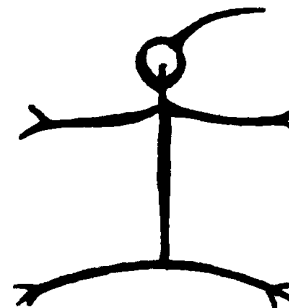


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The Antelope Valley Archaeological Society is an avocational, educational, and scientific organization dedicated to the interests of archaeology in the Antelope Valley and surrounding areas. General meetings are normally held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Check website for location and other details prior to meeting. The public is invited to attend all meetings. Membership in the Society is open to all persons with an interest in the field of archaeology. Annual membership begins on June 1 of each year. View the AVAS Code of Ethics and access the Membership application via our website.

MEMBERSHIPS:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>LIFE</u>
	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$500.00

CALENDAR

AVAS MEETINGS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

December 19, 2011: General Membership Meeting at the Lazy T Ranch. This is our traditional holiday event/fundraiser: **Silent Auction & Potluck**. Don't miss this! Start gathering your donations now for the silent auction. See **Page 2** for more details.

January 16, 2012: General Membership Meeting, location and program to be announced. Check our website, www.avarchaeologicalsociety.org prior to meeting for details. President Barbara Tejada will also discuss the partnership of the AVAS with the Archaeological Conservancy for archaeological site stewardship of the two Conservancy-owned parcels at Fairmont Butte. Field training for all those AVAS members interested in participating will be scheduled in January. Look for dates in the next newsletter and on our website!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

THE TRADITIONAL AVAS HOLIDAY MEETING

SILENT AUCTION & POT LUCK

DECEMBER 19, 2011

6:00 P.M.

**THE LAZY-T RANCH-- 4218 ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD
PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA**

Once again Jay Tremblay has graciously made the Lazy T Ranch available for our December holiday meeting. All members, family and friends are encouraged to attend. Bring a few items for the silent auction/fundraiser and a dish to share at the potluck. The Lazy T is the perfect place for a party-don't miss it!!



The Lazy "T" is just 3 ½ miles west of 10th Street West on Palmdale Boulevard, which is also Elizabeth Lake Road when heading west. If you have any questions call Jay (661)435-9837

LAST MONTH: The meeting scheduled for November 21, 2011--a General Membership meeting-- was cancelled. We are still looking for a permanent "home" for our meetings. Anyone with suggestions may contact President Barbara Tejada at:

Btejada75@yahoo.com

DID YOU KNOW: The AVAS supports the **Archaeological Conservancy**. The Archaeological Conservancy, established in 1980, is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to acquiring and preserving the best of our nation's remaining archaeological sites. Based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Conservancy also operates regional offices in Mississippi, Maryland, Ohio, and California. For more information: <http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>.

▶▶▶▶▶ **SITE STEWARDSHIP AT FAIRMONT BUTTES:** The Archaeological Conservancy has agreed to partner with AVAS on archaeological site stewardship of the two Conservancy-owned parcels at Fairmont Butte. Site stewardship of the area will be based on the CASSP model being used elsewhere in California. Field training for all those AVAS members interested in participating will be scheduled in January. Look for dates in the next newsletter and on our website!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND LECTURES & PLACES TO GO

► ENJOY COUNTRY-STYLE CHRISTMAS AT “HOLIDAYS ON THE HOMESTEAD ” ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM FUNDRAISER, DECEMBER 17, 2011

Visit the **Antelope Valley Indian Museum** on Saturday, **December 17th** from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for a country-style holiday fundraiser. The museum, which was built as a homestead in the 1930's, will feature a chili cook-off, country craft boutique, homestead-era holiday décor, and cowboy singer Michael Tcherkassky performing around a blazing bonfire! Explore the unique museum and soft, warm lighting of the whimsical historic grounds, with the winter night sky sparkling over the desert.

Artist and professional set designer, Howard Arden Edwards, built the Indian Museum to house his collection of American Indian artifacts, and decorated the Swiss chalet-style building with colorful representations of Indian culture and creative hand-made furniture. His wife Rose was known for her tasty chili and cornbread feasts at their 1930's holiday celebrations. Their talents are being recognized with a chili cook-off, and a craft boutique of country style items- a great opportunity for holiday shopping. Participants are still being sought for the chili cook-off and craft booths; contact Jean Rhyne at (661) 946-6900 or jrhyne@parks.ca.gov for an application.

Michael Tcherkassky, also known as “The Saddle Serenader”, has performed cowboy songs at the Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival and other events around the country for many years. Traditional cowboy songs are tales of life on the range that were composed by cattlemen during their journeys across the old west, passed on at the end of their long workdays around the campfire. Michael brings the romantic imagery of this folk music to life under the stars!

Admission: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-16, and ages 5 and under are free. Proceeds go to the non-profit organization Friends of the Antelope Indian Museum, to help keep the park open through the upcoming State Park closure period. Only **cash** or **checks** will be accepted for event admission and boutique purchases. Please come out for this special holiday event, rain or shine, and support the museum!

When: Saturday, December 17, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Antelope Valley Indian Museum , 15701 East Avenue M, Lancaster, California
From Hwy 14, take Avenue K east, turn right on 150th Street East, and left on East Avenue M. The museum is on the left.

