

The BRIDGE

May 2008

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Newsletter for Volunteers

Another Great Gala! (No Fooling...)



The April Fool has gone away and the ABDSP volunteers again have won the day! Indeed, an entire season's worth of phenomenal effort from each of you special people helps hold the future of the Park safe. At every gala we have a great time serving and sharing food and drink with all of you. But remember our true purpose; to honor you for your effort and dedication. Thank you for a memorable season!



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Steering Committee

Tuesday, May 13, 2:00 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

General Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2:30 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

Talk about the weather with
Mr. Weatherman, Clair
Truax

Potluck!

The potluck will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the home of Jim and Sally Lindemann. Bring food to share, tableware, beverage of your choice and chairs.

The Suggestion Box is Back!

The box is back in its regular spot waiting for your great ideas or comments.

Volunteer Field Trip

The Volunteer Field Trips are over for the season. We will start up again in the Fall.

Out of Park Volunteer Field Trips

If you have any ideas for a great out of park field trips for next season please contact Dave Shannon or Hank Barber

Trailhead Volunteers

Thank you for your many hours out in the elements giving advise and saving the lives of our many clueless hikers.

If you would like to become a trailhead volunteer contact Bonnie Loizos or talk to Michael.

Have a Funny Story?

Bring them to Michael for possible inclusion in the Bridge. We all experience humorous moments working at the VC or out in the field. The best (clean please) will make it into the Bridge.

Refresher Training

Your refresher training worksheets (two-sided) are in your mailbox now. **Please remove your 2007 worksheets with a completion sticker on it from your volunteer mailbox and take them home.**

There will be more opportunities to get in your required field trip with park staff (not a naturalist) in the ABDSP this spring if you have not already done so. The naturalists have some excellent programs coming up so there will be plenty of opportunities to get some of your options done. Don't forget you must attend at least one general meeting during the year and yes, this does count as one of your options. Remember to enter all trips, options and general meetings on your time sheets under training. Training hours do count towards your volunteer pins, but not on your floor time. Please enter your items on your worksheets and leave them in your volunteer mailbox, as they will be checked throughout the year. Good luck and if you have any questions: please call Harvy Miller, 767-0442 or talk to Michael.

Chatting to a Birder?

We now have a bird sighting binder behind the counter. A sign will soon announce its presence to the birding world.

This is an good opportunity to better serve the ornithologically inclined.

The View From the Visitor Center

By Michael Rodriques

We stand at the threshold of summer eyeing the season's possibilities. Full timers will endure the heat, and enjoy the wonderful quiet. For many, home part two is waiting for them in gentler climes where snow is receding and the flora awakes to a wealth of water and kind temperatures.

For others, summer is a call to adventure. The road beckons and exciting discoveries in new, never visited lands or reexperiencing beloved landscapes write new stories to remember and share.

Sharing is something you all do instinctively. In the Visitor Center or on the trail the urge to share your knowledge of the Park and its beauty and mystery bubbles over to the benefit of the visitor and the land.

As this great flower season finally winds down and you prepare your summer plans know that the tremendous labors you have endured and your dedication to caring for this extraordinary place have truly helped to protect the wondrous lands that bring us all here together.

The staff of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the people of California thank you for your work and your selfless devotion to this, and all parkland.

See you next season!



Paleontology Program

Paleontology News, May, 2008

02	7AM-3PM	Field, <i>Optional</i> , Paleontology Lab Parking
08	9-11:30AM	Steering Committee
08	1PM-3PM	Curation and Prepara- tion Paleontology Lab
09	8AM-12PM	Final Exam, Visitor Center
09	1PM-3PM	Curation and Prepara- tion Paleontology Lab
16	7AM-3PM	Field, <i>Optional</i> , Paleontology Lab Parking
23	7AM-3PM	Curation and Preparation Paleontology Lab
30	8AM-3PM	Field, <i>Optional</i> , Paleontology Lab Parking

The final exam for the current Paleontology Certification Training students will be held on Friday, May 9, in the Visitor Center. Be sure to bring your completed examinations with you. Remember that the scheduled field trips for the month of May are optional. If the weather is too warm, we will substitute laboratory and curation work for the trips.

