



# THE WATCH

## SUMMER 2018

*"Dedicated to protect and preserve Arizona's heritage and cultural resources."*

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## A Note From Site Steward Coordinator

### Sean

Hello Stewards, RCs, ARCs and Land Managers,

I hope everyone is having a nice summer and had the opportunity to take a nice vacation and explore new places. This is the second edition of *The Watch* that we have produced over the past three (3) months. We are slowly getting caught up. So much happened since last year and many people want to share stories and updates - *The Watch* gives us that opportunity to communicate as a group and catch-up on what's going on with the program.



I've been busy with quite a bit of administrative work this summer, getting organized, catching up on various types of reporting, researching a new data base and working with a few land managers to secure future funding for the program. Currently, I am working with the Margaret Hangan, Forest Archaeologist at Kaibab National

Forest, to secure funds for the Program. Margaret has been a huge help during this entire process. I'm also working with Brooke Wheeler from BLM on a grant as well. Both Margaret and Brooke have been very helpful as I settle into this position. Funding will help cover some costs related to increasing training opportunities for regions (First Aid, GPS/mapping, etc.); scholarships to send Stewards/RCs to state conferences (Pecos, Historic Preservation); resources for new Steward training and school outreach.

I was happy to participate in my first site visit recently. Thanks to Doug Newton and Van Newville for taking me to the site where a looter was recently caught. In July, I participated in a full-day of training in Heber. Dave Salge provided a great day of training for 9 Stewards, plus another 3 Stewards who were doing a refresher. I now have a better understanding of what RCs must do to prepare and execute a training. Getting the manuals and the PowerPoint updated is a top priority. I want to make sure RCs have the most up-to-date resources needed to do the trainings.

In the afternoon, Apache Sitgreaves Zone Archaeologist Sara Stauffer took us to a remote site to teach us about the site, the people who lived there, and what a Steward should be looking for during a visit. This was the highlight of the day! Sara is very knowledgeable about all things archaeology and she has a great personality and made the afternoon very enjoyable for all.

One last item, I have several region visits planned in late September and October. If your region has an upcoming event please let me know as I plan to visit as many as possible with a goal of participating in an activity at all our regions by mid-2019 at latest.

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## MEETING NOTES AND PROGRAM UPDATES SINCE MAY

The following information below is a combination of feedback from a survey collected earlier in the summer, the RC/LM meeting and communication with SSP members throughout the summer. Together, this information helped to established a list of issues, solutions and priorities for the program. There are a lot of items to cover -the extended notes from the RC/LM meeting, which

include supporting documentation, are found at the bottom of this section. If you prefer to read a shortened version here is a short summary of items discussed and priorities identified:

## **1. DATA BASE:**

Based off feedback and my own experience to date, it's clear that a new data base must be developed. It's one of the biggest complaints about the program.

### **Solution:**

- We will develop a new on-line system that will solve many of the issues cited plus implement ideas that have been suggested by RCs, Stewards and LMs. Our goal is to develop the new system and have it ready by the end of the year. Please send me an email if you are interested in being part of the team helping us with the design, testing and review of system
- Also, on September 11th, Brooke Wheeler and I are meeting with the BLM Utah Site Steward Coordinator to talk about an exciting app they created. They developed an app that their Stewards use to submit reports and their time while in the field. We'll see how it would interface with the data base we are building.

## **2. COMMUNICATION:**

- Communication and the data base are the most common concerns with the program.
- Frequent turnover at ASPT, SSP Coordinator: participants not updated quickly on changes, who to contact concerning A6 forms, IDs, etc...
- The last *Watch* newsletter (prior to the two sent this summer) was published in 2016.
- The email contact list needed updated -LMs and RCs were not getting emails sent by staff.
- Many Stewards are not getting a response from archaeologists after submitting vandalism report.

### **Solutions:**

We will publish the newsletter three (3) times in 2018: May (sent), August and December and will be publishing the newsletter four (4) times/year starting in 2019.

**Creating a Shared Calendar:**In the coming weeks we will have a global calendar where regional trainings, special events, agreement due dates, etc... will be viewable by all SSP members. RCs and LMs will have edit capability.