► ARCHAEOLOGY FOR CITIZEN SCIENTISTS: AN INTRODUCTION

Begins January 19-20, 2012, and meets every Thursday and Friday for a total of 6 weeks:

Instructor: Joan S. Schneider, PhD

Series Fee: \$350 (\$300 for ABF/PINE members)

Series Credit Fee: \$550 (\$485 for ABF/PINE members)

Single Class Fee: \$75 (\$65 for ABF/PINE members)

This series of classes introduces the discipline of archaeology to non-archaeologists. Students will learn archaeological terminology, the basics of the ethics and practice of archaeology, including the reasons why it is often important to maintain confidentiality in order to preserve and protect our collective cultural heritage. We will develop the skills

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necessary for gathering information to officially record features of cultural interest. Elements of State and Federal law regarding cultural resources will be discussed. In addition to learning about the cultural history of the California deserts, archaeological methods and theory will be briefly discussed as appropriate. Hands-on artifact recognition, the use of compass and GPS, and map-reading will be presented.

- Completion of the series of six (6) two-session classes will provide the training necessary to participate in volunteer archaeological field survey, steward an archaeological site, and complete a simple site form.
- Classes will be held at Colorado Desert District Headquarters in Borrego Springs and in the surrounding environment: Thursday evenings, 6-9 PM in the classroom; Fridays, 9 AM-3 PM in the field. This course may be taken for 4 units of academic credit through UC Riverside Extension, for an additional fee.

For details and registration info: www.theabf.org | 760-767-4063

► **WARRIORS, TOMBS AND TEMPLES: CHINA'S ENDURING LEGACY**

Enter the great tombs and temples of the powerful, and the cunning men and women who ruled imperial China. "Warriors, Tombs and Temples: China's Enduring Legacy" is a landmark exhibition drawn from China's most important archaeological excavations assembled in cooperation with seven leading Chinese institutions.

When: October 1, 2011 to March 4, 2012, Tue-Sun 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., 4th Thursday of the Month, 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Where: Bowers Museum, 2002 North Main St., Santa Ana, California 92706

Cost: Weekdays: \$21.00 Adults, \$14.00 Students and Seniors (62+)

Weekends: \$23.00 Adults, \$19.00 Students & Seniors, Children under 6 are free.

Tickets: www.museumtix.com, or by phone through Ticketmaster (877) 250-8999

Info: www.bowers.org, (714) 567-3600

Most natural history museums don't have human evolution exhibits, and if they do, the bones are probably reproductions. The real fossils are usually owned by and housed in the country in which they were found. Fortunately, the Internet offers several places where you can see hominid bones up close. Check out the **Smithsonian Human Origins Program**: Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History has a great human evolution exhibit. But for those who can't make it to Washington, D.C., the museum scanned more than 65 fossils to create 3-D models you can play with online: <http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/3d-collection/fossil>. With the click of a mouse, you can rotate the fossils to get a view from any angle. Each specimen includes information on when and where the fossil was found, how old it is, and in some cases, why it's important to the study of human evolution. The museum also has online collections of artifacts and primate bones.

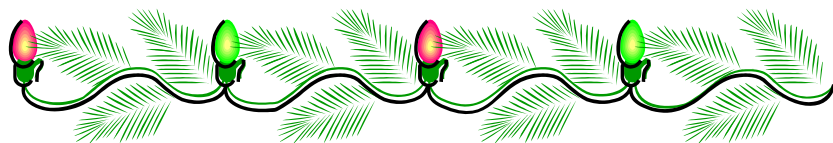
LINKS

► Check out these links to various **NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTERS** around Southern California:

- <http://www.haramokngna.org>
- <http://satwiwa.org/>
- <http://chumashindianmuseum.com/>

► **MORE LINKS**

- **Kern County Archaeological Society (KCAS)**
<http://www.kerncountyarchaeologicalsociety.org/>
- **San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS)**
www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com
- **Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS):** <http://www.pcas.org/>
- **Coachella Valley Archaeological Society (CVAS):** www.cvarch.org.
- **The Archaeological Conservancy:**
<http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>
- **The Albuquerque Archaeological Society:** www.abqarchaeology.org
- **Archaeology Magazine:** <http://www.archaeology.org/>, a publication of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- **BETA Analytic Inc.** www.radiocarbon.com BETA Analytic Inc., is an accredited ISO/IEC 17025:2005 testing laboratory operating in conformance with ISO 9001:2008 management system requirements. Email: beta@radiocarbon.com.
- **Anthropology News (AN)** www.anthropology-news.org. Newly launched—on September 1, 2011-- this is the official news source of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). Access is a benefit of AAA membership, but is also available by separate subscription.



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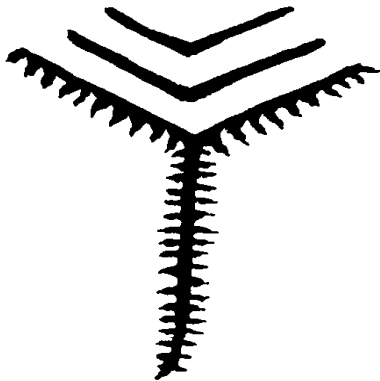
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