

The Annual Site Steward Conference is just 4 weeks away! If you haven't

registered yet please visit the AZ SSP Foundation's conference webpage.

 Meet the 2022 SSP Conference Planning Committee: Asha Greyeyes, Sean Hammond, Mary-Ellen Walsh, Keith Hollinger, Kim Gilles, Theresa Cano, Jill and Dave McCormick, Tammy Snook, Jessica Han, Dennis Hunter, Caroline Klebacha and Lyle Tanner. Special thanks to City of Yuma staff Cathy Douglas and Teri Ingram & Conference Planner, Connie Gutierrez.

AMAZING SESSIONS: We have everything from snake safety training, to Geology, Crime Scene Management, Cultural Resource Sensitivity Training, Ceramics of the Lower Colorado, desert survival, radios and cell phone communication training to sessions on how to develop excellent maps for Site Kits and much more!

 You also don't want to miss a talk by Utah SSP member, Matthew Podolinsky, on his research and recommendations for the best type of messages that should be used on signage at archaeological sites. For a sneak preview - click here to view Matt's dissertation.

Click here to view a description of everything offered: CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: <u>Click Here</u> to Open the 2022 Yuma Conference schedule.

CONFERENCE APP: We will be using a conference app for the first time! Zoom Training on how to download the free app and navigate through it will be provided prior to the conference. One great component of the app are the maps that come with it. We are using multiple buildings and locations for this year's conference, so the app will allow you to find the different sessions with ease.

New Conference Hotel Added: With all the rooms now sold out at the the Hilton Garden Inn, you can make your reservations at the Home2 Suites by Hilton Yuma **Pivot Point** -this hotel is directly across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn. **Code for Discount:** Don't forget to add the code-**AZP** -when making your reservation.

2022 Site Steward Conference Sponsors





Silent Auction: Site Steward Conference

SILENT AUCTION: Every year a silent auction is held at the annual SSP conference. The auction is one the biggest fundraisers for the program and the funds collected help pay for conference expenses and

scholarships. Most of the items we auction come from Stewards. Some make beautiful ornaments while others find items in their house that they would like to

donate such as books and art. Figure in Picture (Fisherman's Intaglio) was designed by Richard and Jenny

If you have something you would like to donate for Yuma 2022, please reach out to Foundation Chair, Nicole Armstrong-Best. nicole.armstrong-best@phoenix.gov. If you are not able to attend the conference this year but have something to donate, the SSP Foundation will make arrangements with you to pick up the item(s).

Anderson of Havasu.

Arizona Site Steward



Program Foundation

The Foundation has taken on a new direction! After establishing our non-profit in 2017 to ensure the Site Steward Program would continue to have the infrastructure needed to continue its mission, the Foundation is now focused on preservation awareness, K12 archaeology education, site steward skill-based training and fundraising to support the Program's strategic plan. We have a GREAT

volunteer board and are working in sub-committees to advance our many initiatives. Our next Site Steward Conference is coming up next month and the Foundation is actively seeking monetary and in-kind donations from archaeological firms, corporate donors and interested individuals to support conference programming. We appreciate our volunteers and want to do everything we can to make these conferences as free as possible. We have already received a major donation from AES Clean Energy! Plus funding from Archaeology Southwest and Desert Archaeology. Let's keep going – if you know of any company or individual who would like to sponsor any part of the conference, please let us know at asspfoundation@gmail.com.

We realize that getting the word out about our organization via social media is essential and are pleased to have had an opportunity to work with ASU Professor Stephen Carradini and his social media class to develop a social media plan for the Foundation. This plan will increase online activity and engagement, develop a brand that clarifies the work of the Foundation and the Program, offers clear opportunities to potential donors and collaborators, encourages our community to become involved with the Foundation and, of course, promotes conferences and events. We will combine this plan with our social media policy to create a comprehensive document for implementation.

The Foundation has just concluded our FY22-24 board recruitment, but we are actively seeking volunteers with fundraising, social media, website management, community outreach, and/or educator experience to join one of our committees. If you've never worked with a non-profit board before this will be a great experience! Please contact us at asspfoundation@gmail.com.

We'll see you at the conference! Jeri Meeks, Vice Chair

Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation



Arizona Project Archaeology -Bringing Archaeology to Schools

Throughout Arizona Arizona Project Archaeology (AZPA) is the premier state program for the national Project Archaeology (PA) program! As a working group within the Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation, our job is to get PA Investigating Shelter curriculum to Arizona K12 teachers. We have developed many strategic partnerships including AZ State Parks and Trails, the State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Pueblo

Grande Museum and Arizona State University. These collaborations have allowed our volunteer group to accomplish many curriculum enhancing initiatives.