**Note:** RCs and LMs, please start sending me any upcoming events, trainings, conferences, etc... that you would like to see on the calendar.

- We have updated the contacts list.
- **Tracking A6s:** We have updated the A6 form and will send to RCs within the next week. The forms will be sent directly to me. Both Ruthanna and I will provide regular updates to the RC.

## **3. TRAINING:**

Discussed need for additional training for Stewards. Trainings such as first aid/CPR, GPS mapping and safety training are needed at the local level

Claiming hours for training has been changed to allow a wide-range of trainings/events to be counted. We encourage all Stewards/RCs to participate in furthering your education as it relates to archaeology, anthropology of the Southwest and cultural resource protection.

### **Solutions:**

We are seeking funding to increase training and also working on identifying vendors and individuals who can provide training at a limited cost or free. Securing funds will allow us to offer scholarships for Stewards to attend state conferences.

### **4. UPDATING THE MANUALS & POWERPOINT FOR TRAINING:**

If you would like to help us update the manuals please email SSP Assistant Mike Hoogendyk [hoogendykm@aol.com](mailto:hoogendykm@aol.com) by September 1st. Goal is to have manuals/PP completed by end of October.

### **5. APPROPRIATE TASKS FOR STEWARDS**

We heard from all sides about the different type of activities Stewards/volunteers have been doing to help Land Managers. We really appreciate all the additional work that many are doing and we encourage the extra involvement. What we ask is that you please separate your hours based on the activities. For the Site Steward Program these are the five (5) tasks associated with the Program:

- Monitoring assigned sites
- Public outreach / education
- Site stabilization Training
- Training (has been expanded-see #3 above)
- Administrative

Anything outside these tasks you would provide those hours to the land manager for their reporting.



*In May, Will, Sara the intern and I participated in a career day at a local K-6 school. Over the course of the day we spoke with over 150 students and engaged them in hands on activities related to preservation and archaeology.*

### **6. INCREASE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND RECRUITING:**

A. **Educational Outreach Efforts:** SSP members have expressed an interest in expanding our outreach efforts at schools and other community events.

### **Solutions:**

We will work on developing a curriculum, which would include a list of activities, for anyone to use when presenting at a school or other youth function.

A goal for this coming year would be for us to adopt at least one (1) school per region and conduct an activity (presenting or field trip). If any Stewards/RCs are already doing this please let us know.



## **B. Recruiting More Students as Stewards:**

It's no secret that the Program lacks participation from young adults and college students.

### **Solutions:**

- Target Arizona's three (3) main universities and community colleges. Reach out to various departments. If anyone has any connections to these institutions please let us know.
- Attend college events.

## **7. SAFETY OF STEWARDS:**

Alerting family/friends and following required policy:

**Utilize the Buddy System:** please take another Steward with you.

**CADO System:** This is BLM's Central Admin Dispatch Office (CADO) system. If you are conducting a site visit on BLM land you are required to check in and out using CADO.

**Note:** Brooke Wheeler, BLM, contacted ASPT and BLM RCs on 8/23 to discuss a serious issue -most Stewards conducting site visits have not been using the CADO system to check-in/out. Please read the details listed within the link on *Notes from the RC/LM meeting*. Stewards can't conduct a site visit without using CADO and also contacting the archaeologist.

Please make that one simple call before and after.

Also, make sure you always submit a completed CADO form -add a secondary emergency contact, please don't duplicate emergency contacts. Married volunteers -don't list each other and no one else on their CADO forms-add a different person.

[Please click here for the notes from the RC/LM meeting](#) (also includes comments, feedback from SSP members over the summer).

[Click here to view the PowerPoint Presentation used for the meeting.](#)

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## **2018 Awards in Public Archaeology, Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission Awards**

During the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference in June 2018 the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission presented its Annual Awards in Public Archaeology. The Awards are presented to individuals, organizations and/or programs that have significantly contributed to the protection and preservation of, and education about, Arizona's nonrenewable archaeological resources. Stewards Joe and Nancy Jordan and Mike Hoogendyk were recognized for their contribution to public archaeology and to the Site Steward Program.

