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SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARDS RECEIVE *WINDOWS ON THE PAST* NATIONAL AWARD

Judith Propper, SW Regional Archaeologist, presented SFNF Site Stewards the "Windows of the Past" national award at the January Site Steward meeting at Café Dominic's in Santa Fe. The award certificate reads as follows:

"It is my great pleasure to award the Forest Service Windows on the Past 2004 national award to Santa Fe National Forest Site Stewards and the Site Steward Council, H. Wayne Nelson, Lee Borduin, Candie Borduin, George Gozigan, Jeanne Gozigan, Jan Stone, Curt Hawley, Gary Hein and Terry Ballone.

The Site Stewards donate between 4000 and 5000 hours of labor each year to inspect and monitor the condition of over 100 heritage resource sites on the Santa Fe National Forest. The Site Steward Council oversees the 60 plus volunteers and coordinates the program

with the Forest heritage staff. In addition, the Council has developed a Code of Ethics, training, and continuing education for volunteer stewards.

Because of the dedication of the Site Stewards and the Council, the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program has grown and the public's understanding and involvement in historic preservation has increased and become a truly valuable piece of the Forest Service Heritage program. The Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward program is a model for the entire agency.

Please convey my congratulations and gratitude to the Santa Fe National Forest Site Stewards and Council for their dedication to historic preservation and public service.

Stephen C. Sherwood

Acting Director Recreation and Heritage Resources



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MAY 10 DINNER AND LECTURE

The May 10 SFNF Site Steward dinner and lecture features Jeremy Kulishek, Archaeologist for Pecos/Las Vegas District. Jeremy, who completed his PhD dissertation on the Jemez, will present an overview of the Archaeology of the Jemez Area.

The meeting will be held at Café Dominic's at 320 South Guadalupe in Santa Fe. No host dinner is from 5:30 to 6:45 pm including a short SFNF Site Steward business meeting with the speaker presenting from 7:00 to about 8:15.

RSVP with Shelley Thompson at shelleythompson@wildblue.net

Please note the change in location; the May meeting was formerly scheduled at the Udall Center on Camino Lejo.

SITE STEWARD PRESENTATION INTERNATIONAL RANGER FOUNDATION FIFTH WORLD

Phil Young, NM Site Watch Coordinator, is giving a paper, "Care & Feeding of a Volunteer Program" at the World Congress at Stirling University, Stirling, Scotland, June 14th—21st.

The presentation outlines three site steward programs in New Mexico and Arizona, NM Site Watch, SFNF Site Steward Program and the Arizona Site Steward Program.

The abstract reads: "...looks at how volunteer programs are being established to assist land managers monitor and protect their critical and sensitive resources from natural

forces and human impacts. The session will discuss some "lessons learned" by the Arizona Site Stewards, New Mexico SiteWatch programs and the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program in the southwestern US. It will present some of the program growth- pains experienced by volunteers (& volunteer coordinators), and some proposed "best practices" that may (or may not) be pertinent to your situation."

Phil is carrying one of the SFNF Site Steward Signs to the Congress.

SFNF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2006

Council Chair John Morris

Class of 2004, is a New Mexico native, having been born in Albuquerque back in the early days of WW II. He grew up in Albuquerque, graduated from high school there, and then attended the University of New Mexico where he earned an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Sociology. After graduation, he embarked on what became a 35-year career in the Federal government. He retired from active employment in 2001.



He has been married to Linda for 42 years and they have two married daughters. He has to be honest and say that his true pride and joy these days are his two grandsons, ages 2 ½ and 8 months. John and Linda have made their home in Bosque Farms, south of Albuquerque for the past 27 years. Except for two years spent living in the Washington, DC area, John has always lived in New Mexico.

John, Linda, and their daughters and families, are avid campers and general outdoor enthusiasts. The Morris family was very active in 4-H programs while the daughters were growing up; and for many years they raised horses, sheep, and goats. For many years John was a solo backpacker in addition to being active in family camping. He has spent many hours standing in a stream waving a stick, not always worrying about how many fish he caught, but just enjoying the overall experience of small-stream fishing in New Mexico and Colorado.

