

# CASSP newsletter

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## Site stewards attend the SCA annual meeting in San Diego

By Chris and Beth Padon

Six site stewards volunteered their time to attend the April SCA annual meetings in San Diego to staff the CASSP information table in the book room. These site stewards represented three different CASSP teams. Jeff Lefave attended the second volunteer workshop, hosted by the Imperial Valley College Museum and the El Centro Field Office of the BLM back in 1999; Harvey Angle and Ren Reynolds are members of the Enterprise Rancheria team that is monitoring ancestral sites at

the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area of California State Parks; and Cuco Lepe and Ron and Annell Farris attended this year's workshop at the Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office of the BLM.

The CASSP information table offered handouts and displayed copies of recent workshop notebooks, the first issue of the CASSP newsletter, and a poster about the activities of volunteer site stewards. Annell and Ron also brought pictures of rock art and other features that they have taken of the archaeology site that they monitor.

At least two volunteers staffed the table for each day of the annual meeting, giving the other volunteers time to attend the symposia or to shop at the other tables in the book room.

The SCA supported the volunteer site stewards by waiving registration fees in exchange for donating at least five hours of time at the table. A grant from the Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Commission provided funding to help pay out-of-pocket costs of the volunteers.

We hope that other SCA members enjoyed visiting with the site stewards as much as they enjoyed attending the annual meeting. CASSP participants are already planning to attend the Sacramento meetings in 2003.



*Site Stewardship co-chair Beth Padon, with CASSP volunteers Harvey Angle and Ren Reynolds of the Enterprise Rancheria, Estom Yumeka Maidu, discuss CASSP materials at the site stewardship table in the book room of the SCA annual meeting.*



*Coordinating archaeologist Wanda Raschkow, with CASSP volunteers Cuco Lepe, Annell Farris, Ron Farris, and Jeff Lefave, and site stewardship committee co-chair Chris Padon, at the site stewardship table in the book room of the SCA annual meeting.*

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Humboldt Bay Lagoons State Park.  
Picture courtesy of California State Parks. Additional information about State Parks is available at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

### Report from the Field

## It Takes a Tribe: Looter Convicted in Humboldt County and New California Legislation Proposed

By Janet P. Eidsness

Up in Yurok country, the beaches and coastal lagoons are nearly deserted, save for the occasional fisherman or lone beach walker. Sea stacks stand like sentinels in the cold rolling surf. Frequent rain and fog keep the land perpetually green, with wind-sculptured trees facing the shore, backed by nearly impenetrable dark forests of redwood, spruce and a jumble of berries and brush. With cessation of Indian burning practices over a hundred years ago now, the coastal prairies have all but disappeared.

In pre-contact times, the Ner-er Ner (coastal Yurok) occupied dozens of villages along these now desolate shores. And today, many Yurok continue to reside in their ancestral lands, practice age-old traditions, and watch over and protect the old homes sites and graves of their ancestors. The Laras are one such family, brothers Frank and Walter. On a day in August 2000, Frank Lara watched a man with a shovel dig into his family's ancestral village site, now located on lands under the jurisdiction of California Department of Parks and Recreation. A year later in Humboldt County Superior Court, he had a chance to tell Judge Watson how he felt about it.

My name is Frank Lara, and I'm a Yurok Indian. Also, I'm a descendent of Tsahpek<sup>w</sup>, and the last person that was there was Johnny Skirk who died in the early fifties... He was my grandmother's great uncle's son... his wife, Maggie, is buried there, and her father, Lenook. Plus, her brother is buried right in the same area where Mr. Nelson was digging...

The thing that makes it so bad is that it's not if they [ancestors] had a million dollars or five dollars... it's these guys [looters] go there and digging around here and there, looking for this and looking for that, disturbing the way they [ancestors] were put to rest. They can't do what they're supposed to do up above because of this. In other words, if they had some heavy regalia, and that was gone,

well, then they can't carry their right spot like what they're supposed to up there when they get there or when they're still there. Their spirit is up there. And when this stuff is gone done here, then he can't perform because his spiritual stuff is not with him...

