



KERN COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings, I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jeffrey Spivey and I am the newly elected President of the Kern County Archaeological Society. I am a native and current resident of Bakersfield, Ca. My interest in the archaeology of Kern County started in a sublime way over time. Some of it from waking up each day and realizing that others laid eyes on the same vistas that I see and that we both call(called) home. And it also ranges to the big wow moments, such as seeing the [Painted Rock in the Carrizo Plain](#) and visiting [Renegade Canyon in the Coso range](#). Both contain mysteries spanning hundred to thousands of years. And it is mysteries, hidden by the clouds of time, that draws us and gives us a common interest.

Now that winter has passed and warmer weather is upon us, KCAS is beginning to awake from its hibernation. We have several things lined up for this upcoming year such as a weekend visit to the Kern Plateau in search of rock art. Also in the works, is a

trip to the [Silver City Ghost Town located in Bodfish, Ca.](#) If any of you follow the paranormal, you may have heard that Silver City really puts the "Ghost" in ghost town! More to follow on these and other trips in the pipe.

In closing I would like to thank outgoing President -Gary Pickett- for his time spent at the post. I was able to spend an afternoon this last year observing Gary give a group of young children a hands on presentation at the [Buena Vista Museum of Natural History](#). He was describing the role and methods that archaeologist employ to uncover the hidden clues in time. Hopefully he planted a few seed in the minds of future archaeologists and I would say that he gave a good presentation....after all, later that year I enrolled to take classes in Anthropology.

Peace to you all,
Jeffrey Spivey
President 2011



KCAS WEB SITE

www.kerncountyarchaeologicalsociety.org

All text highlighted in blue and under-lined will open a related web site or document.

Dear Members,

KCAS would like to invite you to submit any publications (journals/essays/books/etc.) you have written, to be put on our web site under 'MEMBERS PUBLICATIONS'. We will not sell the publications, just give title, description and contact information.

NEXT KCAS MEETING

April 19th - 7pm at the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History.

Meet our guest speaker Dr. Gregg Wilkerson for dinner at the Sizzler Ice House.

Dinner starts at 5:30 PM, located at 3401 Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Visit Gregg Wilkerson's personal Web Site at: <http://www.greggwilkerson.com>

KCAS guest speaker Dr. Gregg Wilkerson has been researching the mining history of Kern County for 20 years. He will be speaking about his experiences in researching the geology and mining history of several areas in Kern County, including McKittrick, Lake Isabella, Piute Mountains, Loraine and Saltdale.



KCAS FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP TO BURHAM SPRINGS ROCK ART SITE

May 15th 9am - 3 pm

This is a fund raising event for the Tehachapi Museum. Tehachapi Heritage League Members/\$15.00, non-members/\$20.00. This field trip will be led by local rock art expert, Jack Sprague. We will meet at the Tehachapi Museum (310 S. Green Street) at 9am and carpool to the site. High clearance and 4 wheel drive vehicles are mandatory. If you have any extra seats in your vehicle or if you need a seat in a vehicle, please let me know. The hike from our parking spot to the rock art is very short and reasonable. Please bring lunch, snacks, water and a camera for an incredible experience. Please note that children are welcome! For more information and reservations, please contact: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com
<http://www.tehachapimuseum.org>

FIELD TRIP AND CAMP-OUT TO CANNELL MEADOWS/BONE CREEK

July 15-17, 2011

Join KCAS as we host our first camp out/field trip to the Cannell Meadows and Bone Creek areas. This will be camping at its most rustic, so please be prepared to be totally self-sufficient (ie water, food, gas, etc.). We will meet at the camp ground in Cannell Meadows on Friday evening and leave early Saturday morning in order to spend the entire day hiking and viewing the incredible rock art contained in this wilderness area. Saturday evening we will camp again, and on Sunday we will spend half the day researching more rock art in the

area. We will end the field trip around 2:00 Sunday afternoon so that everyone has time to rest up before work on Monday morning. Everyone is responsible for providing their own provisions as there will not be any opportunity to stop and purchase any. If you have never been on a KCAS camp out before, you will be pleasantly surprised at the camaraderie and companionship that comprise our outings. Be prepared to laugh a lot, eat a lot, and have a great time. We look forward to seeing you soon. Please note that children are welcome on this field trip. Reservations for this trip are mandatory as space is limited. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Jack Sprague: wjsprague@sbcglobal.net to save your spot. The fee/donation for this field trip is \$20.00 per person/KCAS paid member or \$30.00 per person/non-paid KCAS member.

