come celebrate this important local history and learn about the traditions of Southern California Native Americans. Attendees will - Explore the Native American history of our region - Participate in hands-on activities - See basket weaving in action - Tour the historic Santee Barn - Indian Fry Bread will be available for sale.

Lecture: Archaeology on the Coronados Islands

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019
Time: 1 PM
Location: San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San
Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027)
Cost: Free

Presentation by Joseph McCain.

Despite their attractiveness to early human migrants and maritime foragers, small islands often are overlooked in archaeological and historical ecological investigations. Along Alta and Baja California, the Channel Islands and Isla Cedros have been the focus of extensive and intensive archaeological investigations. Even with the wealth of data from islands to the north and south, the Coronados Islands, a small set of four islands off the northwestern Baja California coast, have been the subject of very little scientific archaeological research. Joseph McCain will present his findings after an initial field season was completed in 2016. This research produced the first radiometric dates from the Coronados Islands, built an initial settlement chronology and occupational history, identified several prehistoric sites with high research potential, and laid the foundation for future archaeological and historical ecological studies of the island group.

Workshop: Introduction to Flintknapping with James Bowden

Date: Saturday, March 30
Time: 10 AM – 12 PM
Location: San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San
Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027)
Cost: Adults \$30; SDAC Members \$25; Youth w/Paid
Adult \$25
Register online at:

<https://sandiegoarchaeology.org/introduction-to-flintknapping/>

Participants will learn about the components that make up the Native American stone toolkit and basic flintknapping techniques. Participants will also be able to practice these techniques in creating stone tools. No experience required. Ages 12+. Minors must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Workshop: Advanced Flintknapping with James Bowden

Date: March 30, 2019
Time: 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Location: San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San
Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027)
Cost: \$80; SDAC Members \$70
Register online at:
<https://sandiegoarchaeology.org/advanced-flintknapping/>

For experienced flintknappers who are already able to make stone tools such as projectile points. This advanced session will focus on overcoming participants' specific knapping challenges, and cover advanced topics such as biface thinning, setting up platforms, improving percussion flaking, details on heat treatment of materials, and less common knapping techniques. Each participant is required to bring examples of their work, especially pieces that illustrate their specific challenges. Registration also covers a materials fee for the purchase of high quality and unique stone samples.

Barona Ancient Spirits Speak Class: Native Foods

April 13 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Spring brings bountiful traditional food resources. Join us as Martha Rodriguez (San Jose de la Zorra) shares her knowledge of Native foods and teaches how to prepare, cook, and eat the different parts of the yucca plant. Come hungry!

RSVP by Friday, April 5 by calling 619-443-7003. All classes are open to the public and lunch is included. To guarantee your spot in the class, please register online at <https://www.baronamuseum.com/classes>

Ages 12 and up; \$25 fee for public (free for Barona Tribal Members).

Class is held at the Barona Cultural Center & Museum - 1095 Barona Road - Lakeside, CA 92040.

Barona Ancient Spirits Speak Class: Willow Basket

May 4 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Willow trees were essential to Kumeyaay/Diegueño livelihood. Its branches provided shelter, bark for clothing and pain relief, and its leafy twigs were made into baskets. These baskets were used as granaries to store acorns. Learn to make your own miniature granary basket with Eva Salazar (Kumeyaay).

RSVP by Friday, April 26 by calling 619-443-7003. All classes are open to the public and lunch is included. To guarantee your spot in the class, please register online at <https://www.baronamuseum.com/classes>

Ages 14 and up; \$25 fee for public (free for Barona Tribal Members).

Class is held at the Barona Cultural Center & Museum - 1095 Barona Road - Lakeside, CA 92040.

San Diego Archaeological Center BBQ

The annual SDAC BBQ is April 27, 2019. Catered by H. Brothers. Visit SDAC's website for more details: www.sandiegoarchaeology.org

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SDCAS Website: www.sdcas.org

<https://www.facebook.com/sdcas>

<https://www.instagram.com/sdcarchsociety/?hl=en>

2018 FAB Award: An Artful Honor

By Jim Royle

By vote of the 2018 SDCAS Board, the winner of the annual FAB Award for 2018 is Joanna Collier. The FAB Award has been awarded by the SDCAS Board every year since the Society's founding in 1973. This year's award was announced at our regular meeting on February 26th.



Joanna Collier receiving the FAB award from Jim Royle

Joanna was the major force behind the establishment of the Society's Art Show in 2016. Along with Arch in the Park, the Art Show is part of our celebration of California Archaeology Month in San Diego. Joanna is continuing to lead the successful planning and execution of the Art Show at the State Parks office in Liberty Station. Watch for information on this year's Art Show, including information on how to submit your entries, later this year.

