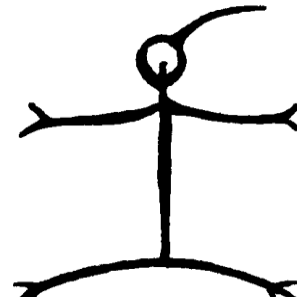


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The Antelope Valley Archaeological Society is an avocational, educational, and scientific organization dedicated to the interests of archaeology in the Antelope Valley and surrounding areas. General meetings are normally held at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of the month. Check the website for location. 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.

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CALENDAR

AVAS MEETINGS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

June 11, 2011: 5:00 P.M.: Carpool to Historic Train Depot in Tehachapi for Catherine Lewis Pruett lecture on Tehachapi area archaeology. Meet at northeast corner of Cinemark Theater, near Avenue I and Valley Central Way, across from JetHawks Stadium.

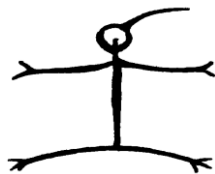
June 20, 2011: General Membership Meeting, (no-host) Dinner with the Speaker, Alexander (Sandy) Rogers, 6:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Sizzler Restaurant, located at 853 West Palmdale Boulevard, in Palmdale. (Corner of Tenth Street West & Palmdale Blvd.) Our speaker, **Sandy Rogers**, is a well-known rock art expert, and Archaeology Curator at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest, California. He will speak about stylistic evolution in the Coso petroglyphs, including the results of technical dating analyses involving cation-ratio dating, portable X-ray fluorescence and obsidian hydration dating techniques.

► **ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNE 20TH MEETING:** Be present to vote. The entire slate of Officers are to be elected, additionally, 2 positions on the Board of Directors are to be filled.

► This is the combined June/July Newsletter. The August/September Newsletter will announce the September speaker. **There are no General Meetings in July and August**, our Meetings will resume in September. Check the August/September Newsletter and/or our website for information about the traditional **SUMMER GET-TOGETHER/POTLUCK/BBQ**.

THIS MONTH: Our June 20, 2011, **General Membership Meeting** will be held at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 853 West Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale. (Corner of Palmdale Boulevard & Tenth Street West). Join us at 6:00 P.M. for (no-host) dinner with the Speaker, Alexander (Sandy) Rogers. Mr. Rogers' presentation, *Coso Rock Art and Culture Through Time*, will begin at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Rogers will speak to us about the Coso Rock Art National Historical Landmark in southern Inyo County, California, which contains an extensive variety of rock art images, mostly petroglyphs, or carved images. The rock art is a manifestation of ancient cultures in the area, and it is likely that the art has evolved over time. Rock art is important because it is one of the few artifacts which could give insight into how people thought, but assigning dates to petroglyph images is notoriously difficult. This lecture will discuss evidence for how Coso rock art may have evolved, including multi-source dating techniques, and will relate the art to cultural developments and paleoclimatic change in the Coso area as suggested by archaeology. **Don't miss this presentation.**

The lecturer, Alexander (Sandy) Rogers, is Archaeology Curator at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest, California, next door to the Coso petroglyphs. He had a 37 year career with the Navy at China Lake as a physicist and executive, retiring in 2002. In retirement he returned to graduate school in archaeological anthropology, earning an MA in 2004. His research interests are obsidian hydration dating, Great Basin hunter-gatherers, and rock art, and he has published in all three areas. His paper on dating of the Coso rock art appeared in Vol. 37 of *American Indian Rock Art*, published by the American Rock Art Research Association. He is also co-author of *Land, People, and Rock Art of the Coso Range*, a popular overview of the Coso petroglyphs, published in 2009 by the Maturango Museum. Mr. Rogers is a Registered Professional Archaeologist.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Wayne Bischoff & Laurie Solis

NEWSBRIEF

CALIFORNIA -ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM TO RECEIVE FUNDS

Supporters vow to oppose park's impending closure

Most readers are aware that the State of California has announced plans to close 70 of the 278 California State Parks as a result of the budget cuts passed by the legislature earlier this year. Approved were cuts in the state parks budget of \$11 million this fiscal year and \$22 million next fiscal year. One such park slated to be closed is the **Antelope Valley Indian Museum**, the site of significant natural and cultural resources. New legislation was unanimously passed in May, Bill AB42, approves making it easier for nonprofit groups to take over operations at some state parks. To that end, Friends of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum (FAVIM), a volunteer, nonprofit organization, and other supporters are uniting in an effort to keep the Museum open by enlisting community involvement and working with state legislators.

