



SITE LINES

2006 ANNUAL SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD MEETING

The SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of September 15, 16 and 17 at the Jemez Falls Campground and Group Shelter located just off SR 4 in the Jemez. The "big day", as always will be Saturday, Sept 16 and will include an all member business meeting where updates on the program in general and reports on the activities of all of the six team areas are given.

The Saturday afternoon archaeological presentations include Jeremy Kulishek, Assistant Archaeologist, Pecos District and Melissa Powell, Curator of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, combining their extensive mutual knowledge to discuss pottery typing. Bob Lawrence returns as a very popular flint knapper and a demonstration on pottery firing will be held.

Saturday evening's activities include happy hour, dinner, lots of socializing, door prizes and recognition awards.

Sunday, Sept 17, several tours of Jemez sites lead by Jemez Team Stewards are scheduled.

As in the past, one loop of the campground will be set aside for steward use in campers, RV's, tents, etc., at no charge for Friday and Saturday nights. If you wish to camp, you are strongly encouraged to come in on Friday afternoon/evening, Sept 15, and get the socializing started off on a fun note.

For some, lodging in a mo-

tel might be in order. Names and numbers of the Jemez area lodging options will be provided in a later message.

More information and

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details will be provided in the weeks to come, but please mark your calendars and be ready for a very fun and enlightening experi-

ence. Whether you can attend the entire weekend or just a portion, you will find the time enjoyable, educational and well worth your time.

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100 YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND PRESERVATION IN THE SOUTHWEST 2006 PECOS CONFERENCE

The 2006 Pecos Conference is scheduled at Navajo Lake in the Four Corners Region August 10 through the 13th. In addition to two days of archaeological presentations, an opening reception is planned at Salmon Ruins in Bloomfield, the annual brewing contest brings back the master brewers of the area and the final day offers tours to area sites not normally accessible to the public.

The purpose of the Pecos Conference, as Alfred 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; 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.

In recent years, Native Americans, avocational archaeologists, the general public and media organizations have come to play an increasingly important role, serving as participants and as audience, to celebrate archaeological research and to mark cultural continuity.

Registration is still open for the 2006 Conference. For more information, registration and the list of presentations, contact the Center for Desert Archaeology at 520-882-6946 or access the web site at http://www.swanet.org/2006_pecos_conference/index.html

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR ... JOHN MORRIS

Greetings,

The theme of this Site Lines edition turns out to be “change”. As you have read on Page 2, Wayne Nelson, the “Dean of Stewards” has chosen to retire. Now, THAT’S a change. In addition, another stalwart in our ranks, Curt Hawley, retired back in the Spring. Curt has also had a long, distinguished record with the Program, and served for a long time as the ATL for the Pecos Area. We will surely miss these two.



Another change has taken place, but does not represent a loss of any of our members. Beth Parisi, who for two years has been the ATL of the Rio Chama area, announced her decision to step aside and allow for some “new blood” to come into the ranks of our leadership team. The good thing is that Beth will continue to be a Steward and carry out monitoring activities; and she will also retain her position on

the Council as our Treasurer. Beth recommended that John McClure move up from his Assistant ATL position and take over as the area ATL. She also recommended that Ron and Nancy Krantz be brought in as the Assistant ATL team. The Council unanimously approved Beth’s recommendations and we have had a smooth transition to a very dedicated, enthusiastic new leadership team on the Rio Chama. Beth will be greatly missed as the ATL. She continues to show her dedication and deep support for our Program.

And, as we briefly noted in our May Site Lines, we also have a new Assistant ATL on the Pecos after Bill Cella recommended, and the Council approved, Bob McCarthy for that position. Bob is a very active member and can be found very often out surveying for new sites.

Another of the changes we are seeing around us involves this wonderful element called “rain”. Back in April, the Council was beginning to discuss what Stewards could do if they were shut out of their monitoring activities by Forest closures due to the extreme dry conditions. Luckily that never came

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WAYNE NELSON RETIRES FROM SITE STEWARD PROGRAM

He has been referred to as “the God Father of the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward Program”. From the ground floor to a well established organization with over 90 members, Wayne has been a prominent and effective builder and member of the Program for 9 years. In 1997, Mike Bremer, Wayne, Terry Ballone and Susan Scott attended a Site Steward training in Arizona sponsored by the well established Arizona Site Steward Program. Subsequent annual trainings were given by Mike for the Santa Fe National Forest, building an ever increasing cadre of stewards. Several of those early trained stewards are still faithfully monitoring sites—some are monitoring their originally assigned sites, others have changed Forest areas several times to broaden their horizons.



