

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's "Third Thursday Food for Thought" Series



Interaction on the Northern Mogollon Frontier: Perspectives from the Cañada Alamosa

Free Zoom Presentation by Archaeologist Karl W. Laumbach



A view down La Cañada Alamosa, photo by Dennis O'Toole

The Cañada Alamosa is a spring-fed canyon located on the northeastern edge of the Mimbres Mogollon world. The Ojo Caliente or Warm Spring supplies 2,000 gallons per minute, ensuring a perennial flow to the Rio Alamosa as it flows to the Rio Grande.

Separated by 50 miles and the imposing Black Range from the Mimbres Mogollon cultural center, the canyon's well-watered position on a "zone of interaction" between the Mogollon and Ancestral Pueblo peoples resulted in a unique cultural sequence from the pithouse period up to the abandonment of the canyon in the 14th century, reflecting a variety of local interactions as well as changes in their respective centers.



*The Ojo Caliente,
photo by John Fitch*

Karl Laumbach's archaeological career in southern New Mexico since 1974 included direction of the Human Systems Research nonprofit organization's Cañada Alamosa project.

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7 to 8:30 pm Mountain Standard Time*

* Same as Pacific Daylight Time

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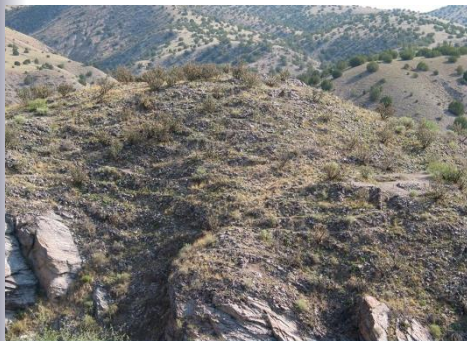
This month's Third Thursday presenter is archaeologist **Karl Laumbach**. Raised on a northeastern New Mexico ranch located between Springer and Cimarron, Karl has pursued an archaeological career in southern New Mexico since 1974. A graduate of New Mexico State University, he directed projects for the NMSU contract archaeology program for nine years before joining Human Systems Research, Inc. (HSR) in 1983. After serving as HSR's Executive Director for 10 years, he continued and will retire as its Associate Director and Principal Investigator.



Karl recording at Montoya Butte archaeological site, photo by John Fitch

Karl's research interests are varied, including historical research in his native northeastern New Mexico, the pueblo archaeology of southern New Mexico, and the history and archaeology of the Apache. Fascinated with the history of southwestern and south-central New Mexico, Karl has been involved in recording sites and collecting history of that area for the last 50 years.

His interaction with private landowners has been integral in the preservation of numerous archaeological sites. Another major effort has been the Cañada Alamosa Project, a research program that explores the last 4,000 years of human occupation and environmental change in the Rio Alamosa drainage of Socorro and Sierra Counties.



Pinnacle Ruin: Photo taken by Devin White when the morning sun was highlighting the many hillside terraces



Center photo: "Tip of the iceberg" - Excavating down to a pueblo room that was built over the pithouse shown on the right



Below: Excavation of a pithouse on the Victorio site

Both photos by John Fitch

