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APRIL PCAS SPEAKER

Rich Abele

In the Footsteps of Scott and Shackleton A Voyage to Antarctica's Ross Sea

Rich Abele traveled on a Russian polar research vessel to Antarctic's Ross Sea in 2007 to visit the exploration huts of Scott and Shackleton - famous British explorers from the early 20th century. His digital slideshow will portray how his expedition team braved rough seas, bitter cold, and huge icebergs as they cruised from New Zealand through the Roaring Forties and the Southern Ocean in the quest to visit these historic huts.

Rich Abele retired from the aerospace industry in 2005 after 32 years of service. An avid outdoor adventurer, former marathoner, and Vietnam veteran, he has traveled to and run on all seven continents and continues to trek and mountain climb on many remote and distant lands. He has trekked to the Mt. Everest Basecamp in Nepal, Mt. Blanc Circuit in Europe, High Inca Trail and Huayhuash Circuit in Peru, and Patagonia in Chile and Argentina. He made an SUV trip to Alaska's North Slope and Arctic Ocean in 2007 (including a submarine hunting expedition in the Aleutian Islands), and most recently he trekked in the Himalayas of Northern India.

When not traveling, Mr. Abele is active in the BLM's Adopt-a-Cabin program in the Panamint and Argus Ranges near Death Valley.

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER

Please join this month's speaker, Rich Abele, and PCAS members for dinner before the April 10th General Meeting. We will meet at 6 pm at Mimi's Café, 4030 Barranca Parkway, Irvine.

PCAS MEETINGS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING

Free and Open to the Public

April 10th - 7:30 pm

Speaker: Rich Abele

Topic: *In the Footsteps of Scott and Shackleton - A Voyage to Antarctica's Ross Sea*

Location: Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine
(between the I-5 and I-405 freeway)

The Irvine Ranch Water District neither supports nor endorses the causes or activities of organizations that use the District's meeting rooms which are made available for public use.

BOARD MEETING

All Members Welcome

April 24th - 7:00 pm

Location: Old Orange County Courthouse
PCAS Library, Ground Floor
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana

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MARCH SPEAKER NOTES

Dr. Joan Schneider was our guest lecturer for March. Over the last 20 years she has worked in the deserts of the world, including the Colorado, Mojave, Sonoran, and Negev. Dr. Schneider joined the Colorado Desert District of California Parks in 2001. She has become enthralled with the rich archaeological record of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and has conducted a variety of archaeological projects.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is the largest of all state parks in the 48 contiguous states at 600,000 acres, and it is still growing. The park is now 75 years old and has approximately two-thirds of the archaeology sites recorded in the California parks system - over 5,000 sites in four environmental zones.

In the seven years she has worked at Anza Borrego, she has tackled some interesting projects. In the Arrow Site Project she documented the remnants of arrows shafts (dated to 300-400 BP) that were wedged into a crevice. Dr. Schneider shared an interesting story about the 2003 Garra Project undertaken in 2003. The Garra Uprising was an Indian rebellion against taxes and failure to provide Indian reservation lands. In Coyote Canyon on Christmas Day, 1851, four Indians who had been tried by a military tribunal and sentenced to death were made to dig their own graves and were executed. Dr. Schneider became aware of four oval-shaped rock piles she felt could be the graves of those men. With the concurrence of the Most Likely Descendants, one of four mounds was excavated, and it was indeed the burial of one of the executed Indians. Military buttons, a musket ball in situ, and other artifacts tied the site directly to the events of 1851. The site was completely reconstructed when the excavation was completed.

Dr. Schneider reported on an experiment to test the use of helicopters for archaeological survey. From the air, rock circles and trails were clearly visible while they were nearly impossible to see from the ground. Also visible were roasting pits, milling slicks, intaglios, mortars, and geoglyphs. Not visible from the helicopter were rock cairns, rock shelters, and rock art.