Our year-end party was held at the home of John Strong. Following a delicious potluck lunch, three awards were presented. Connie



Spears was presented with the Betty Stout award for excellence in the Laboratory, Sandra Keeley was awarded the Harley Garbani award for excellence in the Field and Pat Gerdsen was awarded the Julia Parks award for excellence in Curation. We welcomed Julia Parks to our celebration. Thank you to all volunteers for your great enthusiasm and participation this season.

In addition, the Paleontology volunteers were well represented at the Volunteer Gala. In 2007 we volunteered about 6500 hours to the Paleontology program. Special thanks go to Judy Smith for managing the Stout Research Laboratory and laboratory curriculum, and to Paulette Ache and Richard Berger for their outstanding curation work with the vertebrate collection and to Pat Gerdsen and Sandra Keeley for their great Curation work with the invertebrate collection.

New furniture has been ordered and received for Owl Hall (our new addition). Thanks go to Ron Shugan for installing the necessary hardware to make the new map cabinets “earthquake” proof. Installation of new shelves, bookcases, and cabinets will continue. For the safety of all, several new practices will be instituted. For example, all Butvar mixing will be done under an operating fume hood, and all cabinet drawers and doors in the laboratory

and in curation will be kept closed except when immediately being accessed. Finally, the first aid kits will be updated with current supplies.

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

by Sharron Sussman

As temperatures rise and the Anza-Borrego fossil-prospecting season ends, paleontology volunteers are in the final stages of planning their June excursion to the Wyoming Dinosaur Center in Thermopolis. Preparations this time include not only travel routes and accommodations, but also quite a lot of paperwork; the participants will be formally signed on as temporary volunteers at the Center. A week of fieldwork at the Mesozoic site, as well as some laboratory work, is on the agenda.

Paleontology-related summer travel is not a new activity for the Society. There has been an annual expedition every year since 2005, when a group of volunteers visited the Burgess Shale in Yoho National Park near Field, in southeastern British Columbia. The pattern that emerged in Canada has been repeated and refined ever since. Both camping and motel accommodations were arranged in advance, near enough together to permit easy group socializing in the evenings. Daytime activities, also planned in advance, included a private guided tour of the Shale and its famous fossil sites, hiking and canoeing side trips, and a visit to the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, in nearby Drumheller, Alberta.

The first trip went so well that another was organized for the summer of 2006. Eighteen volunteers traveled to John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in southeastern Oregon, where they were shown around by National Park paleontologist Ted Fremd and preparator Matt Smith. The John Day fossils span Oligo-

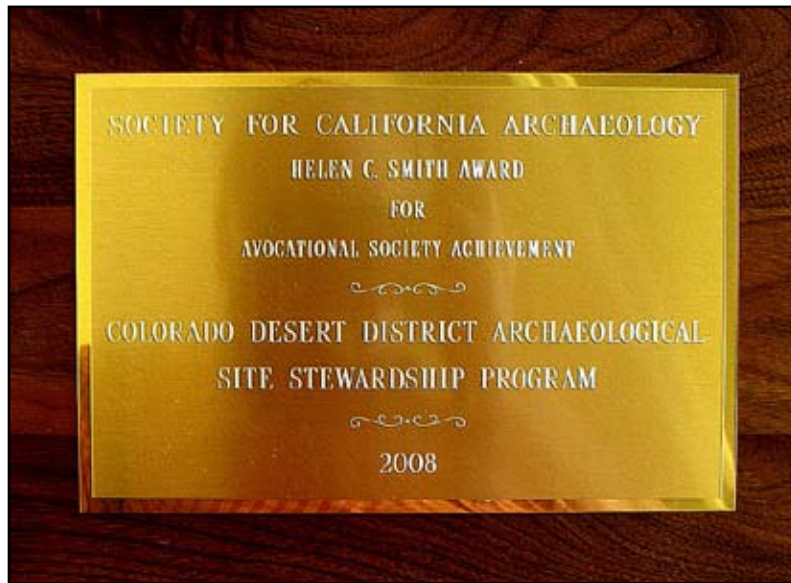
cene through Pleistocene time, in both marine and terrestrial horizons. Laboratory operation and techniques were especially interesting to the ABDSP group, as they are relevant to our own laboratory issues. Much serious science talk pervaded the usual evening social gatherings, where motel and cabin occupants hobnobbed with the hooked-up crowd over food and drink.

