



THE  
Albuquerque Archaeological Society  
*Newsletter*

VOLUME 57 No. 11

US ISSN 0002 4953

December 2023

## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING AND POTLUCK**

6:30 PM, Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Albuquerque Museum of Art and History

2000 Mountain Road NW

**Note that the meeting time is one hour earlier than usual.**

For the potluck, bring a ready-to-serve "finger food" appetizer or dessert for about 10. Tables will be set up in the Ventana Room off the main lobby, which has very limited kitchen facilities. The doors open and setup starts at 6:00 pm. Beverages, eating utensils, and plates are provided. Please bring your contribution ready to serve, including whatever serving utensils may be needed.

After appetizers, we will have our business meeting and program. Desserts are served after the program.

The program will feature short talks by AAS members about their archaeology-related travels and/or activities in 2023. The speakers and titles are: Bob Hitchcock on "Botswana Ethnoarchaeology;" Jo Lynne, "The Olive Trees of Italy;" Karen Armstrong, "Verde Valley Miracle;" Barbara am Ende, "Rock Art of the Four Corners States, 2023;" and Dick Harris, "AAS Field Trips, 2023."

Note that this meeting will not be available on Zoom.

### **AAS DUES FOR 2024 ARE NOW PAYABLE**

If you have not already done so, please fill out the attached membership renewal form and mail it with your check to Treasurer, Albuquerque Archaeological Society, PO Box 4029, Albuquerque NM 87196. Don't be shy about showing interest in working with a committee or serving on the Board. Willing new volunteers are always needed.



## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

President Ann Braswell called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. She welcomed new members and guests.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the October 2023 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income for the past month was \$65 from memberships (one paying renewal and one new) and \$170 from the Lion Mountain field trip. Operating expenses for the month were the \$16.77 Zoom license fee, \$35.26 for newsletter copying, \$78.79 for new checks, and a \$100 speaker's travel reimbursement.

Program expenses for the two \$1,000 donations to the Archaeological Conservancy for the Tijeras Canyon Site and Sagradis Jardin de Piedra will be reflected in next month's Treasurer's report because those checks were presented to our bank in November.

The checking account balance is \$6,947.89. The money market account earned \$14.81 for the month and the account balance is \$17,537.81.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

**Bob Hitchcock:** Steve Baumann will be our January speaker on Malpais archaeology.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership – Mary Raje:** Forms for membership renewal are available following the meeting on the table outside this room.

**Newsletter – Helen Crotty:** No report.

**Maxwell Collections (Lab) – Karen Armstrong:** As Karen was unable to attend, her report was read by Mary Raje: "The Crew has been dealing with numerous small collections lately, just a couple of boxes of artifacts per site and multiple sites per work session. It is confusing keeping the sites properly noted, but we're good at that!"

"We recently dealt with several boxes from Gallina area. This week we will be processing three or more boxes from an Alaska project! We previously dealt with a very large collection from a site called Walakpa dug by the late Dennis Stanford. These new boxes are from a site also dug by Dennis Stanford before Walakpa. Whale bones instead of potsherds!"

"As always, all are welcome to participate in the Wednesday morning Maxwell Crew work."

**Rock Art – Carol Chamberland:** Four government agencies are conflicting each other about allowing us access to the petroglyph sites we were recording. The BLM is not involved. Bottom line: rock art recording is on hold until March.

Sherry Kircher has agreed to help me organize seminars at the Maxwell. We hope to resume the seminars sometime in the first quarter of 2024.

**Pottery Southwest – Hayward Franklin:** Work has begun on the next edition.

**Field Trips – Pat Harris:** No report.

**Webmaster – Dick Harris:** The AAS YouTube channel is live. There are two active playlists, Trips and Petroglyphs, with a few videos in each.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers and Directors for 2024:** President Braswell announced that the slate consisting of Evan Kay for President; Gretchen Obenauf, First Vice President; Robert Hitchcock, Second Vice President; Tom Obenauf, Treasurer,



Susan King, Secretary, Richard Harris, Director at Large, and Ann Braswell, Director at Large as immediate past President was unopposed. She entertained a motion for their formal election. Member Mary Raje moved and it was seconded that this slate be elected, and the membership in the room and on Zoom approved by raised hands.

**Rock and Gem article encouraging artifact looting on public lands:** The national publication *Rock and Gem* published online in October as a blog on their webpage an article entitled “Nine Tips for Finding Artifacts.” The gist of the article encouraged people to remove artifacts from public lands, which is illegal. The Grant County Archaeological Society sent a letter to the magazine protesting its publication. AAS members have made other archaeological

**December meeting:** The meeting will be held December 19 and is a combination potluck, business meeting, and a program of member presentations. Gretchen Obenauf reported that she is still looking for people to give 10-minute talks about their recent archaeological adventures. The doors will open at 6 pm and the meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the Ventana Room of the Albuquerque Museum

## **REFRESHMENTS**

Thanks to for bringing refreshments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Braswell adjourned the business meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Susan King, Secretary

## **SPEAKER**

Vice President Bob Hitchcock introduced Alan J. Osborn, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Nebraska – Omaha. He is also the Curator of Anthropology at the Nebraska State Museum and he is the Director of the Nebraska Archaeological Survey. Dr. Osborn spoke on the challenges in cooking at the high altitudes of the Colorado Plateau, which required increased use of scarce fuelwood. Ancestral Pueblo women met these challenges in part by making more intensive use of retained heat cooking technology involving the use of corrugated cooking pots.

**ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**PO Box 4029, Albuquerque, NM 87196**  
**[www.abqarchaeology.org](http://www.abqarchaeology.org) and [www.facebook.com/abqarchsoc](https://www.facebook.com/abqarchsoc)**

**Annual Dues:** For emailed newsletter: Student, no charge (provide copy of current ID); Basic Individual \$25; Basic Family \$30. Print newsletter by First Class mail: Basic Individual \$30; Basic Family \$35; Institutions/Libraries: \$10 for print newsletter by First Class Mail, emailed newsletter at no charge.

## **2023 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

To contact officers or committee chairs, or to change mailing or email address, email [info@abqarchaeology.org](mailto:info@abqarchaeology.org) or consult Membership Directory. Current members can sign up for field trips at meetings or by emailing [trips@abqarchaeology.org](mailto:trips@abqarchaeology.org).

### **Officers**

#### **President:**

Ann Braswell

#### **Vice Presidents:**

Gretchen Obenauf

Robert Hitchcock

#### **Secretary:**

Susan King

#### **Treasurer:**

Tom Obenauf

#### **Directors-at-Large:**

Jo Lynne

Evan Kay

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

#### **Membership:**

Mary Raje

#### **Newsletter:**

Helen Crotty

Mailer: Ann Braswell

#### **Maxwell Museum Crew:**

Karen Armstrong

#### **Rock Art Recording:**

Carol Chamberland

#### **Greeter:**

Sherry Kircher

### **Committee Chairs (continued)**

#### **Field Trips:**

Pat Harris

Steve Rospopo

#### **Refreshments:**

*Vacant*

#### **Pottery Southwest**

Editors: Hayward Franklin, Peter

McKenna, Gretchen Obenauf

#### **Webmaster:**

Evan Kay

Assts: Thatcher Seltzer-Rogers

Richard Harris