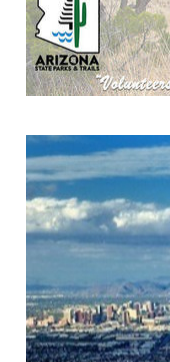




2021 Annual Site Steward Education Symposium Edition

The Arizona Site Steward Program is an organization of volunteers, sponsored by public land managers of Arizona, whose members are selected, trained and certified by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a division of Arizona State Parks & Trails. The chief objective of the Site Steward Program is to report to the land managers destruction and vandalism of prehistoric and historic archeological sites in Arizona through site monitoring. Stewards are also active in public education and outreach activities.



The 2021 Site Steward Annual Training & Education Symposium

Tempe, AZ * October 29th - 31st

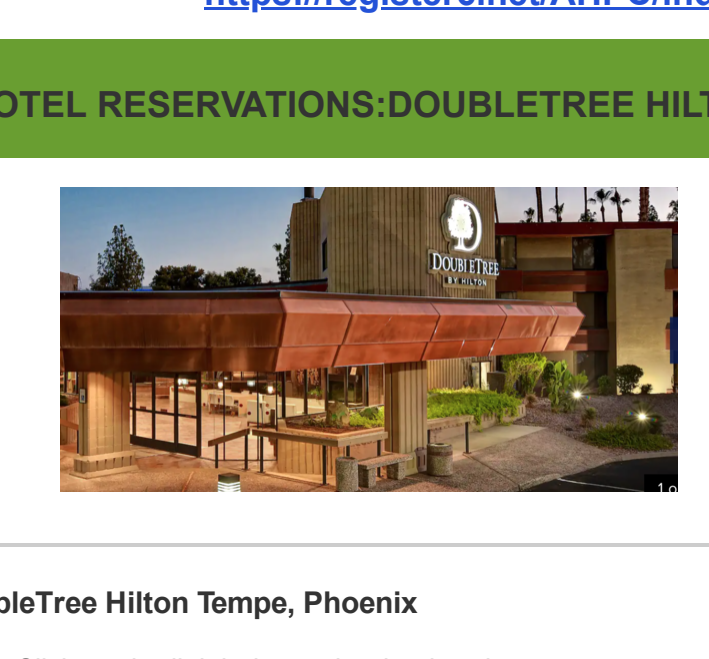
"Keeping Sight and Honoring Tribal Perspectives."

Site Steward Program Symposium for 2021

- Every year, the Arizona Site Steward Program (SSP) provides a 3-day Education Symposium for all Site Steward volunteers, partner land managers, tribes, and other preservation guests.
- The main focus is to provide exceptional workshops and activities to help members expand their knowledge of archaeology and preservation-related topics, develop new site monitoring skills and to come together as one group to network and recognize program members and group achievements.
- Workshops will take place on Friday and Saturday at both the **DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix Tempe** and also at **Pueblo Grande Museum** - a short 9-minute drive from the hotel.
- In addition to providing over 15 different workshops and Sunday excursions and activities you will not want to miss our guest speaker, Alan Spears, of the National Parks Conservation Association. See below for additional information about Alan.
- With financial support from the SSP Foundation, Luke Air Force Base, Bureau of Reclamation, and the US Forest Service, the SSP is able to provide this annual training and symposium to all program members for free. **There are no registration fees to attend the Site Steward Symposium.**

Our Symposium plays such an important part in the program and great effort is put into providing the best experience for all attendees. On behalf of this year's Planning Committee members, we hope you will all join us for a weekend of learning, sharing ideas, networking, and celebrating the great work that all members put into the program and to cultural preservation.

Thank you,
Sean Hammond, Site Steward Program Coordinator



Important Changes to the Symposium:

- The **Site Steward Program Symposium and Preserve AZ**, known as the annual **historic preservation conference**, will be sharing resources this year. On the last page of the newsletter is a description of Preserve AZ and how it will work with the SSP Symposium.
- In an effort to provide more training and great experiences, the Site Steward Conference will start Friday morning, October 29th with breakfast at 7:00 am, followed by our amazing guest speaker, Alan Spears, at 8 am. Workshops will start at 9:50 am.
- Members traveling from out of town may want to stay a total of 3 nights: Thursday check-in, and Sunday check-out.
- Awards Date/Time:** This year, the SSP Awards will take place Friday afternoon during the conference luncheon at the Hotel.
- Volunteer Site Stewards** wanting to attend one (1) or two (2) days of the Preserve AZ conference will receive a discounted special rate.
- If you are a Site Steward volunteer, and you plan on attending both conferences, please register separately for each conference.

