Colorado Desert Archaeology Society  
10th Annual Archaeology Weekend  
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center  
Borrego Springs, California  
April 6-7, 2013

THEME: Stewardship . . . Caring for our Cultural Heritage

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Events

9 - 4:30 Silent Auction at the Begole Archaeological Research Center. Bidding closes 4:30 pm. Winning bids announced 5:00 pm. (Winners need not be present)

10-4:00 Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations. (Craft items for sale)

9:30 - 4 Tours of the Archaeology Lab. Groups depart from the Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.

10 - 4 Pottery Making Demonstration & Kids Activities - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques. By Archaeology Volunteers Carol Black, Astrid Webb and Jessica Brody Imperial Valley Desert Museum. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)

12-1:00 Walk: Desert Drug Store. By ABDSP Certified Interpretive Guide, Abby Barker

4- 5:30 Free Ice Cream Social: Ice cream sundaes and announcement of silent auction winning bids at 5:00. Begole Archaeological Research Center, patio area.

Lectures

10 – 11 The Many Faces of the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society (CDAS) in the Stewardship of Cultural Resources in the California State Park’s Colorado Desert District. Carol Black, Chair CDAS & Site Steward.


1 – 2 Archaeological Excavations at the Carrizo Stage Station; Uncovering the Heritage of the Southern Overland Trail: Stewardship means Understanding and Interpretation. Sue Wade, Associate State Archeologist, Colorado Desert District.

2 – 3 Interpretation and Building the Base for Public Education: Interpretation Plays a Role in Stewardship. Roger Riolo, Anza Borrego Institute, Principal of InterpTrain, Inc.

3 – 4 Site Stewardship Forum: Protecting and Preserving Significant Cultural Resources through a Site Stewardship Monitoring Program. By Archaeologist, Bonnie Bruce - Site Stewardship Coordinator for the Colorado Desert District and a panel of Site Steward Volunteers.
Sunday, April 7, 2013

Events

9 – 12 Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations. (Craft items for sale)

9:30 – 12 Tours of the Archaeology Lab.
Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour

10 – 12 Pottery Making Demonstration - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques. By: Archaeology Volunteer Carol Black. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)

Lectures

10-11 Twenty Years of Community Stewardship: The Imperial Valley Desert Museum.
Jessica Brody, Assistant Director, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, California.

11-12 From a Ranger's Point of View: Working Together Towards Stewardship of ABDSP Cultural Resources. Ranger Steve Bier, Colorado Desert District.

Field Trips

12- 5:30 Hike to the Carrizo Stage Station: Join State Park Archaeologist, Sue Wade, for an adventurous hike to the site of the historic Carrizo Stage Station, an Isolated Frontier Outpost in the Colorado Desert. Carrizo functioned as a military supply depot and water stop during the mass emigrations and military expeditions of the late 1840s, was the site of the first reliable water stop west of the Colorado River for the First Transcontinental Mail Link (the San Antonio & San Diego Mail) and the Butterfield Mail, and was a supply stop for the California Column during the Civil War, and continued as a way stop for cattle drives into the late nineteenth century. The site was investigated by California State Parks archaeologists in 2000 and is the subject of the newly published California State Parks Publications in Cultural Heritage, Volume 29. The hikers will be the first visitor group to see the newly placed replication of the stage station adobe walls on the exact footprint of the original station as revealed during the 2000 excavations. (5.5 hour drive and hike interpretive field program)

Meet at the equestrian parking area on the east side of Hwy S-2 near mile marker #34 at 12:00 PM. From there we will carpool in available 4/wheel drive vehicles (Prior 4WD carpooling arrangements will be made at ABF table when you sign up for hike) to the Carrizo Stage Station Site for the hike.

2- 4:30 Hike to the Bailey Cabin in the Hawi-Vallecito Cultural Preserve: Take a guided stroll back to the romantic, but rugged, era of Borrego beginnings. Take away the cows and the cowboys and you have the Vallecito Ranch, as it remains today. This trip will put you in touch with its past. It is a little visited, beautiful piece of recently acquired park land with a long history of human habitation. Your destination is the Olin Bailey Cabin for a close up view of this unique adobe construction. The skillful Mr. Bailey incorporated a variety of enterprising techniques to tie together the puddle adobe walls to weather the elements better than adobe block. The three mile round trip takes you through the north eastern portion of the Hawi Vallecito Cultural Preserve. Along the way you will pass what was once a productive melon field, some cow bird traps, beautiful old mesquite groves, and a lonely standing corral; complete with an intact loading chute. Enjoy the sights, sounds, smells, and stories of this place with a magical past with your host and guide CDAS volunteer, Alan Schmidt. (2.5 hour interpretive field program)

Meet at the equestrian parking area on the east side of Hwy S-2 near mile marker #34 at 2:00 PM. From there we hike 1.5 miles to the Bailey cabin.

Pre-registration and $5.00 fee required for both the Carrizo Stage Station & Bailey Cabin field trips. For detailed information and reservations call ABF at 760/767-4063. During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the ABF table in front of the Visitor’s Center. Wear hiking shoes and bring hat and water.