There are many archaeological research opportunities in the Anza-Borrego region. The fires of 2002 and 2003 revealed multiple unrecorded sites. A vast collection of ceramics is available for a student research project. Information about the Begole Archaeological Research Grant is available at <http://www.theabf.org/scholarships.htm>.

We thank Dr. Schneider for a fascinating lecture and evening!



March speaker Dr. Joan Schneider with PCAS Program Chair Joe Hodulik.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Memberships and Subscriptions

If you have not yet renewed for calendar year 2008, this is the last Newsletter you will receive. Please check your mailing label. If it reads 2007 in front of your name, we have not yet received your renewal. For questions about membership status, contact membership@pcas.org or 714-539-6354.

Scholarships

Applications for the PCAS \$500 undergraduate scholarship will be accepted until April 30th. If you know a student who qualifies for this scholarship, please encourage him/her to submit an application as soon as possible. Application forms and eligibility guidelines can be printed from our website at www.pcas.org. For question about scholarships, contact scholarship@pcas.org or 714-539-6354.



PCAS Past President Megan Galway is honored by 2008 President Scott Findlay for her service.

MARCH PCAS BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

President **Scott Findlay** called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm at the Old Courthouse, Santa Ana. Board members present: **Rene Brace, Gail Cochlin, Scott Findlay, Jane Gothold, Sherri Gust, Sandy Kennedy, Henry Koerper, and Tony Sawyer.** Members present: **Irene Barnett, Bob Brace, Megan Galway, Jack Lissack, and Beth and Chris Padon.**

The May and November 2007 minutes and the February 2008 minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report including expenditures was approved.

The cost of the PCAS Quarterly and information table at the SCA Meeting was \$115. Bob Brace requested that PCAS members attending the SCA Meeting volunteer at the PCAS table. The Board agreed that a survey/request for reviewers be created and made available at the PCAS table. After discussion, it was agreed to implement the Quarterly Publication Agreement and Copyright License effective May 1.

The next Curation Workday will be April 12, 1 pm – work will continue on the ORA-145 collection. In preparation for the May 28 Garfield Outreach, **Scott Findlay** asked those in charge of activity stations to purchase any needed supplies. **Scott Findlay** reported that there will be a field trip to Daniel McCarthy's Agave Harvest on April 26 and to Malki Museum's Agave Roast and Food Tasting on May 3. Participants at the Agave Roast will need to make their own reservations through Malki Museum.

Megan Galway said that membership renewals continue to be received. The April Newsletter will be the last Newsletter mailed to non-renewing members. **Beth Padon** stated that the next Quarterly issue will be published by May or June. **Sandy Kennedy** will send out reminders to local colleges that the scholarship application deadline is April 30.

Joe Hodulik's Donation/Award activity at the March meeting brought in \$67 for the scholarship fund. **Irene Barnett** said that cookie volunteers are scheduled through the end of the year. **Rene Brace** reported that the PCAS website emails are working. **Sandy Kennedy** presented PCAS with a gift basket from the OC Natural History Museum. PCAS will donate the gift basket to the SCA Silent Auction in the Museum's name. **Hank Koerper** created a display of ground pigments to be used in PCAS's outreach events

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

FIELD TRIPS April Agave Harvest

When: April 26, 10 am

Meet: Cahuilla Tewanet Overlook on the Palms to Pines Highway (74)

Cost: \$10 donation

We will join Daniel McCarthy, National Forest Tribal Liaison, for the Malki Museum Annual Agave Harvest. Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for uneven terrain. This may be day trip or you may choose to camp with group leaders and visit nearby sites on Sunday.

Agave Roast and Food Tasting And Mojave Preserve

When: May 3, arrive 10:30- noon, and Mojave Preserve May 3-5

Meet: Malki Museum

Cost: \$10 per plate

Call: Malki for reservation, 951-849-7289

You must sign up for these events at the April General Meeting or by contacting Scott Findlay, 714-342-2534 or fieldtrips@pcas.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

PCAS's annual Garfield Outreach will be May 28, 8 am to noon. The event will be held at the Red Car Building on the grounds of Garfield Elementary Academy. Volunteers are needed at stations such as artifact identification, native foods and grinding, rock art, and pottery making. No experience necessary - we will pair you with someone who has experience with the activity. Please contact Scott Findlay to volunteer: president@pcas.org or 714-342-2534.

