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## March Presentation

### **An Overview of San Rock Art from Southern Africa with Specific Reference to Sites in South Africa and Namibia.**

Guest speaker: Andries Fourie

Southern Africa is the birthplace of cognitively modern humans and the birthplace of art. Southern San rock art is one of the oldest continuous artistic traditions in the world (over 27,000 years). It is renowned for its diversity, conceptual complexity, quality and refinement. Much of what we know about the world's rock art was gleaned from the long-term study of San rock art. This talk will provide an overview of Southern San rock art and introduce the audience to several prominent rock art sites in South Africa and Namibia.

Andries Fourie is a South African-born curator, artist and teacher. He has a Masters in Art from California State University, Sacramento, and a Masters of Fine Art from The University of California, Davis. Andries has taught, lectured, exhibited and conducted art workshops in South Africa, Canada, Namibia, Kenya, and the United States. He is currently the Curator of Art and Community Engagement at the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon.

## January's Presentation

ASCO celebrated its 25th anniversary at our January meeting with cake and refreshments. Founding member and guest speaker John Zancanella presented on Mammoth Rub sites throughout the High Desert region. Pictured below are President Steve Hussey with past presidents Phil Ruder, Leslie Olson, Joyce Kesterson and John Zancanella.



*Submitted by Joyce Kesterson*

*Photo by Ruth Ruder*

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## Field Trips

### **Steelhead Falls**

**Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Co-leaders: Paul Claeysens & Stu Garrett**

**Limited to 10 participants (wilderness study area)**

**Coordinator: Bob Timmer, [BobTimmer@yahoo.com](mailto:BobTimmer@yahoo.com)**

The Deschutes River has carved a magnificent canyon through the colorful volcanic deposits of the Deschutes Formation at Steelhead Falls. The oldest rocks in the area are about 8 million years old. The canyon walls record volcanic activity in the High Cascades from 8 million years ago to about 4.5 million years ago. This formation is over 2300 feet thick. This area has a long history of human use and today is protected by the Bureau of Land Management as a wilderness study area. The riparian area is beautiful, and we are likely to see golden eagles. Steelhead Falls is one of the more photogenic sites in Central Oregon. Wildflowers can be abundant in the spring and early summer. We will see faint petroglyphs scratched into the soft sediments of the Deschutes Formation.

The field trip will start at Steelhead Falls trailhead (32 miles north of Bend) at 10:00 am. Round trip hike is 3 miles and should last about 4-5 hours. This is not a good hike for beginners. There is several hundred feet of elevation gain and loss on a steep trail with uneven footing and on a steep slope that falls into the Deschutes River. There is one section where we will hop from rock to rock through a landslide. There are occasional rattlesnakes in the area and poison oak is along the trail. Be sure your gas tank is full, bring plenty of water, rainwear, a sack lunch, and a day pack. Good hiking boots recommended. Consider bringing layered clothing, sunscreen, a camera, binoculars, etc. Roads should be passable by a normal clearance passenger sedan. Please: no smoking, no picking or collecting of plants or artifacts, and no pets. Remember, you participate at your own risk.

### **Horsethief Lake, She Who Watches and Temani Pesh-Wah Trails**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Leader: Jim Keyser**

**Limited to 20 Participants**

**Coordinator: Phil Ruder, [ruder20@att.net](mailto:ruder20@att.net)**

**Meeting location: Columbia Hills State Park Parking lot**

The "She Who Watches" and "Temani Pesh-Wah" trails at Horsethief Lake in Columbia Hills State Park (WA) provide access to the premier collection of Columbia River rock art still available for viewing in the area. Both pictographs and petroglyphs occur along these trails. Anthropomorphs, animal figures, and geometric images occur in great numbers, with some of the most famous images in the Columbia Plateau. The "She Who Watches" trail requires a hike of about one-mile round trip over undulating uneven and rocky terrain. Participants will have

to be sufficiently mobile to walk uneven ground and climb short, not-too-steep grades. Details will follow soon after signups.

The tour lasts about 2 plus hours, leaving much of the afternoon to explore the area on your own.

**A Day with Scott Thomas in the Fields of Eastern Oregon**

**Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:30 am, Burns OR.**

**Leader: Scott Thomas**

**Limited to 20 participants**

**Coordinator: Phil Ruder, [ruder20@att.net](mailto:ruder20@att.net)**

**Meeting Location: Scott's House in Burns (address to follow after signups)**

Spend a day with Scott Thomas in the field, observing and digging various species of edible roots in the hills east of Burns, OR. Scott will identify which roots are edible and how to dig them, discuss how they are prepared by people who still collect roots today. Along the way, everyone will have a chance to taste the roots and see the blooms they produce in the spring. We will also visit one or two archaeological sites in the area to get an idea of what life was like in a spring root camp thousands of years ago. Details will follow soon after signups.

