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FEATURES

LINDA ZWICK AND JOHN BRADLEY SITE STEWARDS FOR JEMEZ AREA

By Jan Stone

The Jemez Area is proud to claim the only father and daughter team in the Site Steward program - John Bradley and Linda Zwick. John recalls that several years ago he heard about the new program at a Sierra Club meeting in Los Alamos. So he and Linda signed up for one of the first training sessions in 1998. Subsequently, they were assigned Boletsakwa and Little B - two sites in the southern part of the Jemez near Paliza Campground. And by their own choice, they have continued to monitor these sites for many years.

John was born and grew up in upstate New York. After serving in the Marine Corps, he went to the University of Denver on the GI Bill, receiving a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the NM Highway Department for 11 years, then for Los Alamos County for 19 years, and most recently for Johnson Controls (now KSL) for 11 years. He claims to have retired many times, but still goes to the office daily.

Linda grew up in Pojoaque, graduated from the local high school, and then went to Colorado College, majoring in history. At one time she was thinking of going to law school. Instead she took a year of training to be a para legal in San Diego, and worked as a para legal for 20 years, two of those years in the Attorney General's Office. She met her husband in Colorado Springs and in 1988 they moved back to Los Alamos where she now serves on a management team at the Los Alamos National Lab.

When John and Linda first visited their two Boletsakwa sites, they were joined by Betsy Fuller, another early Site Steward who filled them in on the

history of the sites. (Betsy was in her mid 80's when she stopped making visits!) There were three occupations of the sites, beginning in about the tenth century. The site files contain a large quantity of documentation and photos. Many petroglyphs are nearby; in the 70's, the Indian Billboard project pushed to record the rock art on many sites.

These sites have a high need for visitation as there have been both authorized and unauthorized excavations. Back in the 40's, the Girl Scouts were involved in authorized excavation, however the rooms were not refilled and now there is exposure of the site which the Jemez team monitors.

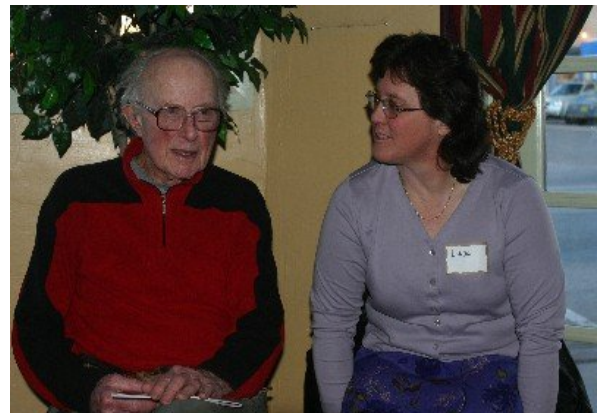


Photo by Gary Hein

John Bradley and Linda Zwick are long time Stewards in the Jemez area.

John and Linda are very loyal to their sites and enjoy looking for changes that might occur. They find it to be a special place and chose to go there on New Year's Eve day, and as Linda said, they felt like "they were at home."

THE JEMEZ SITE STEWARD AREA

Thanks to Mike Elliott

The Jemez area of the Santa Fe National Forest is the third largest area monitored by Site Stewards.

Sites monitored are mostly on the west side of the area and north of Ponderosa. Jemez, meaning “the people” was initially used by archaic people about 880 BC. Obsidian from the area was a prized commodity for centuries.

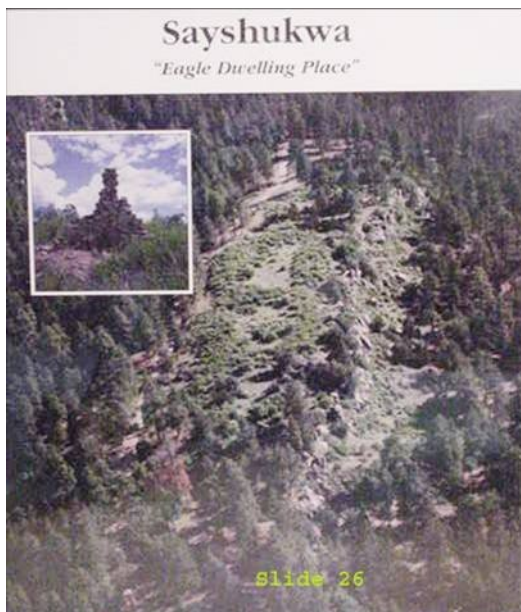
During the Pueblo period the area became increasingly populated with at least 40 large pueblo sites and several thousand field houses. The 9 largest pueblos, including several with more than 1000 estimated rooms and a great kiva, are on the mesa tops and about 80% of the recorded field houses also are on the mesa tops.