Following the Cerro Grande Fire in 2000, Mike became totally immersed with the field surveys required during and after the fire. During that time, the Site Steward Program took a back seat to higher priorities on the Forest. Stewards from the Class of 2000 had not been assigned to sites, a backlog of administrative detail was not being attended to.

At that time, Wayne approached Mike with the concept of developing a volunteer governed and operated organization with Mike as the Program Director. Mike was in

agreement; together they picked a handful of active and dedicated stewards and formed a working committee representing each of the six areas of the Forest. The goals of the committee were to develop a governance structure, write documents to support the newly organized program and to create a governing body with Mike as an ex officio member with veto power.

Thus was born the Site Steward Council; members of the working committee became Area Team Leaders for each of the six Forest areas and an independent, self governing organization started rebuilding the Program.

Wayne then initiated planning for a totally revamped training program. Training committee members developed all components of the training in Power Point; the following year, each ATL developed a ‘virtual tour’ of their assigned Forest area to present to steward trainees so they could better judge the area where they would request assignment.

Wayne’s Site Steward monitoring commitment during these nine years has been to the Garcia Area, tucked under and north of Los Alamos in the long canyons between the finger mesas of the Pajarito Plateau. He has seen the area change from a lush, wild life inhabited refuge to an area ravaged by fire and then heavily eroded by subsequent flash flooding of rainwater across the unprotected landscape. Still, he was always at the ready to monitor the sites within.

He turned the leadership of the Garcia over to Will Dearholt in 2004 and has remained a very faithful steward to that team.

We wish Wayne well in his retirement—he deserves much, much more than a round of applause for his commitment and dedication to the establishment and growth of this fine organization.

SITE STEWARD AREA ACTIVITIES

JEMEZ AREA—Stewards for the Jemez area gathered at Jan and Ralph Stone's home in La Cueva for an afternoon of socialization, good food and visiting some local field houses. Departing stewards and their wives, Hillard Howard and Cheryl Faust and Larry and Lois Dauelsberg, who are moving to Colorado, bid adieu to fellow stewards in that area.



Photo by Terry Ballone

RIO CHAMA— Area Team Leader Beth Parisi is stepping aside as John McClure assumes the leadership role in that area of the Forest. Ron and Nancy Krantz have enthusiastically accepted the assignment of co-AATLs. Beth will continue as Council Treasurer for the Program. Thank you Beth for your continuing commitment and service to the Site Steward Program.

John McClure reported extensive damage to



Photos by John McClure

one of the sites in the Rio Chama—graffiti was painted entirely covering a boulder with petroglyphs near a site. The boulder is one of a few in the area with a "window" view of Cerro Pedernales. In addition, the Site Steward sign was completely shattered by gun fire.



GARCIA—Recent rains have made the difficult road in the Garcia area even more difficult and in some cases impossible. Mike Bremer and Anne Baldwin, District Archaeologist for the Espanola and Coyote Districts, met with the local motor cross group in Los Alamos to discuss the damage done by 2 wheelers in the already fragile area. The retirement of Wayne Nelson from the team and from the Site Steward Program marks nine years devoted to this effort by Wayne.

GALLINA—New stewards are enthusiastically accepting site assignments and arranging visitation schedules. Recent rains have kept some stewards from site visitation and caused travel problems for others. Forest archaeology activities in the area have provided unique learning experiences for many of the stewards. Best wishes to Site Steward

Bill Rogers who is recovering well from recent hip replacement surgery.

CAJA DEL RIO—Ongoing monitoring has revealed little damage in this area heavily used by motorized vehicles.

PECOS—All new steward teams were introduced to their sites by early June, and several new teams have demonstrated their commitment by repeat visits on their own, followed up by timely reporting. Late June rains and muddy roads caused postponement of planned site visits by others. One new steward team on their orientation visit to Commissary Creek located what could be a new previously unrecorded rock shelter feature at their site. Rock theft continues to be a problem affecting some sites in the Anton Chico region. Extensive damage to the Glorieta Baldy fire lookout was discovered and reported in June. This site has been the target of vandals for some time, however. Total hours contributed June thru Mid-July is 211, averaging about 12.5 hours for each of the 17 stewards active during this time.

