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Next General Meeting: March 19, 2007
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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Thomas Gardner was born in Buffalo, New York, on April 13, 1820. After stints in Texas and California, he arrived in southern Arizona in 1859, five years after the signing of the Gadsden Purchase treaty. Gardner first settled near the site of the future Lochiel, Arizona, on the Mexican border. While living there, he was shot twice by the Apache and nearly killed. Gardner grew vegetable crops and raised beef, all of which he sold to the miners at the well-known Mowry Mine.

In 1861, he married Gertrude Apodaca, who lived in Santa Cruz, Sonora, Mexico. Santa Cruz, at the time, was an important place at which to conduct business for those on both sides of the international border. In 1867, Gardner moved his family to the Sonoita Valley near present-day Patagonia.

The Sonoita Valley was one of the most productive agricultural sections in Arizona. Beginning in the 1850s, the valley attracted many farmers, including Thomas Hughes, James and E. C. Pennington, and the Rickman, Ake, Findlay, Marshall, Wordsworth, and Graydon families. It was also appealing to Johnny Ward, whose ranch headquarters site was excavated by Bunny Fontana and others for the AAHS in 1960–1961. Although farmers in the Sonoita area were ostensibly protected by soldiers from Fort Buchanan, and later from Fort Crittenden, only 35 soldiers were stationed at Fort Crittenden in the early 1870s. At times, as many as eight of these men were sent to live at the Gardner ranch for 2-week periods. This effort provided additional protection for the settlers.

The Apache were a continual threat to all settlers on Sonoita Creek. Between the late 1850s and 1888, well over 100 individuals were killed along the settled 15-mile-long stretch of Sonoita Creek. No family was untouched by the violence. How many Apaches died during the Sonoita Creek raids seems not to have been recorded.

Gardner engaged in a variety of economic activities in addition to farming and ranching while he lived on Sonoita Creek. As a government contractor, he provided hay and produce to Fort Crittenden, and when the fort closed in 1873, he helped move equipment and supplies. In addition to selling food to the fort, he also sold food to others. In 1870, he hauled a wagon load of potatoes to Tucson, where they sold for 8 cents per pound.

From his first location on the creek, Gardner moved downstream some 2 miles where the water supply was more reliable. He later sold the place to Syl Lowell, who lost it when it was found to be located within the boundaries of the San Jose de Sonoita land grant.

The discouraging frequency of Apache raids, with their concomitant loss of life and property, led Gardner to give up his Sonoita holdings in 1872. He moved his family to the Apache Springs Ranch in the eastern foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains, where he stayed until 1896. There, he planted apple trees that produced quality fruit known throughout the area.

In addition to ranching, Gardner was involved with mining. He was one of the discoverers of the famous Trench Mine in 1859, near Harshaw in the Patagonia Mountains, but he and his partners did not begin serious development there until 1873. In 1863, he was connected with the San Antonio Mine, and in 1875, placer mining in the Santa Ritas excited his interest. In 1882, he and his partners located the Alta Mine.

Despite all the other activities in which he was engaged, including fighting the Apache, Gardner also found time to operate E. N. Fish’s sawmill in the Santa Ritas. He bought the mill from Fish in 1874, and operated it until 1878. He sold his lumber at 12.5 cents per board foot, delivered.

In 1896, he sold his ranch to Walter Vail of the Empire Ranch and shortly thereafter, moved to Patagonia, where he resided until his death in 1906.

In 1888, a contemporary of Gardner’s said, “Old Tom is one of the most original characters to be found anywhere in the western country.”

Gardner was one of the “real” pioneers of southern Arizona, a man who got his hands dirty on the front lines helping to settle and bring stability to the area. He definitely was not one of the more well-to-do city pioneers who lived within the confines of Tucson and hired others to take the risks living on their ranches and working in their mines scattered in remote areas.

—James E. Ayres (Jim), President

Last month, the President’s Message contained an error. I wrote “Fort Staunton,” instead of the correct “Fort Stanton.”

**AAHS LECTURE SERIES**

All meetings are held at the University Medical Center, Duval Auditorium Third Monday of the month, 7:30–9:00 p.m.


April 16, 2007: Robert M. Wegener, *U.S. 60 Archaeological Project and Aboriginal Use of the Upper Queen Creek Region*
The Wetherills: Friends of Mesa Verde
by Fred Blackburn

The Wetherills—parents, five sons, and one daughter—came from the Midwest to homestead in a fertile Colorado valley, only to find the ruins of a centuries-old structure on their land. Who had built the now-collapsed stone walls? And where had they gone? That first discovery led to many more, and what followed would etch their names into southwestern history.

