

Summary of the Taos Archaeological Society Activities June 1, 2023- June 1, 2024

The Taos Archaeological Society (est. 1987), continues our mission here in Northern New Mexico. As of April 1, 2024, TAS has 186 members and have added 12 new members since January 1, 2024.

In the summer of 2023 we held our summer pot luck with 52 in attendance and Stan and Christiane Riveles hosted the crowd. In September 2023, Ralph Burrillo led a tour of Bears Ears for 11 TAS members. The Winter Pot Luck was held as usual in December with 44 attending. We also visited CNMA and the SAR Collections in September 2023 with 17 TAS members.

September 2023 through May 2024 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. TAS will provide funding for 3 more trips May for bus transportation and driver for the trips.

May 22, 2024 a day trip for 35 for TAS members will be conducted near Santa Fe at Caja del Rio. Garret VeneKlasen will hike with us to look at the petroglyphs. May 31-June 1, 2024 we have a group of 25 that will visit Folsom with Dave Eck (retired State Land Archaeologist) and September 19-22, 2024 a group of 11 members will visit Bears Ears with Ralph Burrillo.

We have an ongoing relationship with SMU-in Taos and three members, Kurt Weidler, 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. This project continues in 2024.

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