What is the Future of Our Past?

Special Programs and Archaeological Site Tours Planned for March 1996: Arizona Archaeology Awareness Month

Members of the public young and old are invited to explore something even older than the oldsters -- Arizona’s ancient past -- during the 14th annual Arizona Archaeology Awareness Month, March 1-31, 1996. The theme “What is the Future of Our Past?” has been adopted for this year’s celebration to focus it on the preservation and protection of Arizona’s unique and varied prehistoric and historical archaeological sites.

Proclaimed by the Governor of Arizona, the annual archaeology month festivities feature more than 110 archaeological site tours, exhibits, open houses, lectures, and other activities in every part of our state.

YOUR FREE 1996 ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS CALENDAR

This issue of Old Pueblo Archaeology includes a 1996 Archaeology Awareness Month Events calendar that can be removed for future reference. Additional copies of the calendar can be obtained by calling the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office in Phoenix at 602-542-4174.

MARCH EVENTS OFFERED BY OLD PUEBLO ARCHAEOLOGY

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center is making a special effort to celebrate Archaeology Awareness Month by offering several public presentations and archaeological site tours in Tucson, Green Valley, Marana, and communities of the Tohono O’odham Reservation west of Tucson. A partial listing of Old Pueblo’s scheduled Arizona Archaeology Awareness Month programs appears on page 2.

Volunteer Archaeology. Stan Hall helped excavate a nearly complete pottery jar after undergoing special excavation training during Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) Green Valley excavation project in July 1995.

ARIZONA ARCHAEOLOGY FAIR SLATED FOR PHOENIX

A feature event for Arizona Archaeology Awareness Month is the statewide Archaeology Fair, to be held at Phoenix’s Pueblo Grande Museum and Cultural Park (4619 E. Washington) on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31, from 9 to 4 each day. Admission to the Archaeology Fair is free.

The Archaeology Fair offers special displays and booths by archaeological organizations, museums, and Native American tribes. Many exhibits will include hands-on activities for youngsters and oldsters alike. Living history enactments, demonstrations of prehistoric and modern Native American crafts (stone tool manufacture, petroglyph production, basketry, pottery-making, and more), and Native American entertainment are planned each day. There will also be guided tours of the archaeological features at Pueblo Grande Park and of the ongoing stabilization efforts at these ruins, site of one of the largest ancient Hohokam Indian villages in Arizona. A variety of culturally diverse foods will also be available.

A special lecture series and panel discussion is scheduled during the Fair to give visitors new insights into Arizona’s prehistory. The series will highlight opportunities for the public to become involved in archaeological activities after Archaeology Awareness Month is over.

The Archaeology Fair is being hosted cooperatively by the State Historic Preservation Office (Arizona State Parks), the Pueblo Grande Museum, and over 50 other organizations teamed together to offer two days of educational archaeology programs to the public.

This Issue's Photo Series:
Volunteer Archaeology Programs

The photos on pages 1, 2, and 3 illustrate some of the archaeological excavation programs for volunteers sponsored by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center in the past year. See page 3 for information on Old Pueblo's volunteer opportunities.
Old Pueblo Archaeology Center Plans Open House, Site Tours on April 19 & 20
Public Invited to See Displays of Recently Unearthed Hohokam Pottery and Other Artifacts, Demonstrations

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's Archaeology Awareness Month (March 1996) Public Programs & Site Tours

ARCHAEOLOGY SLIDE SHOWS AND ACCOMPANYING DISCUSSION

“Archaeological Excavation Opportunities at the Sabino Canyon Ruin”  Allen Dart

- March 5, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Bear Canyon Library, 8959 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson. Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society lecture, open to public.

- March 12, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
First Interstate Bank, 375 W. Continental Rd., Green Valley. Arizona Archaeological Society meeting, open to the public.

- March 27, Wednesday, 3 p.m.
Marana Branch Library, 13370 N. Lon Adams Rd., Marana, AZ.

“Hohokam Pottery of the Green Valley Area”  Allen Dart

Open House Also Offers Door Prizes, Refreshments

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center cordially invites you to join us in celebrating our first Open House on Friday April 19 and Saturday April 20, and to go on guided tours of our Sabino Canyon Ruin excavations on Saturday the 20th!

The two-day Open House is set for 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday evening (April 19) and for Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Old Pueblo’s Tucson office, located at 1000 East Fort Lowell Road.

Open House highlights will include displays of ancient pottery vessels and other artifacts unearthed during Old Pueblo’s research at the Sabino Canyon Ruin and at several other ancient sites, including an 8,000-year-old occupation area near Finger Rock Canyon and three Green Valley Hohokam villages dating from A.D. 750 to 1300.

