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Center Receives Land Title

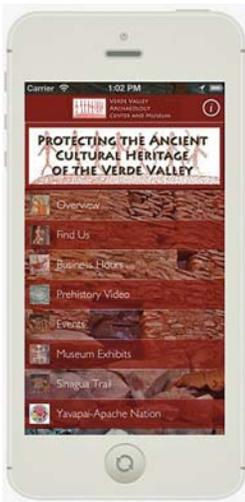
After many negotiations and meetings, title to the two parcels of land totalling 15.28 acres described in the Spring issue of *Archaeology Quarterly* was received on July 16. The property, appraised at \$1.37 million, was acquired with a donation by Mr. Simonton of \$1.12 million and a note for \$250,000 that is being carried by Mr. Simonton for five years.



In the Fall we will begin a surface survey with the collection of all surface artifacts. We will provide information on this effort for any member who wants to participate. Shortly after Labor Day we will launch the “Quiet Phase” of the Capital Campaign to begin the fundraising effort to construct the planned facilities. This phase will provide members and community leaders with the “first look” at naming rights and other benefits of early giving. This phase will last until our Archaeology Fair in 2016 when the “Public Phase” begins with a broader reach for funding. Details will be provided in the Autumn *Archaeology Quarterly*.

Download the Center’s App

You may have noticed that the Center’s website was recently redesigned. This was not just a “face-lift” but was done to ensure that the site was “friendly” with the growing legions of tablet users. We guess that either you, your kids or your grandkids (or all of the above) have a smartphone and/or a tablet. They are everywhere with thousands of available “apps.” Mobile apps have many functions. They are a branding tool to increase your profile. They are used to keep your members aware of your programs and services. They increase your visibility with the traveling public. Ultimately, a mobile application is a must if you plan to take your organization to the next level. New technology needs to be embraced, and failing to adapt to these new trends and technologies can prove to be limiting or even fatal. Our app provides the latest information on events, including hikes. So if you are a smartphone/tablet user, download the app and let us know what you think of it.



Meteorite Exhibit Extended

Due to its popularity the Camp Verde Meteorite exhibit has been extended through September 27. The last monthly talk on the use of meteorites among Native American cultures will be on Saturday, September 26 at 2:00 in the Center’s Learning Center. The exhibit will be returned to Arizona State University’s Center for Meteorite Studies but a new exhibit of two other Canyon Diablo meteorites found in area ruins is being developed for 2016.



Center Receives Three Grants

The Verde Valley Archaeology Center promotes the importance of education about our common cultural and natural heritages and encourages public responsibility in the protection and preservation of cultural and natural resources on public lands. This philosophy incorporates the training and use of volunteers to assist in and expand the roles of public land staff in many endeavors.



Verde Valley Site Watch is a new program of the Center to support the Arizona Site Steward Volunteer Program (SSVP) of the Arizona State Historical Preservation Office. The goal of Site Watch is to assist the SSVP Regional Coordinator in recruiting and training new site stewards, and to provide retraining opportunities for current volunteers. By regularly monitoring sites, problems are detected early, when they can more easily be corrected. The program seeks to bring together various hiking and other recreational groups in the Sedona/Verde Valley area to collaborate in site protection.

The program received support grants from the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) of Sedona, the ACF of Yavapai County, and the ACF for Boynton Canyon Preservation. The Center has met with the SSVP State Director in Phoenix and the archaeologists of the Coconino and Prescott National Forests to coordinate this program. Details of the program will be provided in the Autumn edition of *Archaeology Quarterly*.



The mission of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center is to preserve archaeological sites and collections, to curate the collections locally, and to make them available for research and education; to develop partnerships with American Indians, cultural groups and the communities it serves; and to foster a deeper understanding of prehistory and American Indian history in the Verde Valley through the science of archaeology.

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President's Message

Dr. James Graceffa

Full Speed Ahead

Greetings all. It is good to be home. My wife and I were gone for two months visiting museums across the country to gather information that might be useful when the Center develops the final plans for a new facility. It was a very enlightening trip. I would like to report to the Center members that we can be proud of what we have accomplished and we are on the top end when it comes to our displays and curation procedures for small facilities. Of course this is all due to our dedicated members and our Center leaders.

Dr. Todd Bostwick, Director of Archaeology made us respected by the scientific community and his continued hard work with collections is guiding us forward professionally.