Last year we premiered a series of park videos each featuring an Investigating Shelter lesson topic. This series of videos won the 2021 Governors Heritage Preservation Honors Award. This year, working with Arizona State University (ASU) Professor and Site Steward Keith Hollinger, we built an online Investigating Shelter Teacher workshop in the ASU Canvas system. This online, self-paced, professional workshop allows all Arizona teachers and informal educators access to this active-learning, inquiry-based curriculum, which is aligned with Arizona State teaching standards. Our first Investigating Shelter online course rolled out this spring and we are looking forward to our next workshop this summer.

Click to read more...

Arizona Project Archaeology Update -Major News!

UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022: The Arizona Department of Education Social Studies Director has agreed to list Arizona Project Archaeology and the Investigating Shelter curriculum as resources on their site! This is a big deal, teachers look to this state site for approved curriculum and resources they can use in their classroom. Project Archaeology in Arizona is just starting on this incredibel journey that will lead to children from all backgrounds throughout Arizona to learn about Archaeology and preservation for years to come.

In Memoriam

We'd like to take a moment to reflect and remember the lives of Site Stewards we have lost in recent months and reflect on the great contribution they have made to the program. Additionally, there will be a memorial at the Conference in Yuma.



Jo Ann Weldon

Mrs. Weldon's love of archaeology was evident in her service as a site steward in Northern Arizona. She served as a regional coordinator for the Northeast Region until her retirement from the program in 2014. Click here to read more about her life.



Tom Weiss Mr. Weiss, a nearly twenty year veteran of the Site Steward Program, passed away on April 19, 2022, as a result of a tragic accident. Click here to read more about his life.



Al Enouen

Al became a Steward in 1995 and dedicated over 26 years to the preservation of cultural resources. He passed away July 3, 2022.

Photo: From Left to right, Trudy, Al, Shelly Click here to read remarks from Trudy Mertens and Shelley Rasmussen



Yvonne "Bonnie" Helton

Bonnie became a Steward in 1989 and dedicated over 33 years to the program. She was an amazing woman and lived a very active and full live. She passed away August 25, 2022. Photo: Bonnie with her horse, Mikey

Click here leave condolences for Bonnie and check out here webpage and her love of horses and the west.

Regional Updates

Lake Havasu Region



Jenny Anderson, RC Lake Havasu region hosted a regional gathering and potluck in March. It was our second meeting this year. We met State Coordinator, Sean, to share a couple Bouse-area site visits on March 23rd, and followed March 24th with a group potluck at Lake Havasu State

Park - thanks to Sean for arranging the use of a park pavilion.

The weather cooperated for a great day. We had earlier provided several Stewards with awards in a more formal meeting on January 15, but we presented Sean with an award for his continued support. Sean also gave Jenny the **2021 Coordinator of the Year** Award which had been announced at last fall's AZ Site Steward Annual Conference. (Click here to watch Jenny receiving her award). We appreciated Sean coming to Havasu and joining us as we enjoyed our first unmasked gathering since the pandemic restricted our ability to get together.



Hassayampa Region Debbie Danowski, RC

Many of the archaeological sites in the Hassayampa region are a ways off the paved roads. We have several active stewards who visit their sites fairly regularly. Thank you for the time you invest in helping to protect our state's cultural resources.

We have completed a handful of group outings this year. We visited sites in Yarnell, Congress, Lake Pleasant and Aguila. Hiking around, we saw petroglyphs, rock shelters, metates, ancient agaves and historic corrals and homesteads. Several site stewards enjoyed everyone's company on those days. We look forward to cool weather in the fall when we can go out and explore some more sites of this large region.

Region 22 Prescott

Judy Stocheff, Co-Chair

On May 6, 2022, The Prescott Region 22 had its first general meeting in 2 years. We had at least half of our ongoing Site Stewards as well as the Prescott National Forest (PNF) chief archaeologist, John Rose, and our own archaeologist Ashley Stabenow. Judging by the big smiles on the faces and the cheerful greetings heard around the room, the attendees were as happy to gather as we were to greet them.

