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ROCK ART
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The Nevada Rock Art Foundation's principal objectives are to document rock art sites at risk, and work to conserve and ensure the integrity and future protection of all Nevada rock art sites

The Foundation respects the cultural heritage and traditions of indigenous peoples in all its activities

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GREAT BASIN GLYPH NOTES

Annual Meeting News

We celebrated our “wood anniversary” in beautiful Boulder City – April 27-29 at our 4th Annual Meeting (for our 5th Anniversary) and what a wonderful time we had! Boulder City is one of the neatest towns in the state and NRAF got a fantastic reception from the whole town. A number of folks arrived on Friday evening for the reception at the Boulder Dam Hotel – where NRAF bought a drink for everyone while they were registered by Debbie Chan, Nancy Humphries and Gus Quinlan. The BDH is in the heart of Boulder City and was built when the town was new during the construction of the Boulder Dam and it’s the nicest “dam hotel” we’ve ever been to!

Nearly 100 NRAF members came from all over the state and points beyond to attend the meeting on Saturday, where we were welcomed by the Mayor of Boulder City (and NRAF Council of Advisors member) Bob Ferraro. Elaine Holmes, Nancy Humphries and Gus continued with registrations as well as selling NRAF merchandise, alongside Artisans Anne Carter, Jeanne Howerton & Charlie Rodenwald and Bert Bruce & Peggy Stevenson, who all presented their artwork for sale.

Presentations during the day began with Alanah doing the annual review with a twist – instead, it was *Five Years in Review* – which was followed by a review of NRAF projects for 2006 by Gus. The program also included an update by George Phillips on the Site Stewardship program in Clark County (which is run through the Public Lands Institute at UNLV), the archaeology of Gold Butte by Amy Gilreath, an overview of the issues facing the National Conservation Areas in Clark County (administered by the BLM) by Mark Boatwright and Jon Harmon jumped in and did a demonstration on how to use D-Stretch (a photographic enhancement technique for pictographs) when one of our speakers had to cancel at the last minute (Sali Underwood, SHPO Site Steward Coordinator was recovering from her honeymoon!).



Photo by Barbby Struble

Following the day’s program was our Annual Awards Banquet with speaker David Valentine (Black Rock Desert & Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area archaeologist) who told us about one of only a few rock art sites whose production could potentially be traced to a specific individual. The evening was concluded by everyone’s favourite – the *Rocky Awards*.

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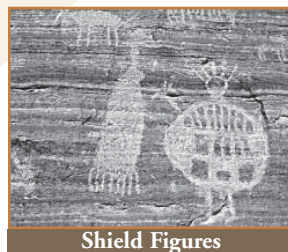
Award recipients this year included: Board Member Chuck Greene, Board Member Dianne Jennings & Dan Kaffer, Mark Henderson, Marilyn MacMurtrie, Barby Struble, Carolyn Wolfe, Norm Kresge, Nancy Humphries, Lynn Norman, Joanne Gira, Janice Hoke, Sue Roberts, Peggy Stevenson, Jeff Thelen, Matt Schneider, and Gus Quinlan. The much coveted *NRAF Silver Pin* - awarded to those who go far above and beyond in working to achieve NRAF's goals - was given to Anne Carter, Janice Hoke, Barby Struble, and Tina Wener. The *Friend of the Foundation* award - given to non-affiliated individuals or organizations who have contributed significantly to the mission of the NRAF - was given to the Clark County Site Stewardship Program and the State Historic Preservation Office Site Stewardship Program. The *Executive Director's Distinguished Service Award* - given for exceptional service to the organization - was given to Elaine Holmes and Anne McConnell. And finally, the *Holmes Volunteer of the Year Award* was given to Ralph & Cheryl Bennett - and no one deserves it more. We all join together in saying "thanks and congratulations" to our award winners for all they do to make NRAF a success - good job!

Everyone had a terrific time and the NRAF Annual Meeting allowed members to mingle and renew acquaintances while learning more about the mission of the NRAF. Our organization continues to work with land managers and stakeholders to document and protect the rock art of Nevada and adjacent areas. As our organization grows and more people see how their own lives are enriched by this precious resource, NRAF will continue to do whatever it takes to make sure that the rock art that we all love will still be around to be treasured by generations to come.

