

SITE LINES

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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

CLASS OF 2003 ASSIGNED TO AREAS

The class of 2003 consists of 21 new Site Steward trainees who have enthusiastically accepted assignments and been oriented to their areas. Assignments are:

Caja del Rio – Annette and Sal Morreale, Steve Rogers
Gallina – Wally Newman, Ted Bryant, Elaine Gorham,
Dwight Fieselman

Garcia – Will Dearholt; Greg Lach and Robert Holbrook
as ancillary area

Jemez – Linda Thibodeaux, Greg Lach, John Morris,
Shad Goldstein, Charlie Allinger, Nancy Brouillard

Pecos – Bill and Nancy Cella, Robert Holbrook, Clara
Zschaler, Lorayne Gutierrez, Jon Greening

Rio Chama – Henry Sais

As an imbalance due to attrition was occurring in both the Rio Chama and Garcia, established stewards Alston Lundgren, Diane Marron, John Pitts and Bob McCarthy are also being oriented to sites in those areas.

SITE STEWARD CLASS OF 2003 SURVEY RESULTS

Greg Lach (Class of 2003) conducted a survey of the new trainees with 13 of 23 attendees responding. His report follows:

*“Eager to PRESERVE and Explore Our
Small Corners of History”*

The surveys contained overwhelmingly positive responses to all of the questions although suggestions for improvement were sprinkled throughout. The most consistently voiced suggestions were related to the sites themselves and the absence of the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO).

It was suggested that the NM sites be described in more detail – possibly photos / slides / videos of existing sites and include the site type “mix” in each province (rock art, prehistoric lodging, historic locations, etc.). Include what can be expected here in NM from vandalism and erosion and what effects to watch for, i.e. falling walls, drainage erosion, etc.

Another suggestion – include the LEO but have their section be last on the list so that a firm ending time limit is set. Could they be included in the second day practice walk around for an informal discussion versus the formal classroom training? Maybe both, highlight the important laws in class, and then have informal discussions on day 2 with the LEO?

All in all, a very well conceived and executed class.

To the Current Membership of the Santa Fe National Forest Site Stewards and Mike Bremer - Thanks.

*“Our new journey has begun and the direction is true,
Guided by the stars and wind, compasses and maps,
And the Stewards of New Mexico’s Past.”*

HACIENDA TOUR

Linda and Paul McClendon led a tour of 11 Site Stewards to the Hacienda Site in the Pecos Area of the SFNF on November 15. Paul and Linda have been stewards at the Hacienda for a number of years and are conducting an ongoing research project into the who, what, when and why of this site. Stewards and guests

attending were John and Linda Morris, Gary Hein, Alston Lundgren, Bob Holbrook, Jeanne Gozigian, Linda Thibodeaux, Greg Lach, Jan Stone and Lee and Candie Borduin. Thanks to the McClendons for leading a very enjoyable and interesting tour!



Linda McClendon describes some of the research she and husband Paul have conducted at the Hacienda Site in Anton Chico to John and Linda Morris



Lunch in the sun, Paul McClendon gave an overview of their research at the Hacienda Site. The exterior walls of the Hacienda show reinforcement by members of a recent P.I.T. project. Photos by Gary Hein

PASSPORT IN TIME

The spring offerings for Passport In Time programs have been published for 2004. These programs are very informative, provide the opportunity to participate in fieldwork with experienced archaeologists, and offer contacts with people of varied backgrounds and experience. The spring programs for New Mexico are:

- Carson National Forest - May 3-7 15. Sapawe Area Survey near El Rito.
- Cibola National Forest – April 26 – 30 Pithouses and Pueblos on the Anasazi-Mogollon Frontier near Magdalena.
- Santa Fe National Forest – May 17 – 21 Gallina Site relocation and Documentation, near Regina

See www.passportintime.com for full details.

FUNDING PROPOSALS

About 25 responses to the Funding Proposal Questionnaire have been received. Gary Hein is compiling the responses which will be presented at the January 10 Council meeting. Thanks to all who have taken the time to respond and those who have not, please take a few minutes to do so. Your response to the questionnaire will help the governing Council decide the best manner to obtain funds to underwrite the portions of the Program the SFNF is not budgeted to underwrite. The response and opinion of each steward is welcomed; please submit to SiteSteward@comcast.net or SFNF Site Steward Program, P. O. Box 31943, Santa Fe, NM, 87594-1934.