OTHER FIELD TRIPS

CALICO EARLY MAN SITE PICNIC

April 9, 2011

The San Bernardino County Museum is sponsoring a field trip with Dee Schroth. The trip leaves from the Victor Valley Museum. Make your reservation: 909-307-2669
<http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum>

PALEO DIG AT SHARKTOOTH HILL

April 16th and 17th

Sponsored by the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History. All attendees must be BVMNH members* \$85 per day per person, discounts available for multiple day reservations. All diggers will be allowed to keep all teeth (including Megs) and fossils

found, with exception of scientifically significant assemblages or articulated fossils will be the property of the land owners.

* BVMNH one year membership: Individual \$25, Senior \$20 or Family \$75

Go to www.sharktoothhill.org/event.html for registrations form w/details.

WILD LIFE AND FLOWERS PRIVATE GATED RANCH PROPERTY FIELD TRIP

Sunday May 8th, 2011 8:30am -4:30pm

Join the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History for a very special field trip With Great photo opportunities! The Museum has been given special permission to enter a Member's private gated ranch property, located Southeast of Bakersfield in the Foothills, 3000 feet above the valley. This time of year the wild life and flowers are abundant. Along the roads there will be several places we will stop as a group for photo opportunities, including several archeology sites where we will be allowed to briefly view the evidence of the Native Americans' life. Cost: \$25 per person and **reservations are required call 661-324-6350** <http://www.sharktoothhill.org>

MOJAVE RIVER AND LAKE MANIX

May 14, 2011

The San Bernardino County Museum is sponsoring a field trip with Eric Scott. The trip leaves from Redlands.

Make your reservation: 909-307-2669
<http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum>



[MATURANGO MUSEUM PETROGLYPH TOURS TO "LITTLE PETROGLYPH CANYON"](#)

Dates for Spring 2011: (subject to good weather and no Navy tests)

April 2, 3, 9, 10, 30

May 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

June 4, 5

<http://www.maturango.org/Pet%20Trips.html>

[OTHER MATURANGO MUSEUM FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS](#)

April 9 - car caravan with Janet to Carrizo Plains National Monument- flowers, birds, etc. revised itinerary March 27 when I go scout for flowers).

May 7 - car caravan with Janet to Southern Owens Valley- Alabama Hills, Owens Lake.

June 25 - car caravan with Janet to Trail of 100 Giants and more of Giant Sequoia National Monument.

July 9 - car caravan with Janet to the Kern Plateau meadows for flowers, etc.

Oct 7-9 - Bat Class at Desert Studies Center taught by Dr. Pat Brown-Berry. Tickets will be on sale in Museum store starting June 1, 2011.

October 22 - car caravan with Janet, Olancho to Bishop - water, mining, fall colors, etc.

arrangements being made for more trips.

Ideas? - get um to Harris-
matmus6@maturango.org

<http://www.maturango.org/Field.html>

[FIELD TRIP TO CARRIZO PLAINS](#)

October 8th 9am - 5 pm

Led by BLM Archaeologist, Tammy Whitley
Carpool from the Tehachapi Museum

For reservations and more information:
rsvpmuseum@gmail.com

[ROCK ART 101](#)

A Rock Art Petroglyph and
Pictograph Training Company

For future updates on planned seminars and
field trips: www.rockart101.com

[SIERRA CLUB ARCHAEOLOGY TRIPS](#)

For more information: 415-977-5522 or
www.sierraclub.org/outings/national

[PIRL NOTES 1](#)

Paleoindian Research Lab, Department of
Anthropology, University of Wyoming
2011 FIELD WORK DATES - Hell Gap Site
and Last Canyon Cave

[www.kerncountyarchaeologicalsociety.org/doc/PirlNotes1 2011 Field Dates Hell Gap Site and Last Canyon Cave.pdf](http://www.kerncountyarchaeologicalsociety.org/doc/PirlNotes1%202011%20Field%20Dates%20Hell%20Gap%20Site%20and%20Last%20Canyon%20Cave.pdf)

[2011 CALENDAR OF ASAA](#)

[ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITIONS](#)

http://www.asaa-persimmonpress.com/calendar_archaeological_expeditions.html

**Events/Lectures/
Conferences/Classes
Annual Meetings**

[KNAPPIN HOSTED BY GARY PICKETT](#)

1st Sunday of each month, from 10am to
5pm, located at the [East end of Hart Park](#) in



Bakersfield, CA. No cost to attend or participate. Gary is also available for flintknapping demonstrations at schools, special events, group workshops, or private one on one instruction. For cost and more information (non-profits are free) contact Gary at: cell-661-444-6163, home-661-392-7729 or email: air-o-head@live.com