Tops on the list was for Elaine Zamora, PNF retired, to present outgoing Regional Coordinator Terry Robbins with a gift and thanks from the PNF for his 4.5 years at the helm and for his hard work. Terry, who appeared to rejoice at being "demoted" to SS status, assured us that he would be monitoring his sites as well as some sites that have been without visits for some time. Attempting to replace Terry as ARCs will be Barbara Marcel, our "paper genius" and Judy Stoycheff, who is in her third term as assignment guru.

During the refreshment break, changes in assignments got underway as members created new links, swapped some assignments and asked to tag along for a visit to a new site. Following the break, the field trip to the Lime Kiln in Chino Valley was introduced. During the 2 year break caused by the pandemic, a few SS's retired, and a few others are on sick leave. We also added 6 new ones and are in the process of introducing them to their sites now. Of course, the total number of visits to sites are down but by and large most had inspection at least once.

Sadly since our gathering we lost another long term and dedicated SS. Tom Weiss was killed in an accident in April, 2022. Two of his major achievements were working closely with Dr. David Wilcox on the Line of Site Project and completion of his intensive research and resultant book on identifying the clay used on local Fitzmaurice pottery. Ironically, David Wilcox lost his battle with cancer last month. Both men are greatly missed by all who knew them and especially the archaeological community. Our task now is to catch up on our visits. This needs to be done in the early mornings to beat the heat but to be home in time to enjoy the monsoon rains!

Payson Region

Chris Tetzloff, RC

The Payson region has been quite busy in 2022. Scott Wood conducted field training for our region on November 20, 2021, and since then, Chuck Eby and I have been busy getting new stewards to their sites. We have conducted several group outings, including Hematite House and Meddler Point on December 17, 2021, and to Camp Reno, Moore House Ranch Ruins and Red Hill on January 26, 2022.

Based on discussions with John Dawley at the state conference, we joined stewards from Central in visiting the Payson Region site, Tuzigoot on Salome, on January 29, 2022. The volume of polychrome pottery we found was amazing to all, and Diane Steele found a perfect point. Chip and Diane Steele were also given their 10-year awards on this outing.

As Diana Jansen, based out of Young, AZ, retired after over 25 years in the program, we now had some remote sites to get covered. Chuck Eby fearlessly scouted these sites and led two group outings. We first went to Iron Mountain and Island Lookout on February 8. The scramble to get to Island Lookout through the ravine was memorable, to say the least. Pam Cissik and Larry Mills agreed to adopt these sites, after the visit. Most recently, we visited Asbestos Mine Ruin on April, 30, about 17 dirt miles after 15 miles on the Young Road. Despite this distance, Clare Fritz (who grew up near this area) and her partner Charlie Pattison agreed to cover this site annually.

We are planning outings to get stewards Ed Loges and Carlie Rich, who are joining us from Central to their sites, once Carlie is trained.





The Movement to **Save History**

Photos: Payson team on group outings to various sites

We have a problem: archaeological resource crime.



Illegal removal and trafficking of artifacts feeds criminal black markets and social pathologies. It thrives because there is significant demand from collectors. And because of public misperception, few understand that the crimes of archaeological theft and vandalism cause serious harm to Tribal communities.

<u>SaveHistory.org</u> supports the movement to end looting on Tribal lands and protect Native American history in the Southwest. The Save History campaign is a culmination of outreach efforts by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Archaeology Southwest as part of a cooperative agreement to respond to violations of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, prevent looting and vandalism through education and Tribal engagement, and work with Tribes and their historic preservation offices to remediate the impacts of archaeological resource crimes.

Videos, advocacy resources, and blog posts on SaveHistory.org amplify Tribal perspectives about archaeological resource crime, Indigenous stewardship, and living connections between ancestral sites and descendant communities. In an interview with Ben Nuvamsa (Hopi), a longtime public servant and Tribal leader, readers learn that "... archaeological resource crime is part of a bigger pattern of disrespect to culture and history. It's social and spiritual at least as much as it's physical or mechanical." Check out the full interview at SaveHistory.org/interview-with-benjamin-h-nuvamsa. Our goals are to promote collective responsibility in protecting ancient sites and to expand roles for archaeologists and law enforcement as allies in fighting archaeological resource crime. We boost confidence and cooperation in people who observe evidence of archaeological resource crimes, encouraging them to submit tips to law enforcement. We offer online reporting at **<u>SaveHistory.org/submit-a-tip</u>** and a confidential tip line

(1-833-ENDLOOT), both routing directly to a US Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent. A financial reward of up to \$10,000 is available to those who provide information leading to a conviction.

