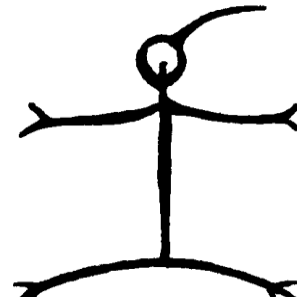


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The Antelope Valley Archaeological Society is an avocational, educational, and scientific organization dedicated to the interests of archaeology in the Antelope Valley and surrounding areas. General meetings are normally held at 6:30 p.m. on the third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

February 21, 2011: 6:30 P.M. General Membership meeting to be held at Antelope Valley College (3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster, California), in the Archaeology Classroom, Room LS1-124. We will have announcements and updates from AVAS members, including information on Egypt, Edwards Air Force Base and upcoming Antelope Valley College projects.

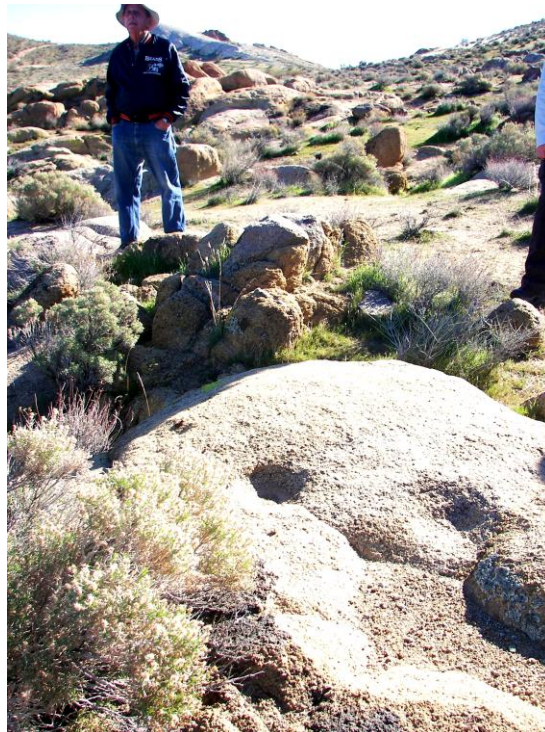
March 21, 2011: 6:30 P.M. General Membership meeting. To be held at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum, located at 15701 E. Avenue M, Lake Los Angeles, California. Museum Curator [Peggy Ronning](#) will provide AVAS members with a special tour. There is no charge for this tour, but donations are welcome.

April 16 & 17, 2011: 20th Annual California Poppy Festival at Lancaster City Park. Over the last two decades, the California Poppy Festival has entertained hundreds of thousands of visitors with remarkable exhibits, great entertainment, delicious food and fun for the whole family. The 20th anniversary edition of Lancaster's annual spring Festival will bring new talent and experiences to all who attend. For more information: www.poppyfestival.com

LAST MONTH: JANUARY 17, 2011, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

We met in the “Lab”, at Antelope Valley College, the Archaeology Classroom, Room LS1 124. AVAS member/Past President Mark Campbell presented his recent findings on an archaeological site complex south of Gem Hill. This talk was an introduction to the field trip of January 22, 2011.

► **FIELD TRIP: To Gem Hill, January 22, 2011.** Our January field trip began with a lovely morning in Rosamond, meeting near the Taco Bell right on time and heading out to the site, off of Mojave-Tropico Road. We parked the cars and headed out for a walk down into a small bowl or valley area that is often used by locals for target practice, but we were the only ones out there that day. Along the old road, many of us began to catch glimpses of chalcedony and rhyolite flakes. As we approached a small rock outcrop, **Mark Campbell** directed us to a couple of small bedrock mortars. Some of us explored the hill, and then we headed back out to the flatlands and across a small drainage where the concentration of natural rhyolite float and rhyolite artifacts including flakes, cores, and a possible scraper or two. Very few chert or chalcedony pieces were to be found in this little part of the valley, but we did find a few small, intact, desert pavement features, which seemed to have an abundance of rhyolite debitage. Some of us then continued to drive a bit further into the area to an overlook where we looked at an interesting rock alignment, and explored the area a bit more. This area seemed to be a little more disturbed from modern activities, including some mechanically excavated soils piles. All in all, it was a beautiful day to poke around for archaeology in the Antelope Valley. Thanks, Mark, for showing us this area!



MEETINGS, EVENTS, EXHIBITS AND LECTURES & PLACES TO GO

► **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.

► **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYING AND SITE RECORDING**, by Wanda Raschkow, February 26-27, fee \$60 (members \$50) and **ROCK ART OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, by Daniel McCarthy (Tribal Relations Program Manager, San Bernardino National Forest), February 27, 8 am-6 pm, fee \$60 (members \$50). Classes of the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. Information and registration: www.desertinstitute.homestead.com, or 760-367-5535.