For demonstration locations and dates:
<http://www.lettherockroll.com>

WILDFLOWERS OF THE TEHACHAPI AREA

With Jon Hammond,

Sunday, April 10th 6-8 pm

Historic Bee Kay Theatre

110 S. Green Street - Tehachapi, CA

Jon has always had a deep and abiding interest in the Tehachapi Mountains - the geography, wildlife, climate, and human history - and has spent the past 30 years researching, photographing and writing about this unique and fascinating part of California. Please join us at the historic BeeKay Theatre as Jon presents the results of his research into the wildflowers of the Tehachapi region. - \$10.00 admission - For more information: rsvpmuseum@gmail.com

TWO INITIAL SITE STEWARD TRAINING WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED IN THE SPRING.

April 9-10, 2011, at the Bass Lake Ranger District, Sierra National Forest, at 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643, which is about an hour's drive north and east of Fresno.

On April 30- May 1, 2011, at the Hollister Hills SVRA, 7800 Cienega Road, Hollister, CA 95023.

More information and registration at CASSP web site at www.cassp.org.

You can take the volunteer training at one location and then join an existing team of site stewards at another that is closer to home.

THE ERREA HOUSE SPRING ESTATE JEWELRY SALE

April 30th and May 1st - Noon - 5 pm

More pieces from Bear Valley's Merrily Flanagan - many not seen before - will be for sale at this special event. A generous portion of the proceeds from this sale will go toward continuing the renovations at the Errea House. Get there early to claim your piece of history; there is something in the collection for everyone.

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<http://www.tehachapimuseum.org>

BUENA VISTA MUSEUM EVENTS PAGE

BVMNH places a high focus on educational and fun programs for children and adults. The museum offers a wide variety of educational lectures and workshops, childrens science camps and science enrichment sessions throughout the year which meet or exceed academic standards. For additional information please contact the museum 661-324-6350

www.sharktoothhill.org/event.html

THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

SAA 77th Annual Meeting - Memphis, TN
April 18-22, 2012/2012 Call for Submissions. The online submission system will be available on May 3, 2011

For more information: www.SAA.org

[SAN DIEGO ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER](#)

The San Diego Archaeological Center
Calendar of Events Page:

<http://www.sandiegoarchaeology.org/Calendar.htm>

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[AMERICAN ROCK ART RESEARCH ASSOCIATION](#)

(ARARA) Annual Conference

May 27-30, 2011

Idaho Falls, Idaho

A new listing of rock art related conferences has now been added to our website at <http://www.arara.org>

[HISTORIC TEHACHAPI TRAIN DEPOT](#)

Lecture by Catherine Lewis Pruett,

June 11th 6-8 pm \$10.00

Local archaeologist and co-owner of Three Girls and a Shovel. Catherine will present the results of her archaeological investigations around the Tehachapi area.

[ZZYZX LITHIC TECHNOLOGY FIELDSCHOOL](#)

Instructors: J. Jeffrey Flenniken, Ph.D.

Principal, Lithic Analysts, James C. Woods, M.A. Professor, College of Southern Idaho

June 11-24, 2011

This class will explore flaked stone tool manufacture and the technological analysis

of the resultant debitage. This 14-day course is invaluable to archaeologists wanting to learn and understand flaked stone reduction sequences and how reduction sequences can be reconstructed and identified through technological debitage categories. Reduction sequences, including all debitage, from the selection of the raw lithic material, initial decortication (primary reduction), heat treatment, reduction into the original tool or core form, use, rejuvenation, recycling, deposition into archaeological context, and possible reuse or recycling, will be discussed in detail. The focus of this class will be technological debitage analysis. Participants will learn how to identify debitage categories through constellations of technologically diagnostic attributes. Click here for more info.

http://www.scahome.org/meetings_events/Jun11_24Flintknapping.doc

[PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#)

June 20 - 24, 2011

Project Archaeology, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supported archaeology education organization, announces a Leadership Academy to train a select group of teachers to take the lead in training educational professionals to implement the acclaimed Project Archaeology curriculum. "The Project Archaeology Leadership Academy will bring teachers from all across the United States to Montana State University to learn about archaeology and how to use it to integrate social studies, science, and literacy in the classroom," said Jeanne Moe, BLM Project Archaeology Lead. "All Project Archaeology educational

materials have a strong citizenship component and emphasize personal responsibility in protecting archaeological sites on the National System of Public Lands."

