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SEPTEMBER PCAS SPEAKER

Dr. John E. Collins

An Introduction to Southwest and Southern California Indian Baskets

Dr. Collins will briefly discuss the origins of Indian baskets, after which he will discuss materials, designs, techniques, uses, and care of the baskets. To supplement the verbal presentation, he will "show and tell" a representative selection from his collection of Hopi, Navajo, Tohono O'Odham (aka Papago), Akimel O'Odham (aka Pima), Apache, and Southern California ("Mission") baskets acquired over the past 30-plus years. If PCAS members have baskets they would like to have identified, Dr. Collins will be glad to do his best to do so, but he will not attempt to make appraisals, since an appraisal depends upon many variables.

Dr. John E. Collins is a retired educator, retiring in 1985 after 36 years as a teacher, counselor, and administrator. He received his doctorate from the University of Southern California, with a major in Counseling Psychology. After retiring, he began a private practice as a Marriage Family Therapist. For more than 40 years, he and his wife, Eileen, have traveled to Indian Country (Arizona and New Mexico) making many Indian friends while collecting Indian baskets and pottery. Along the way, visiting Indian homes, attending katsina (aka kachina) dances, feast days, galleries, museums, and trading posts (and roadside stands!), they also acquired jewelry, beadwork, katsina dolls, and Navajo rugs. (continued on page 3)

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER

Please join this month's speaker, Dr. John Collins, and PCAS members for dinner before the September 9th 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

September 9 - 7:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. John E. Collins

Topic: *An Introduction to Southwest and Southern California Indian Baskets*

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

September 16 - 7:00 pm

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

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This is the combined August/September Newsletter.

JUNE SPEAKER NOTES

Buried Sites Archaeology: Life by the Lakes in Laguna Canyon during the Intermediate and Late Prehistoric Period

Submitted by Megan Galway

June's lecture presented three different aspects of LSA's Laguna Canyon project. Roderic McLean led off the evening with a discussion of the logistical aspects of the project. Laguna Canyon is described as the only good travel route through the San Joaquin Hills and has been used as such from early prehistoric times until today. The site had been tested in 1980, and data-recovery conducted in 22 units. Study results indicated seasonal use in late prehistoric times. When road construction was planned for the canyon, monitoring was suggested and initiated. Mr. McLean described the difficulties inherent in studying a deeply buried, rocky site. Ground penetrating radar showed several anomalies, but it was difficult to tell whether these were cultural or natural, and conductivity testing also targeted natural rock. When features were identified, half of each feature was excavated to reveal the stratigraphy, which extended many feet deep. Fire affected rock, groundstone, and other artifact caches were identified, but no traditional midden was noted, leading to the conclusion that this was a series of seasonal, hunter-gatherer encampments. Stratigraphy indicated an early heavy depositional period that later slowed. During the 2005-2007 field seasons, five sample units and ten anomaly units were excavated. Although the site is considered feature based, only 23 features were identified. Significant artifacts included asphaltum, groundstone, a bone awl, and ochre. Shellfish were identified as being from nearby Laguna Beach and Newport Bay. The study concluded the site was a series of re-occupied camps, not residential based villages, with the highest occupation in the Intermediate Period, and associated with Newport Bay in the later period. There was no evidence of historic occupation.

Joyce Stanfield Perry then spoke on her experiences as a Native American monitor on this project, from a cultural and spiritual point of view. Ms. Perry is an Acjachemen tribal scholar and manager for the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, and her family has deep roots in southern California. She explained two methods of personal introduction—the first would introduce her as a native scholar with knowledge based on observation, lived experience, search, relationships, and stories,



Program Chair Joe Hodulik with June speakers Roderic McLean, Joyce Perry, and Paul Langenwalter II.

song, and ceremony; the second method, and the one more familiar to academics, would tell of her accomplishments—what she does, not who she is.

Ms. Perry worked on the project from 2003 to 2005 and spoke of feeling cheerful as she enjoyed the natural world around her—even after an encounter with a huge swarm of bees. She told us of the day her 18-year-old son, Todd, found a bowl exposed by the grading and his growing understanding of the work they were doing. She watched the hatching and development of three hawks and named one of them for her father who had recently died from lung cancer. Ms. Perry then addressed the “cultural disconnect” between western scientists and the Native communities. She expressed past anger at CRM firms and their apparent devaluing of native knowledge, believing “this right to know has actually inhibited true education, because the ‘wannabee’ culture culture urge trivializes tribal information.” She believes that joint presentations such as this will, ultimately, be beneficial to both communities.