Upcoming SDCAS Meeting

SDCAS Monthly Meetings are free and open to the public

March 26 (Fourth Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos (see page 2 for directions)

Title: *Using Earth's magnetic field to determine the age of heat-treated archaeological materials*

Presenter: Shelby Jones-Cervantes

Shelby Jones-Cervantes will give a presentation on her current archaeomagnetic dating research and the methods behind this very important mode of dating heat-treated archaeological material.

April 23 (Fourth Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
Los Peñasquitos (see page 2 for directions)

Title: *Ashes from Ashes: Archaeologists and Forensic Dogs Recovering Lost Human Remains*

Presenter: Natalie Brodie

In this lecture, archaeologist Natalie Brodie will discuss current efforts to recover cremated human remains following a massive wild fire in Butte County. Volunteer archaeologists have been paired with trained forensic dogs and handlers to search for cremated remains in the wreckage. Ms. Brodie will discuss the process used by the archaeologists, the remarkable results of the effort, and the value of the archaeological process for remains recovery. Note this presentation will show photographs of cremated human remains.

Natalie Brodie is a professional archaeologist here in San Diego. She is the current Second Vice President for the San Diego County Archaeological Society and is also a past-President of the Society. Ms. Brodie's interests include historical archaeology, the history of water development, and GIS applications.

Membership Report

A big thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership by the suggested deadline of January 31, 2019! We are looking forward to a great year ahead with interesting speakers and field trips, so we'd love for you to join us!

If you have yet to renew your 2019 annual membership, please feel free to reach out to membership@sdcas.org, renew online at www.sdcas.org, or via snail mail at P.O. Box 81106 San Diego, CA 92138. Standard annual renewals are \$30, while student renewals continue to be \$15. Make sure to get renewals in by January 31, 2019 so you don't miss out on our newsletter or fieldtrip invitations!

Advantages of membership include fun, educational and archaeologically focused field trips that are free for members, along with this wonderful, informational newsletter! Membership fees also help to fund free activities for the public, such as Arch in the Park. We could not perform our mission of public outreach for cultural resources without your help and support!

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Members' News Corner

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Lecture: "Yearning to See God: Early Byzantine Art, Theology, and Science"

Thursday, March 18th, 5-7pm at the Village at Torrey Pines, 15th Floor, 1 Scholars Drive N. (UCSD Campus). Presented by the Center for Hellenic Studies.

San Diego AIA Lecture: Troia (Portugal) or the "Portuguese Troy": A Mystery in the Edge of the Roman Empire

Friday, April 26, 2019 (7:15PM) in Arts & Letters 101, San Diego State University.**

Troia is the name of a sandy peninsula located in the southwestern Atlantic coast of Portugal. ... This lecture questions what Troia may have been in Roman times besides a noteworthy center for the production of salt fish goods.... Our aim is to better understand whether the strategic location of Troia may have allowed it to become a confluence place of people, ideas, religion, artistic trends, & material resources. During Late Antiquity (6th c CE), Troia slowly declined and was forgotten until Modern times. ...

Presented by Dr. Filomena Limão - 2018/19 AIA Kress Lecturer; Universidade Nova in Lisbon and Coordinator of ENCONTRHARTE (Encontros de História da Arte da Antiguidade)

** Parking for non-AIA members is in PS12 (formerly PS4). You will need to purchase a visitor parking pass from one of the yellow self-pay kiosks, at a cost of a dollar an hour. The self-pay kiosks accept cash or credit card, and the most convenient kiosk is located at the top of PS12. You may park in any STUDENT parking space with a guest parking pass. Be sure to place the permit facing up on your dashboard.

For more info:
<https://sites.google.com/view/SanDiegoAIA>

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47th Annual Powwow at San Diego State University

April 13

San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA United States

The Native American Student Alliance at San Diego State University is hosting its annual gathering celebrating Native cultures.

PCAS Lectures

Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Lecture meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District Community Room, 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue (between the I-5 and I-405) in Irvine, on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and open to the public.

- *March 14, 2019.* Dr. Amy E. Gusick: “*Trans-Holocene and Inter-Island Approaches to Human-Coastal Interactions: A Case Study from the Channel Islands of California*”

The Channel Islands of California have received much attention from researchers due, in part, to the long occupation history of the islands that spans at least 13,000 years. The northern islands, and the Chumash peoples who inhabited them, have played important roles in our understanding of early coastal adaptations and development of complexity among maritime adapted peoples; however, this is only part of the story. The Tongva (Gabrielino) who lived on the Southern Channel Islands have a similar occupational history, but lived in different environmental and geographic contexts and differ in language and cultural practices. Separated from the mainland and each other by deep ocean trenches and longer distances than between the northern islands, the southern islands required that even the earliest inhabitants have sophisticated watercraft capable of open ocean crossings. Their inhabitants utilized marine and terrestrial environments that were warmer and more arid than those of the northern islands. These varied contexts and long occupational sequence provide different perspectives on coastal adaptations. Their similarities and differences are considered using data from three trans-Holocene archaeological sites from three islands: Eel Point, Little Harbor, and Punta Arena, located on the southern islands of San Clemente and Santa Catalina and the northern island of Santa Cruz, respectively. The presentation will consider the variation in adaptations between these sites and the dynamic relationship between people, islands, and climate change in Mediterranean environments that can be understood through trans-Holocene and inter-island studies.

