

SITE LINES

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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

EDUCATIONAL & GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 21

Over 30 people attended the January 21 General Meeting in Santa Fe. This is the first of several continuing education programs planned for the Site Stewards in 2004. Many of the Class of 2003 Stewards obtained their photo ID's and opportunities for introductions and interactions between established and new stewards were possible.



Mike Bremer presented an excellent slide show on his recent visit to Oaxaca, Mexico. Mike presented 80 images taken during his 2 week trip to the site including a 360° panorama of the area.



Outgoing Council Chair George Gozigian is presented with a plaque that read "In appreciation for outstanding leadership as Council Chair for the SFNF Site Steward program" by incoming Council Chair, Lee Borduin. In making the presentation, Lee noted that George became chair in the aftermath of the Cerro Grande fire when the Site Steward Program was barely functional. With George's leadership, a program infrastructure has been established and there currently are 64 active stewards working in six areas.



Mike presented George a lion fetish with instructions to feed it regularly with corn meal, also provided by Mike.

Photos by Gary Hein

JANUARY 10 COUNCIL MEETING

- New Officers named at the January 10 Site Steward Council meeting are: Lee Borduin (Gallina) Council Chair; Jan Stone (Jemez) Co-Chair; Jeanne Gozigian (Rio Chama) Secretary; and Beth Parisi (Rio Chama) Treasurer. Tenure of Officers was changed to one year.
- A committee of Council members was assigned to develop a proposal of adding Assistant Area Team Leaders to the Program. The functions of the Assistant Area Team Leaders would be:
 - To broaden representation in the Council
 - To provide support as requested by the individual ATLs and
 - To provide a mentoring process for both field operations and Council functions with the expectation that they will advance to the position of ATL.
- ATL's are in the process of developing Site Files for the newly assigned sites in each Forest Area. Once files are created and the Areas are accessible, the new sites will be assigned to Stewards for monitoring.
- The next Site Steward Training Program is scheduled for August 28 and 29. Mike has indicated that the Program membership will be capped at 80 Stewards; the current membership is 64. An addition to this years training will be a power point presentation of each of the six Forest areas, narrated by the ATL for that area. If you know of interested parties, information about applying for the training is listed on the website. Wayne Nelson is Training Committee Chair.
- Stewards from the Class of 2002 who are now Certified Site Stewards are: Sid Barteau, Ed Crow, Alan Everson, Gary Hein, George Henke, Judith Isaacs, Rebecca Learmonth, Alston

Lundgren, Don McGovern, Gary Newgent, and Shelley Thompson.

SFNF SITE STEWARD PROGRAM GOALS FOR 2004

Incoming Council Chair Lee Borduin has proposed the following Program Goals for 2004:

- To establish Assistant Area Team Leader positions to enhance site monitoring activities and expand the Site Steward Council membership.
- To hold Site Survey Training conducted by Mike Bremer with the objective of introducing site stewards to documentation procedures.
- To provide Training for additional Site Stewards specifically to increase membership in the "northern" Forest Areas: The Garcia, Rio Chama and Gallina areas.
- To schedule additional Continuing Education Programs.
- To hold an Annual Meeting in September or October similar to the 2003 Annual Meeting: a two day program with overnight camping option, archaeological demonstrations and campfire fun.

With new areas to monitor and new stewards joining our roster, we look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding year – meeting our commitments to the Forest while growing as individuals and as an organization.

FUNDING FOR 2004

Thanks to the Stewards who responded to the funding proposal questionnaire. Twenty responses were received. At the January 10 Site Steward Council meeting, the following course of action was taken:

- Established a budget for 2004 based on 2003 expenses:

Annual Meeting:	\$100
Site Steward Training	100
Post Office Box	80
General Meetings (Speaker and Travel Expenses)	150
Bank Charges	120
Postage & Newsletter	25
Awards	<u>100</u>
Round up to:	\$700
- The Council elected to request voluntary contributions from Site Stewards and parties supportive to the Program. No tax deduction is possible for a contribution to the Program.
- Funding Questionnaire Responses:

Mike Bremer advised the Council that charging dues is, along with creating a 501c3 to benefit the SFNF Site Steward Program, seen by the SFNF as soliciting funds and is not allowed.

Over half the respondents favored proceeding with developing a 501c3 which would benefit

similar conservation organizations as well as the SFNF Site Steward Program. A similar number supported soliciting existing 501c3 organizations for funds.