And then there is our Executive Director, Ken Zoll. If something good happens at the Center, it is usually because Ken has had his hand in it. By now you know that we have been gifted property in Camp Verde for our use. We have this land because of Ken's tireless and relentless pursuit the last two years. So when you see Ken, give him an extra thank you. Now it is up to the rest of us to step up and help generate the funds for the new building. If you have not had a chance to see the conceptual drawing of our proposed facility, please come by the Center and take a look. It will be a landmark building in the Verde Valley.



We marked the acquisition of the land on Sunday, July 12th with a Members-Only celebration with refreshments. It was well attended. If you were unable to attend this special occasion, we are planning other Members-Only occasions in the future.

Center member volunteers continue the important work of cataloging the Dyck collection. This will probably go on for several more years. As part of your membership, you too can join us in a most rewarding experience.

The 2015 Field Excavation School season is beginning. We will be heading to Cortez, Colorado to continue our work on a large Ancestral Puebloan site. We had a great response for participation in the Field School with people from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, California and Colorado. Each session was over subscribed. If you are one of the lucky ones able to attend, you will enjoy a truly unique experience. We are fortunate to get this opportunity in an atmosphere in Arizona of no excavations unless absolutely necessary.

Adventurer, author and lecturer Scott Thybony will be our guest speaker at our Benefit Gala at the Sedona Poco Diablo Resort on October 24th. It will be a fun evening and I am hoping many of you will be able to attend. If you have not heard Scott before, you have a treat ahead of you.

We are looking for people who can help with registration that evening and monitoring the Silent Auction. If you can help, please contact the Center and leave your name and contact information and someone will get back to you. If you plan on attending, I would urge you to reserve your places early, since we sold out last year and will have limited seating.

On a final note, I would like to give a special thank you to Keith Greiner for writing this column for the last newsletter while I was away. He did a great job.





The Yavapai-Apache Nation is located in the Verde Valley and is comprised of five tribal communities: Tunlii, Middle Verde, Rimrock, Camp Verde and Clarkdale. The Nation has 2,440 total enrolled tribal members with over 750 residents living in the five tribal communities. The Yavapai-Apache Nation consists of two distinct people, the Yavapai and Apache. The Yavapai refer to themselves as Wipuhk'a'bah and speak the Yuman language, while the Apache refer to themselves as Dil'zhe'e and speak the Athabaskan language.

Yavapai and Apache history spans several hundred years in the Verde Valley at a minimum. The tribes generally coexisted as two culturally distinct groups in the country surrounding the Verde River. In the case of the Yavapai, they extended westward from the Verde Country out into the low desert bordering the Colorado River. The Tonto Apache extended eastward from the Verde River towards the White Mountains. Both groups ranged as far north as the Grand Canyon for resources and south to the Phoenix Basin, where they had common enemies in the Pima, Papago and Maricopa's. Both Yavapai and Apaches regularly traded with the Hopi. The Apaches of the Verde Valley regularly raided into Old Mexico.



The Yavapai are a Yuman speaking tribe, as are all Upland Pai tribes (Hualapai, Havasupai, Yavapai and the displaced Pai Pai of Baja del Norte). Many archaeologists assume that they arrived in the Verde Valley around AD 1300, although their history suggests a much earlier arrival. They are linguistically and culturally unrelated to the Apache, who live in eastern and central Arizona. Due to the general similarities of black hair, basket technology and subsistence adaptations, the Yavapai were often mistakenly referred to as "Mohave-Apache" by Euro-American observers, especially by the military, who unfortunately did not as a rule concern themselves with cultural nuance.

The American entrance into Yavapai and Apache traditions began in earnest after 1860. Exploring and trapping parties had made their way here earlier, but no effort had been made to settle. In 1863, Indian hostilities resulted from the establishment of mining camps on their ancestral lands and due to the active murder, deceit and poisoning of Apaches, in particular, by the confederate deserter, King Woolsey. These hostilities continued without interruption until General Crook rounded up the surviving Yavapai and Apache and took them to the Rio Verde Reservation in 1872. This usurpation of their Homelands and sequestering on the Rio Verde Reserve is referred to as the "conquest" by the Yavapai-Apache Nation. They remained there until March 1875, when an estimated 1,500 Yavapai and Apache were moved from the Rio Verde Indian Reserve 180 miles away to the Indian Agency at San Carlos. The forced removal, now known as Exodus Day, of the indigenous people of the Verde Valley resulted in scores of lives lost and the loss of nine hundred square miles of Executive Order lands promised to the Yavapai-Apache by the United States government. When they were finally allowed to leave San Carlos in 1900, only about 200 Yavapai and Apache actually made it back to their homeland in the Verde Valley.

