

Summary of the Taos Archaeological Society Activities June 1, 2022- June 1, 2023

The Taos Archaeological Society (est. 1987), continues our mission here in Northern New Mexico. As of April 16, 2023, TAS has 166 members and have added 11 new members since January 1, 2023.

This last year we have begun to break out of the Covid shadow and re-engage the community with activities and educational outreach programs. In the summer of 2022 we held our summer pot luck with 61 in attendance and Jimmy Stadler (local musician) entertained the crowd. In October, Andrew Gulliford led a tour of Bears Ears for 10 TAS members. The Winter Pot Luck was held as usual in December with 36 attending.

September 2022 through May 2023 we held our Monthly speaker meetings in person and the members were happy to join these in person gatherings once again. We also contacted the Schools here in Taos and will conduct trips this spring to the Wells Petroglyph Preserve March 25, May 5, and May 25. TAS will fund the bus transportation and driver for the trips.

May 12-14, 2023 Paul Reed will lead a group of 10 to Chaco Canyon. June 2-3, 2023 we have a group of 25 that will visit Folsom with Dave Eck (retired State Land Archaeologist) and September 21-24, 2023 a group of 11 members will visit Bears Ears with Ralph Burrillo.

We have an ongoing relationship with SMU-in Taos and three members, Dr. Mike Adler, Mark Henderson and Jeff Boyer have been assisting Matthew Boulanger in research sourcing obsidian samples in the Taos Valley using XRF technology to produce some new maps showing distribution among the sites here.

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We hope to restart our ceramic analysis project we have with Picuris Pueblo soon.

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