Last summer's destination was Hagerman Fossil Beds in southern Idaho. Phil Gensler, Hagerman's program director, who has worked in Anza-Borrego, was our enthusiastic host. A thorough introduction to the microfossil prospecting that is a major focus of work there included time spent literally crawling around picking up fossil rodent bones and teeth. Special preparation methods and equipment were demonstrated in the laboratory, and a short field trip to the historic Hagerman Horse (Idaho's State Fossil) site rounded out the official program. Side trips in the Snake River Gorge area included Craters of the Moon National Park and a few fish hatcheries. It's an eclectic group!



ABDSP Paleo Velicrofossils

Archaeology



The Society for California Archaeology, at their recent Annual Meeting, presented the Colorado Desert District Archaeological Site Stewardship Program their 2008 Helen C. Smith Award for avocational society achievement.

Sam and Astrid Webb accepted the award for the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society's site stewards. They thank SCA for honoring the CDD site stewardship program. They would also like to thank California State Parks for recognizing the important role that the Site Stewardship Program plays in protecting and preserving the Park's cultural resources and for providing the necessary staff funding to train and supervise the volunteers participating in this very important program.

We would like to congratulate the following Colorado Desert Archaeology Society Site Stewardship volunteers that earned this award through their hard work and dedication: Judy Alvarez, Hank Barber, Roses Barrie, Chuck & Mary Bennett, Carol Black, Deborah Corbett, Joann Ebright, Brian Fallgren, Bernie Haskell, Toni Kastelic, Roberta & Rudy Labastida, Ron & Carol Matzenauer, Mac McNair, Jaimie & Lee Mendez, Dave & Ruth Otis, Ron & Peg Poitras, Lloyd & Trudy Richard, Stan Rohrer, Mel Sweet, Bob Veborg, Karin Vickars, Sam & Astrid Webb, and Genna Yoder. And also, the Park's staff members: Bonnie Bruce, Patty McFarland, Joan Schneider, and Sue Wade.

We Gratefully Acknowledge...



(Bold Type Pictured)

100 Hours Pin

Sandra Angle	153 Hours	Paleo
Nickolas Clapp	164 Hours	Archeo
Deborah Corbett	114 Hours	Archeo
Grace Clark	162 Hours	Inst.
Mary Delaney	247 Hours	V.C.
Bernie Haskell	148 Hours	Archeo-Paleo
Joanne Ingwall	249 Hours	Paleo
Betty Kawasaki	133 Hours	Paleo
Deborah Knapp	194 Hours	Paleo
Arne Mroz	121 Hours	Paleo
Stan Rohrer	126 Hours	Archeo
Don Rideout	204 Hours	V.C.
Jim Roller	244 Hours	V.C.
Linda Roller	234 Hours	V.C.
Jeannie Beck	113 Hours	Paleo
Bob Veborg	136 Hours	Paleo



250 Hours Sapphire Pin

Jean Anderson	389 Hours	V.C.	Ann Mendenhall	268 Hours	V.C.-Library
Christie Barber	319 Hours	V.C.-Library	John McManus	264 Hours	Paleo
Janice Bigelow	421 Hours	V.C.-Inst.	Maggie McGuire	337 Hours	V.C.-Archeo
Mike Bigelow	453 Hours	V.C.-Inst	Mac McNair	274 Hours	Archeo-Inst.
Shirley Cate	347 Hours	V.C.	Frances Medema	298 Hours	V.C.-Inst.
Sue Salt	253 Hours	V.C.	Mike Medema	318 Hours	V.C.-Inst.
Helen Davis	266 Hours	V.C.	Jul Nickerson	314 Hours	V.C,
Debra Ehrlich	331 Hours	V.C.	Peg Poitras	494 Hours	Archeo-V.C.-Inst.
Dan Hellyer	363 Hours	V.C.	Ron Poitras	495 Hours	Archeo-V.C.-Inst.
Richard Ingwall	311 Hours	Paleo	Karen Prath	316 Hours	V.C.
James Jacobs	298 Hours	Paleo	Molly Radke	393 Hours	V.C.
Ann Keenan	445 Hours	V.C.-Inst.	David Shannon	323 Hours	V.C.
Marian Landis	336 Hours	V.C.	Wendy Quinn	250 Hours	V.C.
Sonja Lane	307 Hours	Archeo	Karin Vickars	270 Hours	Archeo-Inst.
Thad McManus	409 Hours	V.C.			