Starting the week of September 19th, we will be posting the conference schedule, as well as presenter bio's and conference updates through the **Site Steward Program Foundation website**. [Click the link and return for periodic updates.](#)

Regarding the COVID-19 global pandemic:

We take the pandemic seriously and will keep up with the guidance of the World Health Organization, CDC, and state and local authorities related to travel, quarantine, meetings, and events, and we will continue to adjust and communicate our guidance accordingly. All precautions will take place.

2021 Site Steward Symposium Newsletter

In the Symposium Newsletter, you will find the following items:

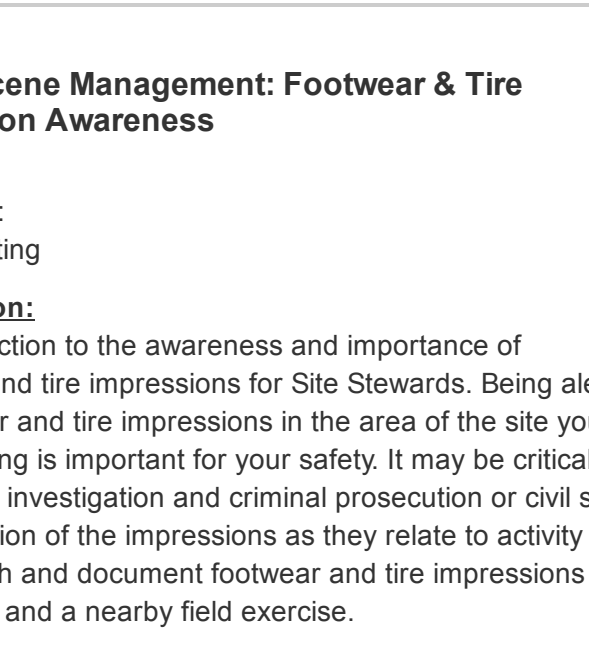
- Link to Register for the Site Steward Symposium
- Lodging Information for SSP Symposium
- Descriptions of Current Workshops
- Sunday Tours/Field Trips/Activities
- Guest Speaker: Alan Spears
- Historic Preservation Conference (Preserve AZ): Combining Conference Resources
- Site Steward Program Foundation Auction
- Friday Awards Celebration and Luncheon

REGISTER FOR THE SITE STEWARD CONFERENCE

Click on the link below to register to attend the Site Steward Symposium.

<https://register6.net/AHPC/index2.php>

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: DOUBLETREE HILTON, TEMPE/PHOENIX



DoubleTree Hilton Tempe, Phoenix

- Click on the link below to book a hotel room.
- Note:** A current message on the hotel reservations page states that a block of rooms has been set aside from October 26th-29th. However, dates have been extended to support the Site Steward Program - there is now a block of rooms through Sunday, October 31st.

<https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PHXMPDTP-AZF-20211026/index.jhtml>

Steps to Make Reservations for the SSP Symposium:

- Click link
- Click "Book a Room."
- On the New page, at top of screen - Edit dates of stay.
- Lodging cost is \$115/night

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Protecting and Promoting the Layered Landscape of the Great Bend of the Gila & Bears Ears National Monument: 5 years late

Presenters:
Aaron M. Wright, William Doelle, Skylar Begay
Dax Hansen, Shane Anton
Wanda Raschkow

Description:

There is currently underway a collaborative campaign to establish permanent and meaningful protection for the Great Bend of the Gila, a landscape in southwestern Arizona rich in history and full of value to contemporary Indigenous communities in Arizona, New Mexico, and California. This two-part session brings together the campaign's leaders and representatives from several Tribal Nations to share our strategy, goals, and successes to date. The first session will highlight the Great Bend's layers of history and cultural diversity, while the second will facilitate a roundtable discussion among campaign members and allies followed by an open question-and-answer forum.

