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Aerial View of Snaketown Excavation, 1965

*Photograph by Helga Teiwes (ASM)*

Next AAHS Meeting: 7:30 p.m., June 17, 2002
Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We're all familiar with family/personal budgets. Most of us are familiar with company and/or institutional budgets through our various places of employment. Now we are in the middle of fallout from the Arizona State Budget—a nightmare in the making. You may ask how and why this affects AAHS. There are several answers. One is the severity of financial constraints on the Arizona State Museum, resulting in staff reductions and program curtailments. Another is the likely closure, either fully or part-time, of archaeological and historical oriented state parks. Some 23 full-time park ranger jobs are in jeopardy. Three proposals under consideration by the State Parks board include (1) fully closing six parks; (2) reduce days open from seven to five per week for six parks; and, (3) partial closures, varying from two to five months per year for 12 parks. Fee changes, such as temporary surcharges on camping, are also being discussed. Of particular interest to AAHS and ASM is Homolovi Ruins State Park. This ancient Hopi site was severely damaged by pothunting scavengers prior to being protected by state park status. Its location makes it especially vulnerable to similar future atrocities. ASM, with help from many AAHS members, Earthwatch, and other groups, has made very significant analysis/findings to create understanding of this ancient culture. More study is planned, and park closure, even for five months, as considered in Proposal 3, could have a seriously negative impact on this program. Lyman Lake State Park, while primarily a recreational park, also has archaeological sites. Tubac Presidio Historic State Park is the major state park depicting the Spanish Colonial presence in Arizona. The culprit for this potentially disastrous action is a 12% budget cut for the Arizona State Parks rather than an anticipated 3.1% cut. Unbelievably, this has resulted from a known error in the numbers used to make up the state parks budget and refusal of the state legislature to correct its mistake. This error calls for a reduction of $911,200.00—about $700,000.00 more than it should have been. Sen. Ruth Solomon, D-Tucson, chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, admits to this error, but sees "no reason to fix it." Her argument is that the parks mentioned have an aggregate visitorship under 100,000 and "don't generate enough fee money to keep them open." This appears to be "head-in-the-sand" thinking, because it totally ignores the cultural and historical importance of these sites.

A little foresight is necessary to judge the future impact on generations of visitors to come. Rich Lange, ASM Associate Director of the Homolovi Research Project, and myself spoke in defense of Homolovi before an open meeting of the Parks Board in Patagonia, Arizona, on May 16, 2002. Other persons spoke up for Tubac Presidio Historic Park. A local resident stated the McFarland Family's willingness to operate their namesake park as a private museum and pay its costs. To the full credit of the State Parks Board, they are striving to make the best of a very bad situation which has been dumped on them. Suzanne Pfister, Parks Board Director, said that "We are not in the business of closing parks, but of opening and maintaining them." However, assuming the proposed budget passes Senate confirmation, the Parks Board will need to vote on its plan of action no later than at its July meeting. They will meet again in June to further review their options.
In the meanwhile, we can express our displeasure and disagreement with the legislature’s failure to correct its mistake by calling our respective Arizona legislators and, specifically, Sen. Ruth Solomon. This needs to be done by you individually. To protect its 501(c) non-profit status, AAHS is limited with regard to its political activity, but not its members/friends. Senate phone numbers are: 800-352-8404 or 602-542-3559. House phone numbers are: 800-352-8404 or 602-542-4221. Conversation at this meeting suggested the desirability of an e-mail network to better and more quickly inform various interested organizations of pending actions affecting archaeological/historical parks. We will pursue this and discuss it with you later.