Paul E. Langenwalter II concluded the presentation with a report on a dog burial at CA-ORA-1055. This burial is one of very few known in southern California and the only one from the Intermediate Horizon. The dog was identified as a *Techichi*, a small dog standing about 38 cm at the shoulder. It was buried in a folded, rather than flexed or extended, position and covered with a metate, further indicating this was an intentional burial. Researchers could not say whether this was a simple pet burial or destruction of property on the death of its owner, but other than the covering metate, no other associated grave goods were found. The burial was dated at 1,790 BP.

JUNE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

President **Scott Findlay** called the meeting to order on June 15, 2010, at 7:07 pm at the Old County Courthouse, Santa Ana, California. Meeting day had been changed to Tuesday because another event was held at the Old County Courthouse on our regular Thursday meeting date. Board members present: **Scott Findlay, Steve O'Neil, Megan Galway, Rene Brace, Gail Cochlin, Sherri Gust, Jane Gothold,** and **Kathleen Shada**. Members present: **Bob Brace** and **Hank Koerper**.

The May 2010 minutes were approved. The treasurer's report and expenditures were approved.

The PCAS website upgrade is complete and working well. All publications from the old website were saved and remain available online. **Sherri Gust** and an associate will review our historic bottle collection at the July curation workday. This collection has no archaeological provenience. Work on cataloging in the Library will resume after storage crates are removed, and once the cataloging is complete, we will review our holdings and remove volumes not relevant to our mission.

The Board agreed to a donation sponsorship of \$100 to the California Indian Conference to be held at UCI, October 14-15. **Steve O'Neil** suggested that a PCAS member give a presentation on the adoption of the PCAS Curation Guidelines. The Board appointed **Steve O'Neil** to the newly created committee position of Native American Liaison.

In preparation for the November election of Directors, **Scott Findlay** appointed **Steve O'Neil, Mark Roeder,** and **Ivan Strudwick** to the Nominations Committee. The committee will function as it has in past years and will recruit candidates who are willing to be members of a working Board of Directors and who will attend Board and General meetings.

Joe Hodulik's donation/award table generated \$103 for the scholarship fund at the June meeting! **Steve O'Neil** will lead the solstice viewing part of a field trip to the Owens Valley the weekend of June 19-21. **Sherri Gust** was named co-editor of the PCAS Quarterly. **Hank Koerper** reported that PCAS Quarterly issues 43(3) and 43(4) will be mailed within two weeks with additional issues in process. The PCAS Annual Picnic will be July 8, 6 pm, at Irvine Regional Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

June Speaker (continued from page 1)

He has curated three major shows honoring three master Indian potters. In recent years he has taken groups to Indian Country to introduce them to the cultures through visits to the homes of his friends, pottery and weaving demonstrations, museums, trading posts, and natural wonders which figure in history and culture (Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, Chaco Canyon, etc.).

Dr. Collins is past president and recently retired program director of the Native American Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to studying and disseminating knowledge about American Indian cultures, arts and crafts, music, and current concerns, through guest speakers on various subjects and trips, both local and extended.

PCAS BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee—composed of **Steve O'Neil, Mark Roeder,** and **Ivan Strudwick**—requests that members interested in serving on the PCAS Board of Directors contact a committee member. The committee is seeking candidates willing to take an active role as a member of a working Board of Directors and who will attend Board meetings and General meetings. A biography, not to exceed 125 words, must be submitted to one of the committee members listed below no later than the September General Meeting, September 9, 2010. The submitted biographies will appear in the October PCAS Newsletter.

At the November General Meeting, PCAS members will elect three Board Members who will serve 3-year terms. At this election meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any member, with the prior consent of the nominee.

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In Passing -

Robert S. "Bob" Begole (1919-2010)

PCAS Life Member Bob Begole passed away April, 17, 2010. Although he maintained a residence in Anaheim, he spent most of his time pursuing his great love—the archaeology of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park area. In the 1970s and 1980s, Bob contributed 14 articles, primarily on the Anza-Borrego region, to the PCAS Quarterly.

Bob was one of the original members of the Anza-Borrego Foundation and was an ardent supporter of the park's archaeology program. His contributions to the park included over 30 years as a volunteer, funding the Begole Archaeological Research Center and Library, recording over 3,000 sites in the park, and endowing the foundation so that it is able to provide \$10,000 annually in grants to support archaeological research.

Bob, always a true gentleman, will be remembered for his generosity and passion for archaeology.

PCAS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Submitted by Hank Koerper

Five articles will be in the next PCAS Quarterly (Vol. 44, No. 1). Production editor Rene Brace anticipates subscribers will receive their issue in early September. The articles are: (1) The Archaeology of Witchstick Cave, Tomo Kahn State Historic Park, California (Matthew Des Lauriers and Mark Sutton); (2) The Archaeology of the Lazy T Cemetery Site (CA-LAN-767), Southwestern Mojave Desert, California (Mark Sutton, R. W. Robinson, Jill K. Gardner, and Robert D. Rego); (3) More on Lozenge Stones: A Record from the Cogged Stone Site (Henry C. Koerper and Nancy Anastasia Desautels-Wiley); (4) More on Small Phallic Talismans from the Cogged Stone Site (Henry C. Koerper and Nancy Anastasia Desautels-Wiley); (5) Additional Stone Artifacts from CA-LAN-62 (Henry C. Koerper, Patrick Stanton, Polly Peterson, Benjamin Vargas, and Donn Grenda).