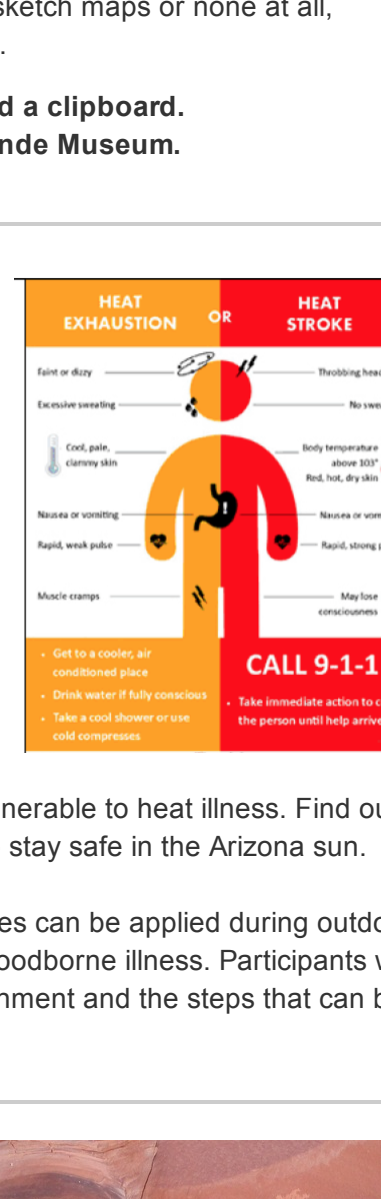
Bears Ears National Monument: 5 years later

In addition to the panel discussion on the Great Bend of Gila, Wanda Raschkow, Stewardship and Monitoring Archaeologist, Friends of Cedar Mesa, will provide information on Bears Ears and the process to make it a national monument. She will also discuss the changes to the National monument between 2016 and 2017 and the work her organization is doing with federal and state agencies, as well as Native American groups, to protect and preserve cultural resources within the monument.

Additional Information:

[Click Here for a Full Listing of Resources on The Great Bend of Gila-Provided by Archaeology Southwest](#)

Bears Ears: [Friends of Cedar Mesa](#)



Considerations for Site Stewards Regarding Tribal lands

Presenter:
Gary J. Canley

Description:

This session will provide a brief overview of Indian law and its applicability to Site Stewards and members of the general public. The discussion will address the various considerations that Stewards should be aware of as they conduct their rounds and interact with their peers.

Gary will join with the Department of Homeland Security's workshop below for the Friday Session.



Department of Homeland Security Investigations: Property, Art, and Antiquities Smuggling

Investigating The Illicit Importation And Distribution Of Stolen Or Looted Cultural Property

Presenters:
Tina Snelgrove
Staff from D.C Office - TBD

Description:

By far, one of our most exciting workshops. Learn about all the different work the department has done to investigate stolen properties and return items to the country of origin. Since 2007 ICE has returned more than 11,000 items to 30 different countries. One of the notable items repatriated include a 500-year-old copy of a Christopher Columbus letter to the King of Spain describing his voyage and discoveries in the Americas. The letter was stolen from the National Library of Catalonia in Barcelona and returned to Spain in 2018.

Officials and agents from the Cultural Property, Art and Antiquities program will talk about examples of the different type of work they have done to recover and repatriate historic items, including work done here in Arizona.

Additional Information:

For more information on topics to be discussed and work that the department has done, click on the following sites:

[Homeland Security's Archaeological Properties Protection program, Brief Summary](#)

[Homeland Security Investigations recovers one-of-a-kind Buddhist statue in Phoenix](#)

[ICE returns stolen and looted archeological art and antiquities to Mexico](#)

[Cultural Property, Art, and Antiquities Smuggling](#)

Crime Scene Management: Footwear & Tire Impression Awareness

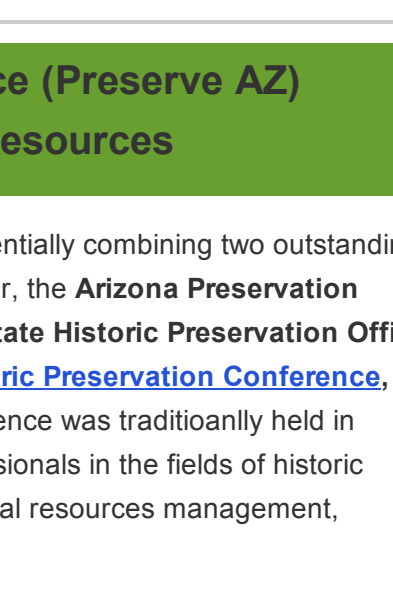
Presenter:
Dusty Whiting

Description:

