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Annual SiteWatch Site Steward Conference

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725 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe

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Santa Fe

SILENT AUCTION!!!

Please bring items to donate for today's auction.
Proceeds go towards the 2015 Annual Meeting!

9:30 - 10:00 Sign in

10:00 - 10:15 Welcoming

Norm Nelson, NM State SiteWatch Coordinator

Jan Biella, NM State Archaeologist

Dr. Jeff Pappas, NM State Historic Preservation Officer

10:15 -11:30 Ana Steffen (Valles Caldera) **Glass, Time, & Fire: Using Obsidian to Learn About the Past in the Valles Caldera.** Obsidian artifacts are some of the most eye-catching objects we come across on archaeological sites in New Mexico, and their "information potential" is as sparkling as their appearance. In this overview we'll explore how this volcanic glass is used by archaeologists to enhance our understanding of 10,000 years of human land use in the Valles Caldera. Bring your questions and your curiosity and we'll make a quick tour of the Jemez Mountains quarries, discuss obsidian sourcing and hydration dating, and consider how forest fires transform the archaeological record and the glass artifacts it holds.

Lunch Break – **11:30 to 1:00** in the Lobby (adjacent to the auditorium). A hearty and delicious lunch (courtesy of the Site Steward Foundation) consisting of assorted salads and sandwiches, beverages and dessert, will be provided on site. Vegetarians will be accommodated. *Take time to stroll around the silent auction too!*

1:10 – 2:10 Charles Haecker (NPS), **Vaqueros Come to this Pueblo to Trade: Results of Archaeological Remote Sensing Surveys Within and Around the Pecos Pueblo Trade Fair Area.** Charlie will discuss the 2011 and 2012 archaeological sample surveys conducted within Pecos National Historical Park. These surveys identified an encampment of the

1540-1542 Coronado expedition as well as evidence of Pecos Pueblo's sometimes peaceful-sometimes warlike interactions with Apache and Comanche tribes.

2:15 -2:35 Gary Newgent – **NM Site Steward Foundation Update and Business Meeting.** Concise, informative, and important to SiteWatch. Consider joining and experience the SW through their tours, programs, and events!

Break – **2:35 to 2:45**

2:45 - 3:30 **Chapter Corner** - Reports from the Chapters- we will open with a General Report, then hear from the chapters: Silver City, Taos, Hobbs/Carlsbad, Farmington, Santa Fe, Torrance which ever chapter has news or issues to share! This is a great time to arrange visits to other chapters or air out problems and find solutions from the group!

3:30 – 4:30 Dr. Patricia Crown (UNM) – **A Tale of Two Species: How Chocolate and Macaws became Prestige Items in Mesoamerica, the American Southwest, and Europe.** Chocolate and macaws were important in ritual and exchange in Mesoamerica and the American Southwest over a millennium before the Spanish entered the New World. The Spanish rapidly adapted and adopted these commodities into their own economic system. Far from their tropical home, chocolate and macaws spread through Europe, becoming status symbols of the European elite. How did a plant and a bird become prestige items in so many different cultures? Dr. Crown draws on archaeological research and art history to show how the elite on two continents used these two species as luxury items, displaying both the species and images of them over many centuries.

This is the end of today's program. Thanks for being a part of it! Be safe going home!