



# Archaeo-Nevada Society

The Oldest Archaeological Organization in Nevada – Established 1966

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**Greetings:** If members have any news, announcements, photographs in digital format with caption information, or other information you think should be shared with our membership please contact Dr. Rafferty at [kevin.rafferty@csn.edu](mailto:kevin.rafferty@csn.edu) or at 651-5715. Now on to the news.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M. Archaeo-Nevada Society 's own Kevin Rafferty will speak on the latest research in Valley of Fire conducted by the Survey Field School of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN; see photograph below). A field trip to Valley of Fire will be arranged for the following Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The lecture will be held on the West Charleston Campus of CSN, in a **new meeting room. For the Fall season all meetings will be held in the 'K' Building (The Ralph and Betty Englestad building), Room K-228.** This is next to the previous meeting room from last Spring. It is on the second floor of the building. It is a three-story building at the back (southern) part of the campus, across the parking lot from Opportunity Village. Enter the campus off of West Charleston Boulevard at College Drive, next to the Clark County West Charleston Library. Drive past the County library, past the 'C' building, and past the new library building on the West Charleston campus. They will all be on your right side. You will then come to a small entrance with a blue sign that talks about a CAT Bus stop. Turn right at that sign and the 'K' building is the large three-story building on the right hand side. It has a big 'K' on it plus the legend 'Ralph and Betty Englestad Health Sciences Building. Park in the parking lot behind the building and enter the large double doors. It has an elevator so our most seasoned members can easily access the room.

As in the past, any member who wishes to attend the no-host dinner prior to the presentation is welcome to join us at approximately 5:15 P.M. at the Denny's Restaurant across the street from the CSN West Charleston campus. It is on the north side of West Charleston Boulevard across from the entrance to CSN on Community College Drive, at 6375 West Charleston Boulevard. It is an easy walk from the campus so you can park at the college and walk across the street.

**Next Board Meeting:** will be held September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. in Dr. Rafferty's office, office E-120 in Building 'E' on the West Charleston campus of CSN. Board meetings are open to all ANS members. From Charleston go south on Torrey Pines and turn into the parking lot next to the KNPR broadcasting building (across from Bonanza High School). Please do not park in the lot right next to the KNPR broadcasting building, it is for staff only. You should park in the lot closest to the four-story violet (yes, violet) and yellow building and office E-120 is located in that building.

**Membership Renewal:** Please remember to renew your 2009-2010 membership. The application can be accessed from our website at [www.archaeonevada.org](http://www.archaeonevada.org). Click on the membership heading on the left hand side on the webpage and then print out the PDF file at the bottom of the page. Please sign the front and initial the back before returning to the address at the bottom of the page along with your check or money order. In an effort to save money please consider having your newsletter delivered via e-mail. We have had several new members join this last year. This brings vital new blood to the membership ranks and bodes well for our future as an organization. Thank you!

Speaking of memberships, ANS has renewed its membership as an Affiliated Society with the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). The SAA is holding its 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on April 14-18, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information go to [SAA.org](http://SAA.org).

**Past Events:** Our own Beth Young led a field trip to Hoover Dam on May 16<sup>th</sup>, following up Charlie Dietrich's talk to the society on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Several ANS members sent e-mails with pictures (see below), raving about the trip. Many kudos are deserved to Beth for her hard work.

**Future ANS Happenings:** On October 8<sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Wedding of the Harry Reid Center will speak about railroads in southern Nevada, particularly the UPRR. On November 12<sup>th</sup> Diane Winslow of the Harry Reid Center will speak about Sydney Wheeler, assistant to Mark Harrington at Lost City and the first state archaeologist for Nevada. The December speaker is still being arranged.

Harold Larson and I (mostly Harold) are still working on a possible field project for ANS in the Red Rock Canyon area. It will involve the recording of a rock shelter in the Sandstone Quarry area. We will contact the membership as the details get finalized.

**Scholarship Update:** The endowment is at approximately \$3530.62 with interest. When we hit \$10,000 the scholarship will be self-sustaining. The liquid funds (those that can be disbursed immediately) are now at \$1100. The entire scholarship program is now available on-line so student can apply on-line. Student Financial Services is collecting electronic applications and will be making awards for the 2009-2010 academic year very soon. At least one student has applied for Fall, 2009 and I expect more to apply. Students can follow this link to the website: <http://www.csn.edu/admissions/aid/index/asp>. And then click on the 'CSN Scholarship web portal' on the right hand side of the page. If you know any archaeology or anthropology students at CSN urge them to apply as soon as possible for the Archaeo-Nevada Scholarship. Anyone wishing to donate to the fund please contact Dr. Kevin Rafferty at [kevin.rafferty@csn.edu](mailto:kevin.rafferty@csn.edu). Donation checks should be made out to the CSN Foundation/Archaeo-Nevada Scholarship Fund. I would like to publicly thank those who have donated to the fund so far: Joan Stuart, Robert Hafey (who's idea the scholarship fund was), Robert Leavitt, Fred Conquest, Don Hendricks, Bruce Holloway, Harold Larson, and Kevin Rafferty. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize, and please let me know so we can properly thank you.