Meanwhile, VOTE for your 2002-2003 slate of AAHS officers and RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!! The fiscal year starts July 1, 2002, for the KIVA Volume 68 year. Many renewals for the KIVA Volume 67 year have been received late. These members will receive Volume 67 issues of KIVA, which have been running late (apologies), but it will be necessary to renew to receive Volume 68 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Drs. Paul and Suzy Fish became ill and were unable to present the May program to AAHS. Fortunately, their graduate assistants, Cory Harris and Margaret Beck, were available to pinch hit for them. Both are Ph.D. candidates at UA. Cory has his MA from New Mexico State University — hails from Alamagordo, New Mexico. Margaret has her MA from Kansas University — comes from Indiana. They presented interesting insights into the extensive study of Snaketown and related artifacts prior to the repatriation process. Their laboratory work has dealt directly with these materials, as well as the ongoing Marana Project.

This was an excellent opportunity for AAHS members and the next generation of archaeologists to become acquainted. We both benefited from this exposure, suggesting a possible new venue for future programming. Paul Fish, assuming his return to full speed, will summarize the revisit to Snaketown at the June 17, 2002, General Meeting. This important site has been a major milestone in the story of SW Archaeology. It continues to lead the way in successful administration of the repatriation process. We are indebted to Emil Haury and those who have followed for their discoveries and interpretations.

*Bill Hallett, President*
Ask any archaeologist to name the most significant Hohokam site, and the answer will almost certainly be “Snaketown.” This site within the Gila River Indian Community south of Phoenix was excavated twice by noted archaeologists. Harold Gladwin’s 1930s project and Emil Haury’s in the 1960s resulted in reports that became archaeological classics. Haury’s volume remains the single most influential work in shaping our current perceptions of Hohokam lifestyles and material culture. Artifacts from both large-scale excavations were available for further study in the Arizona State Museum for many years, representing one of its most important and heavily used collections.

When the Pima recently requested the repatriation of their collections, beginning with the mortuary objects, the Arizona State Museum faced a daunting task of inventory and the reunification of the original burial lots. With the generous support of Agnese Haury and the National Park Service, the Museum undertook a three-year collaborative effort with the Gila River Indian Community to ready the collections for return and reburial. This effort was designed as a final stage of documentation and study involving the archaeological community, museum curators, university students, and Gila River participants. Far from being exhausted, the enduring research potential of Snaketown records and collections yielded yet another round of insights into continuity and change in Hohokam society.

Speaker Suzanne K. Fish is Associate Curator of Archaeology at the Arizona State Museum and Associate Professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Arizona. She is also a member of the Arid Lands Interdisciplinary Executive Committee. Fieldwork in southern Arizona, northern Mexico, and Brazil focuses on interests in the emergence of complexity in middle range societies, settlement patterns, traditional agriculture, and ethnobotany. She is currently an editor of Latin American Antiquity.

Speaker Paul R. Fish is Curator of Archaeology at the Arizona State Museum and Professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Arizona. He is coordinator of the Southwest Land, Culture, and Society Program sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona. Current research in U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and Brazil examines topics pertaining to prehistoric settlement patterns, demography, and social organization.
The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society's monthly meeting will be held on June 17, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at Duval Auditorium, University Medical Center, 1501 North Campbell Avenue (north of Speedway). Duval Auditorium can be reached by proceeding either north or south on North Campbell and turning west into the UMC between the two traffic lights — one is at Speedway and one is at Elm. Free parking is available south of Mabel Street, across from the College of Nursing. The Front Entrance is on the top level of the parking structure. Duval Auditorium is on the 2nd level of the Hospital. Upon entering the Front Entrance, turn right and then follow the signs to Duval Auditorium.

The 2002 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
FOR AAHS SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The Fundraising Raffle for Scholarships and Research Grants will be held at the December 16, 2002, general meeting. The Raffle Committee is comprised of Betsy Marshall, Chair, Cherie Freeman, Virginia Hanson, Ron Towner and Laurie Webster. AAHS members and friends are encouraged to contribute gifts for this raffle. Ideally, these will have some association with the greater Southwest, but it's not necessary that they be limited to this description. Please contact one of the committee members to offer your gift donation. They will need to be collected/delivered to the committee prior to the December meeting. Donations are tax deductible, but estimation/verification of gift value is the sole responsibility of the donor. Prehistoric artifacts cannot be accepted. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Only you can make this the best ever AAHS Raffle. So come and be part the fun!

