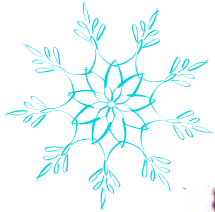


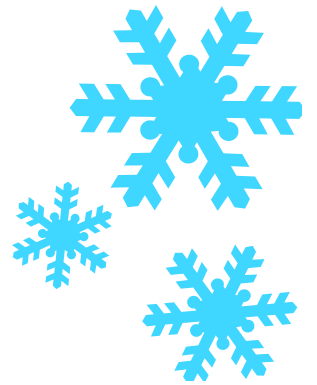
# The BRIDGE

January 2008

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Newsletter for Volunteers



Precious Gifts  
Found Under  
the Tree at the  
Holiday Bash!



Just what we always wanted...  
Great Volunteers!



# Steering Committee

Tuesday, January 8, 2:00 P.M.  
Discovery Lab V.C.

# General Meeting

Monday, January 21, 2:30 P.M.  
Discovery Lab V.C.

Speaker to be arranged.

# Potlucks

The volunteer potluck will be on Monday,  
January 15, at 6 p.m. at the senior center.

Bring food to share, tableware  
and beverage of your choice.  
Coffee will be available.

# Volunteer Field Trip

Wednesday, January 30, at 8:30 A.M.  
Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking lot.  
Fred Jee will lead us up Little Surprise  
Canyon.

# Refresher Training

Congratulations are in order for the great many volunteers that have completed all of the refresher requirements for the 2007 season. Only 16 remain unfinished. Many have only one or two items (possibly the required field trip) to be done. As soon as they are available, you will receive a completion sticker on your worksheet. When you receive your sticker you may take your worksheet home and you are ready for another great season!

Remember at least ONE of the field trips **must be with Park staff (a Ranger, Carl or State Park Staff, not a Naturalist) and must be in ABDSP.**

Attendance at one of the monthly general meetings is now required. If you are unable to attend one of the meetings please contact Michael for alternatives. Program opportunities are available from a variety of other sources including ABFI. The programs must pertain to the Park units found in the Colorado Desert District. If you're not sure about a program please contact VC staff for clarification. One of the campfire programs presented by the Park will also do nicely.

If you have been on one of the field trips that have been presented this year or have attended one of the lectures, be sure to list it in the logbook under training. These hours do count towards your volunteer hours (not Visitor Center hours).

It is suggested that you leave your worksheet in your folder and enter the events or options as you go.

Questions: Call Harvy Miller, 767-0442.

# Stout Research Library

District employees and volunteers are welcome to use the Stout Research Library.

Most of the time, volunteers will be in the library Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People are welcome to use the library whether staff is there or not, but if you need help you can call 767-7792 to confirm that a volunteer is available.

At the "beginning of the season" meeting last month, library volunteers discussed projects they had worked on during the summer and what the plans are for the upcoming season.

Purchased and donated books continue to flow into the library and Bob Juers and Mary Ekelund continue to catalog them. Jerry Macy and Carole Thompson will be assisting Sally Lindemann with the archival clippings and State Park-generated periodicals.

John Strong continues to catalog books for paleontology.

Gwen Stillwell is continuing with many tasks and worked on pamphlet files and kept track of circulation, which was 61. She noted the best was 81 in 2003.

Colorado Desert Archaeology Society Volunteer Mary Bennett reported she 18 boxes of archaeological books donated by Bob Begole. Those books will be cataloged through the District Library, but will be in the Begole Archaeological Research Center. She also noted that anything with site information will be kept in the curation room so it won't be available to the public.

Paleontology State Park Aide Scott Musick was interested in borrowing dissertations, primarily on Indio Hills Palms, from universities. Carol Wakefield gave him some information

about the county library being able to access some university libraries.

Carol and Jackie Caffee have been in charge of the library and volunteers. They reviewed the list of priorities for the season and the Begole collection was named the first priority.

Jackie showed a copy of the Calcite Mine book and reported on a similar book the staff is working on which covers Clark Dry Lake and the University of Maryland's radio observatory. Several people who were employees at the facility have shared photographs and information. ABDSP Supervising Ranger Fred Jee will interview them and add that information to the book.