Following the Pueblo Revolt most of the Jemez left the area and moved to be with the Hopi and Navajo. The current Jemez Pueblo of Walatowa was established in 1706, and those who had fled to Hopi returned in 1716.

Jan and Ralph Stone are Area Team Leaders and John Morris is Assistant Area Team Leader. Team members include Charles Allinger, Terry Ballone, John Bradley, Nancy Brouillard, Shad Goldstein, Judith Isaacs, Greg Lach, John Morris, Erma Ruth, Linda Thibodeau and Linda Zwick.

Stewards monitor 23 sites in the Jemez, all with colorful, descriptive names. Boletsakwa...Place of the Abalone Shell... is from the period 1350-1650 and has 650 rooms with a great kiva. It and a nearby ruin that stewards call Little B, are on a high mesa and include a depression which was possibly a reservoir.

Sayshukwa...Eagle Dwelling Place... is a very large site of 1100 rooms on a narrow mesa at 7920' elevation composed of 4 plazas and 4 kivas plus several rock art panels nearby. Some of the remaining walls are over 2 meters high.



Nanishagi...“Cottonwood Growing Place” was constructed between 1485 and 1570. The excavated kiva had a very elaborate sub-floor pit with several ceramic vessels buried in it.

Unshagi...“Juniper Growing Place”... is a site which archaeologists recovered more information about late prehistoric Jemez cultures than any other site in the region.



Unshagi “Juniper Growing Place”, one of the multiple roomed sites in the Jemez.

Astialakwa is a very important historical site used during the Pueblo Revolt. Containing 250 rooms, Astialakwa sits at 6680' elevation. This was a refuge pueblo with defensive walls, rock art and agricultural features. Spanish sources reveal that on July 24, 1694, Spanish soldiers attacked and defeated the Jemez people at this site.

Kiabakwa...“Place of the Lions of the Arroyo”... was occupied from 1350 to 1450. Portions of the north room block may have been 3 stories high. Agricultural terracing may be seen to the east of the pueblo which had 400 rooms.

Other names of pueblos in the Jemez region include Wahajhamka...“Place of the Squash Moiety”, Wabakwa...“Place Where the Oriole Lives”, and Kiatsukwa...“Mountain Sheep Place “.

The Jemez region is usually gated closed during the winter months to protect motorists from becoming snow bound. The Jemez stewards are looking forward for the unusually heavy snow loads to melt so they may get back to their areas.

PAST ACTIVITIES

GPS TRAINING

On March 5th, 17 Site Stewards gathered at Meem Auditorium at the Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe for an all day GPS course presented by members of the SFNF Site Steward Program.

Stewards spent the morning learning about topo maps, magnetic declination, compass, lat/long, township range and GPS usage. The afternoon field sessions to apply what had been learned went quickly in cold wind following the intermittent sleet of the morning.

Site Stewards attending included Charlie Allinger, Shad Goldstein, Nancy Brouillard, John Morris and

Jan Stone (Jemez), Bill Cella, Debbie Collins, Curt Hawley, Bob McCarthy, Jim Mercurio and Don Thomas (Pecos), Will Dearholt and Robert Greene (Garcia), Jack Francis (Caja del Rio), Diane and John Lenssen (Gallina) and Gordon Spingler (returning steward).



Photo by Wayne Nelson

Participants and GPS Committee members at the spring GPS Training held in the Meems Auditorium at the Lab of Anthropology in Santa Fe.

Wayne Nelson served as Chair of the GPS Training Committee. Presenters included Dwight Fieselman, Mike Bremer, Wayne Nelson, Alan Everson, Paul McClendon, and Lee Borduin. Expert content commentary by Bill Rogers, Grammarian – Nancy Cella, and slide presentation and management - Candie Borduin.

NEW MEXICO HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD TO MIKE BREMER

By Mike Elliott

J. Michael Bremer has been the Forest Archaeologist for the Santa Fe National Forest for 10 years, and worked as the Española Ranger District Archaeologist for three years before that. He has also worked for the Arizona State Museum, the National Park Service, and the Coconino National Forest.