### **Mike Hoogendyk: 2018 Avocational**

# Archaeologist Award

**Nominator: Will Russell,**

**Archaeologist, Arizona State Parks & Trails**

After moving to Arizona, Michael Hoogendyk quickly fell in love with the desert landscape and began exploring its wilder reaches. During his solo hikes in the backcountry, he routinely came across archaeological sites that unlocked his imagination and triggered a flood of questions. Wanting to know more about the people who once lived in the places he had come to love, Mike joined a number of archaeological and museum organizations, and he has attended conferences, workshops, and lectures at every opportunity. He took several classes at Arizona State University, including a field semester on Perry Mesa with Kate Spielmann and Dave Abbott.

Perry Mesa, south of Cordes Junction, has become Mike's favorite cultural landscape. He became a backcountry volunteer with the Bureau of Land Management, and an active member of the Friends of Agua Fria National Monument (FAFNM). Over the past decade, Mike has made over 340 trips onto Perry Mesa and/or Black Mesa. Undeterred by falls, a rattlesnake bite, and melanoma, he has hiked over 1,600 km, documented through sketches, notes, and nearly 20,000 photographs. Mike has thus far encountered 887 archaeological sites with architecture, hundreds of isolated petroglyph sites, and thousands of agricultural features. He has dutifully shared coordinates, descriptions, and photographs with BLM and Tonto National Forest, resulting in the region's most comprehensive archaeological database.

In 2011, Mike suggested that the FAFNM sponsor an archaeological conference dedicated to showcasing research on and around Perry Mesa. He not only championed the idea, but spearheaded the entire project, arranging for presenters, discussants, sponsors, and venue. The event was unique in that it was designed to engage academic and professional archaeologists, land managers, avocationalists, enthusiasts, and the general public. Mike went on to edit the conference's published proceedings. Research presented at the conference also recently filled a special edition of the Journal of Arizona Archaeology.

Mike possesses a seemingly endless supply of enthusiasm and energy. Most recently, he has lent his voice to the political struggle to protect our nation's cultural and natural resources, including the ongoing fight to save Bear's Ears National Monument. In 2017, Mike volunteered as the new Assistant Site Steward Program Coordinator with Arizona State Parks and Trails, volunteering over 20 hours a week. Since joining the program, he has tackled a number of critical issues, improving Site



*Mike Hoogendyk, right of Kathryn (SHPO) receiving his award under the Avocational Archaeologist category. Mike not only does great work in the field but he is one of two valuable SSP volunteer assistants here at the Central Office. We wouldn't be able to accomplish many of our goals without his help.*

Steward Program efficiency, communication, and morale. He revived the dormant program newsletter – The Watch – and is creating an archive of program materials stretching back 32 years.

## JOE & NANCY JORDAN: GAAC SITE STEWARDS OF THE YEAR

*By Neil Weintraub (Kaibab National Forest, Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts), Jeanne Stevens and Jeremy Haines (Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff Ranger District)*

This past June, Coconino and Kaibab National Forest archaeologists nominated **Joe and Nancy Jordan** for the award **Arizona Site Stewards of the Year**. We are proud to announce that Nancy and Jordan received this award! This award is given out as part of the Governor’s Archaeological Advisory Commission Awards.

The Coconino and Kaibab have more than 20,000 known archaeological sites so Arizona Site Stewards, often shared between the forests, have been crucial to helping monitor sites and promote public education across Northern Arizona.

Joe and Nancy have spent 15 years and thousands of hours monitoring historic and prehistoric sites across on the Coconino National Forest. They have been diligent stewards of early Flagstaff area landmarks such as Leroux Springs Cabin, Clark Cabin, and Brollier Park Cabin. At some of their sites, they initiated the tradition of keeping an ammo can with information about the site and a log book for the public. This low-fi kind of interpretation and public interface has been of great value to forest archaeologists, and provides important feedback from the public. As one comment from a log book reads: “Nancy and Joe – Keep up the great work. Thank you for keeping up such a great place. We cannot lose places like this.”

