

April 2024 Report to ASNM from the Grant County Archaeological Society

Current Officers/Board of Directors - transition of a few officers & directors due to routine expiration of term limits:

President:	Marianne Smith
Vice President:	Marilyn Gendron
Treasurer:	Kathryn McCarroll
Secretary:	William Hudson
Program Chair:	Marilyn Gendron
Field Trip Coordinator:	Marilyn Markel
Newsletter:	Marilyn Gendron
Membership:	Kathryn McCarroll & Marianne Smith

Current Board of Directors: Eduardo Arguello, Gary Barnett, Marilyn Gendron, William Hudson, Marilyn Markel, Valerie McCaffrey, Kathryn McCarroll, Dena Pinson, Marianne Smith; Honorary Board Member: Mary Margaret Soulé.

For 2024:

1. Educational Programs (Marilyn Markel, Coordinator):
 - a. 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. Periodic trips to the WNMU Museum in Silver City.
 - b. Continuing to finance GCAS summer internship program with \$250 cash stipend targeted to 2 local high school students ages 14-16, to be performed at MAREC.
 - c. Financed the purchase of 1 trail camera for the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site interpretive trail & wildlife-count project.
2. Library/Archives (Marianne Smith, Coordinator):
 - a. Archaeological research library: continuing to accept & inventory donations of books & periodicals with our collections of artifacts & field notes regarding specific archaeological/historic sites.
 - b. Artifacts: continuing to receive periodic donations of potsherds & artifacts from both named and anonymous donors.
 - c. Hosted 2 archival work days in February & March for GCAS members (artifact sorting/cataloguing); more such opportunities planned for later during 2024.
3. Membership (Kathryn McCarroll, Treasurer & Marianne Smith, President):
 - a. Currently 77 paid memberships, 2 lifetime memberships, and 1 complimentary membership/newsletter subscription. Expect more members to join during rest of 2024.
4. Organizational Business:
 - a. Final draft & Board of Directors approval pending for updated Bylaws & Rules of Procedure. Submission to general membership to follow later in 2024.
5. Outreach:
 - a. Maintaining regular annual GCAS promotional booth at local events: Earth Day (April), Gila Wilderness Centennial (June), Hummingbird Festival (July), Mimbres Harvest Festival (September).

- b. Continuing collaboration with & support of WNMU Museum in Silver City including GCAS members volunteering at Museum on various projects, and 1 annual fundraising event on Museum's behalf completed on 3/20/2024.
- c. Archaeological presentation at event in Portal, AZ hosted by Sew What community group, 4/19/2024 (Marianne Smith).
- d. Planned support of & volunteering for October 2024 Mogollon Conference at WNMU & WNMU Museum.
- e. Maintaining monthly field trips (members only) & general meetings (open to members & general public).
- f. GCAS website (<https://www.gcasnm.org>) & Facebook page remain active (Marianne Smith - website; Bill Hudson - Facebook).

6. Political Activities:

- a. GCAS board of directors submitted comment on 1/20/2024 to BLM in favor of BLM's proposed minerals withdrawal from Red Rock Wildlife Management Area.

/s/ Marianne Smith, GCAS president

April 26, 2024