

SITE LINES

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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Over 50 Santa Fe National Forest Site Stewards gathered the weekend of October 2 and 3 for the 2nd Annual Site Steward Meeting. Held at the Jemez Falls campground and group pavilion, activities included the Annual Meeting, educational programs, door prizes and awards, a great supper catered by the Site Steward Council and tours of area sites.



Photo by Terry Ballone

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



Photo by Gary Hein

Introductions by Wayne Nelson included Mike Bremer - our Forest Service mentor and the Classes of 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 (the class of "pioneers", Mike Bremer, Terry Ballone, and Wayne Nelson!)

Welcome by Chairman Lee Borduin - The Second Annual Meeting - an impressive 70% of active stewards in attendance - and stressed the importance of the informal educational and social benefits.

Transitions and Appointments - Jemez ATL and Council Co-Chair Jan Stone

- o Wayne Nelson has resigned as ATL of the Garcia, Curt Hawley has resigned at ATL of the Pecos, both continue as Site Stewards; Terry Ballone has retired as Assistant Area Team Leader of the Pecos, continues as a Site Steward
- o Will Dearholt - Newly appointed ATL of Garcia
- o Ed Crow - Assistant Area Team Leader of Caja del Rio; Alan Everson - Assistant Area Team Leader of Pecos; Beth Parisi - Assistant Area Team Leader of Rio Chama, also Treasurer of Council; John Morris - Assistant Area Team Leader of Jemez.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Area Updates - Representatives from each of the 6 team areas updated activity in their areas. Jan Stone reported on the Jemez Area.

SFNF Council Activity:

- o Organization- The emphasis shift has been from program structure to field operations.
- o Communication
 - Newsletter- Candie Borduin is editor, reporter and publisher.
 - Website- Gary Hein developed and maintains web site.
 - List Server - Gary Hein has facilitated subscription to the list server for communication among site stewards. Please sign up if you have not done so!
 - For individual communication, contact steward directly
 - For contact with all Site Stewards, use sfnfsitesteward@yahoogroups.com
 - Lee Borduin emphasized that this site was not meant for sending of political or commercial messages.

Field Operations - George Gozigian - Staffing needs have been met since last training.

New Business

- o Mike Bremer announced certified Site Stewards from the Class of 2003:
 - Gallina: Ted Bryant, Wally Newman, Dwight Fieselman, Elaine Gorham
 - Jemez: Chad Goldstein, Charles Allinger, Nancy Brouillard, Greg Locke, John Morris, Linda Thibodeaux
 - Pecos: Nancy Cella, Bill Cella, Lorraine Gutierrez, Clara Zschaler, Jon Greening
 - Caja del Rio: Sal and Annette Morreale
 - Rio Chama: Henry Sais
 - Garcia: Will Dearholt
- o **Site Survey Training** - Mike Bremer announced that he hopes to do more site survey training this winter in other areas. The training will run 4-6 weeks and be held on Thursdays.

o **Outreach**



Lee Borduin and Mike Bremer Photo by Terry Ballone

- **Heritage Ethics** - Lee Borduin would like the Site Steward Program to offer heritage ethics presentations in the public education system. The Program is looking for volunteers.
- **The Pecos Conference** will be sponsored by the Santa Fe National Forest in August of 2005. The Conference will be held at Bandelier and in White Rock; Mike will be requesting that the Site Stewards act as volunteers for activities
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM for lunch.



Photo by Gary Hein

PRESENTATIONS

John Morris, Assistant Area Team Leader for the Jemez, gave an introduction to the Jemez describing its rich geologic history and archaeological uses. The Jemez area contains some of the largest sites in the Santa Fe National Forest with some sites numbering up to 1100 rooms with multiple kivas and plazas.



Photo by Gary Hein

John Morris giving a presentation on Jemez

Three educational programs given by very qualified presenters filled Saturday afternoon. The programs were scheduled so stewards could rotate through each of the three programs.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Jeremy Kulisheck, Assistant Archaeologist, Pecos District, presented a comprehensive review on ceramics found in Northern New Mexico and surrounding areas. A popular presenter at the 2003 Annual Meeting, Jeremy was invited back by popular demand. Complemented by over 100 shards, Jeremy explained concepts of dating, identifying pottery types and characteristics and locale.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Jeremy's large audience offered many questions and comments in the interactive two hour presentation. He also provided attendees with documentation useful in the field for ceramic identification. Also available was a bibliography of references to pottery types found on the SFNF prepared especially for the weekend's presentation.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Eric Blinman, Deputy Director, Office of Archaeological Studies, demonstrated the ancient art of pottery firing over the course of the three day Annual Meeting. Friday afternoon, Eric and several early bird



participants dug two 4x4x1 foot pits to be used as pottery firing kilns. The first kiln was filled with charcoal collected from



previous firings and a fire started to ignite the charcoal. Once the charcoal caught fire, sandstone pieces were placed on the charcoal. The unfired pottery was then placed on the sandstone, and a few large shards were used to protect some of the fragile pieces.

When pottery was well warmed, Eric built a fire of juniper and piñon branches that formed a dome over the top of the pit both ways. He used a thermocouple to measure the temperature inside one of the overturned pots.

As the fire burned intensely, the piñon branches gradually disintegrated into coals, falling on and around the pottery. When all had burned down, the kiln was then covered with dirt



to cool down without oxygen reaching the pots. The temperature inside the pot reached the mid 700 degrees C before the earth covering was applied.