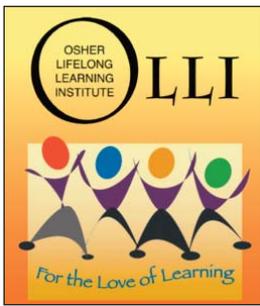


Army Colonel H.W. Corbusier was transferred to the Verde Valley from Fort Yuma in 1873. On his arrival he recounted how the Verde Valley was peopled "almost entirely by Indians and soldiers. Only three white families resided in these parts at that time." Colonel Corbusier was always interested in Indians and their lore and was widely recognized as an authority on early day western history.

At the Cultural Resource Center pictured above, stands a nine-foot monument depicting an old man carrying his disabled and infirm wife as they leave their homelands during the Exodus to San Carlos. Col. Corbusier, who traveled with the refugees, described the pair:

"... as the long, silent, and sad procession slowly passed with all their belongings on their backs. One old man placed his aged and decrepit wife in a burden basket, with her feet hanging out, and carried her on his back, almost all the way. He refused help, except at stream crossings, where he allowed a trooper to take her across on his horse. Over the roughest country, through thick brush and rocks, day after day, he struggled along with his precious burden... uncomplaining."

The Monument commemorates, not the Indian wars, but the return of The People to their homelands. The Cultural Resource Center has a small exhibit area in the lobby and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 3:00. Admission is free.



Center to Host OLLI Classes in the Fall

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the Verde Valley and Sedona is a self-directed membership organization within Yavapai College. It was created to meet the needs and interests of retirement-age people. The Institute recognizes the unique experiences and capabilities of its members by emphasizing and encouraging peer learning, member participation, collaborative leadership and social interaction. Lively discussion, plus experiential opportunities in personal growth, cultural and environmental explorations provide members a rich, continuing educational experience. Annual OLLI membership for workshops is \$30 and entitles members to attend up to two workshops; additional workshops are \$10 each.

The Town of Camp Verde hosted OLLI programs in the past but when the College closed its Camp Verde campus, those opportunities were also closed. Now residents have re-established the OLLI Program in Camp Verde by coordinating several class locations. The Center is pleased to assist and to provide its Learning Center room at no charge to the program. The workshops are open to any OLLI member regardless of their residency location. The Center will also participate by offering three workshops in the Fall Schedule:

October 21, 1:00 to 4:00 -- **Prehistoric Astronomy Practices**

This program will provide an introduction to the field of archaeoastronomy, or cultural astronomy in the American Southwest with influences from Mesoamerica. The program will focus on the Sinagua calendrical markers found within the Verde Valley.

November 12, 1:00 to 3:00 -- **The Hopi Billingsley Dancers**

In 1921 the Hopi were told that “church people” petitioned Congress to stop their “pagan” dancing. A platform was erected on the U.S. Capitol steps where both Houses of Congress assembled with their families to see the Hopi dancers. Following the performance, Congress passed a Resolution giving the Hopi permission to carry on their dancing “for all time.” They continued to perform, culminating in performances at Carnegie Hall. This program traces their story including rare film footage.

November 18, 1:00 to 4:00 -- **The Archaeology of the Verde Valley**

This program will cover the cultures that have made the Verde Valley their home since 11,000 BC. We will cover the Paleo-Indian (11,500 to 9,000 BC), the Archaic Period (9,000 BC to AD 300), the Sinagua (AD 300 to 1450), and the Yavapai and Apache. The workshop will include a review of some of the more recent excavations in Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood, Rimrock and Camp Verde.

Since these classes are being offered through the Yavapai College OLLI Program, registration is through that program when the Fall Schedule is released. **If any of these classes do not fill to their limit with OLLI members then the open spaces will be offered to Center members at no charge.** Open spaces will be announced in a Members-only email a few days before the start of the workshop. If they are popular then we will schedule the same classes for members only.