The FAVIM has decided that the first step in stopping the impending closure is to write letters to state legislators, including Gov. Jerry Brown. Anne Kittlitz, a Museum supporter, will meet with Assemblyman Steve Knight in late May to seek advice on what steps the FAVIM can take to keep the Museum open. According to FAVIM member Betsy Matheny, keeping the Museum open is political, it isn't a matter of not being able to support the park because the funds are there. An endowment of **\$425,000.00** was donated to the Antelope Valley Indian Museum from Beebe Oliver Nuetzman, daughter of the Museum's second owner, Grace Wilcox Oliver. (Oliver owned the facility before the state acquired it in 1979). Nuetzman wanted a portion of her estate to be given to the AV Indian Museum, but the funds are with the State treasury and have not yet been made available. Nuetzman had been a Museum supporter and helped at the facility prior to her death in 2009. The late Beryl Amspoker, a prominent community arts supporter, also devoted time to the museum, and donated an undisclosed sum designated for a cottage renovation at the site.

The FAVIM has been successful in past efforts to keep the Museum open, beginning in 1982. Currently, the FAVIM has been paying for the upkeep and maintenance of the museum, approximately \$7,500.00 to \$7800.00 per year. They also fund all celebrations at the facility. A celebration, and fundraiser, is scheduled for October to mark the first year since the Museum's grand reopening last year. The Museum had been closed for nearly four years for a \$2.5 million renovation which stabilized the structure and included a geothermal heating and cooling system. The geothermal system will allow the museum to remain open on weekends through the summer, never before possible.

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The Antelope Valley Indian Museum, located on Avenue M between 150th and 170th Streets East, is currently open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, with scheduled group tours available Tuesday and Thursdays for schoolchildren. (See Page 5).

Also on the state's list of 70 parks to be closed by **July 1, 2012**, are Saddleback Butte State Park at 170th Street East & Avenue J, and Fort Tejon State Historic Park. Red Rock Canyon State Park is not on the list.

LAST MONTH:

MAY MEETING & PROGRAM- MAY 16, 2011: Our General Membership Meeting was held at the Sizzler Restaurant at 853 Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale. **BILL SAPP Ph.D.**, Forest Archaeologist at the San Bernardino National Forest and a Research Associate with the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA; spoke to us about the Gold Rush of 1860 which took place in Holcomb Valley. Dr. Sapp shared some of the results of excavations and survey conducted there during the three seasons of intensive pedestrian survey and National Register excavations. It was especially interesting to hear about the structures built in the Holcomb Valley and surrounding areas during the Gold Rush, and the mining methods used. Most of the structures have been destroyed, and Dr. Sapp explained that discarded cans and bottles are some of the most important sources of information used in dating the sites and gathering information about the population there and their activities during the Gold Rush. Thank you, Dr. Sapp, for a most interesting presentation.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND LECTURES & PLACES TO GO

► **June 16, 2011:** **ADVENTURES IN ARCHAEOLOGY**, by Dr. Zahi Hawass. Bowers Museum, 7:00-8:30 PM with book signing following. Fee: \$15 (members \$12). For more information and to purchase tickets online: www.bowers.org.

► **June 25-26, 2011:** **ROCK ART 101**, by Alan Garfinkel and Don Austin, will have Saturday lectures and a Sunday field trip to Renegade Canyon on China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station. Heritage Inn and Suites, Ridgecrest, CA, June 25-26. Fee: \$195 with discounts for 2 or more participants. US citizenship required for access to Renegade Canyon. Registration must be received by June 11. Information: www.rockart101.com/seminar_062511 or Don Austin (amargosa@earthlink.net 310.836.0121) or Dr. Alan Garfinkel (avram1952@yahoo.com; 805.312.5409) for further details.

► **June 16-18, 2011:** CONFERENCE ON ARCHAEOASTRONOMY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST: Hibben Center for Archaeology Research, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. Details at www.caasw.org.

► **July 9, 2011:** SWIMMERS IN THE SAND, by Miroslav Barta, June 11, 1:30 pm; *Karnak Hypostyle Hall*, by Dr. Peter Brand, July 9, 1:30 pm. ARCE lectures. Bowers Museum. Free. Information: <http://arceoc.org>; www.bowers.org or 714-567-3677.

► **July 10-16, 2011:** THE NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL of the Idyllwild Summer Program will be held July 10-16; some performances and lectures will be open to the public. Fee. Information: 951-659-2171. Online catalog and registration: www.idyllwildarts.org.

► **August 11-14, 2011:** PECOS CONFERENCE 2011: at "Mile-And-A-Half Lake" Large Group Camp Site, Kaibab National Forest, in the Arizona Strip. For more information: http://www.swanet.org/2011_pecos_conference .

