

Midyear report 2022-2023 to ASNM from the Grant County Archaeological Society

Current Officers/Board of Trustees - transition of a few officers & trustees due to expiration of term limits:

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| President Pro Tem: | Marianne Smith |
| Vice President: | Marilyn Gendron |
| Treasurer: | Kathryn McCarroll |
| Secretary: | William Hudson |
| Program Chair: | Marilyn Gendron |
| Field Trip Coordinator: | Marilyn Markel |
| Newsletter: | Bill Dixon (editor); Cindy McCain & Kathryn McCarroll (distribution) |
| Membership: | Cindy McCain & Kathryn McCarroll |

Current Board of Trustees: Gary Barnett, Lee Brown, Bill Dixon, Marilyn Gendron, William Hudson, Marilyn Markel, Kathryn McCarroll, Kyle Meredith, Marianne Smith; Honorary Board Member: Mary Margaret Soulé

1. Educational Programs (Marilyn Markel, Coordinator):
 - a. Paid bus expenses for elementary school students to travel to WNMU Museum for tour & workshop (1st time in 30 years that the Museum had invited a school group for a tour).
 - b. Regular outdoor experiential workshops for grade school students continue throughout the year, mainly located at Mimbres Archaeological Research & Education Center (MAREC) headquarters at Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Next such workshop: 4/21/2023 for a group of middle school students from Silver City.
 - c. Held two open house events of GCAS library & lab at MAREC headquarters for the general public.
 - d. Currently developing a summer internship program with modest cash stipend targeted to local high school students ages 14-16, to be performed at MAREC.
2. Library/Archives (Marianne Smith, Coordinator):
 - a. Completed inventory and cross-referencing of our library's 1200+ titles of books & periodicals with our collections of artifacts & field notes regarding specific archaeological/historic sites.
 - b. Current library project: incorporating 40+ years of photos into Specific Sites section.
 - c. Collaborated with WNMU Museum, providing historical data from GCAS library relevant to one of their own recent acquisitions of artifacts.
 - d. Received donations of library materials from several avocational & professional archaeologists during the year.
 - e. Artifacts: received & catalogued donation of McGee-Talbot collection of predominantly groundstone, ceramic bowls, & potsherds. Received donation of a replica Clovis tool kit of flintknapped points from professional archaeologist.
3. Membership (Kathryn McCarroll, Treasurer):
 - a. Currently 54 paid memberships, about 5 lifetime memberships, about 4 complimentary memberships/newsletter subscriptions. Expect more members to join during rest of 2023.
4. Organizational Business:
 - a. GCAS Board of Trustees updating Bylaws & Rules of Procedure after 21 years; TBD.
5. Outreach:
 - a. Maintaining regular annual GCAS promotional booth at 3 local events: Earth Day (April), Hummingbird Festival (July), Mimbres Harvest Festival (September).

- b. Maintaining monthly field trips (members only) & general meetings (open to members & general public)
 - c. Brief presentation at event hosted by Silver City Museum, 4/15/2023 (Marianne Smith).
 - d. Upcoming informational interview on local radio KURU, TBA (Marianne Smith).
 - e. Upcoming presentations to each of 2 local charitable organizations, TBD (Marianne Smith).
 - f. GCAS website (<https://www.gcasnm.org>) & Facebook page remain active (Marianne Smith - website; Bill Hudson - Facebook).
6. Political Activities:
- a. mid-2022, GCAS board of trustees submitted comment to BLM in favor of BLM withdrawal of 10-mile radius of land around Chaco Canyon to protect area from oil/gas extraction & fracking.

/s/ Marianne Smith, GCAS president/librarian/webmaster