Matthew Boxt and Brian Dillon are guest editors working on a double issue that will focus on Native pottery manufactured in both Alta and Baja California. They should have the volume put together by November.

SEPTEMBER CURATION WORKDAY

When: September 11, 1 pm

Where: Red Car Building

We will continue to inventory and rebag the PCAS CA-ORA-236 (Coyote Canyon Cave) collection excavated by PCAS in the 1970s. Everyone is welcome. No experience 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.



Grooved stones from the PCAS CA-ORA-236 (Coyote Canyon Cave) collection.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to assist in hands-on activities and informational displays at two outreach events this fall. No experience necessary!

September 25: Smithsonian Day at the Old County Courthouse, Santa Ana, 10 am-3 pm.

October 3: Archaeology Day at Heritage Hill Historic Park (in conjunction with the AIA, Orange County Chapter), 25141 Serrano Rd., Lake Forest, 11 am-4pm.

Please contact Scott Findlay (president@pcas.org or 714-352-2534) to volunteer!

SIGN UP AGAIN FOR RALPHS' COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

It's time to sign up again. All participants must sign up again on or after September 1. Log on to your Ralphs account at www.ralphs.com, select Community Contribution from Services (top menu), click enroll at bottom of page. PCAS's Organization No. is 90417. Ralphs will donate a minimum of 1 percent of your Ralph's purchases to PCAS.

FIELD TRIPS

JUNE FIELD TRIP

Submitted by Scott Findlay

A dust storm rising off desiccated Owens Lake greeted us as we rolled off 395 and into the always interesting small town of Lone Pine. Here was our pivot position for our solstice adventure to the solar event at the now nonexistent Swansea. Swansea had been an important part of the Cerro Gordo silver mining operation in the late 1860s until earthquake and debris flow ended its short life in 1874. Steve O'Neil joined us at the petroglyph site at Swansea, 9 miles southeast of Lone Pine and easily accessible from State Highway 136 on the eastern side of Owens Lake. The petroglyphs are engraved on a very light colored rock, which does make for some difficulty in the "seeing" until the sun catches the glyphs just right. We were fortunate with the weather, and clear skies stayed with us for the days we watched the sun/shadow interaction on the perplexing carvings on the stone. We wish we could know the mind of the artist's that labored at these expressions.

We had a very primitive base camp at a very secluded spot below the snow capped Serra Nevada range with a grand 360 degree view of the valley and mountains. Nary a soul, excepting our own small group, was seen in all the while we camped there.

We had many interesting side adventures during our field trip—Manzanar Relocation Camp, Eastern California Museum in Independence, Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery, Oak Creek Campground (site of devastating fire and flood), petroglyph sites at Fish Springs and Cottonwood Creek, and the Little Lake overlook to name a few.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

When: October 23-25, 2010

Where: Landers/Johnson Valley
(area off Hwy 247)

We will investigate prehistoric Native American habitation, petroglyph, and pictograph sites. This may be a one or two day field trip. PCAS members plan to camp on Saturday night. Camping participants need to be self-reliant with camping gear. Good hiking footwear is a must.

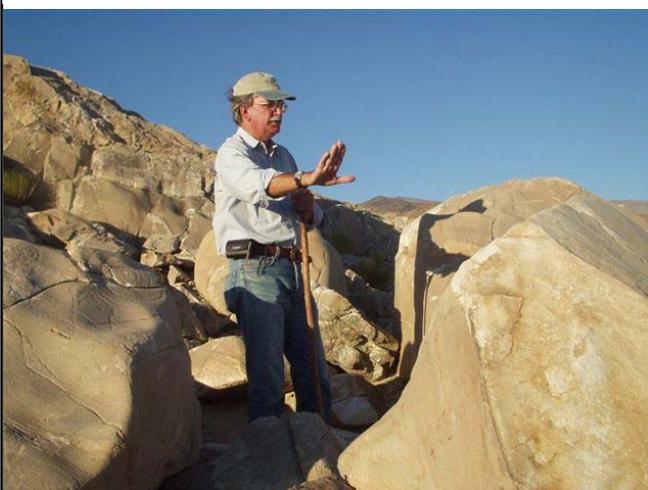
Please sign up for this field trip at the September or October General Meeting or by contacting Scott Findlay at fieldtrips@pcas.org or 714-342-2534. If you are unable to attend a field trip for which you have signed up, contact Scott as soon as possible. For contact the day of the field trip, call cell phone 714-342-2534.



