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FEBRUARY PCAS SPEAKER

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Mud, Bugs and Guts: An Exploration of the Lives of Adventurers Dana and Ginger Lamb

Adventurers and explorers Dana and Ginger Lamb chronicled their three year, 16,000 mile voyage in their homemade sixteen-foot canoe, the *Vagabunda*, from southern California down the Pacific coasts of Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Panama in their 1938 book titled *Enchanted Vagabonds*. They spent subsequent decades traveling and exploring while sharing their love for adventure via the lecture circuit. Their second book, *Quest for the Lost City* (1951), was the basis for a feature length film of the same name produced by Sol Lesser in 1954.

The Sherman Library in Corona del Mar recently acquired the personal papers of Dana and Ginger Lamb, which contain an extensive amount of archival material documenting their travels, personal lives, and family history in the form of diaries, manuscripts, correspondence, maps, photographs and negatives, ephemera, clipping files, and motion picture films. Ms. Martinez Wormser's presentation will examine the lives and adventures of the Lambs as chronicled through their archival legacy.

Jennifer Martinez Wormser is the archivist for the Sherman Library & Gardens in Corona del Mar, California. She also teaches a course on archives and manuscripts for the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University. She received her B.A. from (continued on page 7)

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER

Please join this month's speaker, Jennifer Martinez Wormser, as well as PCAS members for dinner before the February 14th 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
February 14th - 7:30 pm

Speaker: Jennifer Martinez Wormser

Topic: *Mud, Bugs, and Guts: An Exploration of the Lives of Adventurers Dana and Ginger Lamb*

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
February 21st - 7:00 pm

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

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JANUARY SPEAKER NOTES

Submitted by Sandy Kennedy

Jaime Cleland and Andy York, both Senior Archaeologists with EDAW, Inc., spoke to PCAS members and guests at the January meeting on an interesting, albeit controversial, excavation. The site was Landing Hill, part of Hellman Ranch, located between Alamitos and Anaheim Bays in the City of Seal Beach. In past years PCAS members have helped with work conducted at Hellman Ranch, and both Jaime and Andy have been involved with this site for more than 10 years.

The site, surrounded by homes and a Boeing facility, was one of the last open spaces in the area. This excavation was conducted as part of the mitigation for a housing development, Heron Pointe. A part of the development has been set aside as a preserve with an interpretative center, signage, and pathways.

Landing Hill produced a wealth of material including bone tools, ground stone, charm stones, 1300+ beads, 2 pieces of pottery, projectile points, shell, cremation features, and burials of 35 individuals. Several dating methods were used on this site. C¹⁴ dating was used on shell and charcoal pieces. C¹⁴ dating and DNA analysis was conducted on teeth with the permission of the Most Likely Descendant, but the DNA analysis was not successful. A total of 114 C¹⁴ dates were produced dating this site from approximately 6400 BP to 2000 BP. Obsidian found in the cremation feature was sourced to the Coso Range north of Ridgecrest. Native American consultants on the site suggested that the placement of the obsidian pieces was a mortuary behavior. Obsidian hydration was conducted on some of the pieces to support the C¹⁴ dates. Dates from the site were compared to other known sites in the area and found to be from similar periods.

Cleland and York determined that 60% of the diet at this site was fish including tuna, swordfish, sardines, mackerel, perch, sea bass, flounder, skate, rays and shark. There was also an approximate 36% use of vertebrate faunal found (roughly 200,000 samples). There wasn't much floral evidence remaining. Abundant shell was evident in the site with scallops being found most frequently followed by clams, but surprisingly they didn't find any evidence of marine mammals being hunted.

A cremation feature and burials were located on this site. The cremation feature was an approximate 6 by 8



PCAS Program Chair Joe Hodulik with Jaime Cleland and Andy York at the January meeting

meter block intermixed with burned bone, ground tone, bowls, net sinkers, and large mammal fossils. Charmstones and beads, made of both bone and shell, were also present. There was very little charcoal found, so it is believed the cremation feature was actually a secondary location. Based on teeth, bone fragments, and weight comparisons, it was determined that 27 to 32 individuals were cremated.