- *April 11, 2019.* John Bretney: “*Rock Art of the Rodman Mountains.*”
- *May 9, 2019.* Ivan Strudwick: “*Anaheim’s Chinatown.*”

Malki Museum Agave Harvest and Roast

Harvest: April 6, 10am

Roast and Tasting: April 13, 10am-4pm

The Agave Harvest and Roast is an annual event sponsored by the Malki Museum. It is held on two consecutive Saturdays in mid- to late-April, when the Agave plants were

traditionally gathered. The agave or *amul* was a basic food staple for the Cahuilla and Kumeyaay Indians of Southern California.

The harvested agave is brought back to the Malki Museum for the Agave Roast and Tasting, held the following Saturday. The agave hearts are cooked in a traditional roasting pit and served with other customary Native foods. There are also a variety of demonstrations throughout the day from native plant usage to pottery making.

Harvest Location: Cahuilla Tewanet Overlook on the Palms to Pines Highway (Hwy. 74). Bring sturdy walking shoes, water, sunscreen, and leather gloves (if you would like to help harvest the agave). Reservations Recommended: Please call (951) 849 7289.

Tasting Location: Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Rd. Morongo Reservation, Banning, CA. Free admission, \$10 donation per plate of food. 10am: removing agave from roasting pit, 11am: tasting and demonstrations begin.

California Rock Art on the World Stage: A Documentary Film

The California Rock Art Foundation (<https://www.carockart.org/>) is helping to produce an exciting documentary film about the rock art of the world showcasing the central place of wild sheep and goats to indigenous people over the millennia. This effort publicly shares in an entertaining and educational platform the great importance and central cultural significance of California rock art on the world stage. The documentary emphasizes deep time religious aspects of rock art and helps us understand the meaning and function of some of the most abiding and timeless symbols passed down from our ancient ancestors.

The short trailer is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLJece0Cybl>

For more information visit <http://theibexcode.com/>

National Park Service’s 2019 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service’s 2019 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques “Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of the Fort Casimir Site, Delaware,” will be held May 20--24, 2019, at the Fort Casimir site in New Castle County, Delaware. Lodging will be at the Best Western Plus Newark/Christiana Inn in Bear, DE at the cost of \$109.00 per night.

The field exercises will take place at the Fort Casimir Site. The fort was a Dutch Colonial Fort established under Peter Stuyvesant in 1651. Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service’s Midwest Archeological Center, Northeast Regional Office, and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, as well as the Delaware State Parks and the New Castle Historical Society. This will be the twenty-ninth year of the workshop dedicated to the use of

geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field.

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National Park Service's 2019 Archaeological Prospection Workshop (Continued from page 5)

There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/mwac/>. Payment will be made by credit card through the Friends of NCPTT at <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/training-conference-events/>. For further information, please contact Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873; tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437-5098; email: steve_de_vore@nps.gov.

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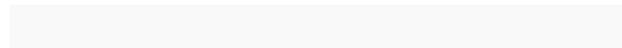
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A Haiku About Season's End

By Pearl George

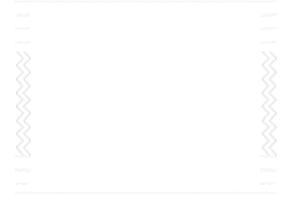
Season has ended,
Units have been filled up,
Oh no! My trowel!

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The SDCAS membership year begins **January 1**. Please check the membership desired and enclose payment for the amount shown in the table below. Membership is subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

	1-Year*
_____ Individual	\$30.00
_____ Family	\$40.00
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_____ Life	\$300.00

* Half-year rates (at 1/2 the full-year price) are available July-October for New Members Only.

Check here for 1/2-year rates. Check here for Renewal

Code of Ethics

1. The collecting in any manner of archaeological material or data shall be done using contemporary scientific techniques, and shall have as its express purpose the finding and dissemination of information relative to the history and prehistory of California.

2. Provisions shall be made for the housing of archaeological materials and data in accordance with accepted professional practices, and such materials and data shall be made available to qualified individuals through accumulated field notes and records or to the general profession through the publication of findings.

3. The gathering of archaeological specimens or the destruction of archaeological sites for purposes of selling artifacts or personal acquisition shall in all cases be forbidden and shall subject member to expulsion proceedings.

All members will adhere to this Society's Code of Ethics, and to State, Federal, and International Antiquities Laws.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Ethics.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor* _____ Date _____

* Persons under 18 years of age must be sponsored by an adult SDCAS member

Please send completed form and payment to San Diego County Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 81106, San Diego, CA 92138.

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