**Non-Profit Status:** Bruce Holloway has been working diligently on completing the paperwork to formally incorporate ANS as an IRS 501 (C)(3) organization. He says we actually have an IRS organization number and the paperwork should be going through. This will allow us to solicit contributions to our scholarship fund, and for other purposes, as a true non-profit organization.

**Budget News:** Previous newsletters have spoken about the impact that the Governor's proposed budget cuts will have on institutions and programs that impact the preservation of cultural resources. Fortunately CSN and other educational institutions have come out of the legislative session fairly intact. Budget cuts were minimal, and savings were realized by deferring maintenance, cutting operating funds, and other efficiency measures. At CSN the Department of Human Behavior, which is my baby, actually came out of the legislative session in better shape than when we went in. Enrollments for Spring of 2009 were up 40% in terms of both total student numbers, FTE (full-time equivalency) and average class size. Summer classes also saw significant enrollment increases. Fall 2009 numbers are up approximately 25% as of this writing but we expect the actual increase to settle in around 10% or so. Based on this our President Dr. Richards and Academic Vice President Dr. Divine told us that departments producing numbers will get more resources. So...for Fall of 2009 my department added five emergency hire positions, including 1 anthropologist, and these will be advertised for full-time tenure track hiring this coming year. It was the efforts of the ANS membership and other like-minded individuals that made this possible. So thank you for helping to keep higher education alive in this state.

**Other Items of Interest:** The following information might be of interest to our members:

The Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA) holds their meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7 P.M. at the Las Vegas Library. Jeanne Howerton is their new president (Congratulations Jeanne!!). It is located at 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North. The following programs are planned through December:

**Sep 17 - Margaret Berrier "Goggle Eyes Title: Who am I? What's My Name?"** Historically several variables have been used to identify an image as "a goggle-eyed rain god" or Tlaloc. The primary and most obvious of these is the large goggle eyes. Next in importance is the trapezoidal or rectangular shaped head and/or body. Following the eyes and body shape is torso decoration and those that label this image Tlaloc have mentioned lightning, rain and cloud related imagery such as zig-zags, cloud terraces etc. Some researchers have indicated that these images are found along streams or in association with caves and water sources such as springs. In Mesoamerican Tlaloc's attributes include the goggle-eyes, a mouth with teeth or fangs, a heron headdress and kilt. A preliminary analysis of the goggle-eyed motifs in the Mogollon and surrounding areas will give detailed information about the types and range of this motif and to give a preliminary analysis of its possible relationship to Mesoamerican Rain Deities.

**Oct 15** – There will probably be a Nevada Rock Art Foundation Distinguished speaker at the Springs Preserve somewhere around the time of our October meeting. We have previously cancelled our meeting so our members can attend the talk at the Springs Preserve.

**Nov 19: Jack Sprague "ICONS, IDEOLOGY AND IDEOGRAMS: Rock Art within the interior region of South-central California"** Until recently, the investigation of the rock art sites within South-central California has focused mainly along the coastal and desert districts. However, the inland areas of the Southern San Joaquin Valley and its surrounding mountain ranges, contain a dazzling array of pictographs and petroglyphs, representing several different cultural groups. Among the four main culture groups located in Kern County, there are some commonalities within the rock art icons that seem to transverse ethnographically distinct areas. The focus of this paper will be to compare and contrast the rock art icons as they appear within culturally bounded areas, thereby creating a cultural fusion of iconography.

**Dec 17 - Dave Lee - Australian rock art**

The Friends of Gold Butte begin their monthly meetings again in September. They would like to plan more meetings in Las Vegas and are looking for input from their Las Vegas members as to favorite library locations and what day and week of the month members may prefer. Please e-mail Nancy Hall at [friendsofgoldbutte@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgoldbutte@gmail.com) with your opinions.

Special Projects- NPS Administrative Assistants: National Park Service is looking for individuals interested in volunteering as administrative assistants. Contact Nancy Bernard at 702-293-8714 for more information.

Special Projects-Mount Charleston Volunteers: Mt. Charleston, known for its pristine beauty needs help to stay clean. Groups and individuals who want to help take care of this beautiful National Recreation Area are encouraged to get involved. Opportunities are available for participating one time or on an on-going basis. Contact Patty at 702-468-8929.