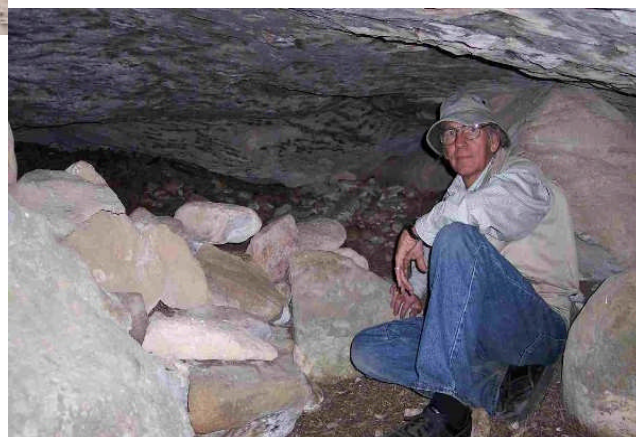


Photo by Rich Cunningham

Dean Williamson crouches in a newly discovered rock shelter in the Pecos Area

Gallina PASSPORT IN TIME Project, May 2006 and

A multiyear project continued again this spring in the Llaves Valley of Gallina on the Cuba Ranger District to relocate sites previously documented in the mid-1970s by Dr. Herb Dick, of Adams State College.

Several Site Stewards did double and triple duty this year on the Santa Fe National Forest. Besides their usual monitoring responsibilities in the Caja area west of Santa Fe, **Annette and Sal Morreale**, assisted Forest Arch **Mike Bremer**, District Arch **Lisa Schub** and **Anne Baldwin**, Supervisory Archaeologist, Coyote District during two, PASSPORT IN TIME projects this spring.

The Gallina project also included **Candie and Lee Borduin** and **Dwight Fieselman** who continue their yearly participation in documenting and monitoring their 'charges' among the rugged hogbacks and isolated mesas of the Cuba locales. Gallina steward **Elaine Gorham** also joined for a day of activity.



*Photo by Anne Baldwin
Annette and Sal walk a compass bearing to set a tape line for mapping a Gallina structure.*

Features of sites surveyed by the volunteers included towers, room blocks, pit houses, agricultural terraces and a large reservoir within a village setting high on a ridge.

Many PIT volunteers return for subsequent projects—attracted by the allure of the beautiful and rugged area, the opportunity to delve further into the mysteries of the Gallina culture and for the camaraderie build over the years with the group and its leaders.



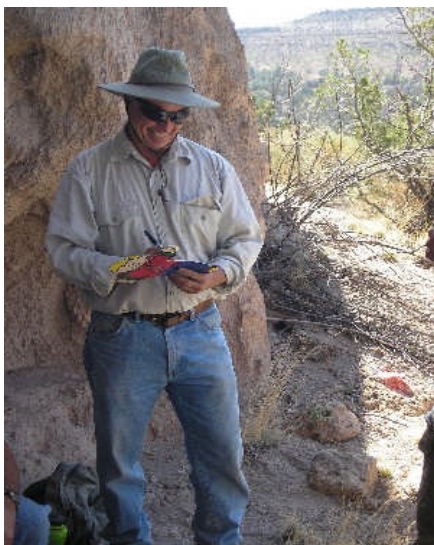
*Photo by: Candie Borduin
Sharpening grooves found near a village site*

