

# *Preservation Archaeology News*

## CENTER FOR DESERT ARCHAEOLOGY



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### *Announcing: Southwest Archaeology Today*

A free e-mail news service providing subscribers with summaries and links to current news and topics relevant to Southwestern archaeology from throughout the world.

For those of you familiar with the former “Got Caliche” email news service from Brian Kenny, it is our intention to continue in this tradition. Initially, subscribers can expect to receive new editions of *Southwest Archaeology Today* two to three times a week. Updates on Center for Desert Archaeology projects and programs will continue to be featured in the *Preservation Archaeology News* quarterly e-newsletter.

To learn more about the *Southwest Archaeology Today* email information service and to subscribe, visit our website at: <http://www.cdarc.org/pages/library/sat.php>.

### *National Heritage Areas – a way to preserve and promote the unique cultural landscapes of the Southwest:*



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The Center recently began working with a group of local residents, businesses, and organizations to achieve National Heritage Area designation for the **Little Colorado River Valley region of Arizona and New Mexico**. This region’s rich multicultural history, coupled with its spectacular natural and recreational resources, makes it a prime candidate for designation. Learn more at [http://www.cdarc.org/pages/little\\_colorado/](http://www.cdarc.org/pages/little_colorado/).

The effort toward Congressional designation of a **Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area** has taken a leap forward with the completion of the required Feasibility Study following a public comment period since October 2004. The Center and the newly formed Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance are now working with Congressman Jim Kolbe, Congressman Raul Grijalva, Senator John McCain, and Senator Jon Kyl on the designation bill as the focus of the effort shifts to Washington, D.C. The final version of the Feasibility Study will soon be posted at [http://www.cdarc.org/pages/heritage/scvnha\\_feasibility.php](http://www.cdarc.org/pages/heritage/scvnha_feasibility.php).

*“From Above: Images of a Storied Land” comes to Philadelphia later this summer!*

The traveling version of the Center’s exhibition of Adriel Heisey’s landscape archaeology photographs, created in collaboration with the Albuquerque Museum, will show at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology July 16 through October 2, 2005. This is a wonderful



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opportunity for our members and friends in the area to experience Heisey’s remarkable views of Southwestern archaeology up close and personal. For more information, visit [http://www.museum.upenn.edu/new/exhibits/exhibits\\_looking.shtml](http://www.museum.upenn.edu/new/exhibits/exhibits_looking.shtml).

Other upcoming venues for this traveling exhibit include the Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa, Arizona, January 28 through April 23, 2006; and the University of Utah National History Museum, February 25 through May 20, 2007. Museums in Los Angeles and New York City have also expressed an interest in bringing “From Above” to their cities.

### *Recent Research News:*

#### **A Fresh Look at Migration in the Safford Basin and Aravaipa Creek Areas – Research Update from Preservation Fellow Anna A. Neuzil:**

Past occupations in the Safford Basin and Aravaipa Creek areas of southeastern Arizona have been the subject of very little archaeological research. These areas were vital cultural crossroads, particularly during the period from A.D. 1200-1450, a time of major population shifts. Previous research by M. Kyle Woodson at the Goat Hill site has demonstrated that migrants from the Kayenta and Tusayan areas settled in the Safford Basin at approximately A.D. 1280. Tantalizing evidence from sites in the surrounding area, as well as sites along the Aravaipa Creek, suggest that this was not the only episode of migration into this region, and that migrant populations settled throughout the region beginning at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

I recently completed fieldwork in the Safford Basin and Aravaipa Creek areas in order to assess the scale and extent of migration into this region, and to understand how migration affected the expression of identity of both migrant and indigenous populations. Over the course of ten months, I intensively recorded 35 sites, creating maps, collecting a sample of surface artifacts, and recording visible architectural attributes at each site. A dedicated crew of volunteers from Tucson and the surrounding area helped at all stages of the process...

Read the complete article here:

[http://www.cdarc.org/pages/articles.php?req=read&article\\_id=79](http://www.cdarc.org/pages/articles.php?req=read&article_id=79)

## *Other News:*

- **New Staff!** We are happy to announce the addition of Char Ackerman to the Center's staff. Char recently received a Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Arizona. She joins the Center as its first Development Officer. You'll be hearing more from her in the near future. Contact her at [char@cdarc.org](mailto:char@cdarc.org) or 520-882-6946. Welcome Char!
- The Center recently acquired an **archaeological conservation easement protecting the Hohokam site of Vista del Rio** in Tucson. Thanks to the efforts of the Vista del Rio Residents Association, the four acres containing this prehistoric site have been converted into a City of Tucson park, the Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park. Learn more at: <http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/ward2/vistadelrio.html>
- **Ancient Farmers of the Safford Basin: Archaeology of the U.S. 70 Safford-to-Thatcher Project** (Anthro. Paper No. 39), edited by Jeffery J. Clark, was released in April 2005. Two prehistoric canals investigated in the course of the project provided the earliest evidence for irrigation to date in the Safford Basin. Order your copy at: [https://www.cdarc.org/index2.php?page=shop/normal\\_product&category\\_id=3dc6cd6fabac54298a942d3909391c24&product\\_id=360](https://www.cdarc.org/index2.php?page=shop/normal_product&category_id=3dc6cd6fabac54298a942d3909391c24&product_id=360)

## *Events:*

- The **Third Annual Arizona Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference** will be held June 9-11, 2005, at the Marriott University Park Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. Conference tracks include:
  - Arizona Archaeological Council
  - Inter Tribal Council
  - General Historic Preservation
  - Planning and Design Issues
  - Complying with Regulations
  - Parks and Heritage Areas
  - Historic HomeownersFor more information and to register online, visit: <http://www.corpdestination.com/AzPresConf/>
- There are **several lectures and special events scheduled at and near Salmon Ruins in northwest New Mexico** in the coming months. Learn more at: <http://www.cdarc.org/pages/getinvolved/events.php>

- This is the last month for the Center's **traveling poster exhibit on San Pedro Valley archaeology in southeastern Arizona**. Posters are currently on display at:

- Benson Public Library
- Cascabel Community Center north of Benson
- Central Arizona College Library near Winkelman
- IGA Grocery in San Manuel
- Friends of San Pedro House east of Sierra Vista
- Sierra Vista Public Library

All six posters will be on exhibit at the Oracle Historical Society later this summer.

### *Honors and Awards:*

- **Arizona State University Professor Margaret Nelson**, a member of the Center for Desert Archaeology Advisory Board, was recently honored by the **ASU Parents Association as "Professor of the Year."** Congratulations, Peggy! Read the complete story at:  
<http://www.asu.edu/feature/includes/spring05/readmore/pty-nelson.html>
- The Center's work for historical preservation was recognized with several **awards from the Tucson Pima County Historical Commission** on May 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - Jonathan Mabry was awarded a Historic Preservation Certificate for his efforts on the Santa Cruz National Heritage Area initiative.
  - The Center for Desert Archaeology; the Arizona State Museum; Desert Archaeology, Inc.; and Arizona Historical Society were jointly recognized with Historic Preservation Certificates for public outreach and education projects connected with Tucson's Rio Nuevo project.
  - Bill Doelle, the Center's President and CEO, was awarded the Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul C. Smith Award in acknowledgement of his high level of dedication and long-term commitment toward historic preservation.
- For its part as a member of the team working on Rio Nuevo Archeology and Historic Research Public Outreach in Tucson, the Center will be awarded a **2005 Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award** at the upcoming Historic Preservation Conference in Tucson on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Learn more at:  
<http://www.corpdestination.com/AzPresConf/awards.htm>

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