Morning shadow bisecting glyph at summer solstice, Swansea



Shadows cast on spiral glyph, summer solstice, Swansea Petroglyph site.



Steve O'Neil explaining summer solstice interactions at Swansea Petroglyph site.

DIG THIS...



Exhibits

Bear in Mind, the story of the California grizzly bear, includes a preserved California grizzly. Old Orange County Courthouse, Santa Ana, through October 8. Free. Information: 714-973-6610 or <http://ocparks.com>.

Lectures

The Mojave Road, by Dennis Casebier (historian and author), an Old School House Lecture, 6760 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, September 10, 7 pm. Fee: \$5. Information: 760-367-5535 or <http://desertinstitute.homestead.com>.

The Ancient Maya, by Scott Fedick, a Guest Lecture of the San Bernardino County Museum. September 22, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: 909-307-2669 or www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/museum.

Aphrodisias, by Harry Mark (architect), a lecture of the AIA, Orange County Chapter. DeNault Auditorium in Grimm Hall, Concordia University, September 26, 2-4 pm. Fee: \$5; students and members free. Information: www.aia-oc.org.

Munitions and Weapons at the Casa de Bandini/ Cosmopolitan Hotel: Shot is Small, Heavy, and Round, and Unfortunately, it Travels Down, by Scott Wolf (ASM affiliates), will report on test excavations in Old Town State Historic Park. A lecture of the San Diego County Archaeological Society, Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, September 28, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com.

The Stone of Fire: Piedra de Lumbre Chert and the History of San Diego County, by Andrew York (AECOM). San Diego Archaeological Center, October 8, 11 am-1 pm. Fee: \$10 (members free). Information: www.sandiegoarchaeology.org or 760-291-0370.

Classes, Meetings, and Events

Interpreting Amarna: The Reign of the Heretic Pharaoh Akhenaten, by Drs. Donald and Susan Redford, an ARCE seminar. Bowers Museum, September 11, 9:30 am-3:45 pm. Fee: \$30-\$35 (\$20 students). Registration closes September 7. Information: 714-567-3600 or www.arceoc.org/events.html.

(Classes, Meetings, Events continued)

Native American Style Pottery, by Tony Soares, October 2 and 10, Fee: \$100-\$110 plus \$50 material fee; ***Native Californian Pigments and Paints***, by Paul Campbell, October 9, Fee: \$50-\$60; ***Archaeology of Joshua Tree National Park***, by Joan Schneider and Claude Warren, October 23-24; Fee: \$100-\$110 or credit \$150-\$160; ***Edible Plants of the Desert***, by William Pink, October 23-24, Fee: \$100-\$110; ***Native American Basket Weaving***, by Lorene Sisquoc, October 30-31, Fee: \$100-\$110. Classes of the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. Information and registration: 760-367-5535 or <http://desertinstitute.homestead.com>.

SCA Data Sharing Meetings. The southern meeting will be held October 2 at Palomar College. See flyer at www.pcas.org under Latest News. Southern contact: colleen.delaney@csuci.edu or 805-437-3312. The northern meeting will be held October 16 in Chico. Contact: Adie Whitaker at adie@farwestern.com.

Light Impressions Archival Workshop is directed at volunteers and professionals who work with collections. Old Orange County Courthouse, October 18, 9 am-2:30 pm. Registration deadline September 29. Information and reservations: 714-973-6610.

The 25th Annual California Indian Conference, focusing on "Retrospectives and Perspectives" will be held at UCI, October 14-16. Fee: \$50. Information: cic25celebrate@gmail.com. Online registration: <https://eee.uci.edu/clients/tcthorne/registration.html>.

The Olmec Symposium, in conjunction with the New World Archaeology Council and the AIA, Orange County Society. Bing Auditorium, LACMA, October 22-23. Free. Information: www.olmecsymposium.info.

Websites

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

Editor's Note: Please confirm time and place of listing prior to the event. Submit items for Dig This to newsletter@pcas.org.

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.

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.

PCAS ANNUAL PICNIC



Irvine Regional Park was a beautiful setting for the PCAS Annual Picnic on July 8th. Thanks to Bob Brace for supplying the hamburgers and to all who brought a dish to share.

PCAS SPEAKER CALENDAR

October 14, 2010

Dr. Steven R. James

November 11, 2010

Dr. Edward Knell

December 9, 2010 (Holiday Potluck Dinner)

Dr. John Johnson

Clues to California Indian Prehistory as Revealed by DNA Analysis

January 13, 2010

Dr. Jerry D. Moore

February 10, 2011

Dr. David S. Whitley

Mojave Desert Petroglyph Dating and the Peopling of the Americas

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