Flat Stanley© Visits Some Site Stewards in Garcia Canyon

By Anne Baldwin, Supervisory Archaeologist, Espanola / Coyote Resource Area

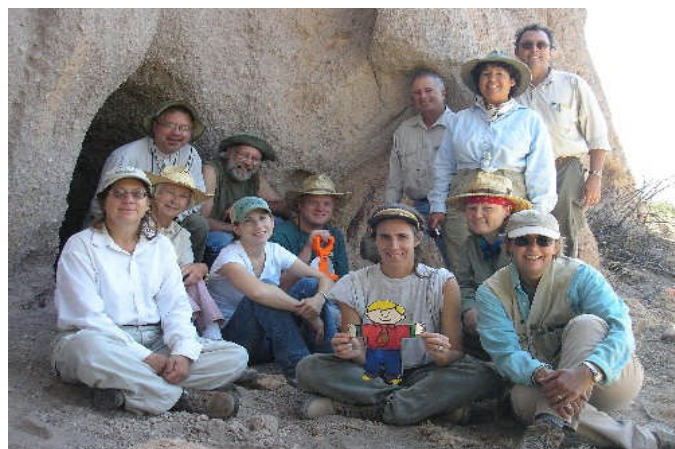
Who is this Flat Stanley and what is he doing in Garcia Canyon with a bunch of volunteers? Flat Stanley is an 'international literacy and communications activity for primary and junior students, teachers and families (www.flatstanley.com).

During our project in June, Dr. Lynn M. Lary, Instructional Technology Specialist for Oregon schools, and avid PIT participant joined our group for the annual cavate and talus house recording project. Lynn carried with her a cardboard cut-out of a boy, Flat Stanley, who travels with students throughout the country working on educational adventures. One little girl in Lynn's school did not have any way to take Flat Stanley on a trip, so she volunteered. Flat Stanley got



*Photos: by A. Baldwin
Sal autographing Flat Stanley during the Garcia Canyon PIT project.*

to go through airport security and sit in the pilot's seat. For our project, Lynn documented our activities in Garcia Canyon and included Flat Stanley in photos and video. Despite the 100° weather during that week, Lynn and her paper colleague survived to spread the word of the PIT project and the incredible volunteers and Site Stewards who contribute to their success!



*Flat Stanley and his new friends in Garcia Canyon.
(Dr. Lary is wearing hat and red head band).*

HAM / AMATEUR RADIO TRAINING

From Mike Bremer ...

I've been thinking that it might be good to have another way to stay in touch with stewards. If folks are interested I can arrange to have a ham/amateur radio class taught to us so that stewards could become licensed radio operators. I recently took the class and found it to be quite helpful, since everything radio and electronic were and still are magic to me. There is absolutely no pressure on anyone to become a licensed amateur radio operator but if you're interested please let me know.

The class takes two days. On the afternoon of the second day, participants take a multiple-choice exam to qualify for a Technician license. A passing score is 70% or 26 questions correct. The class

consists of going over the questions in the question pool that the 35 questions in the exam are drawn from.

The class would be taught by representatives from the Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, most likely Bill Boedecker and Charles Rogers. The cost of the class is free and the exam costs \$14.00.

Of course to do this, stewards would need a radio, which the Forest won't be supplying. You would need to buy your own, which I did. Handhelds run about \$100 to whatever you want to spend. Mobile units for your car and desktop run between \$150.00 and whatever you want to spend. I'm just thinking that for folks who are interested it would be another way to stay in touch.

Another advantage is the repeater network for amateur radio in New Mexico, especially in the Santa Fe area, may give us the opportunity to have better coverage than with the Forest network and the small Motorola GMRS radios that many of us have. It's definitely better than cell phone coverage.

If we get enough interest I will keep track of the interested parties and will organize the class for sometime in the winter of 2007, probably in Santa Fe. I won't set a date now until I hear back from you. Again, let me stress that there is no requirement to participate in this. Consider it an elective opportunity for being a Site Steward.

Please contact Mike at mbremer@fs.fed.us or at 505-438-7846.

SITE STEWARD DINNER MEETINGS

The popular Site Steward dinner meetings will resume this fall in October. A different format is being initiated—meetings are scheduled at the Stewart Udall Building on Museum Hill upstairs in the group meeting area. Participants may bring a brown bag dinner at 5:30, share a provided dessert and socialize with other stewards and guests. Speakers present from 6:30 to 7:30. Speakers and topics are being arranged and will be posted on the list server. Hope to see many of you there at these popular gatherings.

SUN MOUNTAIN GATHERING

The unique cultural celebration known as the Sun Mountain Gathering returns to the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture on Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7. Sun Mountain celebrates 12,000 years of New Mexico's rich cultural heritage.

Friday, October 6 is open only to students from area schools; Saturday is open to the general public.