This is—to me—is tough... I never did dream I'd stand in front of the Court and plead something like this... I believe that this stuff going on all over should stop, and I that here's the place in Humboldt County that can stop that. And I believe that us as a whole people, not just Yuroks or Karuks, can put a halt to this. I think it's real heavy...

James Leroy Nelson (age 44), a local commercial fisherman, pleaded no contest to charges of "willfully removing or damaging something of archaeological interest on state land," a misdemeanor under the existing state law (California Penal Code 622 1/2). The Judge took the incident and Lara's testimony seriously, sentencing Nelson to 30-days in jail (commuted to community service), ordering him to pay a fine of \$675, placing him on probation for three years, and ordering him not to visit State Parks or Tribal Lands without express written permission for that time period. He also advised Nelson to write an apology to the Yurok Tribe. This is the heaviest sentence known on record for this type of violation on state lands. The incident has prompted introduction of new legislation (Senate Bill 1816) intended to deter vandalism by making such crimes punishable under a felony offence. State Parks law enforcement staff has now received site protection awareness training, and they regularly patrol the coastal village sites considered most at risk from vandalism. Public awareness that it is not appropriate to dig up old Indian sites is considerably heightened by front-page news coverage in the local *Times-Standard* (8/31/01 and 3/8/02 editions, by staff writer John Driscoll) and on television, and the story was picked up by Associated Press and printed in a daily legal digest, the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

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# Annual Report, March 2002

By Beth and Chris Padon

*(The following report was submitted to the Society for California Archaeology in March, 2002.)*

## 1. Organization and Administration

The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) is an activity of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA). The officers of the SCA and the CASSP committee provide direction and support. The 2001 CASSP committee includes: Duane Christian, Herb Dallas, Janet Eidsness, Mary Gorden, Jim Gorden, Kirk Halford, Stephen Horne, Russ Kaldenberg, Janine McFarland, Beth Padon, Chris Padon, Wanda Raschkow, Judyth Reed, Eric Ritter, Mike Sampson, Leslie Steidl, Jay von Werlhof, Sherilee von Werlhof, and Tom Wheeler.

CASSP is a network of concerned people who are committed to protecting California's rich cultural heritage. Site stewards promote protection through monitoring, education, research, and public awareness. Their on-site presence enhances the preservation of California's cultural resources for all. CASSP supports current volunteers and fosters new teams of professional archaeologists and trained volunteers as stewards.

Over the past year, CASSP has grown by gaining additional sponsors and supporters, including the Northern Buttes District at the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, the Mojave District of State Parks at Tehachapi, the Redding Field Office and South Coast/Palm Springs Office of the Bureau of Land Management, all of which signed the Memorandum Of Understanding to implement CASSP.

The site stewardship committee met on March 25, 2001, during the annual SCA meeting in Modesto. The committee reviewed the program and planned future activities. We discussed funding sources, received updates from Ridgecrest, Oroville, and Imperial County CASSP teams, and reviewed the program for the training workshop scheduled for year 2001. Judyth mentioned how Bill Wight, a CASSP site steward, has started a

volunteer monitoring program with Carolyn Shepherd at China Lake. Bill works on the base and contributes his vacation time to volunteer. Committee members also agreed to continue to hold "virtual" meetings by email and to schedule our next in-person meeting during the annual SCA meeting in San Diego in March, 2002.

During 2001, four newsletter articles were prepared for the SCA Newsletter in order to report about the program to the SCA membership. Beth Padon attended the November 2, 2001 SCA Board meeting and briefly outlined CASSP activities. Tom Wheeler, Southern Vice President on the SCA Board agreed to serve as the CASSP liaison to the Executive Board. We also asked the Board to sponsor a California Heritage Fund grant. The Board suggested that we prepare a proposal outline for their next meeting in February, 2002. Beth and Chris Padon attended that Board meeting in Sacramento and briefly presented the grant proposal for a California Heritage Fund grant. However, the State Office of Historic Preservation gave an initial review of our proposal and could not see a match with the grant's objectives. We decided not to submit our proposal, but retain the components of the three-year archaeological program and look for funding elsewhere.