Special Projects-Bureau of Land Management Volunteers: BLM is looking for volunteers interested in helping the removal of graffiti from our natural resources. Contact Jim Cribbs at 702-515-5234.

The City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services is looking for volunteers to become docents at Floyd Lamb State Park at Tule Springs. Docents will assist in staffing the newly restored visitor's center as well as providing tours of the historic building and grounds. Anyone interested should contact Melissa Clary of the City of Las Vegas Leisure Services Department at [mclary@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:mclary@lasvegasnevada.gov).

The Three Corner's Conference will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at UNLV. Papers will be presented by archaeologists from Nevada, California, and Arizona on topics of common archaeological interest. Students and interested amateurs are invited, and the best of all, admission is free. For more information please contact [www.threecornersconference@yahoo.com](mailto:www.threecornersconference@yahoo.com).



The May ANS Field Trip to Hoover Dam. Notice the 'Cool' Demeanor of Beth Young, the Field Trip Leader, in the First Picture. Thanks to Harold Larson for the Photographic Record of the Trip.



CSN Students Chris Bargiels and Michael Callahan Recording Artifacts Along the Arrowhead Trail, Valley of Fire State Park, May 2009.

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## Membership Application Form Sept 2009 – Aug 2010

The purpose of the Archaeo-Nevada Society is to preserve Nevada's antiquities, encourage the study of archaeology and to educate the public to the aims of archaeological research.

1. Uphold the purpose and intent of the ANS.
2. Adhere to all antiquities laws.
3. Seek the advise, consent and assistance of professionals in archaeology and/or history in dealing with artifacts, sites, and other material relating to antiquities.
4. Assist professionals and educators in accomplishing the objectives of the ANS.
5. Be a personal envoy of the ANS and conduct themselves in a manner as to protect the integrity of the artifacts, sites or other materials.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE ANS.

(The 1991 General Membership Meeting voted to make signing the Code of Ethics mandatory for membership in the ANS. Each member of a household membership must sign individually).

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Date | Signatures

Membership Dues for the year 1 September through 31 August.

Enclosed is my check /cash for \$\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$15) / Household (\$25)

Sponsor (\$100) / Corporate (\$1,000) / Life-time (\$500)

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Household Members\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

**I/We would prefer to receive newsletters by  email or  regular mail (please check one).**

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Included in the A-NS Code of Ethics is an agreement to abide by the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 and other relevant legislation.

**Please read the following and initial below.**

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The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA)  
P.L. 96-95, 93 Stat. 721-72B:2, 16 USC 470aa-47011

ARPA establishes a permitting requirement for the excavation or removal (e.g., collection) of archaeological sites and artifacts from public and Indian lands, including National Forests, Bureau of Land Management lands and Military reservations.

ARPA prohibits the excavation, removal, alteration, and the defacement of any archaeological resources located on public or Indian land without a permit from the land managing agency. It prohibits trafficking in archaeological resources obtained in violation of Federal law, including their sale, purchase or transport and offers to sell, purchase, or transport illegally obtained artifacts. It also prohibits trafficking (in interstate or foreign commerce) in archaeological resources obtained illegally under any State or local law.

Under ARPA the removal of artifacts from public lands without a permit is prohibited. Specifically, CFR Title 36 - Parks, Forests, and Public Property, Part 296, Section 261.9 (h) prohibits "removing any paleontological, prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site artifact or property" from the National Forest or any other public lands. The intent of the law is clear-damaging cultural resources and collection of artifacts, including arrowheads, from public lands without a permit is prohibited and subject to criminal and, in some cases, civil penalties.

Felony violations of any of these prohibitions are punishable by fines up to \$250,000 and imprisonment up to two years for the first conviction, and up to \$250,000 and 5 years on second and subsequent convictions. It also allows for the confiscation (forfeiture) of equipment used in connection with the violation and the assessment of civil penalties equal to the scientific or commercial value of the resource and the cost of restoration and repair (up to double those costs for the second and subsequent convictions).

#### NEVADA STATE REGULATIONS

NRS 381.197 Permit required to investigate, explore, or excavate historic or prehistoric site: No person shall investigate, explore, or excavate an historic or prehistoric site on federal or state lands or remove any object therefrom unless he is the holder of a valid and current permit issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 381.195 to 381.227, inclusive. (Added to NRS by 1959, 290)

By initialing this form, I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have read, and understand the above, and agree to abide by the intent of ARPA and other relevant Federal and State regulations while participating in any A-NS field trip or activity. (Each member of a Household Membership must initial individually.)

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

An excellent source for full text versions of ARPA, and other federal regulations can be found at the National Park Service web-site: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/linklaws.htm>