Over the past few years, Joe and Nancy expanded their stewardship to include the Kaibab National Forest adding Keyhole Sink and the Hardy Hill trestle to their list of sites monitored. In the past year, Joe and Nancy began researching Joe’s interest in the Kaibab’s one-room school houses across Coconino County. This led them on a fascinating journey across the Kaibab to find remnants of these historic places. In addition, Joe did extensive archival research painstakingly reading through every Williams News from World War I through 1950. While the Newspapers were scanned on CDs, none



*Joe and Nancy Jordan receiving their award for their dedication and commitment to the Site Steward Program. Joe and Nancy volunteer in the Flagstaff/Williams Regions.*



*Joe and Nancy with Site Steward Christine Stephenson's kids.*



were searchable, so Joe read every page of the weekly Williams News, well over 1000 issues!

Joe then presented his research at a full house of nearly 40 members of the public at the Williams City Council Chambers during Archaeology Month on March 14th. Kaibab Forest Archaeologist Margaret Hangan posted Joe's lecture live on Facebook which was then viewed by several hundred more members of the public. This video is archived at

<https://www.facebook.com/Williamshistoricphotoproject/videos/753907698146829/>

Due to their dedication, long-time service, and passion for site stewardship, the Coconino and Kaibab National Forest Heritage programs are so proud of Joe and Nancy who also just recently celebrated their 65th anniversary!

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## LAKE HAVASU REGION ENGAGES IN CULTURAL AWARENESS

*Jenny Anderson, Regional Coordinator*

I have always believed that the more we understand our region's history, the more we'll be committed to preserving our cultural heritage. This past year we engaged in several activities to provide a better awareness of Native American cultural beliefs. We've visited sacred sites and met with respected tribal representatives of the Mojave and Chemehuevi tribal communities.

We also partnered with our local museum. In March, we prepared a historic archaeology exhibit, and also set up a hands-on archaeology display as part of the summer-long Kids Summer Program. On July 26, we had a special program (partnering with First Things First) for preschoolers, including making scratch art "glyphs" and using a metate to grind mesquite.



*March Swansea Exhibit*



*Summer Archaeology Exhibit*

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## THE GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT

By Shelley Rasmussen, Hassayampa Regional



## Coordinator

In April 2017, Jeff Van Conant, a retired Arizona Site Steward, visited the Indian Springs site north of Salome, Arizona. Indian Springs is a 20-acre archaeological site with petroglyphs, pictographs and rock shelters as well as an historic rock quarry component.



On the day of his visit, he was shocked to see that the site was covered with painted graffiti. Names and dates on the boulders showed that the vandals had been painting on the boulders for several years.



Jeff contacted the Regional Coordinator for the Arizona Site Stewards, Shelley Rasmussen, with this vandalism information. Shelley and another Site Steward, Bonnie Helten, immediately visited the site to view the damage. It had been about 10 years since they had been to this site. During their last visit, the site was pristine. They were shocked to see that this was the worst graffiti they had ever seen.

After taking numerous photos, Shelley informed the BLM archaeologist for the Phoenix district, Chris McLaughlin. Chris then contacted others, which resulted in the Yuma district BLM archaeologist, Jessica Han, and a BLM law enforcement officer specializing in vandalism, agent Ronald Vaitkus, becoming involved.



On March 17, 2018, agent Vaitkus organized an event to help remove the graffiti at Indian Springs. The event was a success and attended by BLM staff, Game and Fish staff, local 4-H kids and many volunteers. This was a combined effort of multiple agencies coming together for a mutual project in removing the blight on the landscape

A lot of preparation went into this day. It took time and money to buy the Elephant Snot and organize all of the necessary equipment and safety materials. Elephant Snot is the product of choice that removes



the paint from the surface of the rocks and leaves no residue. It took all morning to reach some of the graffiti that was hard to get to and apply the Elephant Snot to all the painted surfaces.

Everyone took a break for lunch at noon. The Desert Riders, an OHV group who monitors the desert for illegal activity, provided hot dogs, chips, and drinks for all the volunteers.



After lunch, the workers used a pressure hose to spray and remove the graffiti from the rocks. A lot of rock climbing later, the graffiti was successfully removed and the site was clean and clear of vandalism.

Another success story completed!  
Good job and well done!