The burials were actually located after construction started, even though this site had experienced archaeological activity since 1955. Controlled grading, 1 inch at a time, was employed at the site. Once the burials were discovered, they excavated a pedestal around each, covered it with a cloth, drove in rebar from underneath for support, and then lifted each one out for reburial. There were very little burial goods found with interments. The ages of the deceased ranged from 16 to 40+ years old. No infants or children were found. There were 10 female, 7 male, and 18 unknown individuals. Of these 35 individual, 1 showed skeletal fractures, 2 had arthritis, 2 had joint strain, and all had dental wear.

Jamie Cleland and Andy York presented a fascinating lecture, especially since Hellman Ranch is so close to home and many PCAS members in past years worked on the site. If you missed the lecture, their publication is now available through EDAW Cultural Publications. *Piecing Together the Prehistory of Landing Hill: A Place Remembered* is a 450+ page report complete with photos, diagrams, charts, graphs and all the history and knowledge Jaime Cleland and Andy York have gleaned from their 10 years of work. Thank you, gentlemen, for an informative and interesting lecture!

JANUARY PCAS BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

President Megan Galway called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Old Courthouse, Santa Ana, California. Board members present: Bob Brace, Megan Galway, Scott Findlay, Jane Gothold, Henry Koerper, Mark Roeder, Tony Sawyer, Sandy Schneeberger, and Sandy Zachman. New Board Members present: Rene Brace and Sherri Gust. Member attending: Kathleen Shada

Approval of the minutes for May and November 2007 was deferred. The Treasurer's report for 2007 with all expenditures was approved. The following Board officers were unanimously elected: President, Scott Findlay; Vice President, Sherri Gust; Secretary, Rene Brace; and Treasurer, Tony Sawyer. The Board approved changing signators on the PCAS bank accounts. The Board thanked retiring Board members Bob Brace, Megan Galway, and Sandy Schneeberger for their service.

Rene Brace was appointed to chair a new committee to update the PCAS website. The return of LAN-98 materials is being coordinated with Anthony Morales and Andy York. Scott Findlay reported that there will be a field trip to Anza Borrego Desert State Park, January 19-21. Scott Findlay requested that everyone contact their local newspapers to get coverage of PCAS and our meetings. The Scholarship Committee will send out information to local schools by email. Joe Hodulik's Donation-Award activity brought in \$97 at the January meeting! Plans for Garfield Outreach and Arch in the Park will be discussed at the next meeting. David Lofink of Garfield Elementary Academy sent the Board a link to the Santa Ana School District website, where he has posted information and pictures of the PCAS outreach day at Garfield. The SCA is still negotiating room rates for this year's conference in Burbank and has not yet sent out registration information. Arrangements for the PCAS book table will be made once this information is received.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Scott Findlay

This year, as always, we have projects to work on. These are listed in no particular order and this is not a complete list.

- Present Garfield Elementary School Outreach Program.
- Curate PCAS collections.
- Present Arch in the Park Outreach Program.
- Assist in preservation of County of Orange paleontological and archaeological collections.
- Participate in Agave Harvest.
- Catch up on PCAS Quarterly issues.
- Expand PCAS membership.
- Fund scholarship program.
- Labor at Pinyon Protection Project.
- Plan Holiday Dinner.
- Maintain curation facility.
- Arrange ride share program.
- Elicit new publicity sources.
- Have fun and enjoy friendship.

We are fortunate to have a terrific group of people on the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committees to make all of the above and much more happen. We can always use a lot of help. Please consider helping us with our endeavors.

2008 MEMBERSHIP/ SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

If you were a member or newsletter subscriber in 2007, you should have recently received your renewal package for 2008. Many of you have already sent in your renewals – thank you! The subscription year, printed on your newsletter cover, will indicate whether we've received your renewal. Continued membership ensures that you're kept up to date on the society's activities and our speaker schedule.

