



Taos Archaeological Society
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General Meeting Jan.6,2015

President Chris Riveles opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. 31 members were present.

WELCOME BACK! Our holiday potluck was a great success, and now we enter a new year, with lots in store.

THANKS! To everyone who has renewed or recently joined, we appreciate your support. Remember, TAS membership is January to January, so now is the time to join. Your membership supports TAS activities, including programs, education, field work, our website, support of the state organization, and work with various partners. Families pay \$30, singles \$20, and students \$10. To join or renew, go to www.taosarch.org and look for the "Join TAS" button on the left.

THANKS AGAIN! Our end-of-year fund drive brought in \$950, with funds dedicated to general operations/best use, education, and field work. There is a "Donate to TAS" button on the website.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

--TAS BOOK GROUP: Will meet at the home of Jon Vodermark on Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 PM. Two books dealing with genetics will be discussed: *The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey* by Spencer Wells, 2002; *The First Human* by Ann Gibbons, 2007. Remember, it is not necessary to read the books to attend book group meetings. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at taospainter@yahoo.com and you will receive directions.

--TRIP TO SOUTHEAST UTAH: Will take place May 15 -May 18 and visit archaeology sites in the vicinity of Bluff and Blanding, Utah. It will include Montezuma Canyon, Butler Wash, and an all-day raft trip on the San Juan River. Participants may camp or stay in motels. Information was emailed on January 4 and will be repeated. The wranglers are Jane Starks jane@janestarks.com, and Susan Trujillo hmo@taosnet.com. Deposits for the rafting trip must be received by the end of January.

--VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT SMU IN TAOS. TAS members are invited to help sort artifacts in the SMU archaeological lab. Look for an email with more details later this week.

--ASNM conference. TAS is the host of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico's annual conference May 1-3 at the Sagebrush Inn. The topic will be our own Rio Grande del Norte, and speakers the professional and avocational archaeologists who work in it. We are in the process of forming committees and are looking for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Chris Riveles at ckriveles@gmail.com. Get a jump on it before we call you!

CARMEN'S GOING BIONIC! Today Carmen Johnson, our former president and current sitewatch co-coordinator, was scheduled to receive a new hip today. She'll probably be ready to hear from well-wishers in a few days.

The speaker this month was Michael Burny. He has been a professor at the University of Idaho and the University of Color and is known up and down the West Coast. He works now with tribes on western sites to assist them in preserving their archeological treasures.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING: Mary Weahkee of the OAS and Marlin Magdelleno from Jemez will present on bone, wood, vegetative and stone instruments on February 10, 7:00 PM, Kit Carson Boardroom. Don't miss it!