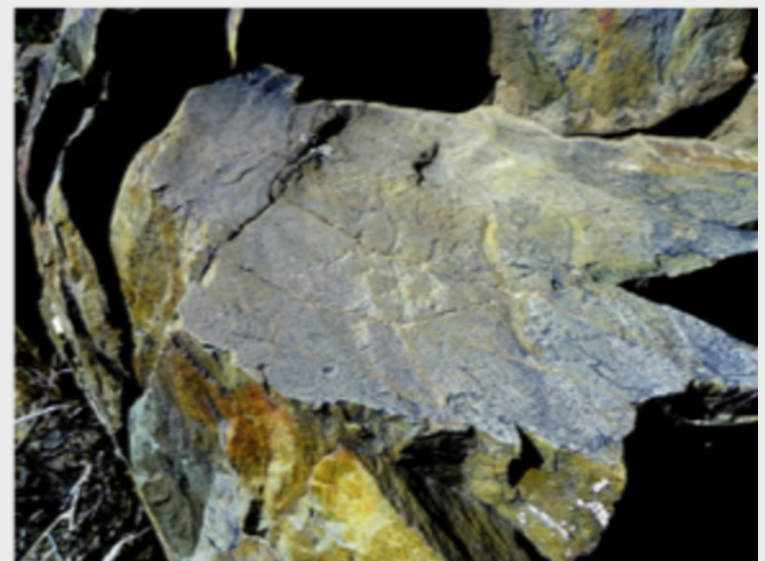
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## REVEALED BY THE FIRE

*By Terry Robbins, Prescott Region 22 Coordinator*

About a year ago there was a wild land fire in the Bradshaw Mountains that affected the towns of Mayer, Dewey-Humbolt and the Prescott National Forest. The burned areas affected residents and visitors including Prescott Region 22 Site Stewards assigned to sites in the closed area. As this is an undesirable event that disrupted many people there was a positive side. When the PNF restriction were lifted Barb and Jim Marcel have visited one of their sites several times and have found petroglyph locations that had not been seen before. Their photos of the area visit show the devastation and how the fire has scrubbed the brush for a clearer view of what is there.

This tells us that when visiting burned sites there could be past history revealed to us. Always stay observant along with cautious.





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## Fun App: iNaturalist

*By Margaret Hangan, Forest Archaeologist at Kaibab National Forest*

Here is a way for the Site Stewards to also help to track nature when they are out monitoring their sites. Just a reminder that they cannot include photos of arch sites. But those cool bird, animal or flower pictures can contribute to the iNaturalist Program.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

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## A TRIBUTE TO TRUMAN PETERS

*By Shelley Rasmussen, Hassayampa Regional  
Coordinator*

Truman Peters passed away on April 5, 2018. There was a brief obituary in the Arizona Republic, but it's not that simple. He was a friend of mine; actually, he



was everyone's friend, as he knew no strangers.

Truman was a Site Steward from 1995 to 2012. He not only had numerous sites in the Hassayampa Region, but he was also monitoring sites for the KOFA National Wildlife Area and the Quartzite Regions as well. Truman told me one time that he had always been a Site Steward, he just didn't know that there was a name for it. He had logged thousands of hours, spending several days a week out there with his "boots on the ground". One of his sites was the Seventies Boulder, and when it was stolen, he took it very personally. He staked out the site for three weeks, hoping to catch the vandals. But, that's another story.



Truman was a strong hiker and one had to really hustle to keep up with him. He would just head out and never look back. Because he always wore camo, he would just blend right into the landscape. He drove an old VW Bug that would go anywhere. Whenever I would follow him in my Jeep and had to put it into four-wheel drive, he would just continue through the rough, steep spots in low gear. I once gave him a bumper sticker that said, "Don't Follow Me, You Won't Make It". Truer words were never spoken, which went right along with his wry sense of humor.

Besides spending so much of his time being a Site Steward, Truman also had other accomplishments. He and his wife, Charlotte, were docents at the Deer Valley Rock Art Center from 1995 to 2010 giving weekly tours. He taught flint knapping every year at their Anniversary Events. He also taught flint knapping to many Boy Scout troops at the Center, as well as The Museum of the West in Montrose, Colorado. Rock art slide shows were another way for him to educate the Boy Scouts and the public about rock art etiquette. He trained all the shifts of the Peoria Police Department about rock art etiquette as well as site identification. Truman also rode with two sergeants from the Peoria Police Department in order to teach them about site identification.