In July and August, Russ Kaldenberg, State Archaeologist for the BLM and site stewardship committee member, wrote another grant proposal to obtain a second grant from the State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant program, (also known as the Green Sticker program). This grant will continue to fund training sessions to actively recruit volunteers from the OHV community for CASSP. On February 13, 2001, in Sacramento, Russ and Beth presented the CASSP proposal to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission members. The CASSP proposal was one of over 100 applications from local, state, and federal agencies. The Commission voted to support CASSP. With this grant, CASSP looks forward to organizing three new teams of volunteer site stewards in

2002, tracking accomplishments for CASSP volunteers, two advanced workshops, support for CASSP committee members to attend meetings of OHV organizations, review and update CASSP training for the field day.

## 2. Budget

In the past year, CASSP sources of funding have been two contracts with State Parks (total of \$7,000), grants from the BLM and OHV (\$49,000) and volunteer fees (total of \$1,250). CASSP expenditures have been primarily the workshops. In this past year, we started spending money to publicize and promote CASSP through meetings, articles, newsletter, and web site. We have spent approximately \$16,500 on workshops, \$6,800 on the newsletter, \$1,700 on web site development, and \$5,100 on publicity, meetings and other coordinator tasks. Over the last year, CASSP has contributed over \$2,000 for overhead to the SCA. The appendix chart illustrates income and expenses for March, 2001 to March, 2002.

The overall budget accounting for a volunteer program like CASSP must include time contributed by volunteers. We trained 77 new volunteers in five workshops for the year 2001-2002. (We trained 51 volunteers in the previous two years.) Volunteer site stewards are expected to spend about one half day per month visiting and monitoring their site, and many volunteers spend more time. Not all trained volunteers currently are active so we conservatively estimate that CASSP provided over 2,000 hours of time from volunteer site stewards in the past year. In addition, committee members volunteered over 250 hours for meetings, presentations, and associated tasks. The total volunteer time for CASSP is approximately 2,250 hours for the year March, 2001 to March, 2002.

## 3. Volunteer Training Workshops And CASSP Activities

CASSP held five training workshops for volunteers this past year! Leslie Steidl coordinates the team of twelve site stewards at Lake Oroville and participated in the workshop. We all joined

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Report from the Field

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## It Takes a Tribe: Looter and Legislation

The story of the incident went like this. Yurok Tribal member Frank Lara and Yurok Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer (THPO) Thomas Gates were eating lunch in their car, about a mile down the beach from the site, after a morning of backfilling recent looter's holes there with former Associate State Parks Archaeologist Karin Anderson and others. The rest of the group had already left. A man drives up, gets out, looks around, then puts a sawed-off shovel in his pack and starts to walk down the beach toward the site. Frank spoke to him, "Hey, you going clam diggin'?" Nelson says, "no, I'm not looking for meat," but for jasper (which is not known to occur naturally in the area). Frank suggested he go the opposite way down the beach, but the guy said, "No, I'm gonna stay on this side" and he takes off across the spit towards the site. Meanwhile, Frank and Tom drove up to the Lara's place overlooking the lagoon, get out the binoculars and watch Nelson walk directly to the site and throw shovel loads of dirt. They called State Parks law enforcement and when Nelson returned to the parking lot, Frank, Tom and Ranger Bob Anderson were waiting for him. Nelson allowed Anderson to search his truck and backpack and check his pockets, but no cultural artifacts were found in his possession. Relying on Lara's and Gates' first-hand account, but not having witnessed Nelson in the act, Anderson issued him a Warning of Violation (WOV) that referenced CRC 4308, took down his name and address, and all departed the scene.