He is most enthusiastic about his involvement with the Site Steward program. He has had an interest in archaeology since he was in his early teens, however, most of his interest was channeled in the areas of reading and visiting sites throughout the Southwest. He is particularly happy to finally be involved in the more hands-on aspect of the field and to be able to contribute in a small way to the preservation and protection of the resources.

Council Vice-Chair Shelley Thompson

Class of 2002, is Acting AATL for the Caja del Rio. She and her husband Gary, who is ATL for the Caja, live south of Santa Fe on Highway 14 near the scenic Cerrillos Hills. Shelley is employed by the Center for Museum Resources and oversees Marketing and Outreach programs for the state museum and monument system. A Texas native, Shelley likes cook and visit museums and archaeological sites around the world. Shelley is the proud mom of a 20 year old daughter who is a film student at New York University.



When Council Secretary

Nancy Cella retired from active field work in archaeology in 1988, little did she know what awaited when Bill noticed a newspaper story about the SFNF Site Steward Program in 2003.



Nancy retired again in 1998 from an administrative assistant job at the College of Nursing at UNM, and thought her archaeology days were over.

With husband Bill, she is on the Pecos area team and serves as Secretary to the Council. Prior to 1988, Nancy was employed as a contract archaeologist at Salmon Ruin Museum in Bloomfield and with a local consulting firm in Albuquerque. She holds a Master's degree in Anthropology from Eastern New Mexico University, and still thinks the anthropological perspective offers a unique and illuminating view of humankind.

Treasurer Beth Parisi

also serves as ATL of the Rio Chama area. Featured in the January issue of Site Lines, Beth just returned from three weeks of back country skiing in Canada and the Yukon—a sport she excels in and enjoys.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FOREST

Caja del Rio—The Camino Real passes through the southern portion of the Caja. Once formalities are complete, stewards will be monitoring portions of the famous historic route.

Jemez—The Forest is attempting to keep cattle in grazing allotments away from archaeological and historic sites. "Bovine restriction" - placement of cut down trees around the sites is keeping livestock away.

Garcia—ATV and trail bike traffic near Guaje Ruin has altered restorative measures taken after the Cerro Grande

Fire. Erosion is increasing in the area.

Rio Chama—With additional new stewards, sites in the Rio del Ojo will be added for monitoring.

Gallina—Site damage in the way of surface collection and disturbance is being noted. Evidence collected has been turned over to the LEO.

Pecos—Pecos Stewards will be participating in site survey and documentation as summer approaches.

**SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST
SITE STEWARD
ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17**

PAUL AND LINDA McCLENDON RETIRE

Long time Site Stewards Paul and Linda McClendon are retiring from the Site Steward Program. The McClendons are known for their devoted stewardship to the Hacienda site in Anton Chico on the Pecos District and related historic sites.

In 2005, they completed an extremely thorough report on the Hacienda Site and submitted it to Mike Bremer. The report, reviewed in Site Lines, January 2006, is a complete overview of the history and people involved in the area. In addition, the McClendons have participated in PIT projects held annually at the Hacienda Site for the past many years where stabilization and excavation projects have occurred.

In Paul's retirement letter, he relays: "Well, sooner or later all good things come to an end. Linda and I will be retiring as Site Stewards effective June 1, 2006.

Little did we know, that when we

went out with Mike Bremer in November, 1998, what we were getting into. Besides the Site Steward work, with Brent's help, we inherited the first PIT project for the Site in February, 1999, a research project to document the history of the Hacienda. This project lasted about six years. All the PIT projects since then, with folks from all over the country, have been super. What an experience!

Our association with Mike and Brent, and with Anne Baldwin on a Santa Fe Watershed project, has kept us busy and kept our retirement sane over the years. Thanks

to you folks. The other Site Stewards, especially Curt Hawley, have been great to work with. We will miss the lunches along the river or at La Risa in Ribera. Maybe we might still meet for lunch, Curt.

For the rest of the Stewards, we hope for lower gas prices and a Forest Service budget large enough to get a blade out on some of the roads once in a while. Our best to all of you, Paul and Linda"

Paul and Linda—members of the SFNF Site Steward Program wish you well in your new adventures and Happy Trails!