Truman was a rock hound, collecting rocks, gems and minerals. He was also an accomplished silversmith and used many of the rocks and gems to make rings and necklaces. He was also a welder and created cowboy and cowgirl figures out of old horseshoes. He welded various animals together using old farm equipment. Making custom signs using old license plates was another hobby of his. Then, in his spare time, he would make bows, arrows, atlatls and hiking sticks.

Truman volunteered at the Pueblo Grande Museum for twenty years for the Ancient Technology Days, demonstrating flint knapping. He also taught flint knapping at the Cave Creek Museum and the Friends of the Agua Fria Monument Tenth Anniversary event. He demonstrated his flint knapping at the Friends of Saddle Mountain Public Lands Day in Tonopah.

Truman also received numerous awards and commendations. He received recognition from the KOFA



National Wildlife Area with an award for volunteering 2255 hours. In 1996, he received an award as Outstanding New Site Steward from the Site Steward Program for the Salt River Region. He received an award from the Bureau of Reclamation for time and hours spent in monitoring the archaeological sites in the Lake Pleasant area. In 2000, Truman received a Special Projects Award for his efforts in documenting historic cemeteries in the Hassayampa Region for the Site Stewards. In the same year, Truman also received the Public Outreach Award for the Site Stewards.

His wife, Charlotte, and Terry Gerber, the Ranger at the Lake Pleasant Visitor Center, are working together to install a Memorial Bench with Truman's name on it overlooking Lake Pleasant and in close proximity to the Seventies Boulder. They have chosen a perfect bench, but the down side is the \$1,000.00 price tag. The next project is to raise the money to purchase the Memorial Bench. For the Site Stewards who knew Truman and those who wish they had known him, Charlotte is accepting any financial help to defray the cost of the bench. If you would like to contribute to the fund, any amount would be greatly appreciated. You may also send a check to: Charlotte Peters, 12823 W. Castlebar Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

In Charlotte's words, Truman lived his life "to protect the past so it can be enjoyed in the future." I hope you can help.

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## Preserving and Protecting Cultural Resources at Picture Canyon

**By City of Flagstaff Open Space Program staff**

Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve is home to the largest concentration of Northern Sinagua petroglyphs in the Flagstaff area. These petroglyphs were pecked into the basalt boulders and canyon walls over 1,000 years ago. The Waterbird Site provides an opportunity to experience one of the most significant concentrations of petroglyphs within the Preserve. Unfortunately, some of the boulders at the Waterbird Site were permanently damaged with thoughtless graffiti vandalism this year.

The Open Space Program continues to participate in the Arizona State Parks Site Stewards Program, which has increased surveillance of designated cultural sites within the Preserve. Between June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2018, an estimated 10 volunteer Site Stewards donated a total of 90 hours monitoring the archaeological resources within the Preserve for damage. Site Stewards made the initial report of the damaging graffiti mentioned above. In response to the reported vandalism, the Open Space Program partnered with the Museum of Northern Arizona and members of the Picture Canyon Working Group this past summer to remediate the graffiti vandalism at the Waterbird Site. The remediation process is time-consuming and costly, and above all it cannot repair rock art panels to their original condition. This costly process deprives other projects of those limited resources that could be utilized to further enhance visitor experience within the Preserve.

Rock art sites are non-renewable resources and their protection and preservation is critical. As there may not always be a Site Steward available to prevent acts of vandalism, we encourage visitors to

experience the Preserve and these resources with great care and respect to ensure that sites are unimpaired for future generations. The next time you visit Picture Canyon, please ensure that you and your fellow visitors are visiting with respect.

Do not touch the rock art panels as the natural oils from your hands can damage the petroglyphs.

Do not scratch or draw on petroglyph panels or boulders. The act of scratching a name or mimicking a petroglyph figure onto a boulder or rock panel is a significant offense and causes irreparable damage. This is considered vandalism to a federally protected cultural resource and is a federal offense punishable by law. These petroglyphs at Picture Canyon are significant historical sites to eight of our neighboring tribal groups and are valued by the community and visitors alike. Vandalism disrespects cultural values and history. We want to ensure future generations can experience and learn about these important cultural resources.