An introduction to the awareness and importance of footwear and tire impressions for Site Stewards. Being alert to footwear and tire impressions in the area of the site you are checking is important for your safety. It may be critical in aiding law enforcement with a successful investigation and criminal prosecution or civil suit against the looters or vandals. Interpretation of the impressions as they relate to activity at the site and how to properly photograph and document footwear and tire impressions will be demonstrated in the classroom and a nearby field exercise.

Additional Information:

[Dusty Whiting, A History of Catching the Bad Guys](#)



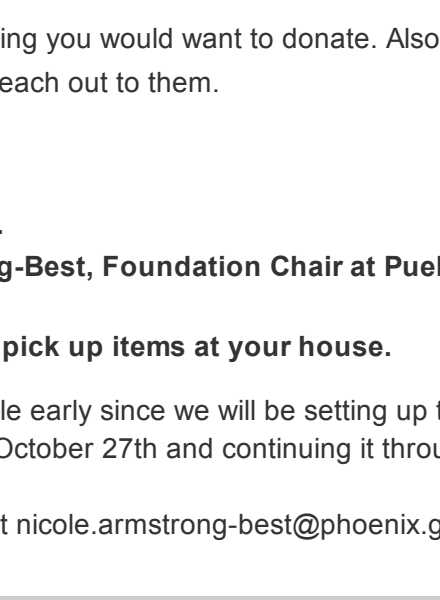
Making a World of Difference Through Listening, Caring, and Sharing

Presenter:
Tewana (Tee) Cervantes, MPA

Description:

An interactive workshop addressing some of the ways differences, resistance, similarities, and hospitality shape our lives using a non-judgmental, non-confrontational, and non-accusatory framework of discussion.

Additional Information: <https://www.tee-cervantes.com/>

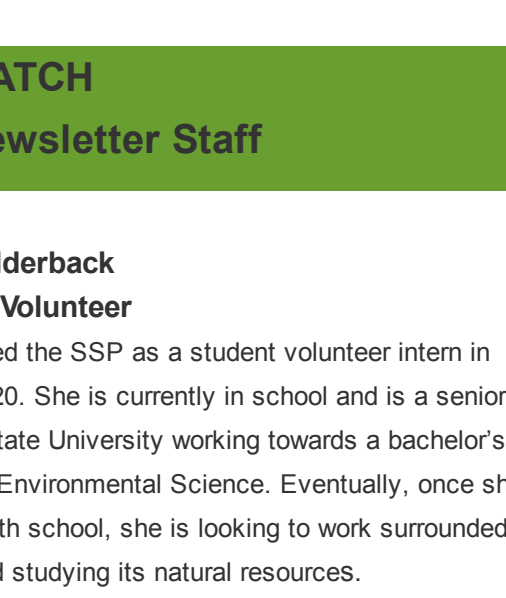


The Arizona/National Historic Preservation Acts 101

Presenter:
Mary-Ellen Walsh, Erin Davis, Kasey Miller

Description:

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff will provide a brief overview of SHPO's role and responsibilities under the Arizona and National Historic Preservation Act.

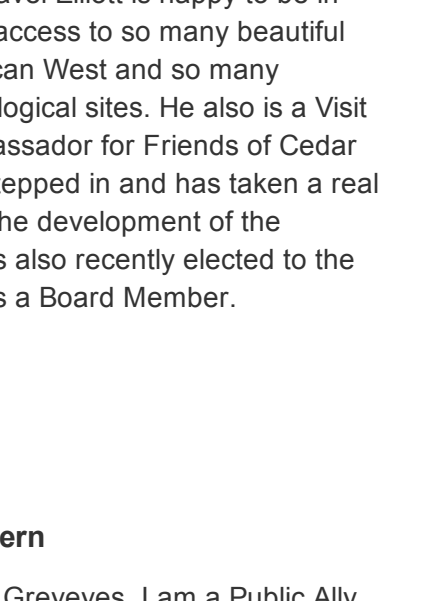


Wildfire and Archaeology

Presenters:
Margaret Hangan, Neil Weintraub

Description:

The significant increase in wildfires across the western landscape has a major impact on archaeological and cultural resources. This session is going to discuss the role of archaeology and archaeologist during a wildfire event, the effects of fire on archaeological resources, and how wildfire can work within the context of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation. Lastly recommendations for land managers on proactive steps to take to protect resources prior to a wildfire and ways to assess and address post-fire effects.