Mr. Bremer is being nominated not just because of his skilled management of the often-complex heritage resources compliance issues on the Santa Fe National Forest, but primarily because of his outstanding educational outreach and service to the avocational archaeological community. Mr. Bremer revived a long-dormant site steward program on the Santa Fe National Forest and turned it into a powerful, all-volunteer organization that now runs itself and has its own webpage and officers. These site stewards visit up to 70 site areas which include several hundred numbered important archaeological and historical sites on the Santa Fe National Forest of which many are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stewards visit the sites every month or more frequently, examine them carefully for any new disturbance or vandalism, and report their observations to Mr.

Bremer. The results of their inspections are used to initiate increased monitoring, site rehabilitation or repairs, or even law enforcement investigations. Without the site stewards, the small heritage staff on the Santa Fe National Forest would be hard pressed to check so many important sites so often, with the likelihood that vandalism would occur. The site steward program has contributed thousands of hours of unpaid time.

Mr. Bremer has also led at least 20 Passport-In-Time Projects that have helped locate, record, stabilize, and preserve hundreds of New Mexico's precious cultural resources. This was not work necessarily required by his job, even though it has benefited the resources that he manages, but rather a labor of love and a passion for Mr. Bremer. He truly believes in taking archaeology to the people and making it real for them. His enthusiasm has inspired countless volunteers to contribute thousands of hours of their time to help protect New Mexico's cultural treasures.

J. Michael Bremer was born in Middletown, Ohio, in 1955, and moved soon thereafter with his parents to Albuquerque. Mike's father Hank completed seminary studies in 1963, and then the family moved to California. After a few years in California, Mike and his family moved to Moscow, Idaho where he graduated high school in 1973. Mike's mother Teresa is a psychologist. He earned his B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Arizona, and his M.A. in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University. Mike met his future wife Anne Baldwin in 1974 in Tucson, and they were married in 1979, recently celebrating their 25th anniversary. Anne is also an archaeologist working for the Forest Service. Mike has served as President of the New Mexico Archaeological Council, served on the Archaeological Review Board of the City of Santa Fe, and received countless certificates of merit and other awards from the Forest Service.

Mike will be receiving his award at the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Award Ceremony on Friday, May 13 @ 2pm at the Scottish Rite Temple in Santa Fe.

DINETAH TOUR

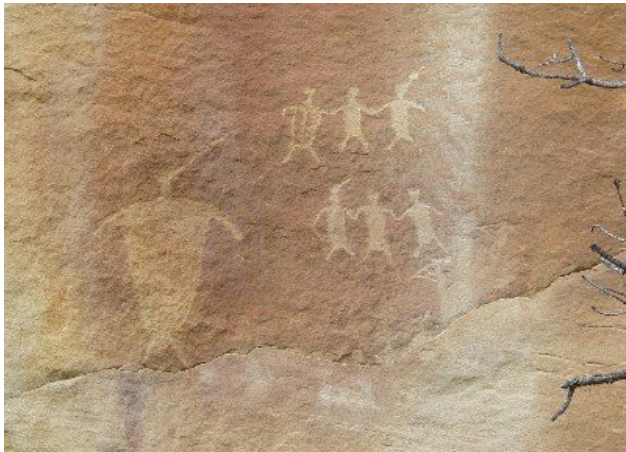
By Candie Borduin

In mid-March, Site Stewards Candie and Lee Borduin and Gary Hein participated in a tour of the Dinetah rock art. The tour was conducted by Ike Eastvolt and sponsored by the Santa Fe Community College.

The Dinetah or Navajo occupied the area southwest of Farmington in Gobernador, Largo and Blanco Canyons from the late 1600's to 1775, intermingling with puebloans fleeing from the Spanish. This period is known as the Gobernador Phase and the rock art as the Gobernador Representational Style.

The rock art of the Dinetah consists of both petroglyphs and pictographs, often located with or over older period rock art (Rosa Phase). The subjects of the art usually depict religious subjects of the Navajos in a repetitive theme. Participants in the tour learned to identify a number of the deities depicted in the rock art.

The photos below are a preview of an “archaeological tour” which will appear soon on the web site.



Both outlined and in filled anthropomorphs are common subjects of the Rosa Phase rock art preceding the Gobernador Representational Style in the Dinetah.



An excellent example of the Gobernador Representational Style, the rock surface for this pictograph has been smoothed prior to the application of red, white and ochre paints.



