

Jornada Research Institute Affiliate Report to the Archaeological Society of New Mexico

JRI's mission is the study of archaeological, ethnohistoric, historic, and natural resources of the northern Chihuahuan Desert of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas and adjacent regions.

We are committed to the protection and preservation of these resources so current and future generations may benefit from their research and educational values.

We are represented by researchers from broad backgrounds that allow the Institute to focus on multi-disciplinary approaches while sharing with and engaging the public through a variety of educational and training opportunities.

We offer public excavation programs, tours to rock art sites, public programs and presentations, organized conferences (Tularosa Basin Conference), visits to natural settings to discuss the geology, hydrology, and formation processes unique to this area. To access such areas, we hold Special Use Permits with the Bureau of Land Management (Las Cruces Field Office) and USDA Forest Service (Lincoln National Forest) as required.

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Current Programs:

- We have and continue to conduct in-depth studies on the prehistoric and historic acequia systems in Tularosa Canyon and those still in use in Tularosa.
- We recently completed a five year documentation and condition assessment of petroglyphs at Petroglyph National Monument for the National Park Service.
- We offer training classes for professionals, avocationalsists, and the interested public as continuing education credits for those needing to annually fulfill their professional permitting requirements or are seeking to broaden their backgrounds. These programs are acknowledged by the NM Historic Preservation Division as applicable for fulfilling CEC requirements:
 - the Archaeological Resource Protection Act,
 - National Historic Preservation Act,
 - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act,
 - and the application of Unmanned Aerial Systems (or Drones) in archaeological contexts.
- Excavations were conducted during 2023 at the Cornelius Locus in Ruidoso on a Lincoln Phase pueblo and will continue this summer. Our findings serve to demonstrate how under-recorded the archaeology in the Ruidoso area remains.
- Planning and Developing the 2025 Tularosa Basin Conference: Archaeoastronomy and Celestial Geometry – Understanding Ancient Astronomies.

Membership: Jornada Research has approximately 300 to 315 members. Our membership is based on a 12 month cycle from time of payment rather than a specific annual renewal date.

Funding: To support our various programs, we have a membership fee, we accept donations, we write small grant proposals, we organize events, conferences, and tours, we publish manuscript that we sell, and we sell various promo items.

Our overseas Journeys Program was developed to help fund our research programs. Prior to implementing the overseas Journeys Program, our annual revenue was about \$6000.00 to 10,000.00 per year and expenses would fall in the same range, sometimes exceeding income. This type of revenue to expense did not allow us to fully fund our research programs, especially covering the costs of analyses of special samples such as C-14, botanical samples, dendro samples, XRF & XRD samples, soil and particle-size analysis, archaeomagnetic samples, and so on. The addition of the Overseas Journeys Program now allows us to stay current on the analysis of special samples, generating an additional \$4000.00 to \$16,000.00 per year over our expenses, depending on the number of tours offered each year.

Scholarship Program: We are also attempting to turn the Henrietta Stockel Scholarship Fund into an endowed fund, meaning it will perpetually fund itself through insured investments. At this time, we have over \$15,000.00 in investments, approximately one-third of our goal.

Publications Fund: Our newest objective is to create an endowed fund to cover expenses relating to publication editing and production costs.