Arizona Project Archaeology Teacher Workshop

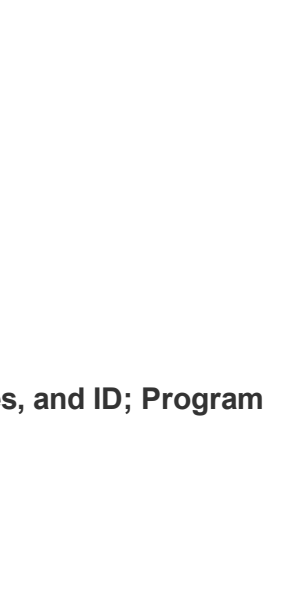
Presenter:
Nicole Armstrong-Best, Jeri Meeks

Description:

Archaeology Educators! This is THE archaeological workshop you've been waiting for! Join Arizona Project Archaeology Master Teachers for a 4-hour workshop where we will delve into the "Investigating Shelter" curriculum and learn how to present it by doing it! This event will be hosted at Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park. We will be able to provide Teacher Development Cartables and learn books upon completion. Project Archaeology is a comprehensive educational curriculum for everyone interested in learning or teaching about our nation's rich archaeological legacy and protecting it for future generations. Curriculums are collaborations among archaeologists, educators, and indigenous leaders. Using an innovative hands-on approach to learning about the past, Project Archaeology curriculums teach scientific inquiry, citizenship, personal ethics, and character and cultural understanding. We look forward to spending time with you!

Additional Information:
[Introduction to Arizona Project Archaeology Conference Workshop, Asha Greyyeyes, Intern, Site Steward Program](#)

[Nicole Armstrong-Best, Director, Pueblo Grande Museum, SSP Foundation, AZ Project Archaeology](#)



Archaeological Site Sketch Map Basics

Presenter:
RCs Neil Weintraub and Debbie Donowski

Description:

Attendees will learn the basics of making a quick and dirty sketch map that will help them document disturbances they may encounter while monitoring their sites. Because many site steward kits either have outdated sketch maps or none at all, participants will learn how to quickly sketch an effective map.

- Attendees are encouraged to bring a compass and a clipboard.
- The session will take place outside at Pueblo Grande Museum.



Sun, Heat, & Food Safety While Outdoors in Arizona

Presenter:
Sergio Perez, Carmen Tirdea, Yvonne Naimye

Description:

This presentation will speak to sun, heat, and food safety while being outdoors in Arizona. First, we will go over potential risks of overexposure to ultraviolet radiation coming from the sun as well as going over strategies for protection and prevention of skin cancer.

Next, we'll cover how working outdoors makes you more vulnerable to heat illness. Find out how to prevent, recognize, and treat heat illness and how to stay safe in the Arizona sun.

Lastly, we plan to highlight ways in which food safety practices can be applied during outdoor camping/hiking excursions to minimize potential risks from foodborne illness. These techniques will better understand the food safety risks in an outdoor environment and the steps that can be taken to provide safe food.

Recording Your Site Like A Crime Scene: How To Systematically Use Photography And GPS In The Field

Presenter:
Dr. Samantha Robinson

Description:

During this workshop, like Sherlock Holmes, you will learn how to observe like a police detective and record your site like a CSI. Using a mock site, this hands-on workshop will teach you how to effectively collect data using your camera and GPS to thoroughly record site damage. These techniques are utilized by archaeologists and law enforcement in investigating damage to archaeological sites in order to prosecute looters using the Archaeological Resource Protection Act.

Attendees should bring a camera, a clipboard, and a device to take GPS coordinates (Phone or Garmin). Knowledge of how to use a GPS is not required.