Photos by Candie Borduin

Polly's Panel is one of the best known in the Dinetah. A very small, well preserved pictograph, Polly's Panel is protected by an overhang very close to a major road.

SITE STEWARD EDUCATIONAL AND DINNER MEETING

Almost 30 Site Stewards gathered Wednesday, April 6, at Café Dominic's in Santa Fe to enjoy dinner and socialization together, followed by a wonderful program given by Dody Fugate. Dody is Assistant Curator of Research Collections and is in charge of the “Mera Room” at the Lab of

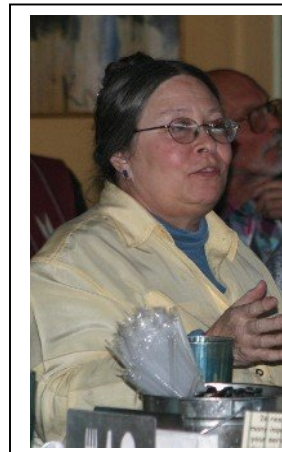


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Anthropology in Santa Fe. Her research interests include origins of the domestic dog in the Western Hemisphere and the social and material aspects of dogs in the Pre Columbian Southwest. Dody gave a very interesting and humorous presentation on the archaeology of dogs. Her canines served many purposes over the millennium and she raised the question – “did dogs join humans in history or did humans join dogs?”

Evaluations submitted by attendees indicated Stewards would like Dody to be invited to present again – perhaps on the archaeology of cats.

At the end of the evening, Council Chair Will Dearholt recognized outgoing Council Chair Lee Borduin with a book on the pueblitos of the Dinetah. Lee served as Council Chair for one year, Co-Chair for two years and continues as ATL of the Gallina.



Photo by Gary Hein

Council Chair Will Dearholt presenting outgoing Council Chair Lee Borduin gift of appreciation.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2005 COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Will Dearholt

It's about time to return to the hills for the summer to check on our sites. I know several groups of people have already gone out to their areas. Those of us in the Garcia area have yet to make that first trip though I anticipate going out in the next few weeks assuming the roads are not too muddy.

The Council had a quarterly meeting on April 23rd. A lot of ground was covered in the meeting including voting in Bill Cella as the new ATL for the Las Vegas/Pecos area. He will do a great job in that role and we welcome his input on the Site Steward Council. In addition, we are considering having an activity this summer such as a tour of an interesting site or sites followed by a pot luck meal. There is the possibility of having someone give us a tour of places that we do not normally see such as a guided tour of parts of Bandelier or other local sites of interest. The details have not been worked out and we will gladly consider suggestions from everyone.

For those of you who could not make Dody Fugate's talk on Dogs at Café Dominic in early April, you missed an interesting evening. We will likely have more talks there in the fall and again, will consider any suggestions anyone has for speakers.

I hope everyone has safe site visits this summer. If you feel you need to bring up any issues regarding your site visits in particular, or the Site Stewardship Program in general, please feel free to contact me or anyone else on the Council.

Have a great summer!

MINUTES OF APRIL 23 COUNCIL MEETING

- New Member at Large Shelley Thompson was welcomed to the Council. Shelley served in this position 2 years ago prior to moving to Texas.
- Site Steward ID cards are "a work in progress", according to Mike. They should be mailed out soon for steward's signatures, should then be returned to the Forest Office for laminating and then remailed to stewards.
- Site Steward signs are approved, shall be prepared for placement in monitored areas (see below).
- Outreach - Wayne Nelson, Shelley Thompson and Judith Isaacs will work together on educational program for teaching preservation in the schools / community. Stewards interested in participating, please contact Judith Isaacs at Judith Isaacs at jisaacs@sulphurcanyon.com
- Mike, who is a co-sponsor of this year's Pecos Conference, invites all stewards to come to the Conference. He also asks that Site Stewards consider volunteering. Please see below.
- Plans for a summer Site Steward activity are underway. Information will be distributed on the list server.
- The Site Steward Annual Meeting dates are September 23, 24, 25, 2005 at Jemez Falls Campground. Will Dearholt is Chairman; if you would like to participate on the planning committee, please e-mail Will at wrd@lanl.gov
- Field Operations – Lee Borduin reported on this Council function that reviews steward organization concerns and suggests changes to improve monitoring at individual sites or areas. Site visit frequency and area staffing are currently being reviewed.
- Bill Cella has agreed to become ATL of the Pecos area effective July 1, 2005.
- Vandalism – During the Pecos orientation of new Site Stewards, widespread rock theft was discovered. Evidence of stones having been taken and others piled for future removal were found. The LEO was notified and action is being taken to intercept the rock thieves.