And for those of you who like to plan early ... the **5th NRAF Annual Meeting** is going to be at the **Carson Valley Inn** in lovely Minden on **May 2 - 4, 2008** - so mark your calendars now! And if you're interested in helping with the arrangements for the meeting, please let Alanah know - she can really use your help!

Annual Meeting Field Trips

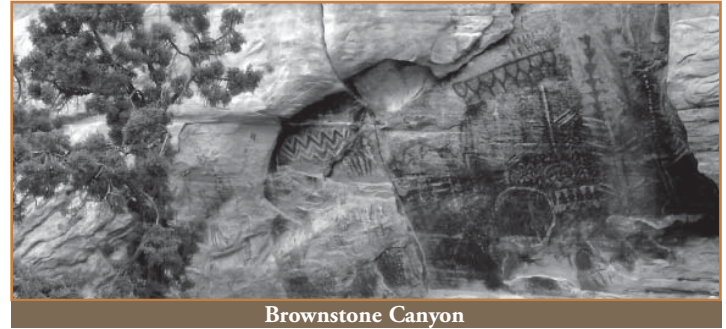
The annual meeting was completed on Sunday by a series of field trips - and with so many great sites to choose from, how can you miss! Elaine Holmes (NRAF Southern Projects Coordinator) led a tour to Arrow Canyon. According to



Shield Figures

Photo by Elaine Holmes

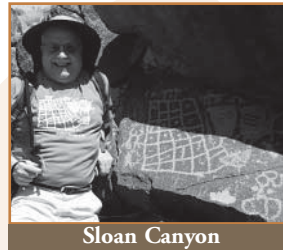
Nevada Place Names, Arrow Canyon got its name when warring bands of Southern Paiutes called a truce and shot their arrows into the canyon wall as a symbol of peace. Part of the canyon is now designated wilderness which may help to protect some of the wonderful shield figures and other rock art found there.



Brownstone Canyon

Photo by Anne Carter

BLM Archaeologist and NRAF Member Mark Boatwright led a trip to Brownstone Canyon which is one of the most amazing pictograph sites in the state ... but the petroglyphs found there are pretty darned great too! The entire area is made up of golden tan Navajo and rich red Aztec sandstone and well preserved agave roasting pits - and fieldtrip participants got the extra benefit of having Eileen Green (2004 NRAF Lifetime Achievement Award winner) along for the ride!



Sloan Canyon

Photo by Barby Struble

NRAF Staff Archaeologist Barby Struble returned to her home-away-from-home - Sloan Canyon - to lead that field trip.

Several NRAF members decided to take the challenge of the long hike and visit one of the most spectacular sites in southern

Nevada. The canyon has been designated a Wilderness Area and sits inside a National Conservation Area, but plans are underway to open it up to public visitation. NRAF's documentation work there last year will become a part of the public education effort by the BLM.

And recently retired BLM Archaeologist Mark Henderson led the tour to his old stomping grounds - Mt. Irish. For those who were unable to participate in the documentation project there in 2005, this was a chance to see what the rest of us have been raving about! The beautiful landscape and unique rock art make this a "must see" destination for anyone who loves rock art.

For those of us who couldn't go on a field trip, Jon Harmon did a workshop on using D-Stretch which included loading the program into our laptops and showing us how to enhance our own photographs - it's a great process and very useful for bringing out pictographs that have faded from view. For those of us who are using digital cameras, this is a terrific program to enhance pictographs and the program is free - contact info@nevadarockart.org to find out more!



Original



Enhanced

Southern News

Activities in the south have wound down for the summer – too darned hot! But NRAF Director Heidi Roberts offered up her office for a members meeting on June 9th. We had planned on doing a picnic at Red Springs, but even locals complained that it would be too hot, so we opted for air conditioned comfort. Members were treated to a nice slide show of the Annual Meeting and upcoming projects and events, plus there was discussion on NRAF growth and upcoming projects in southern Nevada. The organizational infrastructure in Las Vegas is not sufficient to support all of our social and educational activities yet, but we're working on it! And until that happens, we'll continue to meet regularly and work on documentation projects during the cooler months.

