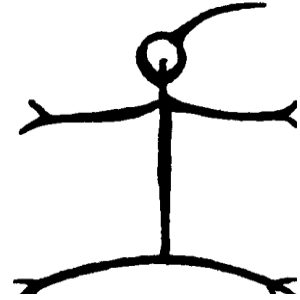


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The Antelope Valley Archaeological Society is an avocational, educational, and scientific organization dedicated to the interests of archaeology in the Antelope Valley and surrounding areas. General meetings are normally held at 6:30 P.M. on the third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

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

May 16, 2011: 6:30 P.M.: General Membership Meeting, at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 853 Palmdale Boulevard, in Palmdale. (Corner of Tenth Street West & Palmdale Blvd.) **Bill Sapp, Ph.D.**, Forest Archaeologist at the San Bernardino National Forest and a Research Associate with the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA, is scheduled to speak about the Gold Rush of 1860 that took place in Holcomb Valley and the results of three years of excavations and survey conducted there.

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: 6:30 P.M.: General Membership Meeting, check website prior to meeting for meeting location.

► 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 MONTH:

MAY MEETING & PROGRAM- MAY 16, 2011

Our General Membership Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. at the Sizzler Restaurant at 853 Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale. The AVAS is pleased to announce that **BILL SAPP Ph.D.**, Forest Archaeologist at the San Bernardino National Forest and a Research Associate with the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA is the scheduled speaker. Dr. Sapp has led an applied archeology field school for the last 3 years in Holcomb Valley, which is part of the San Bernardino National Forest near the resort community of Big Bear Lake. Dr. Sapp will speak to us about the Gold Rush of 1860 that took place in Holcomb Valley and the results of excavations and survey conducted there, during the three seasons of intensive pedestrian survey and National Register excavations. We look forward to a very interesting presentation. Don't miss it!

LAST MONTH:

AVAS SPRING 2011 RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK FIELDTRIP

Submitted by Barbara Tejada

On a chilly windy Saturday, nearly a dozen AVAS members gathered together with an almost equivalent number of students from California State University Dominguez Hills, along with their professor, Dr. Jerry Moore; for another Red Rock Canyon State Park field trip. The tour was led by the always informative retired ranger Mark Faull. The trip was a continuation of our Fall 2010 visit to the park. This time, we ventured out from the park limits and into the El Paso Wilderness area, managed by the BLM, to visit CA-KER-149, a large rockshelter site originally documented in the 1960s by Alex Apostolides. Below the rockshelter are two rock rings constructed on bedrock, and littered with lithic reduction debris. On the ridge above the volcanic tuff breccia from which the rockshelter complex was carved, is a chalcedony source and quarry, which provided prehistoric people with toolstone. We spent some time in this area, discussing the history of excavation at the site by the Archaeological Survey Association (the ASA), and learning of Mark's recent survey work identifying over 300 rock rings on nearby Black Mountain. Mark feels that these rings, in addition to being used as shelters and hunting blinds, may also have been used to collect precipitation and promote growth of certain plant resources. After a brief stop for lunch at the same historic water trough feature that served as our lunch spot last time, we then headed up the road a bit to the Holly Ash Mine, a smaller version of the Old Dutch Cleanser Mine we visited last time. This small operation, beginning in the 1930s, mined the volcanic ash layer to use in various cleansers. It was another fantastic field trip out to this fascinating area. Thank you again, Mark for your gracious hospitality!

AVAS FIELD TRIP- RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK



Looking at a rock ring



Gathering around the rockshelter site

AVAS FIELD TRIP-RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK



The Holly Ash Mine



AVAS BOOTH AT 20TH ANNUAL POPPY FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

Submitted by Barbara Tejada

Record numbers of visitors attended the 20th Annual California Poppy Festival over a beautiful warm weekend in mid-April. AVAS was lucky enough to have a 10 x 20 booth courtesy of the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery and curator Nick West. The Museum also supplied a wood frame “dig box” and wonderful fine soft sand for our mock archaeological dig! A gracious cadre of volunteers helped make our booth a success – Shannon Clark, Mara Durst, Frances Grande, Mary Hartley, Jo Matranga, Edra Moore, Kathy Reece, Melinda Walton and myself, all helped staff the booth over the two-day festival. It was exhausting but so much fun sharing information about AVAS and helping to inspire the archaeologists of tomorrow!

Trying to be authentic, we buried several items in the dig box that we archaeologists would actually find in the field (albeit without sharp edges!). These included cow bones, milk and soda bottles, medicine bottles, old soda cans, seashells, large flaked stone artifacts, and even some large plastic coins for good measure. The dig box really attracted a crowd – from toddlers to teenagers!