Photo by Don Thomas

Area of Pecos where extensive rock theft was discovered by Site Stewards during an orientation visit. Rocks taken illegally from the Forest are often sold by vendors in Santa Fe.

OUTGOING COUNCIL CHAIR

By Lee Borduin

At the recent general meeting in Santa Fe, I received a copy of Defending the Dinetah (by Ronald Towner) in recognition for serving as Council Chair for 2004. This gift and recognition are very much appreciated. However, I also want to acknowledge the wonderful support that my fellow officers provided: Jan Stone (aka Former Madam Vice Chair); Jeanne Gozigian who prepared very accurate and often humorous meeting minutes; and Beth Parisi who served as the first treasurer of the Council. In addition, sincere thanks go to Wayne Nelson for outstanding leadership in both the steward and GPS training programs; Gary Hein for his continued support as Webmeister and keeper of the Rosters and List server; and Candie Borduin for the great newsletters and support of the Site Steward program all year long.

All Council members donate many, many hours of time as ATLS and Assistant ATLS and just sitting through the incredibly long Council meetings. And, of course, Mike Bremer continues to provide the enthusiasm and guidance that originated, encouraged, and sustains the program. But most important, all stewards making the many visits to sites are the feet on the ground that make it all work. Thanks to all of you.

After seven years in existence, the Santa Fe site steward program is an organization of which we all can be proud. It's particularly gratifying that the 2005 officers have all entered the program with the more recent classes (2002 & 2003). This bodes well for the future in that new faces and new ideas will build on what was rejuvenated back in Year 2000 and the Cerro Grande aftermath. Good luck to Will Dearholt, John Morris, Nancy Cella, and Ed Crow in 2005!

SITE STEWARD SIGNS

Almost three years ago, Lee Borduin introduced the concept of developing a sign to post at sites indicating that Site Stewards monitor the sites for vandalism and natural deterioration. The idea originated during a visit to the Parashant National Monument in Northern Arizona where Site Steward signs were in use.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that the sign would be posted ONLY at highly visited or public sites. Using the signs at lesser known sites raised concerns that attention would be drawn to those sites which may not otherwise be recognized as such.

The SS Council was receptive to the idea, however fruition was slow in coming. First – a logo was needed. A full two years passed until a photo provided by Terry Ballone was developed into a logo to be used on the Site Steward banner, the web site and newsletter heading and finally on the Site Steward sign.

Gary Hein and Candie Borduin submitted a (large) number of proofs and finally received approval from the Council for the project.



Photo by Candie Borduin

Site Steward sign to be posted at highly visited and visible sites on the Santa Fe National Forest. The signs are laminated paper backed by plywood and will be mounted on trees or posts near sites. Eventually steel signs mounted on plywood will be used at these sites.

The next hurdle is gaining approval from the Forest to print the signs on metal for use in the field. Mike Bremer suggested in the meantime that paper signs be laminated, mounted on plywood and installed at selected sites in the monitored areas.

Three signs have been constructed and posted at sites in the Gallina area. Area Team Leaders have identified sites in each Forest area appropriate for sign usage.



Photo by Candie Borduin

Site Steward monitoring sign installed at Carricito Site in the Gallina Forest area.

A work party is planned to make about 30 of the signs and post them at sites this summer. Site Stewards are asked to include the signs in their monitoring – if the signs are damaged or stolen they need to be replaced.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PASSPORT IN TIME

Three Passport in Time projects are being offered on the Santa Fe National Forest this summer. Full information on all Passport in Time projects may be found at www.passportintime.com

Gallina Site Relocation and Documentation, May 15-20. Registration is closed, however Gallina Stewards may attend part or the entire week long project. Please contact Mike Bremer at mbremer@fs.fed.us

Cavate and Talus House Site Recording in Garcia Canyon, June 6-10, 2005. Application deadline was April 15, however, Garcia Site Stewards may attend part or all of the project and should contact Anne Baldwin at arbaldwin@fs.fed.us

Anton Chico Hacienda Site Stabilization, Assessment, and Test Excavations - October 16–21, Applications due August 15. Pecos Site Stewards may attend part or the entire week long project. Please contact Mike Bremer at mbremer@fs.fed.us or Brent Abel at babel@fs.fed.us