Save History tipline: 1-833-ENDLOOT

Follow SaveHistory.org on Facebook: facebook.com/save.history.2021 For media and non-law enforcement inquiries, please email hello@savehistory.org

Site Steward Spotlight:

Sandy Kehs, ARC, Salt River Region





Hello! My name is Sandy Kehs and I have been a Site Steward for the Salt River Region since 2016 and an Assistant Regional Coordinator since 2021. I have had a lifelong interest in archaeology and about 5 years ago my husband and I responded to a posting in the Arizona Archaeological Society newsletter seeking instructors for outdoor elementary school programs with a focus in archaeology to be held at Elden Pueblo in Flagstaff.

Elden Pueblo is a 60+ prehistoric Sinagua heritage

site located about a mile north of Flagstaff on Rt 89. Known as "Pasiovi" (the place of coming together) by the Hopi, Elden Pueblo's earliest pithouses date back to the 900's A.D., with Pueblo

construction beginning in 1070 AD and reached the height of its occupation around 1250. It remains a sacred place to the Hopi tribe and is considered an ancestral home. Since the 1970s, Elden Pueblo has been a site for public archaeology projects and in 1981 The Elden Pueblo Project was formed - a cooperative effort between Coconino National Forest, the Arizona Natural History Association, and the Arizona Archaeological Society. During the past 40 years, Elden Pueblo has hosted numerous field schools, scouting weekends, summer day camps, customized public tours, and conducted hundreds of programs for Flagstaff elementary schools.

Each spring and fall, the Pueblo regularly hosts school classes from grades 3-8 for a hands-on archaeological learning experience including historical exploration, excavation technique, ceramics analysis, and the use of ancient weapons.

Other class programs offered by the Project include Humans as Part of the Environment a study of human impacts on the landscape over time and Youth as Stewards, a servicelearning program for teens. During summer weekends, Site Ambassadors offer an informal open house, with displays, games and history of the Pueblo. There is also an interactive, online "virtual" class tour available through Zoom. Through these experiences, participants become aware of archaeological concepts, values, laws and practices - and they have a great time!

Elden Pueblo is currently closed for trail and parking lot improvements. Once the site reopens in the fall, self-guided tours are always available for the drop-in visitor, as well as resuming regular school programs. Elden Pueblo will also be participating in the upcoming Flagstaff Festival of Science's Science in the Park on Saturday Sept 24 and offering a Public Day at the Pueblo on Sunday, September 25th. For more information on volunteer or tour opportunities available at Elden Pueblo, please contact Program Manager Lisa Deem at 928-699-5421 or e-mail: eldenpueblo@gmail.com.



Legislation

New OHV Committee Formed to Study Damage and Mitigation Measure

In April 2022, Governor Ducey signed into law a bill to create an Off-Highway Vehicle Committee to investigate damage caused by OHVs. This 3-year committee is required to submit an annual report. With the reports the SSP collects on site damage we will provide any data requested by the committee.



For the past 36 years, the SSP has been collecting damage and vandalism reports. As Stewards, this is an opportunity to have an impact on policy decisions. Stewards witness first hand how much damage can occur to historic and prehistoric sites when OHV users do not properly care for the land and for sites that help tell us about the past and define who we are.

Vandalism reports need to be detailed and more photos and videos should be uploaded. If an OHV has caused damage to a site, please report in detail everything that has been damaged. More info on this topic will come in the near future.



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- My Projects:
 - Project Site Kit Project Archaeology
 - Tempe 2021 SSP Conference Yuma 2022 SSP Conference
 - Site Steward Online Database

Ya' ah t'eeh.

My name is Asha Greyeyes, I am from Northern Arizona and am of the Dineh People.

Some of you may have already met me but if you have not, I am a Site Steward Intern working with Sean to move some major projects forward in the Site Steward Program. My work has been a little sporadic over the year I have been working here but I will share on two major projects I have been involved in. Click here to read more...



2021 Conference **Highlights & Award** Winners

Sharing some sweet moments from our 2021 Conference. Click here to see them. Recognizing some fantastic Volunteers. Click here to see them.

Newsletter Staff

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of The Watch Newsletter.

Theresa Cano

Theresa is an administrative assistant for the State Historic Preservation Office and the Site Steward Program. She was born and raised in Phoenix where she currently lives. She enjoys exploring the state with her dogs in tow.

Asha Greyeyes

Asha is currently interning at the SHPO office under the Site Steward Program. Born in Northern AZ, she works remotely from Tucson. Enjoys goofing off with her daughter and fixing bikes.





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