We also had a “rock art” activity available that many of the children enjoyed. We had landscaping river rocks and markers available, along with some Native American rock art designs for inspiration for all the aspiring artists who came to visit. For the grown-ups, we had some fabulous artifact displays, courtesy of Roger Robinson, as well as brand new AVAS brochures to hand out. And we had some of our highest hits to our website in the few days following the festival, so the word definitely got out! We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Lancaster City 2011 Poppy Festival



Our booth – dig box area on the left, displays on the right.



Future archaeologists hard at work!

Lancaster City 2011 Poppy Festival



Making rock art!



LAST MONTH'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The April 18, 2011 General Membership meeting was indeed special. We met at the **Antelope Valley Indian Museum**, in Lake Los Angeles where Peggy Ronning, Museum Curator, was on hand to lead AVAS members on a special tour of the Museum. The Museum is unique in style-- resembling a Swiss Chalet, and also in that it is built into the surrounding rock. Once the AVAS business meeting was over, Peggy gave us a brief history of the museum and led us through the various rooms and commented on the displays in each section. The museum is a regional Indian museum, representing the Southwestern, California and Great Basin Indians, as well as housing artifacts from other geographic regions. A visitor may view collections gathered in each room: the Antelope Valley Room, Southwest Room, Great Basin Room and Kachina Hall. The roof panels in Kachina Hall have been restored and are quite vibrantly colored and the museum as a whole has been recently stabilized during an extensive \$2 million, 4-year project which installed a geothermal heating and cooling system. The museum is an impressive place to visit. It is impossible to report here on all the collections and cultural material we saw, a visit to the museum for a first-hand look is definitely recommended. We thank Museum Curator, Peggy Ronning, for giving her time to guide us on this special tour and sharing her expertise.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND LECTURES & PLACES TO GO

► **May 12, 2011: ARTHUR DAWSON LECTURE.** This lecture by Arthur Dawson of the Sonoma Ecology Center will be held at Mission San Rafael, 1104 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael from 6:30 - 7:30 PM and is sponsored by the Mission San Rafael Arcangel Preservation Foundation. Email Theresa Brunner at tbrunner@saintraphael.com or phone her at (415) 454-8141 ext. 12 for more details.

► **May 14, 2011: MOJAVE RIVER AND LAKE MANIX.** The San Bernardino County Museum is sponsoring a field trip with Eric Scott. The trip leaves from Redlands. Make your reservation: 909-307-2669 x 250 or visit <http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum/>.

► **May 30 – June 3, 2011: FLINTKNAPPING WORKSHOP WITH TIM DILLARD.** The Center for American Archaeology is pleased to offer a week-long, hands-on workshop in flakedstone tool manufacturing technology. Tim Dillard, a phenomenal flintknapper with over twenty-five years of experience, will lead the course. Experienced and novice flintknappers alike are invited to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity. For more information: <http://www.caa-archeology.org/EducationWorkshops.html>.

► **February 12 through May 15, 2011: RACE: ARE WE SO DIFFERENT?** This exhibit explores race from biological, cultural, and historical points of view. San Diego Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101. . Fee: \$7.50-\$10.00. Information: 619-239-2001 or www.museumofman.org.

► **May 27 through 30, 2011: AMERICAN ROCK ART RESEARCH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE** at the Shilo Inn Conference Center on the Snake River, Idaho Falls, Idaho. More information at: www.arara.org.

► **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.

► **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

► **2011 EVENTS AT THE TEHACHAPI MUSEUM**

310 S. GREEN STREET

TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA

1. May 15, 2011: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Field trip to Burham Springs rock art site, led by local archaeologist Jack Sprague. Carpooling from the museum - 4 wheel drive and high clearance vehicles mandatory. Tehachapi Heritage League Members; \$20.00 for non-members. For reservations and more information: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com. Fee: \$15.00

2. 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. Her work has kept her very busy in the Tehachapi area which is very rich in prehistoric cultures. During this presentation Catherine will present the results of her work at several local sites, 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

3. 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

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

Flintknapping Workshop with Gary Pickett. Students must bring a lawn chair and gloves. 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**

- **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.
- **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PLACING BOOKS, STUDIES AND OTHER REPORTS ONLINE:** More than 1,000 books, studies, and reports are available online, courtesy of the National Park Service's Park History Program. Highlights of the latest additions include The Historic Period at Bandelier National Monument (2002).
http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/band/historic_period.pdf

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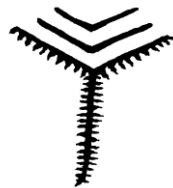
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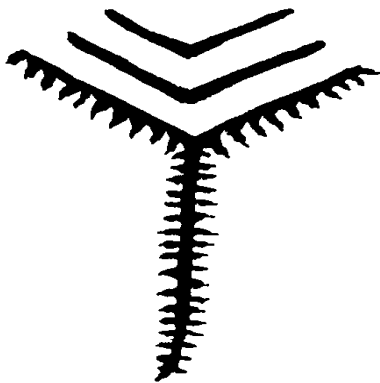
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