500 Hours Ruby Pin

Nancy Bailey	656 Hours	V.C.-Inst.
Hank Barber	945 Hours	Archeo- V.C.
Buck Barrie	571 Hours	V.C.
Brian Fallgren	569 Hours	Archeo
Judy Haldemann	545 Hours	V.C.
Virginia Perrine	681 Hours	V.C.
Jim Rosenau	571 Hours	Paleo
Lloyd Richard	646 Hours	Archeo-V.C.



1000 Hours Emerald Pin

Toni Alexander	1166 Hours	V.C.	Mary Ekelund	1053 Hours	Archeo-V.C.-
Roses Barrie	1164 Hours	V.C.-Archeo			Library-Inst.
Jackie Caffee	1009 Hours	Library	Paul Larson	1263 Hours	Paleo-V.C.-Inst.
Ted Caragozian	1238 Hours	V.C.-Inst	Lucy Larson	1101 Hours	V.C.
Kathy DeMunck	1021 Hours	V.C.	Louise Phillips	1150 Hours	V.C.
Joanne Ebright	1114 Hours	V.-Archeo	Sharon Sussman	1089 Hours	Paleo
Robert Keeley	1026 Hours	Paleo			



1500 Hours Diamond Pin

Donna Hopkins	1786 Hours	V.C.-Inst.
Sandra Keeley	1802 Hours	Paleo
Jerry Macy	1500 Hours	V.C.-Library
Harvy Miller	1579 Hours	V.C.
Carol Wakefield	1762 Hours	V.C.-Library

2000 Hours Plaque

Ingrid Coffin	2147 Hours	V.C.
Pat Gerdsen	2053 Hours	Paleo
Eleanor Shimeall	2081 Hours	V.C.
Jimmy Smith	2106 Hours	Paleo-Inst.
Mel Sweet	2289 Hours	Archeo