There also will be delicious foods and drinks, distinctive door prizes, demonstrations of ancient crafts, and displays of modern archaeological methods.

Five two-hour guided tours of the Sabino Canyon Ruin are scheduled for Saturday April 20 beginning at 9, 10, and 11:30 a.m. and at 12:30 and 2 p.m. The tours will focus on Old Pueblo’s archaeological excavations of Hohokam Indian structures and irrigation works at the ruin, which was the site of a large Indian village between A.D. 1100-1300.

A $2.00 per person donation is requested to help Old Pueblo offset costs of offering the tours. They do not start at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, so call 798-1201 for reservations and meeting place directions!

Volunteer Archaeology. Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's volunteers helped excavate some of these ancient Hohokam artifacts during the 1995 TEP Green Valley project. Photo courtesy of Jim McDonald, U.S. Forest Service.

↑ SEE YOU THERE! ↑
The Archaeology Opportunities Program for Volunteers

Archaeology Opportunities is Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's membership program for persons wanting archaeological experience. AO members get to participate in archaeological excavations and surveys, can assist with processing and reconstructing pottery and other artifacts in the archaeology laboratory, and can learn analysis and publication methods. Membership benefits include subscription to the quarterly Old Pueblo Archaeology bulletin, 20% discounts on Old Pueblo Archaeology Center publications, and invitations to member-only guided field trips, lectures, and other events.

Archaeology Opportunities is an outgrowth of Old Pueblo's Sabino Canyon Ruin educational program, operated on the property of the Fenster School of Southern Arizona to provide training and excavation opportunities for the public. One can become an AO member by paying a yearly membership fee (see enrollment form at right) or by enrolling in the basic 3-day Sabino Canyon Ruin field school program, and can renew by paying the next year's program fee or completing another 3-day field school session.

Archaeology Opportunities members are given priority to participate as volunteers in Old Pueblo's archaeological research projects, including excavations, surveys, and laboratory studies.

Volunteer Archaeology. Archaeologist Sara Chavarria helps a student in the Sabino Canyon Ruin archaeological field school, a program operated cooperatively by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and the Fenster School of Southern Arizona.

The Sabino Canyon Ruin Archaeological Field Schools

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center offers 1-day and 3-day (8 hours per day) archaeological field school sessions at the Sabino Canyon Ruin. Open to persons age 8 and older, the sessions can be scheduled for virtually any day by calling Old Pueblo 48 or more hours in advance. Excavation equipment and a hearty lunch are provided.

The sessions provide training to recognize artifacts and archaeological features, hands-on excavation with professional archaeologists, and introduction to archaeology laboratory techniques. Call 798-1201 for more information.

Thanks, Carol!

Our thanks to Carol Richardson for mailing the January bulletin.

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Old Pueblo Archaeology Subscription and Archaeology Opportunities Enrollment Form

Name (Mr., Ms. Mrs.)

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City, State, Zip

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Archaeology Opportunities Dues & Processing Fees

1-year individual membership is automatically conferred on a person who completes a basic 3-day Sabino Canyon Ruin field school program. Others may become members by paying one-time $10.00 processing fee plus annual dues for the membership category desired. (Please circle desired category below.)

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* Each Archaeology Opportunities membership includes a 1-year subscription to Old Pueblo Archaeology bulletin (4 issues). Separate subscription for $5.00 per year includes no additional Archaeology Opportunities member benefits.

Mail form with payment to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, PO Box 40577, Tucson AZ 85717-0577
Your 1996 Arizona Archaeology Month Events Calendar is enclosed!

Would you like to subscribe to Old Pueblo Archaeology? If this issue came to you free or with an address label showing a date earlier than the issue's publication date, you need to subscribe or become an Archaeology Opportunities member in order to receive future issues. See page 3 for subscription and membership information.

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Photo: Pottery vessels recovered during Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's Hohokam site excavations in Green Valley for Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) last summer will be featured in Arizona Archaeology Awareness Month programs and displayed at Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's Open House on April 19 and 20 -- see inside!
1995 Archaeology Awareness Month Events

Key to abbreviations:

AAS: Arizona Archaeological Society
ASM: Arizona State Museum
ASP: Arizona State Parks
ADOT: Arizona Dept. of Transportation
BLM: Bureau of Land Management
NPS: National Park Service
PGM: Pueblo Grande Museum
MSWM: Mesa Southwest Museum
SHIP: State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks
SWAT: Southwest Archaeology Team
USFS: U.S. Forest Service
WACC: Western Archeological and Conservation Center

* Suitable for children

Chamber of City Hall. DR. CHARLES HOFFMAN, (520)523-6575. (Call for more information on topics and location.)