Decades before the government or scientific institutions acted to preserve Mesa Verde, the Wetherills stood apart, convinced that their Quaker faith had led them here to protect prehistoric sites from wanton destruction.

Based on decades of meticulous research, I have written a book intended to set the record straight on these early Friends of Mesa Verde. The book, which argues that the Wetherills were persistent in preserving the great ruins of Mesa Verde, is one of seven titles published in 2006 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Mesa Verde National Park. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the lecture.

This lecture was organized by AAHS and the Arizona State Museum as part of Archaeology Awareness Month activities in Arizona. The lecture is sponsored by the Animas Museum in Durango, Colorado, and the La Plata County Historical Society, with financial support from the Colorado Humanities, the Ballantine Family Fund, and the Charles Redd Center at Brigham Young University.


Speaker Fred Blackburn received a degree in Biological Science and Secondary Education from Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado. He is an historian, educator, and environmental and cultural interpreter. He became interested in the Wetherill family while a ranger in the Grand Gulch Primitive Area. With help from the Wetherill family, Fred has created the Wetherill Family Archive, bringing together family documents and information from other sources. He recently completed a contract for analyses of inscriptions at Mesa Verde National Park as part of the Save America’s Treasures site assessment program. Fred pioneered methodology in Historic Inscription documentation, including work in Escalante Grand Stair Case, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park, Grand Gulch, and Cottonwood Canyon. He is currently cataloguing the Wetherill Family Archives at the Anasazi Heritage Center.

NEW AAHS MAILING POLICY

The Board of Directors has approved a new policy relating to replacement of missing issues of Kiva and Glyphs. The Post Office does not automatically forward third class mail, such as Kiva and Glyphs, when an individual requests that mail be forwarded to a new or temporary address (“temporarily away”). One must make special arrangements with the Post Office, and pay to have third class mail forwarded.

AAHS has to pay “postage due” on all undeliverable, and thus returned, publications. The society pays for the original postage to mail Glyphs, it pays postage due for the returned issues, and it pays again when mailing an issue that the subscriber did not receive due to failure to have third class mail forwarded. Also, missing issues of Kiva are billed to AAHS at the full publisher’s rate when they are resent.

Because we operate on a razor-thin financial margin, AAHS can no longer continue to re-send missing issues without recovering its costs. These costs may include printing, postage, and postage-due charges. For example, in July 2006, over a dozen Glyphs were returned with postage due.

We will, of course, continue to re-send issues to individuals and libraries who have not changed addresses and find they are missing a particular issue. It is incumbent upon all AAHS members to keep their address information current. If a move to a new address is imminent, please notify the Vice President for Membership, Doug Gann, at 520.882.6946 or <dgann@cdarc.org>.

To give everyone an opportunity to absorb this change, the policy to recover costs for having to re-mail copies of AAHS publications became effective January 1, 2007.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT — THE KIVA

AAHS members have, by now, received one copy of The Kiva 72(1) with printing errors and a letter of apology and explanation from AltaMira Press. 72(1) was reprinted and should be in your mailboxes. AltaMira has taken steps to ensure that such errors will not happen again. AAHS would like to request that you tear off the covers, recycle, or otherwise creatively dispose of the original issue of 72(1).
It has long been an unfortunate fact that a dominant point-of-view, an accepted overarching theory, has held archaeology back. Careers are often built on a particular theory: books are published, followers seek confirming data, and a dominant paradigm is created that brooks no opposition. An example close to home comes immediately to mind: Emil Haury declaring that the Huhugam had to be a riverine people because no one could survive in the desert. This closed mouths and minds about the existence of the Marana Mound site. (Note: I use the O’odham spelling of Huhugam rather than Hohokam; it is their word after all.)

On the December 2006 Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society field trip to Cocoroque Butte, I saw a juxtaposition of petroglyphs on a small rock pile just south of the main site that crystallized my idea that gender bias appears to have inhibited rock art interpretation and created a paradigm that is not consistent with the facts. Anthropomorphic stick figures are common in southern Arizona, many with a rather large line coming straight down between their legs (Figure 1, bottom). While some have found the representation ambiguous and labeled them “Lizardman,” most of the people I have talked with in the field believe them to be male bragging, a penis often longer than their legs! This may reflect male dominance and gender bias in archaeology, but it does not make sense when compared and contrasted with other anthropomorphs.

For instance, I have yet to see a figure that is believed to be a shaman (male, as far as we know) with such an appendage. Images of linked dancers, which by ethnographic analogy we know to usually be male, lack such pronounced genitalia (Figure 1, top). Some of these figures clearly appear to be pregnant (Figure 2). Either we have pregnant men, or conventional wisdom about “male bragging” is far from the mark.