## Geocaches Are Litter!

Apparently one of the popular geocache websites claim there are 3000 geocache sites within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. If we see any we are cleared to treat them as litter and pull them out.

### Help!

We are looking for volunteers to man the Borrego Palm Canyon trailhead.

Thousands of visitors hike the trail to our beautiful palm oasis every year. They need your knowledge to ensure a safe, high-quality experience.

If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Loizos at: 760-767-5698.



# Paleontology Program

*Paleontology News, January, 2008*  
*by Jeannie Beck*

## January

04	8AM-3PM	Field, Post Office Parking
10	9-12PM	Steering Committee, Paleontology Lab
10	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation
11	8AM-12PM	General Meeting Visitor's Center
11	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation
18	8AM-12PM	Curation and Preparation
18	11:30-1PM	Enrichment Center, Stout Research Center
25	8AM-3PM	Field, Post Office Parking

If you'd like to go to Chicago to help with the moving of our fossils, a sign up sheet will be posted in the lab. Details will be available soon.

This year's Field Camp will be held from February 3rd to February 6th, in June Wash. An e-mail survey will be taken to find out if the majority would like to camp in either Bow Willow of Agua Caliente.

Zzyzx takes place from April 18th to the 21st, with the field trip in the Fish Creek area of the park on the 21st. All Paleontology Volunteers should make an effort to participate in the field trip.

We've received funding for our Park Aides to survey the Truckhaven area. The Volunteers will be helping with that survey. We also plan to return to the Camel site.

Our Paleontology Library is moving to the new building. Please remember to return all checked-out books. For the time being, they will continue to be available for use only on the premises.

May you all have a great New Year!

## View from the Visitor Center

By Michael Rodriques

What an amazing year it has been. We have been through the worst drought year since the park started keeping records 44 years ago. And even though the flowers were few, the spirits of you remarkable volunteers lifted the hearts of everyone you touched.

Every year the many volunteer groups in the park reach higher in service to the people of California, protecting, cherishing and preserving America's finest desert park. Without your freely given labor and vigilance the Park would diminish and its layers of distinctive life fade away.

Thank you for your hard work and good humor. Have a joyous Holiday and a happy New Year!



# Archaeology

For over 30 years, the collection of ground stone items (manos, metates, pestles, etc.) languished in the outdoor storage at the ABDSP Maintenance Yard. The collection was acquired in the 1970s by Bob Begole from the Duvall family, one of the early families to settle in Borrego Springs. Here the piles of manos and metates stayed, slowly becoming incorporated into the landscape and the soil through the depositional processes of wind and water. As part of the CDD Deferred Maintenance funding for the cataloging and preparation for curation of our collections, this collection is currently being moved, prepared, and cataloged by an industrious group of volunteers working with our Native American assistants. Many of the items were buried and had to be excavated by Banning (Vail) Taylor and Wanda Growingthunder. They are responsible for organizing the outdoor collection and transporting the manos to the BARC for further preparation.

A group of CDAS volunteers have made the commitment to prepare the Duvall groundstone collection for curation (see photo). To start this project, Peg and Ron Poitras, Bernie Haskell, Joann Ebright, Trudy

and Lloyd Richard, Roberta Labastida, Richard Payne, Mac McNair, and Karin Vickar took a special training class in basic analysis, description of, and cataloging of ground stone tools. As work is progressing, the volunteers are working more and more independently and they are becoming more and more expert in the recognition, identification and description of working surfaces, and recording measurements and signs of use-wear for these common tools. What is especially beneficial is that the degree of expertise they are developing can be applied to the recognition of these tool types in the field!

To date, over 190 manos, hammerstones, and multi-purpose tools have been cleaned, assigned catalog numbers, and stored in collection draws in our BARC curation facility. The items are very happy to be taken “in from the cold!” As the project continues, we will move on to metates, large pestles, and some other artifacts. We expect that the project will be completed by the end of winter. All will benefit: the CDD collections, the volunteers’ knowledge, and the volunteer program hours. Thanks to all who are carrying out this huge project.