NEW SITES ON THE SFNF

Mike Bremer met with several members of the Council to identify new sites in each area on the SFNF to be monitored. Area Team Leaders will visit these areas, develop site files for the sites and orient team members to the new sites in coming months, weather permitting.

WEB SITE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP!

Thanks to Gary Hein, the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Web Site continues to grow and flourish. The Web Site can be reached at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/glhein/sitesteward/SiteSteward/sitesteward.html> Gary welcomes comments and suggestions - - - and deserves praise for a job well done.

GENERAL MEETING/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM JANUARY 21

Mike Bremer will be giving a presentation on his visit to Oaxaca on Wednesday evening January 21, 2004 at the SFNF Office at 1474 Rodeo Road. New Stewards needing photo ID should come at 6:30 pm; the program starts at 7:00 pm and is followed by a short meeting.

MIKE VISITS OAXACA IN MEXICO

Between October 27th and November 7th, 2003 Anne and I visited the Colonial city of Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico. Our last visit, too many years ago, stimulated an interest in learning more about the people who have lived in the Valley of Oaxaca.

One thing most folks are not aware of is that Oaxaca is the seat of classic state level civilization in the Americas. Roughly 5,000 years ago groups merged together on top of Monte Alban to form the first real capital city and state on this continent. Older than anything Inca or anything in Mexico, the occupants of Monte Alban, the Zapotecs, forged an empire that lasted from 2,500 BC to A.D. 700. Is it any wonder the current occupants of this part of Mexico feel strongly attached to the land and their ancestors?

Although it's not obvious, when you visit sites in the area you are standing on the most recent structures which sit atop those of ages past. You can only imagine the complexities involved in learning about the past.

Walking in the main plaza of Monte Alban one gets a sense of the overwhelming task ahead of Mexico and the people of Oaxaca in trying to understand how their ancestors lived and what motivated them.

On January 21, 2004 at 7:00 pm I'll have the pleasure of giving a slide presentation on the people and history of Oaxaca as a Steward Continuing Educational Program.



*Mound complex in central plaza of Monte Alban, Oaxaca
(photo by Mike Bremer 2003)*

REPORTS OF SITE VANDALISM

Curt Hawley, ATL for the Pecos Area reported, "We have a newly recorded site, "Glorieta Rock Shelter" that has been vandalized with digging. Brent Abel, District Archaeologist inspected the site; Mike asked the team to visit the site on a weekly basis to assure no further intrusions occurred. The site is classic Anasazi (AD 400-1600), consists of a hearth, cairn, projectile points, sherds and historic trash.

Wayne Nelson, ATL for the Garcia Area reported illegal excavation in the pueblo in Garcia Canyon in a corner of a room block. The damage was 1 meter long, wide and deep. While footprints and tire tracks present were estimated to be 24 hours old by the Garcia Team, the LEO felt the incursion damage was older than the tire tracks. This is the first evidence of an incursion to any site in the Garcia in the approximately 10 years Wayne has been monitoring this area. Team members accompanying Wayne were Carol Jacobson and Will Dearholt.

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- **SFNF Site Steward Council Meeting**, January 10, 2004, 11-3 @ MIAC
- **9th Southwest Symposium**, Chihuahua, Mexico- January 9-10, 2004
- **SFNF Site Steward General Meeting and Educational Program**: "Visit to Oaxaca" by Mike Bremer, Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at the SFNF Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe. Photos of new Stewards at 6:30, Educational Program starts at 7:00 pm followed by short business meeting.
- February 15, 2004; deadline for **applications** for **New Mexico PIT Projects**

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

SFNF Site Steward Program

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/glhein/sitesteward/SiteSteward/sitesteward.html>

Southwestern Archaeology's Newsletter "Got Caliche"

<http://www.swanet.org/news.html>

Southwestern Archaeology's Archives

<http://www.swanet.org/zarchives/>

Southwest Seminars - <http://www.southwestseminars.org>

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