Both Milner Plaza and the museum will come alive with ancient craft demonstrations, Indian games, archaeology talks and exhibits, Native arts and crafts including arrow making, spear throwing, pottery making and more. Thousands will gather to celebrate Native American culture at this FREE event. Bring the whole family for this great day.

If you would like to participate in a craft demonstration or help staff the SFNF Site Steward booth, please contact Shelley Thompson at shelleythompson@wildblue.net Sun Mountain Gathering, 710 Camino Lejo,

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to pass; and now, some Stewards are even facing the prospect of not being able to get to their sites because of muddy roads caused by too much rain. Clearly, this current situation is a much better condition to deal with than the extreme dryness.

Please be careful when heading out, and do not take unnecessary chances with roads that might be or might become impassable because of the continuing rainfall. Falling trees continues to be a concern, so beware of that condition, as well.

Keep having fun and enjoy our wonderful resources.

John Morris

SFNF Site Steward Council Chair

UPCOMING**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS**

August 10-13—Pecos Conference, 100 Years of Archaeology, Navajo Lake, NM
www.swanet.org/2006_pecos_conference/index.html.

September 15, 16, 17-SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting, Presentations, Dinner, Awards, Door Prizes and Tours; Jemez Falls Campground

September 15 and 16; New Mexico Archaeological Fair in Clayton, NM; For information, Glenna Dean, State Archaeologist gdean@dca.state.nm.us
 505.827.3989

October 4, SFNF Site Steward Dinner Meeting; watch List Server for information

October 7, Sun Mountain Gathering,
<http://www.miaclab.org/sunmountain/>

October 28, SFNF Site Seward Council Meeting, Stewart Udall Building, Museum Hill, 10-1pm

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, "Native Voices" Lecture Series, Monday nights, Hotel Santa Fe. Fee

See the
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SITE STEWARD NEWS**FIELD
 RECONNAISSANCE FORM
 DEVELOPED**

A field reconnaissance form has been developed for use in the Forest backcountry to do preliminary documentation of sites discovered by stewards which may have not been surveyed or on record with the SFNF. Stewards who enjoy reconnaissance in addition to their monitoring activities are encouraged to become familiar with and use the form.

Lee Borduin, who developed the form, used portions of the Lab of Anthropology and BLM survey forms to develop this abbreviated format.

Approved for use by Mike Bremer, the form is intended to be a preliminary data collection tool in the field. Tested in the Gallina, the new form provides a format to briefly document the site location, type, condition, size and setting. The information gathered may then be taken to the Forest office to determine whether it or is not a previously recorded site.

If the site does not have a AR and/or LA number, the form can be transferred to a full, 9 page LA form for subsequent full survey and record keeping.

An electronic version of the form is being developed and will be provided via ATL's and the list server when complete.

Although the form can be used in the field, Lee prefers to use a single copy as a template or memory jogger. Data for "discovered" sites can be collected in a field notebook then later entered on the abbreviated form at home—either electronically or manually.

**SITE WATCH
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Council Chair John Morris will represent the SFNF Site Steward Program on the newly formed Site Watch Advisory Council. The SFNF Program along with the Four Corners Site Steward Program are associated with Site Watch as resources for that State-wide program.

Members of the Advisory Council consist of representatives from multiple land management agencies, Native American interests and archaeological and Historical societies or organizations.

The objectives of the Council include providing consistency within the Site Watch program activities.

**SITE STEWARD
 CLASS OF 2006**

All but two of 35 trainees from the Class of 2006 have been oriented to their areas and assigned sites. ATLS and AATLS are to be credited with the prompt orientation of new stewards to the areas and assignments to sites.

The high fire danger threat throughout the spring and early summer fostered this desire to get stewards into the field quickly. Although no one has complained, the fire danger has now been exchanged for slick and muddy roads making site assess difficult at times.

**DRIVE AND DISCOVER
 THE VALLES CALDERA**

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Valles Caldera Trust welcome the public to free access to the Preserve in private vehicles on Saturday, August 26 from 9am to 4pm. Two routes will be open; a 13 mile and a 26 mile route, the latter requiring a high clearance vehicle. Educational stations will be located along the routes.

For information call 1-866-382-5537 or visit www.vallescaldera.gov. Please access "Need to Know" information before planning your trip.