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR—JOHN MORRIS

Hello All,

Well, from my perspective, we are off to an extremely exciting start for this new year (even though we are already a little more than 4 months in). With the lack of snow in the hills, most, if not all of us, have been able to continue our monitoring activities for the entire winter period. That is exciting, considering that most of us are "shut out" of our sites for up to five months or so in a normal year. On top of that, we have had some really wonderful educational programs each month to keep us stimulated and involved.

We now have 35 new Stewards who joined our ranks after the weekend of April 8 and 9. What was particularly wonderful is that we selected 35 candidates for the training, all 35 showed up for the session, and all 35 completed the training and asked for field assignments. I'm not sure we have ever had that sort of success with a training class. Sitting through the entire session, I was reminded over and over again just what quality we have among our

ATL's and other leaders. They did an outstanding job in the training, and gave the new Stewards a terrific foundation on which to build.

Despite the fact we have been experiencing extreme dryness everywhere, and particularly in the Forest; at this time there is no strong evidence that we will experience full Forest closures as has happened in past years. We will be facing restrictions—and in fact Stage I restrictions are currently in place throughout the Santa Fe National Forest. The restrictions will certainly remain for the foreseeable future, and we may see additional restrictions as necessary. However, it appears that Forest officials want to avoid an overall closure situation. Always remember to be careful regarding potential fire danger and fire causing situations; but continue to enjoy the Forest and the access we have.

On another safety note, many of you are aware that downed trees have become an ever-present problem and danger virtually Forest-wide. Many trees have been weak-

ened by accelerated insect activity. In addition, it seems as though we have had more than our share of winds for the past several months. The insect-weakened trees and the increased winds have made for a bad situation. Please be aware that you may encounter downed trees on your way to your sites; and you may find downed trees; and tree damage at the sites themselves. You need to be aware that trees could go down while you are at your sites, blocking your return from the area. You need to have a contingency plan in mind just in case something like that occurs. The best advice is to avoid making your official site visits on days when heavy winds are forecast.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our efforts to protect and preserve our cultural heritage. I hope to be able to make several site visits in different areas to be able to experience the many wonderful resources that abound all over the Forest. Have a great time, and always be careful.

NEW SFNF SITE STEWARD TRAINING—CLASS OF 2006

Thirty five SFNF Site Steward Candidates spent the weekend of April 8 and 9 receiving classroom and law enforcement training for their introduction into the Program. Saturday morning, Martin McAllister, Archaeological Resource Investigator, introduced steward candidates to the laws and enforcement of Cultural Resource Protection, giving high profile examples of illegal excavations of sites and subsequent prosecution. Phil Young, NM Site Watch Coordinator, reinforced Resource Protection with further examples of violations.

Saturday afternoon, steward candidates were led to a “recently disturbed site” by Mike Bremer, where they met Law Enforcement Officers



Photo by Rich Cunningham

Law Enforcement Officers Dusty Olson and Darwin Vallo discuss a vandalized site.

Darwin Vallo and Dusty Olson. The LEOs described how stewards should approach a violated site, what to observe for and how to report to LEOs.

Following the damaged site visit, many of the steward candidates visited Los Aguajes on the Caja del Rio on a tour led by Area Team Leader Gary Newgent.

Sunday, steward candidates were introduced to the SFNF Site Steward Program structure and process then enjoyed a visual tour of the six monitored Forest areas.

Provisional stewards and their assigned areas are: Pat and Walter Farr, James O'Hara, John Ozzello, and Ray and Corinne Willison, **Caja del Rio**; Barbara and Richard “Hutch” Hutchison, Joni Parman, Earl Peterson and Shirley Rice, **Galina**; Irene Wanner, **Garcia**;

Joshua Madalena, George Perkins, Courtney Porreca, Cindy Stearns, Jon Steen, Ralph Stock, Ann White, **Jemez**; Gail Bryant, Richard Cunningham, Eleanor and Gary Gossen, Brett Lloyd, Jeff and Lana Straight, Dean Williamson, **Pecos**; Pat D'Andrea, Paul Jones, Nancy Krantz, Arabelle and Grant Luckhardt, Dana Milton, Peter Parisi and Barbara Riley, **Rio Chama**.