Now, Lara and Gates were very upset about this incident and the fact that

Nelson walked away scott free. And when brother Walter Lara and others heard the story, the rumble of discontent sounded like an earthquake rolling through the North Coast. But, they had the backing of the Yurok Tribe, help from State Parks and sought advice from the local District Attorney's office. Deputy DA Paul Hagan advised State Parks to file a lawsuit against Nelson for violating Penal Code 622 1/2 (Protection of Archeological Sites and Caves), which reads, "Every person, not the owner thereof, who willfully injures, disfigures, defaces, or destroys any object or thing of archeological or historical interest or value, whether situated on private lands or within any public park or place, is guilty of a misdemeanor." Karin Anderson, with help from Gates, Frank and Yurok Tribal members Gene Brundin, Kevin Exline and Vicki Bates, prepared the damage assessment, mapping the freshly dug holes, estimating volume of disturbance and describing the exposed contents.

Recently, the Yurok Tribe asked State Senator Wesley Chesbro (Democrat, Arcata) to help by introducing new legislation that will be a more effective deterrent to site vandalism on state (and private) lands in California. Co-authored by Assembly Member Strom-Martin, the first draft of SB 1816 (Native American Historical Resources Protection Act) was introduced on February 22, 2002. (Please see the sidebar.) To learn about this proposed legislation and to monitor the bill's progress, visit the California legislature web site at <http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/>.

### Chesbro Proposes Legislation to Crack Down on Looting of Native American Sites

Sacramento – Senator Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata) today announced that he has introduced legislation to increase criminal and monetary penalties for persons caught vandalizing, defacing, or looting Native American cultural or burial sites. SB 1816 was introduced at the request of the Yurok Tribe in Humboldt County.

SB 1816, known as the Native American Historic Resource Protection Act, increases the penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony including State prison time for up-to-two years and a fine of \$50,000 for persons convicted of destroying a Native American cultural or burial site.

"The message must be crystal clear that we will not tolerate grave robbing or the destruction of these cultural sites," Chesbro said. "For too long society has looked the other way when burial sites have been looted or vandalized. My bill will give the police and district attorneys the tools they need to punish grave robbers and make them think twice before destroying sacred sites."

In Humboldt County, when individuals have been found guilty for vandalizing or destroying burial sites near Stone Lagoon, State law only allowed for misdemeanor charges to be filed with the maximum of six months in the county jail. However, if this same incident occurred on federal property, federal law requires a sentence to a federal prison for up to one year.

"Our people feel very strongly that our cultural history is being lost by the ongoing destruction of our community and sacred places," said Susan Masten, Chairperson of the Yurok Tribe. "Too many of our ancestors have been desecrated and dishonored and I am sure other tribes have suffered similar assaults. We need stronger laws to protect our heritage and SB 1816 is a step in the right direction."

SB 1816 also allows for civil penalties to be charged to the defendants based on the cultural resource damage and the cost to repair and restore the site.



*Photos of past vandalism, copied from the CASSP volunteer training workshop notebook. The spray paint occurred at site CA-KER-95. Evidence of illegal digging was discovered at site CA-TUL-477*