The field trip will last about 3-4 hours.

**High Desert Museum - Guided Tour of the Vault**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

**Two Tours - 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

**Limited to 6 participants per tour, for a total of 12**

**Coordinator: John Williams, [jowi461@gmail.com](mailto:jowi461@gmail.com)**

**Meeting Location: The High Desert Museum**

Come join us for a unique opportunity to go on a guided tour of the vault at the High Desert Museum. The vault is where the many thousands of articles that are not on display are stored and protected in a controlled environment. In addition to being able to see many of the items, you will also hear about the steps taken by staff and volunteers to keep the collection organized and protected.

Note: Unless you are a member of the Museum; an entrance fee is required. This fee gives participants access to the museum for the full day. The group rates (requires 10 or more in the group with one person paying for the entire group) are as follows: adults 64 and under - \$13.60, adults 65 and over - \$11.20. If less than ten people signup, individual rates apply; adults 64 and under - \$17, adults 65 and over - \$14.

Each tour lasts about 40 minutes.

## **Dry River Pictograph Tour of the Bombing Range and Whitaker Holes Sites**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

**Co-Leaders: John Zancanella, Val Anderson and John Williams**

**Limited to 20 participants**

**Coordinator: Val Anderson, [archoval@gmail.com](mailto:archoval@gmail.com)**

**Meeting Location: Wilco Farm Store, Bend (time TBD)**

This day trip will be a round robin with two alternating groups of 10. While one group is at the Bombing Range with retired archaeologist and paleontologist, John Zancanella, the other will be at Whitaker Holes with ASCO members and D-stretch photographers Val Anderson and John Williams.

The Bombing Range site is within the BLM Oregon Badlands Wilderness, the Whitaker Holes site is not. The sites are in the Columbia Plateau/Great Basin contact zone with a combination of pictographs and petroglyphs associated with “tanks” along the length of Dry River Gorge (an extinct Pleistocene River course).

Trailheads are accessible to all vehicles. The visits require hiking in soft soils over relatively flat but uneven ground. There will be a 2.8 mile round trip hike at Bombing Range; and a one-quarter (0.25) mile round trip hike at Whitaker Holes. Minor rocky areas require scrambling to two locations at the Bombing Range site, but elevation gain is less than four feet in each instance (butt sliding may be required for short people). Bring your cell phones and cameras to practice D-stretch! The pictographs are old and very faint. Early October weather in the High Desert can be variable. Be prepared for temperatures ranging from warm to freezing, wear a hat and carry sunscreen, water, walking sticks and a lunch. No dogs or children please.

The total tour time will run about 5 hours. Two hours at the Bombing Range and about an hour at Whitaker Holes. We will have a staggered start time and will be together for lunch.

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## Television Programs of Interest

### ***Secrets of the Dead - Leonardo: The man who Saved Science***

New evidence suggests many of Leonardo da Vinci's inventions were realized long before his time.

Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00 p.m. on OPB and repeated Friday, March 8th at 2:00 a.m.

### ***Secrets of the Dead - King Arthur's Lost Kingdom***

Archaeological evidence may connect the legend of King Arthur to a 5th century trading village.

Wednesday, March 27th at 10:00 p.m. on OPB and repeated Friday, March 29th at 3:00 a.m.

### ***NOVA- The Great Human Odyssey***

This program explores how our ancient ancestors spread out of Africa, to populate every corner of the globe. This is a streaming video that does not require an OPB passport to view.

<https://www.pbs.org/video/nova-great-human-odyssey/>

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## ASCO CONTRIBUTORS FOR 2018

Many ASCO members contribute time and money to ASCO over and above their regular dues. These contributions help ensure we have educational and interesting programs and field trips. The money and time also helps with our stewardship program and is used to work towards our goal of stimulating public interest in preservation of and research into our past life ways. Thank you to the Board and committee members and everyone who helps ASCO with their time. And, thank you to the following people for their cash donations in 2018:

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Remember to visit the ASCO website for up-to-date changes in our calendar, as well as background information about the ASCO Stewardship Program and past copies of the eMidden.

[www.ascoinfo.net](http://www.ascoinfo.net)

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## 2019 MEMBERSHIP

ASCO membership is for the calendar year, January through December. Benefits include many excellent speakers, workshops, and field trips. All of these activities are available to members for the \$20 membership fee. New members are always welcome. For a new membership, or to renew for 2019, please use the application form attached. Only ASCO members in good standing are eligible to participate in field trips. Remember that neither guests, nor persons under 18 may attend.

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