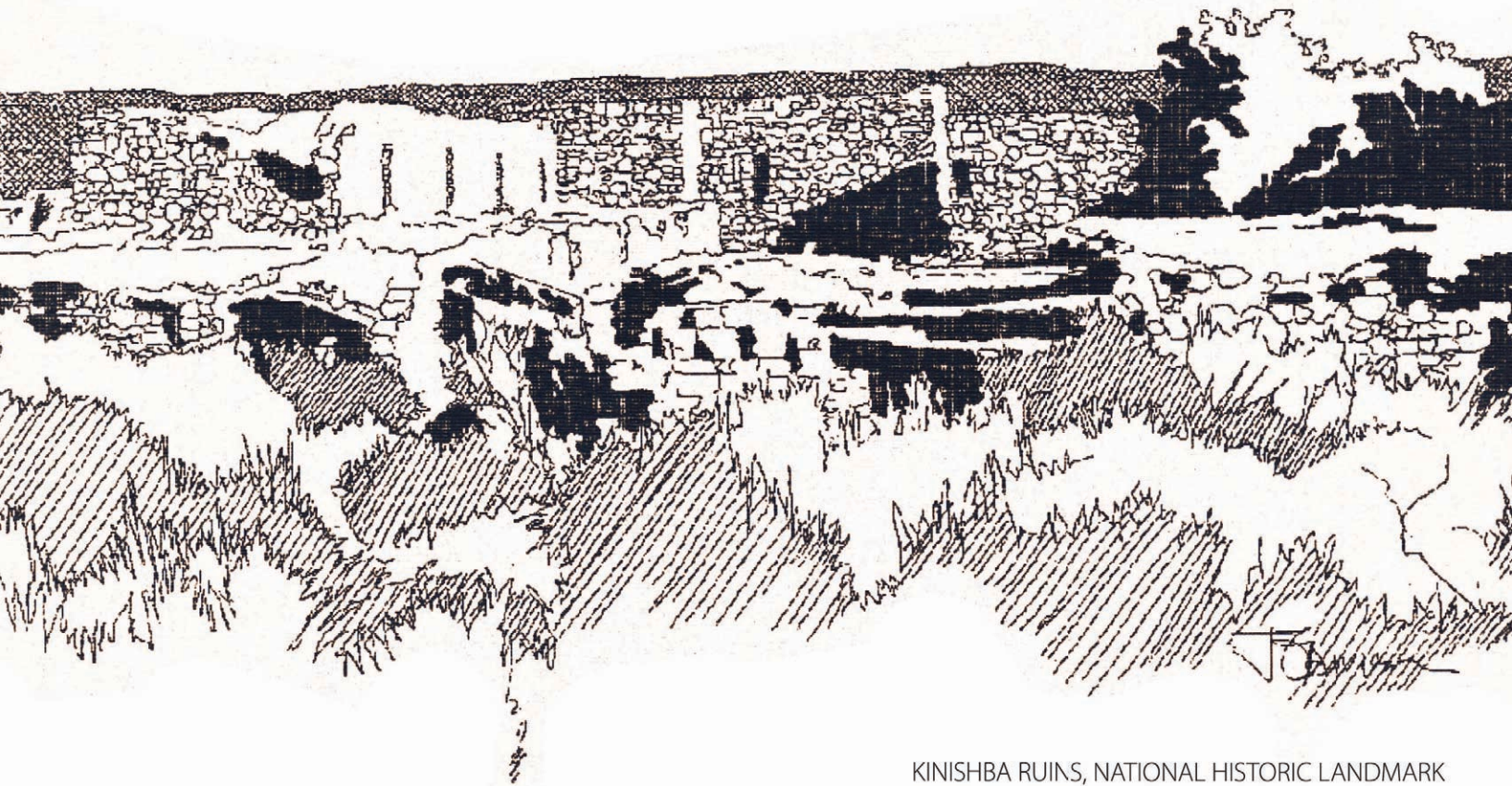


GAAC

The Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission's (GAAC)
Annual Report FY2009-10



KINISHBA RUINS, NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
by JAMES GARRISON, Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer

**GOVERNOR'S ARCHAEOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009-10**

INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission (GAAC) is a statutory body charged with advising the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on archaeological issues in Arizona. GAAC is composed of 11 members with expertise in prehistoric or historic archaeology, anthropology, tourism, public education, economic development, business, and Native American affairs.