SCA MEETING BOOK TABLE

PCAS will have a Quarterly sales and information table at the SCA Meeting in Burbank, April 17-20. If you are attending the meeting, please stop by and volunteer to work the table if only for an hour!

We are planning to have copies of all Quarterly back issues available at the sales table, but we have run out of some issues at meetings. If you have a "want list," please send it ahead of time, and we'll have your copies set aside for you. Of course, there will be no shipping/handling charges. Please place your order by emailing orders@pcas.org.

CURATION

March Workday

The March 8th Curation Workday was well-attended, and we made encouraging progress inventorying the ORA-145 (Dobkins site) collection.

Some of our volunteers are professional archaeologists - their expertise is invaluable in this process. In March **Dr. Hank Koerper** and **Steve O'Neil** assisted in identifying artifacts. All volunteers have learned a great deal about southern California archaeology from their assistance and the side conversations that always develop.

Some of the artifacts inventoried at the March workday are shown below. The tablet has hatch marks and several areas of cross hatching on the front and back and symmetrical notches on the sides. The serrated projectile point is made of basalt, and the plummet-shaped stone is probably steatite.

Members attending the March workday: **Mary Anne and Sarah Balmuth, Irene Barnett, Bob and Rene Brace, Gail Cochlin, Scott Findlay, Megan Galway, Ardy Haworth, Hank Koerper, Steve O'Neil, and Kathleen Shada.**

April Workday

When: April 12, 1 pm

Where: Red Car Building

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Absolutely no experience is necessary! Please contact Mark Roeder (714-241-8880, curator@pcas.org) or Rene Brace (714-544-6282, info@pcas.org) for directions and to let us know you will be coming.



Ground stone in the PCAS Curation Facility.

Artifacts from the ORA-145 Collection



Serrated projectile point.



Plummet-shaped stone.



Tablet with hatching.

In the Footsteps of Scott and Shackleton - A Voyage to Antarctica's Ross Sea

Come to the April 10th meeting and learn about Rich Abele's travels to Antarctica!



Shackleton's hut at Cape Royds, Ross Island.



Capt. Scott's hut at Cape Evans, Ross Island.



Spirit of Enderby, a Russian polar research vessel.



Iceberg grounded off Cape Adare, Antarctica.



Rich Abele videoing a King Penguin on Macquarie Island.



Royal Southern Albatross with chick on its nest, Campbell Island, Southern Ocean.

DIG THIS...



Lectures

What's Doing Down South: Archaeology in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the Colorado River District, by Hank Barber and Dr. Joan Schneider, Coachella Valley Archaeological Society, Cathedral City Senior Center, April 4, 6 pm. Free.

Discoveries in the Desert: The North Kharga Oasis Survey (AIA Kress Lecture), by Salima Ikram (American University in Cairo), Beckman Center, April 5, 7 pm. Free.

Food Fit for Pharaohs: Food and Drink in Ancient Egypt, by Salima Ikram (American University in Cairo), sponsored by the AIA, Orange County Chapter. DeNault Auditorium, Concordia University, April 6, 2008, 2:00-4:00 pm. Fee: \$5 (members free). Information: www.geocities.com/aiac.

Ancient Thrace during the First Millennium BC, by Professor Nikola Theodossiev (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski; American Research Center in Sofia), an AIA sponsored lecture. Lenart Auditorium, Fowler Museum, UCLA, April 9, 7-9 pm. Free (parking \$8). Information: www.sscnet.ucla.edu/iaa/ or 310-206-8934.

Oral History in an Empty Land, by Dennis Casebier. An Old Schoolhouse Lecture, 6760 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, April 11, 7 pm. Fee: \$5. Information: <http://desertinstitute.homestead.com/> or 760-367-5535.