To the extent that we can determine, another view seems much simpler. Survival of the family, the band, the village, was the first priority of ancient peoples. Rock art associated with water, with hunting, with agriculture—the necessities of survival—is well accepted.

Rock art representations of pregnant bighorns and deer are accepted. In a time when infant and maternal mortality was undoubtedly high, would not there be a significant amount of concern about perpetuating the family? The band? The village? We know that there were ceremonies in many prehistoric cultures to ensure the fertility of young women, including the grinding of powders in cupules, with those cupules sometimes located in the rock art representation of a fecund mother figure (see especially, the Anasazi petroglyphs at Rock Art Ranch near Winslow). If there was hunting magic and growing magic and water magic, there certainly should be room for birthing magic.

That would make all of those anthropomorphic figures women, and women, then, the dominant human representation in Huhugam rock art. Sorry, fellas.

To comment, please contact the author at: <bluemoon@dakota.net>.
Final Report on Sierra Ancha Cliff Dwellings

Now Available

Since 1981, Richard C. Lange has conducted research in the rugged Sierra Ancha of east-central Arizona. Numerous cliff dwellings occur in the canyons, most dating to the late A.D. 1200s and early 1300s. A final report is now available through the University of Arizona press: *Echoes in the Canyons: The Archaeology of the Southeastern Sierra Ancha, Central Arizona* (Archaeological Series No. 198, Arizona State Museum).

The cliff dwellings were first formally described by Emil W. Haury in 1934, under the auspices of the Gila Pueblo Foundation in Globe. Haury directed two forays into the area, and his report (1934; Gila Pueblo Medallion Paper No. 14) was the only formal publication for many decades. His research contributed significantly to studies extending the range of tree-ring dating below the Mogollon Rim.

Arizona State Museum’s Sierra Ancha Cliff Dwelling Project began in 1981, as a follow-up to the museum’s Cholla-Saguaro Powerline Project directed by Lynn Teague and Jeff Reid. During the Cholla project, Lange worked with crews to map and record several cliff dwellings in drainages leading toward Canyon Creek. In writing up the materials from the powerline project, the Gila Pueblo Foundation’s site records and collections from the southeastern Sierra Ancha became important.

The Sierra Ancha Cliff Dwellings Project sought to relocate, formally map and document, and recover additional tree-ring samples from all the cliff dwellings identified by Emil Haury. Lange was fortunate to acquire generous funding from private sources, as well as sponsorship from Earthwatch for two, 4-week sessions, in 1995 and 1996. Private support allowed formal drafting of the site maps, as well as analyses of the botanical artifacts and the roofing systems. Thousands of photographs and documents are now part of the ASM collection, preserving data about these amazing sites for future use. Over the years, dozens of volunteers have shared in the thrill of studying the spectacular cliff dwellings of the southeastern Sierra Ancha, both in the field and in the lab. Now you can read all about their exciting work. Find information about the Sierra Ancha Cliff Dwelling Project at [http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/arch/arcprojs.shtml](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/arch/arcprojs.shtml) and click on the link the UA Press.

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December 2006 Raffle Prize Winners

AAHS held its annual raffle at the December 18 meeting. A special thanks goes to Mel Copeland who coordinated the raffle! Winners are listed here.

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Two Volunteers Needed at General Meetings

We need two individuals for audiovisual help at our monthly general meetings. These individuals will be responsible for working with speakers to ensure that their A/V materials are successfully presented. Familiarity with PowerPoint and with interfacing PCs to projection equipment is necessary. We would like two volunteers so one person can be a backup for the other to ensure coverage at all monthly meetings. To volunteer, or for further information, please contact Peter Boyle at <sjpboyle@aol.com> or 232.1394.
**UPCOMING ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM EVENTS**

**Canoa Ranch Tour**
March 3, 2007; 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Hosted by ASM, this tour of Canoa Ranch (established in 1820 as part of the Spanish land grant), its pastures, and archaeological sites is led by former resident Deezy Manning-Catron and Canoa Ranch Director Robi Pardue. Coffee and snacks served. Limit 20 people. Contact Darlene Lizaraga at 520.626.8381 or <dfl@email.arizona.edu>. [{$20 ASM members; $25 non-members]}

**Clay 2: Southwest Indian Pottery Tiles**
March 16–October 14, 2007
This exhibition showcases more than 75 different tiles, including works from early twentieth century Hopi artists Fanni Nampeyo and Sadie Adams, and Zia Pueblo artist Harvianna Toribio. The tiles on display reflect not only the traditional approaches from the earliest days of tile making, but also contemporary and innovative designs that push the envelope of the materials and form.

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“Third Thursdays” Lecture Program, 7:30 p.m., Old Pueblo Auditorium
March 15, 2007: Jay Cravath, Kokopelli: Mystery of a Flute Player

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