FLAGSTAFF AREA
MARCH 9 & 23: (10am) "Lecture/Slide Presentation: "Walnut Canyon Sinagua." (Followed by a tour, if weather permits.) (Suitable for children 6 years & older.) Sponsored by NPS. Walnut Canyon NM Visitor Center, 7 mi. E. of Flagstaff. TOM PERKEL (520)526-3307.

MARCH 23: (5pm) Tour & Hike: Crack in the Rock Ruin. Four-wheel drive tour and hike. (Weather permitting.) Sponsored by NPS. Walnut Canyon National Monument. Call for information and reservations (30 people maximum). Bring food and water. (No organized groups.) PARK STAFF, (520)556-7040.

FLORENCE
MONTH OF MARCH: Exhibit: Prehistoric and Historic Artifacts of the Florence Area. Sponsored by Pinal County Library District. Pinal County Library District Headquarters, 92 W. Butte Avenue, MELINDA FRANCIS, (520)686-6457.


MARCH 13: (7pm) Lecture: "Digging Along the Gila River," by Dr. Michael Foster. Sponsored by Townpeople for Liveable Communities. Pinal County Historical Society Museum, 2201 S. Main Street. PETE VILLAVEDE, (520)686-4605.

FREDONIA

MARCH 6 & 20: (2pm to 3:30pm) Talk and Tour: "Puerco Ruins: It's Past and Future." (Weather permitting.) Sponsored by NPS, Puye Military Forest Visitor Center, 7 mi. E. of Flagstaff. TOM PERKELL, (520)526-3307.


JEROME

LAKE HAVASU CITY
MARCH 2 & 16: (9am & 10am) "Tour: Walking Tour of the Historic Swansea Townsite. (Children welcome with adult supervision.)" Sponsored by BLM Havasu Resource Area. BLM office @ 9am or BLM Shear Road Visitor Kiosk @ 10:30 a.m. (Call BLM for more information on meeting places.) ALINE LAFARGE, (520)885-8017.

MARANA

MESA
MARCH 6: (7pm to 9pm) Lecture: "Volunteer Programs in SWAT & AAS," by Jerry Howard, WSWM, & Deborah Johnson, AAS. Sponsored by SWAT Lecture Series. Mesa Southwest Museum, 53 N. Macdonald. KRIS WOOLEY, (602)827-7887.

MARCH 9: (10am to 12noon) Tour: Mesa Grande Ruins. (A prehistoric Hohokam Indian site.) Sponsored by Mesa Southwest Museum. Meet at the Mesa Southwest Museum (lobby), 53 N. Macdonald. WSWM, (520)644-2230.

MARCH 13: (7pm to 9pm) Slide Presentation: "Arizona and Sonoran..." (Children 13 and older.) Sponsored by Pueblo Grande Museum. 4619 E. Washington. JOHN ANDREWS, (602)495-0901.

MARCH 13: (12noon to 1pm) "Hands-on: "Archaeology at the Park." Family fun, replicated excavation and prehistoric crafts, sponsored by Barbara Gronemann and SW Learning Sources and Encanto Park. Encanto Park (north side), 2605 N. 15th Ave. BARBARA GRONEMANN, (602)991-0341 or LON AUSTIN, (602)261-8993.

MARCH 6: (7pm to 9pm) Speaker: "South Mountain Park Petroglyphs Protection & Interpretation," by Todd Bestwick, City of Phoenix. Sponsored by Pueblo Grande Museum. 4619 E. Washington. JOHN ANDREWS, (602)495-0901.


MARCH 13: (9am to 11pm) "Discovery Hike in the South Mountains. Learn about the archaeology of the South Mountains. Sponsored by Pueblo Grande Museum. Contact museum for meeting places. JOHN ANDREWS, (602)495-0901.


MARCH 16: (7pm) Slide Presentation. HELEN HUGHES VICK (Author of a children's archaeology series) Sponsored by Central Library - Children's Department. 1221 N. Central Ave. CAROL FINCH, (602)262-6625.

MARCH 18: (7pm to 8:30pm) Slide Presentation: "Arizona and Sonoran..." (Children 13 and older.) Sponsored by Pueblo Grande Museum. 4619 E. Washington. JOHN ANDREWS, (602)495-0901.
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