GAAC has assisted SHPO, a division of Arizona State Parks, in developing successful public education programs, including Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month, the Archaeology Expo, and the Site Steward Program. Working with other entities, both public and private, GAAC promotes local economic development through archaeological heritage tourism while fostering a stewardship ethic and the preservation of irreplaceable archaeological and historical resources.

GAAC meets quarterly to gather information regarding archaeological issues in the state, to plan and monitor educational programs jointly developed with SHPO, and to take any action required to help ensure the protection of the state's archaeological resources. Task-based GAAC committees meet more frequently, as needed. Annually, GAAC presents Awards in Public Archaeology in recognition of successful efforts to preserve the traces of our shared past.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (Terms expire)

Chair

James E. Ayres (1 September 2011) Archaeologist

Vice Chair

E. Charles Adams, Ph.D. (1 September 2010) Archaeologist

Members

J. Andrew Darling, Ph.D. (1 September 2012) Tribal Archaeologist

Chris Downum, Ph.D. (1 September 2011) Archaeologist

Vernelda Grant (1 September 2010) Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Margerie Green, Ph.D. (1 September 2010) Archaeologist

Donna Ruiz y Costello (1 September 2012) Avocational Archaeologist

Duane Hubbard (1 September 2013) USDA Forest Archaeologist

Jonathan Mabry, Ph.D. (1 September 2010) County Historic Preservation Office

Chris M. Roll (1 September 2010) Attorney

Connie Stone, Ph.D. (1 September 2011) BLM Archaeologist

CALENDAR YEAR 2009-10 HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

- Collect information from archaeologists, land managers, tribes, and collections storage managers on the benefits and drawbacks of in-field analysis of prehistoric artifacts as a mitigation measure to reduce the amount of artifacts that come to collections storage facilities and need curation.

- Collect information from involved agencies on the effects of the international border crisis on cultural resources
- Support the expansion of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument boundaries to include additional vital archaeological sites to protect them from future development
- Select winners of the annual awards in Public Archaeology and present the awards to the recipients at the Historic Preservation Partnership Conference
- Wrote a letter to the Director of Arizona State Parks regarding concern that heritage resources at State Parks that are being closed should continue to be protected and preserved.

GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTION

- GAAC will inform and advise policy-makers in the state regarding heritage preservation issues.
- GAAC will encourage and support programs carried out by SHPO that educate the public about the significance and stewardship of archaeological resources.
- GAAC will promote professional competency by encouraging archaeologists to become trained in historic preservation law and regulation on the national, state, and local levels.
- GAAC will advise SHPO on its annual Archaeology Expo, held during Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month and specifically support this program by recognizing individuals, groups, and organizations with awards in public archaeology.
- GAAC will advise Arizona State Parks on its Site Steward Program

STANDING COMMITTEES

Committees focused respectively on Public Policy, Public Education, and Professional Competency have been established within GAAC to identify emerging issues, track continuing situations, gather relevant information, set priorities for action, and, where appropriate, work with SHPO in developing solutions to problems. Committees report to the full Commission at each meeting.

STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

In an effort to increase communication with the broader historic preservation community and to create more opportunities to sponsor training, GAAC has become involved in organizing the annual Historic Preservation Partnership Conference. The conference is primarily sponsored by the Arizona Preservation Foundation, SHPO, and the Arizona Main Street Program.

In an effort to bring more recognition to its honorees, GAAC presents its Awards in Public Archaeology at the Historic Preservation Partnership Conference, the same setting in which the Governor's Historic Preservation Honor Awards are presented.

THREE-YEAR PLAN

The plan consists of a statement of GAAC's general program direction and the effectiveness of its new standing, task-based committees. The new organizational structure has been successful in making GAAC more proactive and accountable.

For more additional information about the Commission and its activities, including PDFs of its reports, visit the GAAC web pages listed under the SHPO section of the Arizona State Parks website:

http://www.azstateparks.com/partnerships/shpo/shpo_gaac.html

http://www.azstateparks.com/partnerships/shpo/shpo_gaacawards.html

Arizona State Parks
1300 W. Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Phone & TTY **(602) 542-4174**
Toll Free **(800) 285-3703**
from 520 & 928 area codes
Fax (602) 542-4180

*Equal Employment Opportunity
Agency. This document is
available in alternative formats.
Contact the ADA Coordinator
at (602) 542-4174.*



Arizona
State Parks

AZStateParks.com