On Saturday afternoon, Eric repeated the process using the second pit. Eric painted some of the pieces with natural bee plant derivative, a molasses like substance used for centuries by Native Americans in the Southwest. He then opened the first kiln, noting the

temperature had fallen to less than 100 degrees C. Unburned charcoal was salvaged for future kiln use. Each of the now fired ceramic pieces was lifted from the kiln and inspected to meet Eric's satisfaction. Most of these pieces were destined to be donated to Friends of Archaeology's fund raising auctions. Others belonged to other staff members at OAS and to a family Eric worked with at Crow Canyon.

Sunday morning, the second kiln was opened, and apparently due a prolonged firing time, the organic paint used on the largest bowl was not acceptable for auction. Eric generously donated the bowl to the Site Steward Program.



Photo by Candie Borduin

At Mike's suggestion and with Eric's permission, an **impromptu auction** was held. Led by Wayne Nelson as auctioneer, the several dozen site stewards present engaged in lively bidding.



Wayne Nelson, the auctioneer Photo by Candie Borduin

Gary Hein was the high bidder at \$100. Many thanks to Eric for his time and generous donation to the Site Steward Program



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Eric Blinman and Gary Hein

GPS CLASS

Site Stewards **Wayne Nelson** and **Lee Borduin** conducted a class "GPS 101" which provided information as basic as how to turn on and orient the unit to basic compass use and USGS map orientation. Attendees first worked with compasses and USGS maps, then used their own GPS's to learn basic use, navigation and "Go To" technology. Field GPS courses are offered to stewards annually and address skills at all levels.



Photo by Gary Hein

Wayne Nelson and Lee Borduin discuss GPS technology with Charlie Allinger and John McClure

At Saturday afternoon's happy hour, Stewards were treated to a round of questions with door prizes for the correct answers. Questions were depleted before all the door prizes were selected.

Council Chair and Gallina ATL Lee Borduin was "awarded" a can of roofing tar by Bill Rogers, also known as Site Steward Rogers. Bill is in charge of restoration work being done at the covered Largo Gallina unit house in Gallina. Bill apparently wanted to verify who had which assignment!

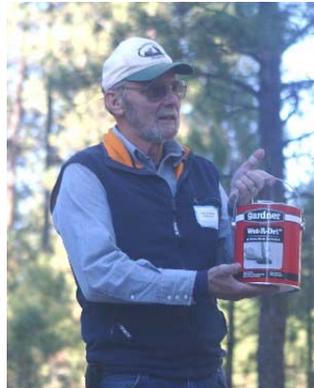


Photo by Gary Hein

Three Site Stewards were recognized for outstanding contributions to the Program. Mike selected Keshi representing each of the recipients.



Photo by Gary Hein

Wayne Nelson received a Keshi fox to signify patience and persistence. His award reads "In recognition of your outstanding performance as Area Team Leader for the Garcia and for leadership for the Site Steward Training Program". Wayne has served as Chair of the Training Program for the past two years and has led the effort to develop a training module text and power point presentation.



Photo by Terry Ballone

Bill Rogers aka Site Steward Rogers received a raven Keshi "In recognition of your commitment to the Gallina Area Team, for your long distance driving, for an unflinching sense of humor, and for your role as superb campfire raconteur.



Photo by Candie Borduin

Gary Hein received a badger Keshi for his tenaciousness in achieving goals. His awards reads "In recognition of your outstanding contribution as Caja del Rio Area Team Leader, serving as web meister and computer guru, and for always being there when needed without asking why."



Photo by Gary Hein

Mike Bremer was presented with a beautiful Nambe ware bowl from members of the Site Steward Council. The bowl was engraved "To Mike Bremer, in recognition of his continuing support and outstanding leadership of the SFNF Site Steward Program."

Supper then commenced to be served. Chefs Gary Hein and Wayne Nelson cooked burgers, bratwurst and beans and servers Jan Stone, Jeanne Gozigian and Judith Isaacs kept the tables full of salad, fruit and condiments. Coffee, cake and Dutch oven peach cobbler topped the meal.



Photo by Candie Bordin
Camp crew Will Dearholt, George Gozigian, Jan Stone, Gary Hein, Jeanne Gozigian, Curt Hawley



Photo by Candie Bordin
Past Council Chairperson George Gozigian agreed to have his photo taken for Site Lines while drying dishes only if it appeared on the front page – sorry George, looks like page 5.

Sunday morning was frosty after a soaking rain as stewards gathered around the campfire and unopened kiln. Over a dozen Site Stewards gathered to tour three sites in the Jemez area.

John Bradley and daughter Linda Zwick led a four hour tour to Boletsakwa. Participants were advised to “bring a lunch as the Ancient Ones were not serving at this time of year”



Photo by Candie Bordin
Will Dearholt with John Bradley and Linda Zwick

Judith Isaacs and Nancy Brouillard led a group to Kiatsukwa, also known as Twin Sisters or Mountain Sheep Place. The two pueblos featured several plazas and kivas.

Terry Ballone led the third group to Seshukwa, the largest of the Jemez pueblos with over 1100 rooms. In addition to kivas, plazas and standing walls, rock art panels exist nearby.



Photo by Candie Bordin
Jan Stone, Mike Bremer and Dwight Fieselman close the kiln pits as the three day event comes to a close.

At Steward dispersed to their respective tours, those left behind cleaned the pavilion area, restored the kilns back to a volley ball court and reflected on the good times and good will of the weekend. Many Stewards expressed appreciation and enthusiasm for the offerings.

In the words of one steward sent by e-mail following the meeting, “I just wanted to thank you all for such a lovely weekend! I know you put a lot of effort into everything and it was appreciated. “

Thank you!
Santa Fe National Forest
Site Stewards
For All The Good Work You Do