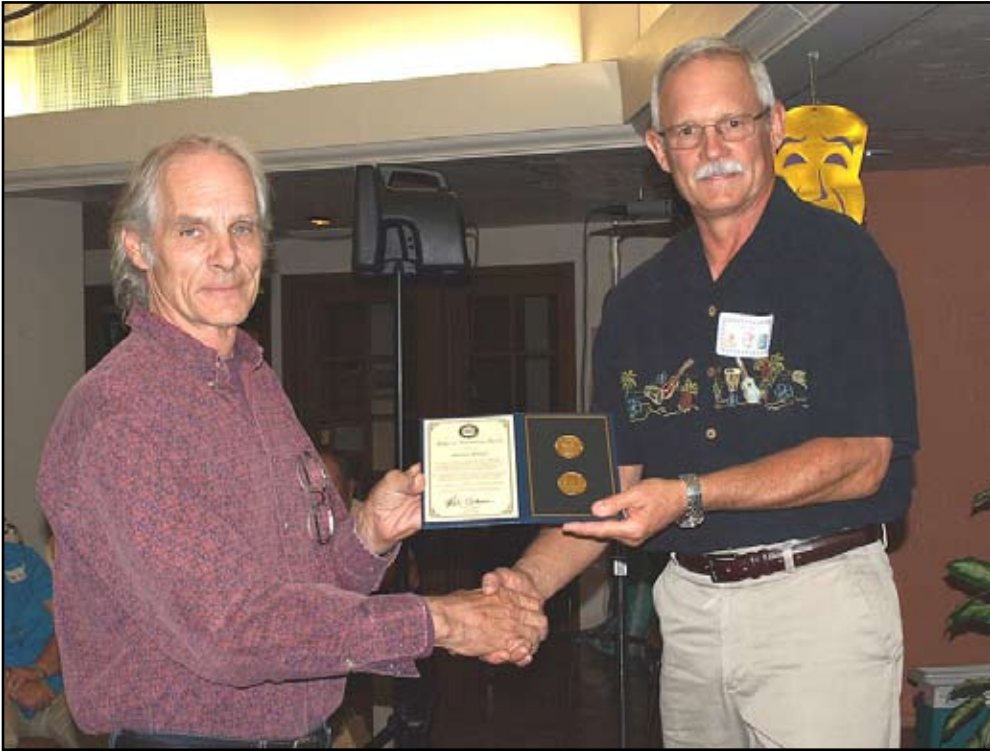


The Poppy Award Winners

George Thompson
Bob Juers

The Medallion Award Winners

Presented by District Superintendent Mike Wells



Mel Sweet



Phil Decker

Park Volunteer Visitor Center Duty Schedule: May 2008

Shift	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2	3
9-1	Substitutes: Perrine, V-Loizos, B-Larson, R/L- Ekelund, M-Porter, R/J-Churchwell, MJ.				Bigelow, M-J Reilly, A	Bigelow, M-J Phillips, L	Hopkins, J-D Ota, V
11-3							*-----
1-5					Larson, L Macy, E	Ekelund, M Larson, P	Churchwell, MJ Ehrlich, D
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9-1	Carskaddan, J Delaney, J-M Ota, V	Shannon, D Whittingham, P	Cogdell, P Decker, N	Landis, M Johnson, L	Caragozian, T Decker, P	Shannon, D Macy, E Bailey, N	Loizos, B Decker, P
11-3							*-----
1-5	Clark, G Steel, C	Keenan, A Larson, L	Ehly, R-G	Caragozian, T Larson, R	Ekelund, M Larson, P	Porter, J-R	Churchwell, MJ Cate, S
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9-1	Cogdell, P Loerke, L	Barber, H Macy, E McDaniel, R	Decker, N Miller, H Whittingham, P	Anderson, J Hatcher, M	Barber, H Carskaddan, P	Shannon, D Lindemann, S	Estes, N Decker, P Miller, H
11-3							*-----
1-5	Cate, S Ekelund, M Larson, P	Roller, J-L	Hatcher, M Reilly, A	Reilly, A Larson, L	Webb, S-A Salt, S	Porter, J-R	Cormier, K-J
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9-1	Cogdell, P Delaney, J-M	Loerke, L Prath, K McDaniel, R	Barber, H Ebright, J	Coffin, I Landis, M Johnson, L	Coffin, I Shannon, D	Olson, M Ebright, J	Cormier, K-J Loizos, B
11-3							*-----
1-5	Prath, K Quinn, W	DeMunck, K Rideout, D	Ehly, R-G	Hatcher, M Haldeman, J	Webb, S-A Salt, S	Fort, J Juers, B	Churchwell, MJ Larson, R
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9-1	Quinn, W Cogdell, P	Keenan, A Rideout, D McDaniel, R	Barber, H Decker, N	Anderson, J Bailey, N	Caragozian, T Ebright, J	Olson, M Lindemann, S Macy, E	Cate, S Decker, P Miller, H
11-3							*-----
1-5	Clark, G Keenan, A	Falk, R Roller, J-L	Ehly, R-G	Caragozian, T Larson, L	Webb, A-S	Phillips, L Juers, B	Fort, J Churchwell, MJ

Meetings: Steering Committee, May 13, 2008, 2:00 P.M., V.C.

General Meeting, May 19, 2008, 2:30 P.M., V.C.

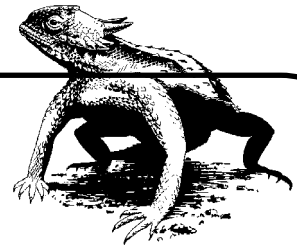
Volunteer Pot Luck, May 20, 2008, 6:00 P.M., Jim and Sally residence.



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