At the very southeast corner of the Santa Fe NF on the Pecos River sits an intriguing site known locally as the Hacienda. The Hacienda was an L-shaped 10–12-room structure built of shaped sandstone and limestone blocks that were dry laid and mud mortared. Standing walls and visible doorways still exist. It is surrounded by associated ranching and farming features covering

approximately 75 acres and is encompassed by nearly a half mile of stone walls. The site lies within the Mexican era Anton Chico Land Grant (established in 1822) and offers evidence of what life on this picturesque portion of the Pecos River was like in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



Photo by Gary Hein

The Hacienda Site in Anton Chico, Pecos area has been the site of numerous PIT projects focusing on stabilization of the historic site.

Clues to the history of this site are coming to light as the result of previous PIT projects. Continuing objectives of work at the Hacienda are to learn more about why the site is located where it is, who lived there, and what they did. Another is to determine long-term stabilization needs while performing short-term stabilization, because the Hacienda, though stoutly constructed, is deteriorating.

PECOS CONFERENCE

What is it? The Pecos Conference, as Alfred Vincent Kidder put it in summing up the first such gathering is to . . .

"...bring about contact between workers in the Southwest field to discuss fundamental problems of Southwestern prehistory; and to formulate problems of Southwestern prehistory; to pool knowledge of facts and techniques and to lay a foundation for a unified system of nomenclature."

Deliberately informal, the Pecos Conference affords Southwestern archaeologists a superlative opportunity to talk with one another, both by presenting field reports and by casual discussions. It is a chance to see old friends, meet new ones, pick up fresh information, organize future conferences, and have a great time.

In recent years, according to co-sponsor Mike Bremer, more archaeology avocationalists than professional archaeologists attend the Conference.

This year, the Pecos Conference is being held in White Rock near Bandelier and features two areas of study – "New Research on the Pajarito Plateau" and "New Research on the Northern Rio Grande".
Schedule:

August 11 – Registration and Opening Reception

August 12 and 13 – presentations

August 14 – tours.

Registration is due by July 1. Full information may be obtained on the Pecos Conference web site at www.swanet.org

Mike Bremer is asking for Site Steward volunteers to assist Friday, Saturday and Sunday with registration, information and other activities. Please contact Mike at mbremer@fs.fed.us

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- **Passport In Time** projects in NM for 2005
www.passportintime.com
- **Colorado Rock Art Association First Annual Symposium**, Norwood, CO. Contact coloradoarchaeology.org/CRAA/CRAA_home_page.htm
- **Heritage Preservation Month**, May 2005
www.nmhistoricpreservation.org
- **American Rock Art Research Association Annual Conference**, May 25-30, 2005-Reno/Sparks, Nevada <http://www.arara.org>
- **Pecos Conference** August 11-15, 2005, Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico www.swanet.org
- **Chaco Canyon in Depth** – September 17-25, 2005
<http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>
- **Cliff Dwellers** – October 5-15, 2005
<http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>
- **Sun Mountain Gathering**, Santa Fe, MIAC/Lab of Anthropology. October, 2005
- **Friends of Archaeology** Activities, check SFNF Site Steward Web Site for listing www.sfnfsitestewards.org
- **Laboratory of Anthropology Brown Bag Lunches**, 4th Friday of month @ 1205, Meem Auditorium, Lab of Anthropology
- **School of American Research/Indian Arts Center** tours every Friday, 2 – 3:15 pm. Call (505) 954-7203
- **School of American Research Lecture Series**, see website at <http://www.sarweb.org/members/lecturespresent.htm>
- **Southwest Seminars, Views from the Desert Southwest Lecture Series**, Monday nights, Hotel Santa Fe

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

SFNF Site Steward Program <http://sfnfsitestewards.org/>

Southwestern Archaeology's Archives
<http://www.swanet.org/zarchives/>

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

Bandelier National Monument
<http://www.nps.gov/band/>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
<http://www.achp.gov>

The Archaeology Channel
<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/>

Society for American Archaeology
<http://www.saa.org/>

School of American Research/Indian Arts Center
<http://www.sarweb.org>

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

National Atlas
<http://nationalatlas.gov/atlasftp.html>
<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/topo/>

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

Archaeological Institute of America
<http://www.archaeological.org/>

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