



Taos Archaeological Society
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March 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

2014 Officers

- President: Chris Riveles
- Vice President: Phil Alldritt
- Treasurer: Anna Walters
- Secretary: Ann Acrey

New Feature: On the website – A bibliography for Frank Oatman’s talk – more to be added as it becomes available.

Meeting opened at 7:15 by the president.

Two pages of announcement were distributed by Chris. These announcements follow:

Our EDUCATION COMMITTEE is working hard to support archaeology education in the Taos Valley with both time and money. Here are some highlights:

- Phil Alldritt and Mark Henderson have worked with Rob Berkman, a teacher at the expeditionary charter school Roots and Wings, which is focusing on archaeology this year. TAS has helped finance a trip to Santa Fe. Students are going to Chaco, Mesa Prieta, and other sites before year’s end, and TAS will help again, for a total of \$700. TAS docents for Mesa Prieta will get involved.
- Katrina Whitley and Lia Tsesmeli, archaeologists working on the summer field school at the Baakhu site in Arroyo Seco, appealed for funds to carry out various analyses in connection with the site. TAS will award \$500 for either macrobotanical sampling of soil found in a shrine container or petrographic analyses of basket impressed pottery. Other requests are under consideration. TAS members can help out at field school again this summer-late July, early August.
- Arroyos del Norte Elementary School needs funds for a bus to Mesa Prieta on May 1. TAS will pay \$200. Teacher Stephanie Daffron has been using the Mesa Prieta curriculum for several years. We are looking at supporting TISA again at Mesa Prieta. TAS docents involved.
- A local college student is interested in attending UNM Chaco Canyon field school this summer. Upon receipt of a satisfactory application and acceptance, we will award \$500.
- We are currently looking at: supporting an educator to attend the BLM Leadership Academy in Montana, with the idea of becoming a master teacher for Taos teacher; working on getting Taos young people and adults involved in some phase of SMU’s summer field school; recruiting Taos Pueblo youth to Crow Canyon summer archaeological camps; and supporting a local educator to prepare teachers and students for visits to Mesa Prieta.

If you are interested in joining the Education Committee, please let us know.

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BOOKCLUB has a big spring coming up, with meetings on March 25 (One Vast Winter Count –Contact Ty Minton at tgmraven@gmail.com); April 22 (An Archaeology of Doings - Contact Jane Starks at janestarks@gmail.com); and May 20 (Cave Painting and the Human Spirit – Contact Frank Oatman at frankjon@taosnet.com). All members are invited. You do not have to have read the book. Be sure to RSVP.

Dr Frank Oatman Retired Professor of Zoology delivered a talk on Turkey and environs. He was particularly interested in the Fertile Crescent and spoke of the transition from hunter/gatherer societies to to agricultural ones who domesticated animals. Please see the website for further information.

Meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Acrey, Secretary

Our NEXT SPEAKER, on April 8, is Phil Alldritt, who will speak on Archaeology in Cuba.

If you are not a member of TAS and would like to JOIN, please ask us tonight or go to our website. Everyone, please make sure your email addresses and membership are up to date!