Our new officers were elected and committees appointed at the January board meeting, and planning will now begin for this year's outreach programs. One of our society's primary goals is education and outreach, and for this we need a strong and dedicated membership. If you have already renewed, thank you, and if not, please send your renewal off right away and make the commitment to be an active member this year.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to pcas.info@gmail.com, or telephone Megan Galway at 714-539-6354.

JANUARY FIELD TRIP

Camping at Yaqui Well during the January PCAS field trip was a pleasure. The area was virtually devoid of other campers, and it was easy to attain a sense of solitude. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, the sky was clear and daytime temperatures were warm. Saturday night temperature dropped to a chilly 28 degrees. Sunday night was warmer, dropping only to 32 degrees. A few layers of clothing prevented frost bite.

Saturday morning we hiked the San Felipe Hills above Yaqui well where resources abound on the rocky slopes. Goat nut, agave, yucca, various cacti, a variety of flowering plants, rabbit and bighorn scat are scattered about the difficult terrain. The Yaqui Well area was a major Native American habitation site. There are a half dozen rock circles above the seep, but they take considerable time to find.

On Sunday morning, after thawing out around the coffee pot, the group visited a site a short distance away in Mine Wash. Signage at the site identifies it as a Kumeyaay village, which existed into the early 1800s, but other features in the area hint at an earlier use. There is a heavy concentration of manos, which appear deliberately broken, and a number of female fertility symbols are carved into the surrounding boulders.

On Monday morning the clouds and light rain arrived about the time we were ready to head for home. No wet gear to pack this time. Members attending: Don Bertrand, Dorothy DeGennaro, Scott Findlay, Megan Galway, and Kathleen Shada.



Above: Carved fertility symbol in Mine Wash

Below: Proposed Sunrise Powerlink route near Yaqui Well



FUTURE FIELD TRIP

When: February 16-18

Where: Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Hike to Harper Flat on Sunday, February 17.

Please sign up for this field trip at the February General Meeting or by contacting Scott Findlay at wisscott@sbcglobal.net or 714-342-2534. Please be aware that you will be required to sign a code of ethics and waiver of liability, which acknowledges that some areas we plan to visit have inherent natural dangers. If you are unable to attend a field trip for which you have signed up, please contact Scott as soon as possible. For contact the day of the field trip, call cell phone 714-342-2534.

DIG THIS...



Lectures

Excavated Manuscripts: What They Tell Us About the Production of Texts in China, by Guolong Lai (University of Florida), sponsored by the AIA, Orange County Chapter. DeNault Auditorium, Concordia University, February 3, 2-4 pm. Fee: \$5 (members free). Information: www.geocities.com/aiaoc

Rat Middens: Reconstructing the Lost World of Joshua Tree National Park, by Camille Holmgren, PhD (CSULB). Old Schoolhouse Lecture, 6760 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, February 8, 7 pm. Fee: \$5. Information: www.joshuatree.org/dilecture.html

Petra Rediscovered, by Andrew Lawler, February 9, 1:30 pm; ***Uncovering Ancient Alexandria***, by Andrew Lawler, February 10, 1:30 pm; and ***Masterpieces of Ancient Egyptian Art***, by Arelene Wolinski, February 16, 1:30 pm. Bowers Museum. Fee: \$10; members \$8. Information: www.bowers.org or 714-567-3600.

The Study of Isotopes in Archaeological Research, Hans Bernard, February 15; and ***Understanding Slavery in the Atlantic World through the Use of Digital Technology: An Archaeological Perspective***, Jillian Galle, PhD, March 7. Costen Institute Friday Seminar Series, UCLA, Fowler Seminar Room (A222), 4-5 pm. Free; parking \$8. Information: www.ioa.ucla.edu or 310-206-8934.

Pharaoh at the Bat – Sports and Games in Ancient Egypt, by Peter Piccione (Near Eastern History, University of Charleston), ARCE lecture. Bowers Museum, February 23, 1:30 pm. Free. Information www.bowers.org or 714-567-3600.