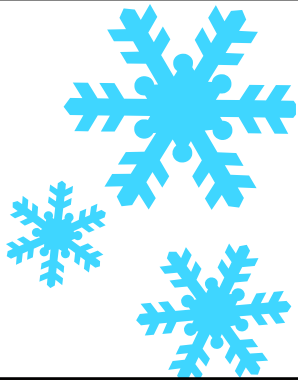


# A Season for Friends, Feasts, and Fun!



It is always great fun to join with all our friends and colleagues to celebrate the Holidays and our great good fortune to spend so much time enjoying and protecting our incredible State Park. May your Holiday Season be joyous and peaceful.





**Park Volunteer Visitor Center Duty Schedule: January 2008**

Shift	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9-1</b>			Miller, H Olson, M Macy, E	Coffin, I Nickerson, J Anderson, J	Loerke, L Salt, S	Lindemann, S Prath, K Shimeall, E	Steele, C Hopkins, J-D
<b>11-3</b>							
<b>1-5</b>			Ebright, J Larson, L	Webb, A-S	Ekelund, M Larson, P Fort, J	McManus, T Radke, M	Shugan, R-B Davis, H
	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>9-1</b>	Barrie, R-B Hopkins, J-D	Shannon, D Hellyer, D Keenan, A	Prath, K Decker, N	Caragozian, T Bailey, N	Carskaddan, P Decker, P	Miller, H Nickerson, J	Delany, J-M Rideout, D
<b>11-3</b>							
<b>1-5</b>	Larson, L Nourse, A	Larson, R Phillips, L	Webb, A-S Mendenhall, A	Haldemann, J Cate, S	Caragozian, T Olson, M	McManus, T Radke, M	Shugan, B-R Davis, H
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>9-1</b>	Barrie, B-R Scott, R	Shannon, D Steele, C	Ebright, J Landis, M	Poitras, R-P	Decker, N Salt, S Medema, M-F	Lindemann, S Olson, M Macy, E	Delaney, M-J Nickerson, J
<b>11-3</b>						Alexander, T	Rosen, J
<b>1-5</b>	Hatcher, M Larson, R	Roller, J-L	Juers, B Larson, L	Poitras, R-P Perrine, V	Ekelund, M Larson, P Fort, J	McManus, T Radke, M Cate, S	Shugan, R-B -----
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>9-1</b>	Barrie, B-R Carskaddan, J	Hellyer, D Shannon, D McDaniel, R	Wakefield, T-C	Strong, J Bailey, N	Decker, P Medema, M-F Loizos, B	Miller, H Nickerson, J McGuire, M	Quinn, W Hellyer, D Ota, V Rideout, D
<b>11-3</b>						Alexander, T	Rosen, J
<b>1-5</b>	McManus, T Radke, M Quinn, W	Bigelow, J-M	Bigelow, M-J Mendenhall, A	Webb, A-S Perrine, V	Larson, P Ekelund, M McGuire, M	Juers, B Larson, L Cate, S	Wakefield, T-C Ehrlich, D
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>9-1</b>	Barrie, B-R Macy, E Ota, V	Strong, J Loizos, B McDaniel, R	Ebright, J Decker, P	Caragozian, T Anderson, J Coffin, I	Decker, N Loerke, L		
<b>11-3</b>							
<b>1-5</b>	Hatcher, M Nourse, A	Roller, J-L	DeMunck, K Keenan, A	Juers, B Phillips, L	Caragozian, T Ekelund, M Larson, P		

**Meetings: Steering Committee; January 8, 08; 2:00 P.M.; V.C.**

**Pot Luck; January 15, 08; 6:00 P.M.; Senior Center.**

**General; January 21, 08; 2:30 P.M.; V.C.**

**Substitutes: Perrine, V---Loizos, B---Larson, L/R---Shimeall, E---Nickerson, J---Ekelund, M.**



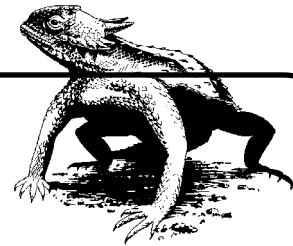


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