September Starts a Busy Event Season

September 29, 2015 - Sedona Creative Life Center - 6:30 pm
Sherman Loy Award - Peter Pilles, Speaker

October 3 (tentative) - Member-Only Preview - 6:30 pm
The Dyck Rockshelter Exhibit Opening

October 9, 2015 - VVAC Learning Center – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Class: Animal Tracks and Scat with Al Cornell

October 17 - International Archaeology Day
Mata Ortiz Pottery - Learning Center – 10 am to 4 pm

National Geographic Film - *Quest for the Lost Maya*
Room 206-207 – 10:00 am

National Geographic Film - *Nasca Lines: The Buried Secrets*
Room 206-207 – 12:00 pm

Lecture: Summer Archaeology in Belize with Dr. Jaime Awe
Room 206-207 – 2:00 pm

October 24 - 5th Anniversary Celebration and Gala - see page 5

November 6, 2015 - Sedona Poco Diablo Resort - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Symposium co-sponsored with the Arizona Archaeological Council
*Getting to the Point: Projectile Point Analysis and Typology
in the American Southwest*

November 11, 2015 - Cliff Castle Casino Ballroom - 6:30 pm
Lecture: The Archaeology and Landscape of Cedar Mesa Utah
by Vaughn Hadenfeldt

January 19, 2016 - Cliff Castle Casino Ballroom – 6:30 pm
VVAC Annual Meeting with lecture by Dr. Todd Bostwick

February 16, 2016 - Cliff Castle Casino Ballroom – 6:30 pm
Lecture Series: Topic to be announced

March 19-20, 2016 - Camp Verde Community Center
Verde Valley Archaeology Fair

April 19, 2016 - Cliff Castle Casino Ballroom – 6:30 pm
Lecture Series: Topic to be announced



**Help us kick off our
Capital Campaign by
joining us at the**



Fifth Anniversary Celebration and Annual Verde Valley Archaeology Benefit Gala

**Saturday, October 24, 2015, 6:00 pm
Sedona Poco Diablo Resort
A Fort McDowell Yavapai Resort**



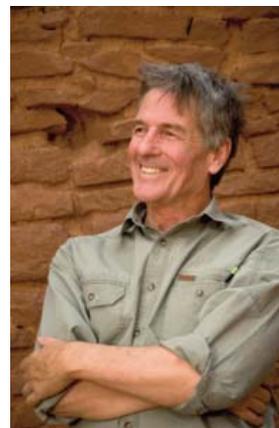
6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Silent Auction
7:00 p.m. Seated Dinner
8:00 p.m. Short program on our first five years

Special Guest Speaker: Scott Thybony

\$125 (\$75 tax deductible) includes a wine/beer/nonalcoholic drink ticket

Spaces are limited. Seating is by tables of 10. Tickets are available online now.

Scott Thybony is an anthropologist by education and a writer by profession. He is a regular contributor to KNAU Public Radio. The former river guide and archeologist writes books and articles for major magazines and newspapers. His interviews have ranged from astronauts to medicine men, and his travels through North America have resulted in award-winning stories. Having lived with Navajo Indians in the American Southwest and the Inuit in the Canadian Arctic, he brings to his writing an enthusiasm for the natural world and those living close to it.



BUY YOUR TICKETS WITH A LITTLE EXTRA

Event sponsorships are available for families or businesses at the following levels:

Patron Sponsor \$1,000 (includes four tickets)

Benefactor Sponsor \$500 (includes two tickets)

Supporting Sponsor \$250

Note: \$50 per ticket for food and beverage is not tax-deductible

Full description of sponsorship benefits are available in the Sponsorship Packet that can be downloaded from the Gala Event page on the website, or contact Ken Zoll at director@verdevalleyarchaeology.org or 928-567-0066 for information.





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On The Cover This quarter's header image is from the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The Nation is a member of our Advisory Council and has been consulted on our plans for the property which has a cultural affiliation to the Nation as well as to the Hopi Tribe, the Havasupai Tribe and the Prescott Yavapai Tribe. August will mark the dedication of a new monument. See the article on page 3.

Become a member *to help protect the ancient cultural heritage of the Verde Valley. Stop by the Center or visit our website at www.verdevalleyarchaeology.org to join online or to download an application.*

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