Complexity in the Upper San Luis Rey River: Testing True and Waugh's Model of San Luis Rey Settlement Patterns, Russell O. Collett, sponsored by the San Diego County Archaeological Society, Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, February 26, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com

Websites

Visit www.pcas.org for all the latest news.

Classes, Meetings, and Events

Archaeology Weekend, a full weekend of lectures, tours, demonstrations, activities, and field trips to celebrate 75 years of archaeology. Anza Borrego Foundation and Institute, February 2-3. Fee for field trips. Complete listing, information, and registration: www.theabf.org/specialweekends.htm

Clapper Stick and Song, by Jacque Nunez (Acjachemen Nation), a Preserving the Spirit Class will teach how to make a clapper stick and sing traditional California Indian songs. Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, Palm Springs, February 16, 10:30 am-2 pm. Fee: \$15. Information: www.accmuseum.org or 760-778-1079.

The Art and Science of Flintknapping, by Jeanne Day-Binning and Charles (Chuck) Bouscaren. Zzyzx Desert Studies Center, February 22-24 (registration deadline February 15). Fee: Credit, \$310; no credit \$210. Information and registration: <https://celors.csusb.edu/cel/student?op=viewCourse&courseId=4135&categoryId=829> or 909-537-5975.

Owning the Past: Archaeology and Cultural Patrimony in the Late Ottoman Empire, conference co-sponsored by the Cotsen Institute. DeCafe, Perloff Hall, UCLA, February 29-March 1. Free. Information: www.ioa.ucla.edu or 310-206-8934.

Native Californian Basket Weaving, March 1-2, Fee: \$100 (\$90 members); and ***Native California Plant Cordage***, March 9, Fee: \$50 (\$40 members). Joshua Tree Desert Institute classes by William Pink. Information: www.joshuatree.org or 760-367-5535.

Rock Art of the Western Deserts of North America, by David Lee (rock art researcher and educator), includes two days of visits to rock art sites and two evenings of instruction. Class will visit rock art and habitation sites on the University of California's Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center, normally closed to the public. Zzyzx Desert Studies Center within the Mojave National Preserve at Soda Springs, March 7-9. Fee: \$215 includes 2 nights lodging and most meals. Information and registration: <https://cedwebserver.unlv.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?~081EX1217> or 702-895-3254.

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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.

The following principles have been adopted by the PCAS:

1. Professional methods and forms will be used on all archaeological field surveys, excavations, and laboratory sessions.
2. A complete record of field and laboratory work will be filed with the PCAS Curator and stored at a facility approved by the Society's Board of Directors.
3. No archaeological materials will be removed without proper permits, landowner permission, and a field research design.
4. Unless otherwise legally stipulated before activity commences, all materials collected will be deposited for further research with the Curator at a facility approved by the Society's Board of Directors.
5. All generated reports will be the property of the Society and distributed as deemed appropriate.
6. All Society field activities will be performed only under the direction of a qualified field archaeologist (Principal Investigator) and the supervision of field or site directors.
7. The above principles will be observed on both Society approved projects and projects performed under the direction of an authorized institution or organization.
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.
10. All members shall adhere to City, County, State, and Federal antiquities laws.

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PCAS SPEAKER CALENDAR

February 14, 2008

Jennifer Martinez Wormser, Sherman Library Archivist
Mud, Bugs and Guts: An Exploration of the Lives of Adventurers Dana and Ginger Lamb

March 13, 2008

Dr. Joan Schneider
Anza-Borrego Archaeology

April 10, 2008

Richard Abele
Antarctic Expeditions

May 8, 2008

Dr. Colleen Delaney-Rivera
TBA

June 12, 2008

Dr. Mark Sutton
Excavations at the Kohen Lake Site, Western Mojave Desert

PCAS February Speaker

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Scripps College and her M.L.S. from the University of Maryland. Her experience in academic and research libraries includes working at the Huntington Library and in the Special Collections Departments at UCLA and at San Diego State University. A recent President of the Society of California Archivists, she currently serves as a member of the California Historical Records Advisory Board and is completing a book-length documentary editing project of a collection of letters from nineteenth-century California.

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