Area Team Leaders are initiating field orientation for the provisional stewards in an effort to get all new stewards into the field quickly in the event some Forest areas close for

fire restrictions.

Field training entails a visit to each assigned site with the ATL and / or AATL for each team. Orientation to sites includes access, approach, overview of entire site, special features of the site and introduction to any past damage to the site. Provisional stewards are issued a partial site file to use for their initial site visits. Once oriented, provisional stewards are encouraged to, on their next visit, photograph areas of the site that may be sensitive such as particular artifacts or features, areas that may have been damaged or are subject to damage. Provisional stewards are encouraged to expand the site file with their notes and photos in order to develop a data base from which to monitor that site.

Provisional Stewards are reminded to report in—report out to their ATL when monitoring sites and complete the Site Visit Log and Steward Activity Log with time and miles driven.



Photo by Candie Borduin

Mike Bremer orienting steward

CLASS OF 2006 EVALUATES TRAINING

All Site Steward Trainees were asked to complete an evaluation form for the 2006 Site Steward Training held April 8 and 9 in Santa Fe.

Suggestions for the next training included:

- Schedule outdoor activity each day
- At the onset of the training, explain what an average day as a Site Steward is like
- Cut down redundancy
- Stick to time schedule
- Conduct site visit as a steward usually would do

- Use photos showing before and after damage
- Be specific about time commitment to site visit conducted during training

General Comments included:

- Well organized—clear, informative slides, good speakers. Thanks!
- A thoroughly professional presentation
- I have rarely been to a training that was so well organized, with such high caliber, fun people! I'm honored!

GARCIA AREA on the Santa Fe National Forest

The Garcia Area is located on the east end of the Pajarito Plateau and contains a number of sites ranging from the late Developmental Period (1100AD) through the Coalition Period (1300AD). By the late 1500's, the sites on the plateau were abandoned.

The Pajarito Plateau is defined geographically by Cochiti Dam on the south, the Rio Grande on the east, the 8000' elevation contour on the west and Santa Clara Canyon on the north. Stewards assigned to this area confine their activities to the part of the plateau north of the town of Los Alamos.

The Pajarito Plateau is made of dozens of mesas dissected by deep canyons. Many of the canyons have vertical walls over a hundred feet high. Most of the mesa tops have elevations near 7000' in elevation however the forest land on the west side is higher while the canyon bottoms range from 5500 to 6500' in elevation. The geology of the area



Cavates are visible on the cliff wall below Garcia Mesa Site. The Cerro Grande Fire and subsequent beetle infestation has killed most of the conifers.

is dominated by the tuff ejected from the volcano forming the Valles Caldera west of Los Alamos. The erosion of this tuff is the process which formed the deep canyons in the Garcia Area.

Many of the mesa tops as well as the canyons have archaeological sites dating from 1100AD to roughly 1500AD. Some sites are simply wall alignments or pot shard scatters while other sites include kivas, cavates, petroglyphs, and more

extensive remains of room blocks. Many of the larger sites are arranged in a "U" shape common to the pueblos of this area. The sites situated along the cliff sides are primarily cavates or places in the volcanic tuff hollowed out by humans to allow for habitation. Viga holes in the walls are also still evident in many of these sites.

Garcia Mesa site overlooks Garcia Canyon with two large pueblos and an interesting staircase climbing the canyon wall. This site also contains cavates along the rim of the canyon.

Guaje Mesa Site is the largest in

the Garcia Area. Guaje has several room blocks on a mesa overlooking Guaje Canyon. In addition, remains of several kivas dot the landscape around this ruin. The Guaje Mesa Site was damaged badly by erosion following the 2000 Cerro Grande Fire.

Roads into the area are almost all very rough and occasionally are not passable due to erosion and / or downed trees. Access to the area in the best of conditions requires a high clearance vehicle and often requires



A kiva in the Guaje Mesa Site.

the use of 4 wheel drive. Future land transfers in the area may impact site access for steward monitors.

Area Team Leader for the Garcia is Will Dearholt; team members include Wayne Nelson, Bob Greene and Irene Wanner.

