

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **September 16 - 18, 2011** Destination: **Zuni Pueblo**

Leaders: **Bruce and Olga Howard** Number of Participants: **16**

Our Chapter enjoyed the Zuni Trip on September 16-18, 2011. Thanks to the great planning of Bruce and Olga Howard, fourteen SJBAS and two Hisatsinom Chapter members enjoyed a truly educational and enjoyable weekend at Zuni.

On Friday, the 16th, the group ate an early dinner at the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup and arrived at Zuni to check into the charming Halona Inn, with its eight unique rooms. Both Saturday and Sunday mornings, guests experienced the super Halona breakfasts.

On Saturday, September 17, the group visited the home of potters, brothers Milford and Randy Nahohai, together with conservators from the Smithsonian, to hear a discussion about modern Zuni pottery and answers to the many group member questions about Zuni pottery and culture. After enjoying a traditional Zuni posole and tamale filling lunch at a Zuni tribal member's home and learning about the Zuni use of "horno" ovens, we visited the deconsecrated San Miguel church for a discussion of the magnificent Kachina murals and a short walking tour of the old town. We shared a dinner at the Halona Inn, after some of the group did some very successful shopping.

On Sunday, we met with Zuni Tourism Director, Tom Kennedy, for an introduction to the Hawikku Pueblo, the subject of the First Spanish Entrada, and then a visit to the site. We enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant and listened to an introduction to the afternoon's site visit, the City of the Great Kivas. While some headed home, others enjoyed the field trip that afternoon, which was complete with modern Zuni pictographs. We hope to have Tom Kennedy speak to SJBAS next September.

- Prepared by Rich Robinson

Participants: Bruce and Olga Howard, Janice Sheftel, Susan Whitfield, MaryAnne Nelson, Bev and Bob Danielson, Linda and Richard Robinson, Gail and Marlo Schulz, Bob Powell, Kathleen and Jim Shadell, Diane and Bob McBride