

## **Taos Archaeological Society - Annual Report – February 11, 2014, by Chris Riveles**

Taos Archaeological Society (TAS) Officers for February, 2013 to February 2014, were: Chris Riveles, President; Jeanie Clinton, Vice-President; Michael Burney, Secretary; Anna Walters, Treasurer; Diana Rushing and Lewis Rosenthal, co-members at large. Carolyn Johnson continued as webmaster.

TAS sponsored eight lectures of great variety to members and the public.

Members traveled to Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project with TAS docents; the SMU field school with Kit Nelson, Director; the Cabresto Canyon Mining area, with Carrie Leven (FS and TAS); and the Puye Cliffs, on day trips. A trip through Mimbres Country will precede the ASNM Convention in Silver City in April.

Jeanie Clinton hosted the summer potluck. The winter get together took place at St. James Church. Both were very well attended.

In May, several members attended the annual meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Carolyn Johnson was elected President of the Society. Anna Walters continues as Treasurer, and Greg Sagemiller as head of the Scholarship Committee.

Book discussions were held in the homes of Jane Starks, Don Keefe, Eric and Nora Patterson, Chris Riveles, and Dorothy Wells and Gary Grief. Jeff Boyer held the group spellbound at Dorothy and Gary's.

In August, members participated in the Baakhu Dig in Arroyo Seco, directed by archaeologists Catrina Whitley and Lia Tsemeli. The landowners are TAS members Steve and Randy Thorne.

In September, Taos hosted the biennial meeting of the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Society. Gary Grief and Dorothy Wells laid the groundwork for a very successful meeting, and enlisted several other TAS members to help out during the conference.

The Educational Committee helped Taos schools make field trips to Mesa Prieta. Repeat students from TISA were introduced to petroglyph recording. An archaeology introduction at the UNM Kids Campus was held. A new partnership with Roots and Wings Charter School was begun by Mark Henderson and Philip Alldritt, and there are plans to support participants in SMU Field School, Crow Canyon, and others. TAS had a booth at the Puye Cliffs Archaeological Fair in Nov.

The Taos chapter of Sitewatch has 44 BLM (including new assignments in the Monument) and 18 FS sites to monitor, and the ranks of trained sitewatchers are increasing. Carmen Johnson is Coordinator.

Gary Grief reports that recording of petroglyphs continues all over Taos County, and as far as Chama. The reports on the Taos Junction Bridge Project and other LA reports were prepared.

TAS had good representation at the recent BLM Scoping meeting for the Management Plan for the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. We hosted a brown bag lunch for Larry Hersman to present a plan to join existing trails in the Gorge. Carmen Johnson, Chris Riveles, Kim Henkel, and Eric Patterson are working with a group of stakeholders to create a Friends of the Rio Grande del Norte group.

Thanks to members Richard Lubin and Carmen Johnson for auditing the Society's books.