CHANGES IN SITE STEWARD AREA LEADERSHIP

Changes in SFNF Site Steward Areas leadership include:

Caja del Rio, Gary Newgent is the new ATL, Shelley Thompson is the Acting AATL. Gary Hein resigned as ATL of the Caja and is serving as a steward in the Pecos. Ed Crow has resigned as AATL.

Pecos, Bob McCarthy has accepted the position of AATL; thanks to Curt Hawley for filling in. Alan Everson resigned from the Program and has moved to New Hampshire.

TIPS ON MONITORING SITES

At the recent Site Steward Training, the following tips were suggested when in the field.

- Carry a tape measure – use to place next to an artifact being documented, in the event of a site violation, to measure tire tracks or distance between ATV tracks, place next to foot or hand prints, etc. and photograph.
- Photos – if a photo is being taken of a suspicious individual on a site, do not use the flash; be certain the individual cannot hear the click of the camera
- Photos – if an option, turn on the date and time indicator prior to taking photos during site monitoring work.
- When reporting a site to the dispatcher, LEO or Mike, use the site AR number in the file and give the UTM's as well as lat/long position
- Avoid burn and beetle kill areas of the Forest during high winds.

UPCOMING

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

May 10, SFNF Site Steward Dinner Meeting, Overview of the Archaeology of the Jemez Area by Jeremy Kulishek, Archaeologist for Pecos/Las Vegas District. Café Dominic's at 320 South Guadalupe in Santa Fe. Please RSVP with Shelley Thompson at shelleythompson@wildblue.net

May 25 – Don Fowler, "Edgar Lee Hewett, The 1906 Antiquities Act and the Beginnings of SAR". Call 505-954-7203

August 10-13 -Pecos Conference, Navajo Lake, NewMexico. www.swanet.org/2006_pecos_conference/index.html.

September 13—SFNF Site Steward Dinner Meeting, Caja del Rio Sites and Archaeology

September 15, 16, 17-SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting

Friends of Archaeology Activities - see SFNF Site Stewards website @ 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, "Ancient Sites and Ancient Stories II" Lecture Series, Monday nights, Hotel Santa Fe. Fee

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HERBERT DICK COLLECTION

Members of the Gallina Team participated in a week long project cataloging a portion of the Herbert Dick collection, excavated from sites in Gallina in the '70's.

Led by Denver Burns of Ft. Collins, CO, a long time Passport in Time participant in the Gallina, stewards Dwight Fieselman, Elaine Gorham and Lee and Candie Borduin worked in March to catalog 55 boxes of the 255 box collection.

The collection had been stored at Fort Burgwin near Ranchos de Taos under the supervision of Southern Methodist University. In 2002, Mike Bremer acquired the collection for the SFNF and moved it to Santa Fe. In 2003, a PIT project was dedicated to the initial effort of cataloging the collection; Denver Burns offered and was then assigned the task of continuing to organize and catalog the artifacts.



key to allow it to forage but also be caught by the Gallina residents.

Another extremely interesting artifact was a "comb shaft straightener". Made from a river rock, the shaft straightener has several grooves worn at the top of the artifact as well as on each side.



The cataloging experience was both satisfying and extremely educational for the participating stewards. Satisfying in that this collection will be far more accessible to researchers with the identification and development of a data base. But also, the artifacts resulted in a much greater appreciation for the Gallina people's resourcefulness and skill in creating these tools. Hopefully, stewards will be able to participate in a similar future attempt to complete cataloging the entire collection.



In addition to the more mundane contents of the collection (many bags of charred beams, charcoal), the team found a variety of fascinating artifacts in the collection including a two complete pots, several nearly complete pots, many points, ax heads, manos, metates, awls, and hammer stones. One point was identified as a Bajada point, indicating archaic occupation of a Gallina river site. Perhaps the most unique artifact was a turkey tether stone...an ovoid shaped rock with a channel indentation around the widest part of the stone. The underside of the rock was worn smooth. Apparently, some type of cord was attached to the rock and to the tur-



Photos by Candie Borduin
Gallina Stewards Elaine Gorham and Dwight Fieselman examine data contained with a collection of projectile points-including a Bajada Point from an archaic site.