AAHS’s PREVIEW of EVENTS

June 2, Sunday:
Field Trip: The Amerind Museum and AAHS Pic-Nic.

July 15, Monday:
General Meeting Topic: “Archaeology in Spain” by Dr. Michael Barton, ASU

August 8 – 11, Thursday to Sunday:
75th Reunion Pecos Conference at Pecos, New Mexico

September 16, Monday:
General Meeting Topic: “Whiptail, Found and Lost” by Linda M. Gregonis

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THE CORNERSTONE

Arizona State Museum has a new director of education. We're very happy to announce the hiring of Lisa Falk, who joined us this spring with an abundance of experience, energy and fresh ideas. Some of her former positions include director of education at History San Jose in California and the Miami Children’s Museum. She served as program specialist for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, and, most recently, Lisa worked as a freelance education consultant for an impressive list of clients that includes the Smithsonian Institution in Wash., D.C., the Historical Society of Wash., D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg.

“I’m looking forward to building on the outstanding programs the museum currently has in place as well as creating new ones,” says Falk. “My first priority is to reach out to family audiences with multicultural program offerings.” Indeed, Lisa already has an ambitious list of ideas that she is working on implementing. Exhibit-related programs such as lecture series, and a monthly “family day,” are in the planning stages, making their first appearances in conjunction with the museum’s upcoming Avery exhibit next fall (Connections Across Generations: The Avery Collection of American Indian Paintings will open October 5).

Other ideas Lisa’s working on (and trying to get funding for) include: 1) expanding the museum’s school programs; 2) creating an anthropology-technology summer camp for kids; 3) establishing an artist-in-residence program; 4) digitally recording the museum’s programs for website posting; and 5) manual transcription of the digital recordings.

Of course, all these new programs create new volunteer opportunities for those who like to work with kids. If you’re interested in learning about the multitude of volunteer opportunities in our education department, feel free to call Lisa at 520/626-2973.

Lisa’s first major public program will take place SATURDAY, JUNE 15. Please join us in support of her inaugural effort!

Saturday, June 15

MARKING THE SOLSTICE: A MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION is a family-oriented evening that will include:

**Storytelling & Music** — Listen to Gerard Tsonakwa (American Indian stories), Rabbi Sam Cohon (Jewish stories and Yiddish songs), Barbea Williams Dance Company (African drumming, dancing and stories), Tucson’s Official Troubadour Ted Ramirez and the Santa Cruz River Band (corridos and other songs).

**Hands-on Activities** — Make gourd rattles, decorate fans, gaze at stars through a telescope, go on a treasure hunt, harvest saguaro, grind corn, use a prehistoric pump drill, play American Indian games and more!

**Talking with Experts** — Join Stella Tucker (Tohono O’odham) in examining saguaro harvesting objects, talk with curators and look at special collections, learn how people have "marked" the solstice and the reasons for the season.

There’ll be something for everyone so bring a picnic basket, lawn chairs or blankets for a full evening of family fun. See you there!
AAHS MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATION

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP – All members receive discounts on Society field trips and classes. Monthly meetings are free and open to the public.

$30  Glyphs membership receives the Society’s monthly newsletter, Glyphs
$30  Student Kiva membership receives both Glyphs and Kiva; $15 receives Glyphs
$40  Kiva membership receives all current benefits, including four issues of Kiva, 12 issues of Glyphs
$50  Institutional membership (primarily libraries) receives Kiva and Glyphs
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Memberships and subscriptions run for one year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Membership provides one volume (four numbered issues) of Kiva, the Journal of Southwestern Anthropology and History; 12 issues of the monthly newsletter Glyphs; member rates for Society field trips and other activities.

For a brochure with more information and a membership/subscription application form, write to:

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See inside back cover for information about the Society's programs and membership and subscription requirements.