In the meantime, NRAF continues to help train Site Stewards for the Little Red Rocks area as well as support the SHPO & Clark County programs in general by recruiting new Site Stewards and helping as an Archaeological Advisor – for which the SHPO gave NRAF an award! Site monitoring is so



Little Red Rocks Stewards

important and although NRAF no longer oversees that particular activity, we will continue to support it in every way we can.



SHPO Award

And we're happy to announce that Mark Henderson had such a great time leading the Annual Meeting Field Trip to Mt Irish that he's decided to make it a regular event! Mark's many years of experience as the BLM Ely Field Office Archaeologist make him the perfect person to lead this tour and we're very pleased to make it a regular part of our Free Educational Tours for the public. He'll be doing it on the first Saturday of the month in May, July and September – so if you missed it this May, you can still go!

Lecture Series Review & Preview

Dr. Nissen had to cancel her presentation for June, but we were able to make a quick adjustment and get ("direct from England") Dr. Angus Quinlan to speak in her place!

He presented an explanation of the theory of Sympathetic Magic which underlies the popular interpretation of rock art as being associated with hunting magic. He discussed the basic theoretical model, strengths, weaknesses and archaeological applications. Very informative!



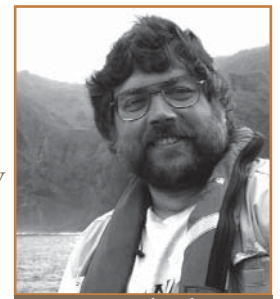
And just because Dr. Nissen wasn't able to come, we went ahead and organized the field trip to FIND THE LOGO! We're doing a variety of cool things this year as part of our 5th Anniversary Celebration and this field trip is one of them. At the time of writing this field trip is still 4 weeks away – but the plan is to have Chef Jefe provide a

sumptuous lunch and we'll form a survey line to carefully walk the site because our own NRAF Logo is supposed to be at the East Walker River site in Lyon County! At least that's what Heizer & Baumhoff say (1962:Fig 86) ... but Alanah has a bet with Jeff Thelen that they're wrong! \$5 is on the line along with bragging rights – Jeff thinks that H&B are correct but Alanah says "NO! Our logo is completely out of character for that site!" But Jeff could be right ... there are some other motifs at the site that look vaguely similar to our Logo – so is it there or not? We're going to find out the answer to that burning question – so stay tuned for the next Great Basin Glyph Notes! And just for those of you who are curious, look closely at Figure 86a and 86b on page 149 of *Petroglyphs of Eastern California and Nevada* – it's the same boulder drawn from photographs taken from two different angles ... that's why drawing from a photograph is always the last resort in any NRAF documentation.

Ken Hedges is still scheduled to be our speaker in August when he'll discuss his many years of work on the relationship between shamanism and rock art – so you won't want to miss that!

And don't forget that in October, again as part of our year-long Five Year Anniversary Celebration, we have the

one and only Dr. Paul Bahn coming to Nevada! This is going to be a very special treat and you should mark your calendars now! Dr. Bahn will be in Las Vegas first, at the new Springs Preserve on October 17th, followed by an appearance in Reno at the Nevada Museum of Art on October 25th, and we want to pack the house at both venues. To bring Dr. Bahn to the USA



Dr. Paul Bahn

this event is being funded by the NRAF and is supported by a grant from the Nevada Humanities. This is a ticketed event and NRAF members will get the usual member discount on the price of admission. This is going to be an exciting event – one that you'll definitely want to bring your friends to and we're planning for a book signing and possibly some other social events and maybe even a site tour or two.

Northern News

In June we returned to Dry Lakes to continue the work we started there 2 years ago. With on-going support from the BLM Carson City Field Office archaeologists Jim Carter and Peggy Waski, we will keep at it until all of the rock art in that sensitive area is documented. The largest sites have been done, so now it's a matter of completing the smaller ones with the greatest attention to those that are closest to the most often traveled roads. The sites that are the most threatened remain our highest priority, as well as helping to finalize the baseline documentation for all the sites being monitored by Site Stewards. Dry Lakes Team Leaders (Don & Joanne Murray, Signa Pendgraft & Jeff Thelen) play a leading role in that and if you're a Site Steward in Dry Lakes, be sure you're on the NRAF News Flash list so you can be included in the documentation of "your site." We'll be getting close to finishing the initial documentation of this area by the end of the field season in 2008 and after that there will be ongoing monitoring as development inches closer and closer. The Red Hawk Recreational Park underway along with new housing in the area and we want to keep ahead of the wave of visitors who will be flooding into the Dry Lakes basins once the new residents arrive.