SSP - Managing the Discovery of Human Remains

Presenter:
Cristin Lucas

Description:

Cristin Lucas, AZ State Museum, will provide a critically important workshop that all new Stewards should take! You will learn about state and federal regulations pertaining to the discovery of archaeological human remains and their ethical treatment. Identify the responsibilities involved with the discovery of archaeological human remains and who to contact.

Volunteer Management - The Good, The Bad, and How to Get the Best from Your Volunteers

Presenter: Cathryn Richards

Description:

Site Steward Regional Coordinators, Assistants RCs, and Land Managers are invited to participate in training to help you manage your volunteers the best way possible. Managing volunteers can be tricky, but it doesn't need to be difficult. Given the right tools, it can be rewarding and fun. This training will teach you practical skills and best practices in how to navigate the good and the bad while achieving the best from your Site Steward volunteers.

Four Southern Tribes Cultural Presentation

Presenters:
Angela Garcia-Lewis, Barnaby V. Lewis, Shane Anton

Description:

The Tribal Historic Preservation Offices for the Gila River Indian Community and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community will provide a cultural presentation on the history, site preservation, and cultures of the Akimel O'odham and Pee-Posh.

Ceramics

Presenter:
Jason Nez

Description:

Explore ceramics with Jason Nez who has experience as an archaeologist with the Navajo Nation Archaeologist Department and Grand Canyon National Park.

Additional Information
<https://www.outsideline.com/2301436/navajo-archaeologist>

A Multi-Year Program of Cultural Resources Management, Inventory, and Site Steward Monitoring in the Cienega Creek Natural Preserve

Presenters:
Courtney Rose

Description:

Pima County's Cienega Creek Natural Preserve is rich in cultural and historical values with a high density of cultural resources. It is one of the few places in southern Arizona with flowing water and is experiencing growing recreational use. The areas surrounding Cienega Creek Natural Preserve are also undergoing accelerated suburban growth. This presentation reports on an ongoing, multi-year program in the Cienega Creek Natural Preserve that is incorporating data compilations, 15 years of site steward documentation, cultural resources inventory, site steward monitoring, and management planning to help protect cultural resources.

Useful Material Things: A Historical Artifact Identification Workshop

Presenters:
Greta Rayle
Thomas Jones

Description:

Historical archaeology examines human behavior through material remains (artifacts) and the written record (archival research), incorporating concepts from multiple disciplines, such as history, geography, and ethnography. This workshop, presented by members of the Historical Archaeology Advisory Committee (HAAAC), seeks to better inform archaeologists on the importance of adequate field documentation of historical artifacts in order to better interpret and evaluate historical sites on which they occur. Topics of discussion will include documenting temporal attributes of common late-historic period artifacts, as well as identifying their manufacturers.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

We are in the planning phase of developing hikes, tours and activities for the final day of the conference, Sunday, October 31st. Several Site Steward Regional Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, Stewards and land managers will be leading many of the activities. As of early September, here is a list of educational hikes that will take place at locations such as:

- South Mountain (Petroglyph hike) with Ranger and ARC Brian Krauss
- Aguia Fria NM hike with RC Pam Kalish and ARC Trudy Mertens
- McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Scottsdale hike with members from the Preserve
- Phoenix Hohokam Canal Tour, archaeologists to be determined
- West Valley Hike with RC Doug Newton and ARC Kim Gilles
- Huhugam habitation site hike with ARC Van Newville, Near Florence

Starting September 19th, we will post more details about the Sunday activities through the Arizona Site Steward Foundation website. [Click this link.](#)

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, ALAN SPEARS

We are so excited about this year's guest speaker! Alan Spears, Senior Director of Cultural Resources, Government Affairs, for the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) will travel from the East Coast to join us Friday morning, October 29th.

Alan joined the SSP in 1999 and serves as the resident historian and cultural resources expert. Among many achievements, Alan has led, co-led, or supported five successful national monument campaigns including Fort Monroe, Harriet Tubman, Charles Young, and Pullman. Alan is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, and his writing has appeared in the Civil War Times Illustrated and National Parks magazine.