Cultural Preservation, by Mel Vernon, April 14; and ***Sanxingdui and the Shu Culture of Ancient Sichuan: A Mayanist Perspective on a Chinese Bronze Age Civilization***, by Joe Ball and Jennifer Tascheck, April 21. 12 O'Clock Scholar Lectures, Museum of Man. Free with museum admission. Information: www.museumofman.org.

Cary Ranch and La Puerta Foundation, by Reena Deutsch, an ABDNHA lecture. Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center, April 18, 7:30 pm. Fee: \$5 (members free). Information: www.abdnha.org or 760-767-3098.

An Early Archaic and Late Prehistoric Residential Site from the Coast of Camp Pendleton: A Perspective through Spatial Analysis, by Mark Becker, sponsored by the San Diego County Archaeological Society, Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, April 22, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com.

Southern California Indians: Patterns of Resistance, by Richard Hanks. San Bernardino County Museum, April 23, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: 909-307-2669 or <http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/museum>.

(Lectures continued)

Vesuvius and its Aftermath: A Tale of Two Plinys, by Connie Rodriguez, PhD (Loyola University, New Orleans), A Day in Pompeii Lecture. San Diego Natural History Museum, April 28, 6:30 pm or 8 pm. Fee: \$12-\$16. Information and tickets available online: www.sdnhm.org.

Classes, Meetings, and Events

Archaeology for Kids!, a Preserving the Spirit class by Patty Tuck (Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Archaeologist), will explore reconstructed Cahuilla kishes in Andreas Canyon, participate in historical research and a pedestrian survey, create an artifact to take home, and complete a mock excavation. Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, April 5, 9 am-2 pm. Fee: \$15. Information: www.accmuseum.org, 760-778-1079.

Clark Valley Petroglyphs, led by Chuck and Mary Bennett. An Anza-Borrego Institute program, April 12, 9 am-noon. Fee: \$35 (members \$25). Registration: www.theabf.org/programsfieldprograms.htm.

Flint Knapping Day, with Tim Gross, PhD, requires prior knapping experience. All supplies and safety gear will be provided. San Diego Archaeological Center, April 12, 10 am-2 pm. Fee: \$35; members \$10. Reservations mandatory: 760-291-0370 or aocx@sandiegoarchaeology.org. Information: www.sandiegoarchaeology.org.

Historic Cary Ranch (La Puerta) Tour, coordinated by Reena Deutsch and guided by Dick Cary, a tour of the ABDNHA. April 19, 9:15 am-4 pm. Fee: \$30; members \$25. Reservations: 760-767-3098. Information: www.abdnha.org.

Malki Museum's Agave Harvest and Roast. (See Field Trip, Pg. 3, in this Newsletter.) Harvest: Cahuilla Tevanet Overlook, April 26, 10 am, \$10 donation. Roast: Malki Museum, May 3, noon, \$10 per plate. Reservations necessary for both events: 951-849-7289 or malkimuseummail@gmail.com. Information: www.malkimuseum.org.

12th Annual Coachella Valley Archaeological Society Symposium call for papers. The symposium will be held at the College of the Desert Pollock Theatre, May 17. Information: ehardy@collegeofthedesert.edu.

PCAS CODE OF ETHICS

The Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS) is a non-profit group of professional and avocational people dedicated to proper management of our cultural resources, public education, and the protection and preservation of archaeological materials and collections.

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8. The Society and its members will strive to educate the public of the importance and proper management of our non-renewable cultural resources and to discourage the collection and commercial exploitation of archaeological materials.
9. PCAS members shall not benefit from the acquisition, purchase, sale, or trade of archaeological artifacts, materials, or specimens.
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PCAS SPEAKER CALENDAR

May 8, 2008

Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera

Peripheries, Frontiers, and Chiefs: The Mississippian Occupation of the Lower Illinois River Valley

June 12, 2008

Dr. Mark Sutton

Excavations at the Kohen Lake Site, Western Mojave Desert

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