Click here to download more information, and click here for the flier.

http://www.scahome.org/meetings_events

June2011_LeadershipAcademy.doc

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[SAN DIEGO ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER](#)

Calendar of Events Page:

<http://www.sandiegoarchaeology.org/Calendar.htm>

[FLINTKNAPPING WORKSHOP WITH GARY PICKETT AT THE TEHACHAPI MUSEUM](#)

July 24th 1-4 pm \$10.00

ADDRESS: 310 So. Green St.

Tehachapi, CA 93581

Students must bring a lawn chair and gloves.

For reservations and more information:

CONTACT: (661) 822-8152

rsvpmuseum@gmail.com



[TAHOE TRUCKEE EARTH DAY 2011](#)

The Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Festival is a volunteer run, non-profit event to recognize, celebrate and promote the region's unique beauty. Come to the Village at Squaw Valley on April 23rd for fun, live music and entertainment, and to learn how to preserve and protect our local and global natural resources. Event Schedule:

<http://tahoetruckeeearthday.com/earth-day-festival/event-schedule>

[BLM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Everything you need to know to have a great volunteer experience with BLM.

www.blm.gov/volunteer

[FRIENDS OF SIERRA ROCK ART:](#)

The Friends of Sierra Rock Art (FSRA) and the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) sponsor and conduct an Archaeological Site Monitor Program. The program focuses on prehistoric sites and primarily those with rock art features. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact FSRA via email at info@sierrarockart.org.

<http://http://www.sierrarockart.org>

[NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS ASSOCIATION](#)

Meets each Thursday at the [Kern County Museum](#) from 9AM to noon. This is your opportunity to learn basketry, bead-work, or other crafts. For more information: 661-852-5050 <http://www.kcmuseum.org>

[JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK DESERT INSTITUTE CLASSES](#)

760-367-5525 or email@joshuatree.org
<http://www.joshuatree.org>

[RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK](#)

Visit the Ricardo Visitor's Station and Interpretive Center for an overview of the history and pre-history of the Kawaiisu peoples and historic mining activities. Exit Highway 14 at Abbott Drive and follow the signs to the campground. For more information: (661) 942-0662.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=25204

TOMO-KAHNI STATE PARK

Tours to see the winter home of the Nuooah American Indian people. Reservations required. Tour requires hiking up and down hills on trails that can be slippery. For info: (661) 942-0662.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=610

PASSPORTS IN TIME PROJECTS

Do you want to be an Archaeologist for a week or two? For more information call the PIT clearinghouse at: (800) 281-9176 or pit@srcim.com. To get on the mailing list for the PIT Traveler which is the twice yearly publication that announces the season's opportunities, write to: Pit Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 31315, Tucson, AZ 85751-1315 <http://www.passportintime.com>

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<http://www.indiana.edu/~e472/cdf/>



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National Park Service - Park History

http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/park_histories/index.htm

CALICO EARLY MAN SITE

"Explore the information provided in many articles and decide for yourself about this controversial early man site."

<http://www.calicodig.org/>

EXPLORE COSO ROCK ART AND KENNEWICK MAN ONLINE

A new website developed by the National Park Service's Archaeology program:

www.cr.nps.gov/aad/rockart

SCIENCEFRIDAY RADIO

Science Friday is a weekly science talk show, broadcast live over public radio stations nationwide from 2-4pm Eastern time as part of NPR's 'Talk of the Nation' programming.

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<http://www.sciencefriday.com/topics/c130200/>

SciFri Radio: Archaeology

<http://www.sciencefriday.com/topics/c130400/>

Full list of SciFri Radio topics here:

<http://www.sciencefriday.com/topics/>

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PLACING BOOKS

Studies and Other Reports Online: More than 1,000 books, studies, and reports are available online, courtesy of the National Park Service's Park History Program.

http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/band/historic_period.pdf

ARCHAEOLOGY FOR KIDS

Do you like to dig in the dirt? Find things that are lost? Put pieces together? Figure out stories from clues? Learn about the past? These are all things archeologists do—maybe you're one, too!

Archeology is tons of dirt-digging, storytelling, mystery-solving fun. Like you, many archeologists caught the archeology bug as kids. Get started by looking through our site. An adult can help you to find a site or a museum to visit. Dig in!

<http://www.nps.gov/archeology/public/kids/index.htm>

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http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23644

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Dues are paid in June. The rates are:

Student	<u>\$15.00</u>	Single:	<u>\$20.00</u>
Family	<u>\$25.00</u>	Lifetime Single:	<u>\$250.00</u>
		Lifetime Family:	<u>\$350.00</u>

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Name: _____	# of Memberships	Amount
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Email Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	\$ _____
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$ _____
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State: _____ ZIP: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Family	\$ _____
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 Include name address and phone number.

OR MAIL TO: KCAS
 P.O. Box 9793
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THANK YOU!