Both of these options may be possible; both require considerable effort and dedication to pursue. Only one member of the Council at the time of these considerations was willing to pursue the first option.

Significantly, while 11 respondents supported both options, only one person indicated he/she would participate in this effort. Hopefully, as the program continues to develop, members will dedicate themselves to pursue one or the other of these options.

- Those wishing to make a contribution to the SFNF Site Steward Program may send a check to: Beth Parisi – Treasurer at P.O. Box 31943, Santa Fe, NM 87594-1934. Indicate in memo section "SFNF Site Steward Program". (Because the program is neither a 501c3 nor a business, a tax ID number cannot be issued. Therefore, the account is listed under the Treasurer's name.)

Thank you for your Support!

SITE SURVEY TRAINING SESSIONS

As part of the continuing education component of the SFNF Site Steward program, the Forest is training site stewards in the techniques of heritage resource site survey and recording. Survey is not intended to be the primary function of the Site Steward program, nor is it meant to take time or resources away from site monitoring and inspection. The intent is to give stewards additional experience and training in the field to aid in site recognition. Stewards will not be qualified to conduct professional level archaeological survey at the end of the training.

To accomplish this we are proposing to spend two days each month between February and May of 2004 on the Caja del Rio. This period of training is intended to be a pilot project to explore the feasibility of the training and to work out the kinks. The training will occur from 8:00 to 4:30 and will meet at the Santa Fe National Forest, Supervisor's Office. Scheduling will be based on a first-call, first-served basis and is limited to six stewards/day.

Each day will consist of instruction in site survey and site recording. This day of training on the Caja is the first of two days of survey training planned for each interested steward. If this pilot project proves successful we anticipate providing the second day of training in your appropriate team area.

Stewards are asked to apply for one day and an alternate day. More days may be chosen if slots are not filled but the intent is to give as many stewards the initial training as want it. Final scheduling is up to the discretion of the Forest Archaeologist.

Training will be supervised by archaeologists from the SFNF. Crew size will be limited to the supervisory archaeologists and the six site stewards. Only those who have registered for a specific day and have confirmed with the Forest Archaeologist will be included in the survey. Only Site Stewards who have completed at least the initial site steward training may apply. This includes probationary stewards and certified stewards.

Instruction will consist of teaching the basic methods of archaeological survey and site inventory, including pedestrian (walking systematically spaced transects) survey, compass use, GPS use, map reading, aerial photography reading, site recording and site mapping. For those interested there will be additional work available to help complete the paperwork associated with the survey.

Several slots are still available for the training according to the following schedule:

February 12, 2004-Past and Cancelled due to weather

February 26 2004-Full

March 11, 2004-Full

March 25, 2004-Four openings

April 8, 2004-Five openings

April 22, 2004-Four openings

May 6, 2004-Six openings

May 27, 2004-Six openings

It has been first come, first served for all training dates. Given the time of year it is very important that you choose two days in case the weather shuts us out as it did the first day.

To apply, contact the Forest Archaeologist, (505) 438-7846 mbremer@fs.fed.us

WEB SITE

The Web Site Continues to develop thanks to Gary Hein's efforts. It is rewarding to regularly access the Web Site for new additions of information, upcoming events as well as ongoing activities of the SFNF Site Steward Program.
<http://home.comcast.net/~SiteSteward/sitesteward/SiteSteward/sitesteward.html>

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- **Seminars "Voices From the Past 2004"**
Monday evenings, 6 pm at Hotel Santa Fe, February 9 – April 26. See Website below
- **SFNF Site Survey Training**, February 12-May 27, (505) 438-7846 mbremer@fs.fed.us
- Watch for new **Passport In Time** projects in NM for later this summer @ www.passportintime.com

- **SFNF Site Steward Training** August 28 & 29, Santa Fe, see website below
- **Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting** March 31 to April 4, 2004, Montreal, Ontario, Canada
- **Pecos Conference** August 11-15, 2004, Bluff, Utah
- **American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) Annual Conference**, May 28-31, 2004, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico
- **12th Annual Atlatl Competition and International**, June 4-6, 2004, Sevier, Utah

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

SFNF Site Steward Program

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

<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>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

<http://www.achp.gov>

The Archaeology Channel

<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>

Society for American Archaeology

<http://www.saa.org/>

Map Tools

<http://www.maptools.com/>

National Atlas

<http://nationalatlas.gov/atlasftp.html>

Archaeological Conservancy

<http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>

Archaeological Institute of America

<http://www.archaeological.org/>

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