► **RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK:** Visit the Ricardo Visitor's Station and Interpretive Center for an overview of the history and pre-history of the Kawaiisu peoples and historic mining activities. Exit Highway 14 at Abbott Drive and follow the signs to the campground. For more information: (661) 942-0662. <http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?Pageid=25204>

► **ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM:** The museum is open on weekends from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is \$3 for adults. Children age 12 and under are free. The museum reopened on September 18, 2010 after completion of a \$2 million, 4-year project to install a geothermal heating and cooling system in the museum and stabilize the historic building. The museum offers exhibits, hands-on activities, a gift shop, and a nature trail. The museum is located at 15701 East Avenue M, in Lake Los Angeles, east of Lancaster, California. From the 14 Freeway in Lancaster, go east on Avenue K to 150th Street East, then follow the signs to the museum. For more information, phone the museum at (661) 946-3055, 711, TTY relay service, or visit the website at www.avim.parks.ca.gov.

► **NATIVE AMERICAN BASKET WEAVING CLASS OFFERED:**

Tehachapi Mountain Foundation with the support of Tehachapi Heritage League will be offering a specialized class this summer with Instructor, Mary Louise "Weegie" Claw (granddaughter of renowned Chemehuevi basket weaver Mary Lou Brown). Weegie Claw is a master basket weaver who creates classic Native American baskets using split and whole willows, unicorn plant and other local resources. She teaches traditional basket-making at Arizona Western College in Parker, AZ.

The Native American basket weaving class will meet the following dates: **June 11, 12, 18, 19, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2011**. June 24-26 is the Annual Gathering of the California Indian Basketweavers Association in Ione, CA. Students are welcome to attend this Gathering with Instructor at their own expense.

(Basketweaving class . . .)

The classes will gather together from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Pioneer Park, 111 West "I" Street, Tehachapi, 93561. The fee for the class is \$160.00. Tuition payment is due before 10:00 am on June 11, 2011. Checks made payable to: Tehachapi Mountain Foundation, PO Box 665, Tehachapi, CA 93581-0665. Since some classes include a trip into the mountains for gathering materials, it is important that students arrive at Pioneer Park 30 minutes early for the first four sessions. For more information call Tehachapi Mountain Foundation Chairman Phil Wyman, 661-823-9251 or Co-Chair Brandi Kendrick, 661-972-0445.

► **2011 EVENTS AT THE TEHACHAPI MUSEUM**

310 S. GREEN STREET

TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA

1. June 11, 2011: 6:00 -8:00 PM

Historic Tehachapi Train Depot Lecture by Catherine Lewis Pruett, local archaeologist and co-owner of Three Girls and a Shovel. Catherine will present the results of her archaeological investigations around the Tehachapi area including Ma'a'Puts, a rich prehistoric site near Tomo Kahni State Park. This is a fund-raising opportunity for the Tehachapi Museum, a 501 (c) 3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. For Reservations please contact rsvpmuseum@gmail.com. Fee: \$10.00

2. June 19, 2011: 1:00-4:00 PM

Homemade soap making class with Sheree from Mariah Country Farm. Students must bring gloves and aprons for handling the hot wax. For reservations and more information: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com. Fee: \$10.00

3. July 9, 2011: 6:00-8:00 PM Jon Hammond presents "*The Tree Oaks of the Tehachapi Area*". Please join us at the historic BeeKay Theatre in Tehachapi as Jon Hammond presents his beautiful photography and helps participants know more about and identify the tree oaks of the Tehachapi region. What to know what kind of oaks are on your property? Bring in the leaves from your own oaks and Jon will identify the tree for you. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For reservations: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com or send your check for \$10.00 per person to the Tehachapi Heritage League, P.O. Box 54, Tehachapi, CA 93581. rsvpmuseum@gmail.com Fee: \$10.00

4. July 24, 2011: 1:00-4:00 PM

Flintknapping Workshop with Gary Pickett. Students must bring a lawn chair and gloves. No children under 10 years old allowed due to safety issues with the glass. Reservations are mandatory. For reservations and more information: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com Fee: \$10.00

5. October 8, 2011: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Field Trip to Carrizo Plains, led by BLM Archaeologist, Tammy Whitley. Carpool from the Tehachapi Museum. For reservations and more information: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com. Fee: \$10.00

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/>
- The Archaeological Conservancy:
<http://www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelcome.html>
- The Albuquerque Archaeological Society: www.abqarchaeology.org
- 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.
http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/band/historic_period.pdf

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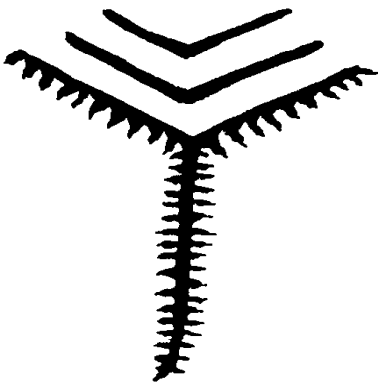
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