Dry Lakes



Lagomarsino

Plans are underway to return to Lagomarsino for our 4th season – sporadic “catch-up & clean-up” work will go on through the summer – so be sure you're on the News Flash if you want the opportunity to participate in some short one or two day projects. The last week in September and first week in October we'll be working on the larger group project and this year as part of our 5th Anniversary celebrations, we're planning a barbeque in Virginia City! If you've ever worked at Lagomarsino (or if you've ever wanted to!) – you're invited to come to the party on Saturday September 29th at 3pm! We'll do this instead of our regular Northern Coordinators Potluck which would have been during the same week – NRAF will provide meat for the barbeque and you can bring your favorite dish and/or drink to add to the feast. Also if you want to help organize, please contact info@nevadarockart.org.

Over the past few years, we've worked primarily along the road at Lagomarsino since that area of the site is the most accessible and so the most vulnerable. We have completed the lower section of the site that is located on Storey County property from the fence/parking area on the west end to where the road crosses the stream on the east side of the site. We began to move up the talus slope last season and in some sections we're nearly to the cliff face ... where the really BIG motifs are. Dario Caloss made the observation during our first year that the motifs at the bottom of the slope are smaller than the ones on the cliff face so that when viewed from across the stream the perspective brings them together so that they appear to be the same size. What an amazing place! If you haven't come before, you'd better make plans now! The agreement for reduced rooms for NRAF volunteers at the Western Village Inn & Casino in Sparks has not yet been made for this year. But in the past, Dan Smercina (General Manager of the hotel) has offered us rooms for only \$29/day! Hopefully that will be the case again and if so, Alanah will send out a News Flash to let you know since the next Great Basin Glyph Notes won't be out in time. Yet again, if you're not on that News Flash – you're missing out!!

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Hard Rock Café Membership Drive

The Hard Rock Café in Harvey's at Tahoe was the scene of NRAF's first membership drive event in June. A slide show of some of the most beautiful rock art in the state played while more than 75 people came to listen to the cool sounds of musicians Monique De Haviland, Wesley Orsolic and Liz Broscoe, interspersed with short presentations by NRAF "Rock Stars" Alanah Woody & Gus Quinlan. It was a great venue, the music was terrific and we were able to share our message of rock art preservation and protection to a roomful of people who have never heard of our organization. Event organizer and Board Member, Dianne Jennings, gathered up a bunch of great raffle items – with a grand prize of a Patagonia jacket. The room was buzzing with excitement each time she pulled raffle tickets and awarded prizes. Vicki Curwen created the great poster shown here; she and Sandy Zoerner sold NRAF merchandise, while Janice Hoke signed up people for a variety of featured field trips. Nancy Humphries was the roving photographer and Betty Young checked people in. Everyone did a great job and Dianne gets a special nod for her effort – she's chairing the Membership Committee and is planning events and activities throughout the state that will help bring in new members. The NRAF will grow stronger and will be able to have greater influence with greater numbers and if all of Dianne's events are as much fun as the Hard Rock Café "Rock Stars at Tahoe" event, we're all in for a great time!



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Membership Application: Yes, I want to join! Yes, I want to renew!

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2007 Calendar of Events

Tours, presentations and projects fill very quickly, so if you don't want to miss out... reserve a place early info@nevadarockart.org!

ALL events are in Nevada, unless otherwise noted.