Click on the link below to learn more information about Alan and to read some of his fantastic articles:
<https://www.npsca.org/people/alan-spears>

Historic Preservation Conference (Preserve AZ) Combining Conference Resources

As mentioned above, we are essentially combining two outstanding conferences this year. Each year, the **Arizona Preservation Foundation** partners with the **State Historic Preservation Office** (SHPO) to hold the annual **Historic Preservation Conference**, now called **Preserve AZ**. This conference was traditionally held in summer and is geared to professionals in the fields of historic preservation, archaeology, cultural resources management, architecture, and planning.

Every year, there is a small number of SSP members that also attend the Preserve AZ. As of January 2021, the Site Steward Program is now housed under SHPO. With this change, plus the challenges with COVID, the Preserve AZ and the Site Steward Symposium have combined resources.

- Both conferences will start on separate days but will share the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe.
- The Preserve AZ conference will begin on Wednesday, October 27th, and conclude on Friday afternoon, October 29th.
- The SSP will begin Friday morning, October 29th, and finish on Sunday, October 31st.
- The SSP Conference requires no fees for its volunteers to attend.

Volunteer Site Stewards wanting to attend one (1) or two (2) days of the HPC will have a special discounted rate. If you are a Site Steward volunteer, and you plan on attending both conferences, please register separately for each conference.

[Click Here](#) if you Plan on Attending Preserve AZ. You can use the same hotel reservation link above.

SITE STEWARD PROGRAM FOUNDATION AUCTION

Help Support the SSP Foundation

To help cover some of costs associated with the conference, such as food, the social networking event, scholarships for program volunteers as well as costs for the youth education program, Project Archaeology, an auction is held at every one of our annual Symposiums.

Type of Items to Donate:

In addition to archaeology-related items (art, books, self-made jewelry) we will take anything that you believe we could sale, including household items, tickets for theater, sporting events, National Park passes, etc.

Take a look around your house to see if you have anything you would want to donate. Also, if you know of any businesses that would donate please reach out to them.

There are a few ways we can collect donations:

- You can simply bring items to the conference.
- You could mail the item(s) to Nicole Armstrong-Best, Foundation Chair at Pueblo Grande Museum.
- Lastly, we could look into arranging a time to pick up items at your house.

Ideally, we would like to collect as many items as possible early since we will be setting up the auction during the Preserve AZ conference starting on October 27th and continuing it through the Site Steward Symposium

If you have any further questions, please email Nicole at nicole.armstrong-best@phoenix.gov

FRIDAY AWARDS CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON

We are very excited about this year's in-person awards celebration. The SSP is in its 35th year and it is because of your hard work and dedication to the program and to preservation that thousands of sites are protected from vandalism and other types of damage. The work you do means a great deal to many people. All of you dedicate your time, vehicles, and money for this important cause. The awards event is an opportunity to celebrate all the great work by members and to recognize these efforts.

With two conferences combining resources this year, the SSP and the Preserve AZ's awards will be presented on Friday at the conference hotel during lunch. The SSP awards event will start first, then followed by Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Awards.

TEAM WATCH

Meet the Watch Newsletter Staff

Anna Bilderback
Student Volunteer

Anna joined the SSP as a student volunteer intern in March 2020. She is currently in school and is a senior at Arizona State University working towards a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science. Eventually, once she is done with school, she is looking to work surrounded by nature and studying its natural resources.

Theresa Cano

My name is Theresa Cano and I am an administrative assistant at the State Historic Preservation Office as well as helping with the Site Steward Program. I am the rare born and raised in Phoenixian. I love to explore this beautiful state that I am lucky enough to call home, most often with one or all of my three pups in tow.

Elliott Thompson

Elliott is retired from a career as an International airline operations manager who has had the good fortune to travel extensively for work and leisure. After a career of travel Elliott is happy to be in Arizona with easy access to so many beautiful parts of the American West and so many incredible archaeological sites. He also is a Visit with Respect Ambassador for Friends of Cedar Mesa. Elliott has stepped in and has taken a real leadership role in the development of the newsletter and was also recently elected to the SSP Foundation as a Board Member.

Asha Greyyeyes
Site Steward Intern

My name is Asha Greyyeyes, I am a Public Ally intern working with the Site Steward Program, the Arizona Site Steward Foundation, and Arizona Project Archaeology. I am a Dine mom who is originally from the Kayenta, AZ area and am currently working remotely from Tucson.

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