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Leslie, including Ranger Vic Herrick, for a tour of the archaeological sites that will be monitored by the site stewards. Herb Dallas coordinates the team of site stewards at Tomo-Kahni State Park; he involved other State Park archaeologists and Rangers at the Tehachapi workshop on June 11-12, 2001. The fifteen site stewards at Tomo-Kahni will be taking photographs from precise locations set up throughout the archaeological site complex. Judyth Reed held a training workshop on June 23, 2001, in California City. This group of sixteen volunteers included several employees of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Russ Kaldenberg had learned that the LADWP impacted some archaeological sites along their pipeline, and arranged for LADWP to send representatives to the June 23 CASSP workshop for awareness training. By the end of the workshop, several of these participants were enthusiastic volunteers. Since then, the LADWP site stewards developed their monitoring route to cover several known sites along their section of the pipeline and report regularly to Judyth at Ridgecrest. Eric Ritter serves as the coordinating archaeologist at the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. On September 26, 2001, nine volunteers took the training and next day everyone joined Eric on the field trip. We found out how difficult it can be to observe site disturbances in areas of dense vegetation. Wanda Raschkow, archaeologist at the BLM Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office is the coordinating archaeologist for this CASSP team. The trip to Corn Springs, an archaeological site approximately two hours east of Palm Springs, showed how extensive this BLM resource area is. We trained 25 site stewards at this workshop, which means that there are a total of 128 site stewards for CASSP. At least five more workshops are scheduled for 2002:

- Alturas Field Office and Surprise Field Office (April 20-21)
- Hollister Field Office (June)
- Lake Oroville (September)
- Clear Lake/Ukiah Field Office (November)

Arcata Field Office (date to be determined)

Over Labor Day weekend, September, 2001, CASSP site stewards and other public volunteers participated in rescue archaeology fieldwork at the Bedrock Spring site near Ridgecrest, where they assisted professional archaeologists with the test excavations at this site. On March 11 and 12, 2002, in Palm Springs, Beth and Chris Padon furnished a display about CASSP at the Desert Tortoise Conference. We spoke with several of the 200 attendees including Pete Woodman, son of CASSP volunteers, Joan and Al Woodman. Many people commented that they had not known about the archaeological site stewardship program and took brochures and newsletters.

In January, CASSP published its first newsletter. We mailed out over 300 copies and hand delivered another 50 to the SCA Board meeting on February 1, 2002 and to the OHMVR commission on February 13, 2002. Janet Eidsness, SCA Native American Programs chair, has joined us to assist in the publishing of the CASSP newsletter.

The CASSP committee is pleased to report such encouraging results for the third year of the program. We congratulate participating volunteers for helping to protect archaeological sites for the future. Currently, our list of people interested in site stewardship totals over 300. We are using this database to send out the CASSP newsletter.

Our next CASSP training workshop will be sponsored by the Alturas Field Office and the Surprise Field Office

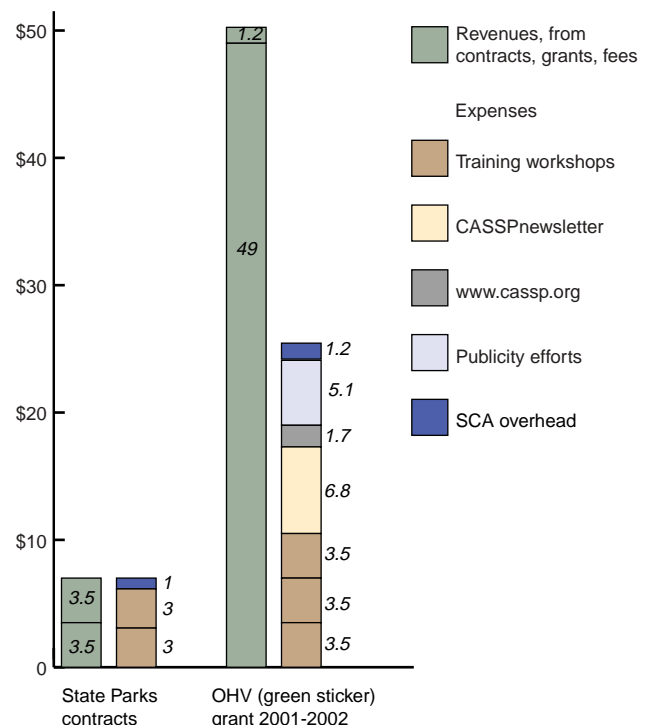
of the Bureau of Land Management. Cheryl Foster-Curley and Penni Van Ornum, BLM archaeologists, will serve as the coordinating archaeologists for a new team of site stewards who will monitor archaeological resources in the Alturas and Cedarville area. The training workshop is scheduled for April 20-21.