The Open Space Program is thankful for our partnership with the Arizona Site Stewards program and for the dedication of all Site Stewards to our natural areas. We look forward to continued partnership with Site Stewards at our legally-designated open space properties and recognize the importance of having a presence on site to prevent negative impacts before they occur. Open Space staff are currently pursuing opportunities to grow and develop the Site Steward Program on the City's legally-designated open space properties.

If you witness vandalism of any natural or cultural resource within the Preserve, please contact the Open Space Program at (928)213-2154 immediately. If you are interested in becoming a Site Steward for the Open Space Program please contact the Arizona Site Stewards Program.

Photo credits: Picture Canyon Working Group



*A name carved into a petroglyph panel near the main Waterbird Site.*



*A major concentration of petroglyphs on a rock panel. Look closely and find a triangle shape scratched onto the panel.*



*A close up of the vandalized rock panel with a triangle shape scratched in.*

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## **SITE KIT TIP FOR REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

Check your site kits. Since all Arizona Site Steward Program sites must be approved by the Land Manager for inclusion in the program, there should be a Land Manager name, signature and date indicating their approval of the site. Typically, this would be on the bottom of the Site Data form. If



you find that your site kits don't reflect the approval of the Land Manager, it might be time to schedule a visit with them and get their approval.

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## SUMMER SOLSTICE IMAGERY

*By Shelley Rasmussen, Hassayampa Regional Coordinator*

These photos show a sequence of events during the rising sun on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the summer solstice. The location is the Ramon Site in the White Tank Mountain Park. The overall site is shown in this photo:

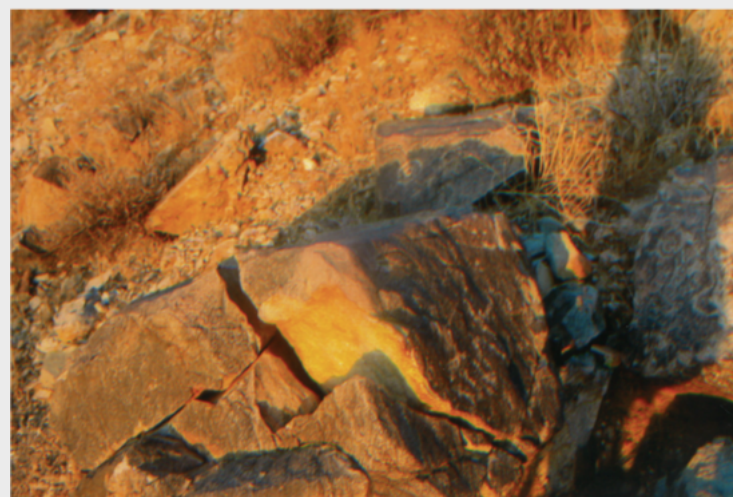


*The first images (below) show the sunrise in the east at 5:25am. A shadow is cast, bracketing the concentric circle petroglyph.*

The following images show different shots of the light and shadow effect until 5:37am. This is truly an archeoastronomy event.



*In this shot the light goes through the crack (middle/right)*



*Here, the light goes through the crack in the near left boulder and travels up and to the right*

The above images are not as distinct as the photos that I took in 2004 (see below) because there was



a lot of haze on the horizon due to strong winds on the night prior to the sunrise.



*Petroglyph Plaza Solstice Event June 21, 2003*

Another location in the White Tank Mountains Park with a solstice event is a site called the Petroglyph Plaza. The following photos show that event in different years. Here a shaft of light crosses thru a petroglyph on the top of a flat boulder.



*Petroglyph Plaza Solstice Event June 21, 2003*

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## **CAUTION: DON'T "HIDE" PARTICIPANTS ON THE SSP DATABASE**

Periodically, Site Stewards leave the program for a variety of reasons. Afterwards, it is appropriate to list them as "inactive" on the Site Steward Program database. However, it is NOT appropriate to click on that little block, "Hide", that is located right below.

Hiding a program participant does several BAD things: 1 – All their prior reports, including information about vandalism on their sites, disappears; 2 – All their hours are no longer counted in the database administrative reports; 3 – If they are a Land Manager and eventually they end up in another Arizona



position with their employer, it's impossible to get the system to accept their email address when trying to set them up as a "new" Land Manager since their email is part of that prior "hidden" record; and, 4 - The only way to retrieve their profiles is to pay the database company, based in Tucson, to "unhide" them. That costs \$\$\$.