► **INTRODUCTION TO FLINTKNAPPING AND STONE TOOLS** (ANT 495), by Daniel J. Reeves, a two-day introduction to flintknapping, incorporating background lectures with hands-on activities. The course assumes no previous knowledge of stone tools and is designed for the beginning archaeologies and for avocationalists. Offered through Extended and International Education, CSU Dominguez Hills, April 23-24, 8 am-5pm. Fee: \$218. To enroll, call 310-243-3741. Contact: Jerry Moore, jmoore@csudh.edu. Information: www.csudh.edu/ee/flintknapping.html.

► **SPRING AND SUMMER FOODS, MATERIALS, AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON NATIVE MEDICINES**, by Kristie Orosco. Kumeyaay Ipai Interpretive Center, Poway, March 12, 2011. 8:30 am -12:30 P.M. Fee: \$40 (members of SDAC or KIIC \$40.00 and \$25.00). Information: www.sandiegoarchaeology.org . Classes are limited; registration required. Contact: Annemarie Cox, 760- 291-0370 or acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org.

► **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. February 12 through May 15, 2011. Fee: \$7.50-\$10.00. Information: 619-239-2001 or www.museumofman.org

► **RITUAL AND CEREMONIAL OBJECTS**, by Dr. Henry Koerper. A lecture of the Native American Institute. Orange Education Center, 1465 N. Batavia, Orange, February 18, 6:30 PM. **Free**. Information: www.ocnai.org or 714-879-1337.

► **INTAGLIOS ALONG THE COLORADO RIVER** (March 5, 2011; 8:00 A.M - 6:00 P.M.)
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► **NATIVE AMERICAN PLANT USES** (March 27, 2011; 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M), both by Daniel McCarthy (Tribal Relations Program Manager, San Bernardino National Forest). Classes of the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. Fee: \$60.00 for each class. For information and registration: desertinstitute.homestead.com, or 760-367-5535.

► **THE ART AND SCIENCE OF FLINTKNAPPING: February 25, 26, and 27, 2011, California Desert Studies Center (ZZYZX).** This is a weekend learning experience for those who want to make stone tools and understand the waste products of the reduction process. This anthropology class is taught by Dr. Jeanne Day Binning and Charles (Chuck) Bouscaren at the [California State University Desert Studies Center \(ZZYZX\)](#) near Baker, California.

LINKS

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

<http://www.haramokngna.org>

<http://satwiwa.org/>

<http://chumashindianmuseum.com/>

► OTHER LINKS

Rock Art Calendar: Check out the listing of rock art related conferences at:

<http://www.arara.org>

San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS)

www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com

Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS) <http://www.pcas.org/>

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

NEW BOOK RELEASE: **The Chavín Controversy**, Maarten van Hoek, (2011). 222 pages. The book deals with Andean Rock Art from the Formative Period (roughly between 2000 B.C. to A.D. 0) and focuses on imagery that has been labeled 'Chavín-style' in the past. The book explores rock art sites from the very north of Peru to the Atacama Desert in Chile and several sites and/or rock art panels have not been published previously. 174 illustrations (mainly black-and-white drawings, but also includes 23 color plates), plus two Time Charts. Full details about the book, the price and how-to-purchase a copy may be obtained at:

<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1943422>

NEWSBRIEF

▶▶▶ **LOS ANGELES** - The City of Los Angeles has begun construction of a Mexican cultural center, known as LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, across from Olvera Street, on property owned by Los Angeles County, next to the oldest Catholic Church in the area, La Placita. A portion of the center is located on a 200 year old graveyard, the burial place of the city's original founders. Artifacts and skeletal remains have been disturbed during the excavation. LA Plaza officials have received complaints from decendants of the pobladores (the 44 people who founded Los Angeles in 1781) buried there, the Los Angeles Roman Catholic archdiocese, and Gabrielinos Indians. The AVAS has also voiced its concerns about the way the construction has been conducted and the human remains and artifacts have been handled. AVAS President Barbara Tejada has communicated to Supervisor Gloria Molena and Miguel Angel Corzo, President & CEO, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes through emails/correspondence. To view the correspondence and for a complete account of the situation, go to the links on our website, www.avarchaeologicalsociety.org.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The meeting was held at the residence of President Barbara Tejada, who brought the meeting to order. Also present were Secretary Shannon Kelley-Clark, Treasurer Judy Hoppe, and Board Members James Johannesmeyer, Kathy Reece and Jay Tremblay. Items discussed were as follows:

- **Compensation For Speakers.** We will offer compensation to out-of town speakers.
- **Field Trips.** Field trips will be planned during the year as suitable destinations or exhibits are found. A spring field trip to Red Rock Canyon has already been planned, to be led by Mark Faull, as his schedule allows.
- **Occasional Papers.** Barbara Tejada will contact outlets for sale of the Occasional Papers we already have. We will need to print another run of Occasional Paper #1 following the sale of existing Occasional Papers #2 through 4.
- **Future Events.** Barbara Tejada will inquire about holding a future membership meeting at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum and the possibility of an event there to sell Occasional Papers and T-shirts.
- **T-Shirts.** The general membership will be asked to vote on producing new T-shirts by pre-orders, due to our limited funding.

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