4. Plans for 2002-2003

CASSP has started several tasks for 2002:

- The first advanced workshop was organized from discussions with Janine McFarland and Stephen Horne. It will be held this year, and will focus on site mapping skills.
- The next site stewardship training workshop will be held on April 20-21.
- Next CASSP newsletter will be coming out in late April, 2002.
- Complete the tasks of the OHV grants.

Income and Expenses (in thousands) March 2001 to March 2002, by source



Focus on Volunteers

# CASSP Profile: Site Stewards Al and Joan Woodman

By Judyth Reed

Al and Joan (pronounced JoAnn) Woodman of Ridgecrest care for a series of sites in an area of volcanic boulders south of Little Lake in Inyo County. The area is just off Highway 395 and is easily accessible to the public so site stewardship here is important. They missed the very first CASSP class in Ridgecrest in 1998 but attended the next class, in El Centro. They enjoyed the class, especially the lecture by Jay von Werlhof of Imperial Valley College Desert Museum and the role-playing exercises.

Al and Joan have lived in Ridgecrest for almost 50 years. They met at the

University of Michigan and came to Ridgecrest straight out of college, because Al, a research chemist, had accepted a job at China Lake Naval Weapons Station, a military testing and research facility that had been established only a few years before Al and Joan arrived. They are now enjoying a very active retirement, volunteering for Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest as well as their site stewardship duties. Al and Joan have recently assisted two graduate students with field work for their Masters Theses, one in prehistoric and one in historic archaeology. As this is written they are scheduled to assist with field work again, helping to document a series

of prehistoric rock alignments and related sites. Last year, they assisted with the second Site Stewardship class in Ridgecrest, bringing their monitoring photos and materials as an example for folks in the class and staying to answer questions and chat with the new students.

They have known about the site they monitor since around 1992 when someone else, knowing they had an interest in rock art, told them about it. They found a series of rock art sites and related sites and features, and also found that these sites are either poorly documented or not documented at all. In 1993 or 1994, before BLM started the site stewardship program, they began mapping the sites, systematically searching the area, cleaning up trash, and generally taking care of the area. What they enjoy most about site stewardship is being out-of-doors and caring for a special place and the resources. Joan says what she likes most is, "Caring, sharing, and protecting," the CASSP motto.

Al and Joan truly care about their site. They work diligently to care for it and to know and understand what is there. We thank them and commend them for setting a fine example for the CASSP program since before it started.



*Judyth Reed, Al and Joan Woodman at the CASSP table during the Millennium Conference at Barstow, May 2001 (left).*

*Joan and Al Woodman taking the volunteer training workshop at Imperial Valley College, El Centro, October 1999 (below left).*

*Al Woodman screening excavated soils at Bedrock Spring, September, 2001. (below right)*



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## Advanced Training Workshop

# Common-Sense Sketch Mapping for Archaeological Sites

Current CASSP volunteers are invited to attend a one-day advanced training workshop on sketch mapping. This workshop will be held on July 20, 2002, at the Paiute Shoshone Indian Cultural Center in Bishop. The classroom session will start at 9:00 am, and field exercises at an actual archaeological site will take place in the afternoon. The class will end by 4:00 pm.

Please note that only current CASSP volunteers are eligible to attend the advanced workshop. Study materials and lunch will be provided. No fee will be charged for this workshop, but participants have to pay their own travel and other costs.

Archaeologists Stephen Horne and Janine McFarland, who have taught similar classes, will teach this workshop. They submitted the following abstract for this class:

### *Workshop Goal:*

To provide volunteers the skills to record spatial characteristics of archaeological sites in graphic form and to document changes in baseline site conditions using existing sketch maps.

### *Skill Objectives:*

1. Develop basic topographical map reading skills.
2. Teach use of field compass and clinometer, using Silva Ranger type as the model.