July

- 1-31 **Rockin' Art Show**, Artists Coop, Reno
- 7 **Mt. Irish Site Tour**
- 21 **Grimes Point Site Tour**
- 25 **Northern Coordinators Potluck** – RSVP to Bennett@nevadarockart.org
- 26-31 **Documentation Project at Dry Lakes**
- 28-29 **Documentation Training, Reno**

August

- 8 **Mt. Irish Site Tour**
- 18 **Southern Members Meeting** at the Wengert Room (Nevada Power Company)
- 22 **NRAF Lecture** – Ken Hedges, location TBA
- 23 **Presentation at the Gate Keepers Museum**, Lake Tahoe

September

- 1 **Mt. Irish Site Tour**
- 15 **Grimes Point Site Tour**
- 24 **Documentation Project at Lagomarsino begins**
- 25 **Presentation at the Nevada State Museum**
- 29-30 **Documentation Training**, Virginia City
- 29 **Lagomarsino CELEBRATION Barbeque**

October

- 1 **Documentation Project at Lagomarsino ends**
- 17 **NRAF Presentation** – Dr. Paul Bahn at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas
- 25 **NRAF Presentation** – Dr. Paul Bahn at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno

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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with a vast array of tasks from database management to stuffing envelopes and making photocopies. If you want to help but don't know what you can do, we have a job for you regardless of your skill level!

Our Foundation is growing fast - and we need your help to keep up! If you're willing to give or set up presentations, school activities, lead site tours, or just stuff envelopes - let us know and we'll put you to work.

THIS & THAT

NRAF was asked to participate in the Oasis Conference in March, which is sponsored by the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs every other year to discuss cultural issues throughout the state. This is a great conference and a great opportunity to learn about “all things cultural” in Nevada and a great opportunity for NRAF to talk about the importance of rock art and its heritage significance. NRAF organized a panel discussion on how to better protect rock art and the discussants included agency, tribal and citizen representatives. The discussion is so important and cooperation between all of the various stake holders is critical to the long term preservation of the rock art of Nevada.



Joy Bridgeman and her merry band of NRAF helpers again had a booth as part of the Earth Day festivities – this has become an Annual Event for the Reno version of Earth Day organized by Joy Bridgeman and each year it's gotten better!

Thanks Joy for getting us involved in this great program! This year she had help from Sandy Zoerner, Bert Bruce and Peggy Stevenson, Roger Alther, Sue Roberts and Kent Whelan – a great group!

In Las Vegas, NRAF had a booth at the Summerlin Earth Faire and Keith Lozeau & Joann Gira, Linda Avance, Carolyn Robins and Mellanee Garrison and her son Austin came out to pass out information and materials. They all had fantastic suggestions to make next year's event better – so be watching for the call to action for Earth Day!

Sally Masuo gets a big pat-on-the-back for organizing a unique fundraising event in Reno ... Once each year Macy's has a “Community Shopping Day” and they allow non-profits to sell tickets for shopping discounts – people who buy the ticket get great discounts on Macy's merchandise and the we get to keep the ticket sales! Each ticket sold for \$10 and Sally and her helpers sold 100 tickets – how great is that! Barby Struble, Kathleen Hayes and Pan Lambert showed up at Macy's to help that day along with Roland and Sally – great job guys!



NRAF was really busy for Archaeology Awareness & Historic Preservation Month – free public educational site tours were done every single weekend! And that couldn't have happened with out the help of Gus Quinlan (who led the Sloan Canyon tour), Mark Henderson (who led the Mt. Irish tour), and Oyvind Frock (who led the Toquima Cave tour AND gathered up workers for the Court of Antiquity clean-up ... at least on one of the days of the clean up!). We may not do this many tours again, but there was a lot of interest and we were able to spread the word about preservation to lots of people who wouldn't ordinarily hear the message.

Code of Ethics

The Nevada Rock Art Foundation subscribes to the following Code of Ethics and its members, as a condition of membership, agree to abide by the standards of conduct stated herein.

1. NRAF respects the cultural and spiritual significance of rock art sites and shall not engage in any activity that adversely affects site integrity. NRAF members will be respectful at rock art sites – many are regarded as sacred by indigenous peoples and as such will be treated as a valued part of our shared cultural heritage.

2. NRAF members will strictly adhere to all local, state, and national antiquities laws. All research or educational activities taking place at rock art sites shall be subject to appropriate regulations and property access requirements.

3. All rock art recording shall be non-destructive with regard to the rock art itself and any associated archeological remains which may be present.

4. No artifacts shall be collected unless the work is done as part of a legally constituted program of archaeological survey or excavation and with express permission of the landholder.

5. No excavation shall be conducted unless the work is done as part of a legally constituted excavation project and with the express permission of the landholder. Removal of soil shall not be undertaken at any time for the sole purpose of exposing subsurface rock art.

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