If you don't want that person showing up on a report that you are going to run, take advantage of the "Available Filters" on the left side of the screen, and where it says "Active", click on "Yes". That will eliminate all inactive individuals in the resulting report.

So, Please, do not hide a SSP participant (either Site Steward or Land Manager) on the system.

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## **UPDATE: ARIZONA SITE STEWARD PROGRAM FOUNDATION**

*by Dave Salge, Regional Coordinator Representative*

The Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation would like to remind everyone that we're maintaining a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ASSPFoundation/>

We invite you to follow us on Facebook, and, to submit stories and photos about your positive experiences as a Site Steward through our email address: [asspfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:asspfoundation@gmail.com). Our goal is to use this social media site as a tool to help educate our followers and to promote the program, as you continue to provide volunteer services that are integral to the Program's success and ability to preserve Arizona's unique and cultural resources.

The Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation was established in 2017, with objectives to work in collaboration with the Program Coordinator, Regional Coordinators, State and Federal Land Managers, Tribes, and Site Stewards. The organization is here to provide assistance to the Site Steward Program and help find ways to improve its function and performance. As the Foundation develops, it will provide support for training Site Stewards and by sharing expertise through collaborative volunteer efforts.

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## **TOSSING YOUR OLD "THE WATCH" ISSUES?**

Arizona State Parks and Trails is scanning and filing old issues in order to assemble a digital library of all the historic issues. We're missing some issues though, and would like to salvage them from your old files.

The missing issues are:

- Volume 1, No's 1 and 2 – prior to November 199
- Volume 2, No's 3 and 4 – during 1991, if they were, in fact, produce
- December, 1998 (Volume and number unknown)
- Volume 12, No. 1, March 2002

- Volume 18, No. 3, 2008
- Anything from 2009 other than Winter
- Anything from 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013
- Anything from 2014 other than January
- Anything from 2015 other than January and Fall/Winter
- Anything from 2016 other than Spring

We've already been able to use the library of old "The Watch" issues to research past winners of various Site Stewards awards and to compile lists of previous Regional Coordinators. Any of the missing issues you might be able to get your hands on and forward to us would really be appreciated.

Send them to Arizona State Parks and Trails, Attn: Mike Hoogendyk, 23751 N 23rd Ave, #190, Phoenix, AZ 85085.

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## HASSAYAMPA REGION

### ACTIVITIES

On a recent trip to monitor the historic Palmerita Ranch near Alamo Lake, Bonnie Helten and yours truly were greeted by the resident welcoming committee of one, Rickie the Rattlesnake, as we entered the old ranch house. We were expecting him, but he was on the other side of the door, which not only surprised us, but also caused us to take up long jumping.



This site is one of many in the Hassayampa Region that has what I call a "guard snake". They do discourage vandals and will pose for a great photo opportunity (see photo).

The access to the sites near Salome and Wenden did have some road damage because of the flooding from this summer's rains. This is not the first time this has occurred and will certainly not be the last, but do be careful if visiting these sites. And watch out for rattlesnakes!

#### **SNAKE BITE TREATMENT:**

##### **CALL 911 IF:**

- There is any chance that the snake is venomous
- The person has difficulty breathing
- There is loss of consciousness

##### **1. Note the Snake's Appearance**

Be ready to describe the snake to emergency staff.

##### **2. Protect the Person**

- While waiting for medical help:
- Move the person beyond striking distance of the snake.

- Have the person lie down with wound below the heart.
- Keep the person calm and at rest, remaining as still as possible to keep venom from spreading.
- Cover the wound with loose, sterile bandage.
- Remove any jewelry from the area that was bitten.
- Remove shoes if the leg or foot was bitten.

**Do not:**

- Cut a bite wound
- Attempt to suck out venom
- Apply tourniquet, ice, or water
- Give the person alcohol or caffeinated drinks or any other medications

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## Important Links

[Site Steward Manual](#) (On AZ State Parks & Trails Site Steward Webpage )

[Arizona Site Steward Program Reporting System](#)

[Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation](#) (On Facebook)

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