3. Teach methods of distance measuring, including pacing, chaining, and rangefinder.

4. Teach use of Ready-Mapper plane table and not-to-scale annotated field sketches.

5. Teach note taking to support field sketch map.

### *Workshop Description:*

CASSP will present an advanced workshop for site stewards in the techniques of field sketch maps. You will learn to use topographic maps (USGS 7.5), learn to plot your position on a topographic map, learn your pace as a measuring tool, learn to measure distances using a variety of techniques, learn the use of a simple portable plane table called the "Ready Mapper," and learn how to ink a map on vellum from a field sketch. The workshop is limited to 21 individuals. CASSP will provide compasses, measuring tapes, rangefinders, clinometers, and Ready-Mappers. Each attendee will participate in making a sketch map as the final exercise for the workshop.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Beth Padon at (562) 492-6770 or at bpadon@discoveryworks.com or at Discovery Works, P O Box 91236, Long Beach, CA 90809, to make a reservation. Reservations must be made by June 20. Please make your reservations early, because space is limited.

## Calendar

# Updated schedule for new volunteer training workshops

New CASSP volunteers will be trained at the BLM Hollister Field Office on June 15–16. Erik Zaborsky will serve as the coordinating archaeologist for the site steward team at Hollister.

Another workshop for new volunteers will be held on September 21–22 at the BLM El Centro Field Office. The coordinating archaeologist for this new team will be Margaret Hangan.

Additional volunteer training workshops are planned for later in 2002. A workshop probably will be held for Adopt-a-Cabin participants in October. The BLM Clear Lake/Ukiah Field Office will host a workshop in November. And we hope to hold

a workshop at the BLM Barstow Field Office this year, but the date has yet to be determined.

Volunteer training workshops feature classroom sessions on Saturday, and exercises in the field on Sunday. Study materials and Saturday lunch are provided. The fee is \$25 per person, payable to the Society for California Archaeology. If you want more information, or if you are interested in attending a volunteer training workshop, then send an email to info@cassp.org or contact Beth or Chris Padon at Discovery Works, P O Box 91236, Long Beach, CA 90809, (562) 492-6770.

## Report from the SCA

# Site Stewardship Committee meeting on April 5

The Site Stewardship Committee of the SCA met during the SCA annual meeting in San Diego. This committee oversees CASSP for the SCA. All of the local coordinating archaeologists, the SCA vice president, and other SCA members belong to the committee. This meeting was attended by sixteen people, including two volunteer site stewards.

Several topics were discussed—funding opportunities from Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission, how to

keep better track of volunteer hours, subjects for advanced training workshops, the CASSP newsletter, workshop schedule, and how to encourage site stewards to complete their monitor forms each time that they visit their sites.

If you are excited about the work that you are doing with CASSP, please write a letter of support (to the address on page 8). They will help CASSP apply for funding and other support.

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## How much do you know about California?

We all know that California is known as the Golden State and that

the State flag is called the Bear Flag,  
the State bird is the California Valley Quail,  
the State flower is the Golden Poppy, and  
the State fossil is the Sabertoothed cat (*Smilodon californicus*).

But what is the State Mineral?

And what is the State Prehistoric Artifact?

If you think that you know the answers, please respond by email ([info@cassp.org](mailto:info@cassp.org)) or by mail (Discovery Works, P O Box 91236, Long Beach, CA 90809). Include your name and address. We will randomly select the winner from the many correct answers that we expect to receive. There are no restrictions on using outside sources. All entries must be received by June 1, 2002. The winner will be recognized in the next CASSP newsletter, and will receive a \$20 gift certificate for Starbucks, compliments of Discovery Works.

## CASSP newsletter

The **CASSP Newsletter** is a quarterly publication of the Society for California Archaeology Site Stewardship Committee. Newsletter editors are Beth Padon, Chris Padon, and Janet Eidsness. President of the Society for California Archaeology is Dana McGowan.

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