Dear Members and Friends!

I am happy to report that the staff of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (EPMArch) has pushed the institution to new heights over the past 10 months! We applied for and received a $500 grant from the Council of Texas Archaeologists to fund our Texas Archaeology Month activities held in October 2016. In November we organized and hosted the first ever Tigua Heritage Day at the Museum which was a meaningful collaboration with Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo. We opened Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker: A Woman OF Two Worlds and a Man IN Two Worlds, an exhibition organized by The Texas Trail of Fame and Texas Lakes Trail in December. Humanities Texas awarded us a $1,000 grant to fund a lecture by Margaret Hacker, Director of Archival Operations at the National Archives in Fort Worth, Texas, in support of this exhibition. A lecture series featuring 11 experts in archaeology and regional prehistory opened in February and will run through December. EPMArch and the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department organized and hosted the 11th Annual Poppies Festival on April 1st which attracted 3,777 people, an increase over the prior year. On April 20th we saw the unveiling of our new gazebo structure which was paid for by Quality of Life Bond funds marking new improvements for northeast El Paso. In May 2017 we remodeled and updated a section of the Museum’s North Gallery for the first time in 15 years and installed Paquimé and the Casas Grandes Culture, an exhibition featuring a portion of our vast collection of Casas Grandes pottery, some donated by Harold Naylor displaying now for the very first time.

We also opened The Rocks Speak: Petroglyphs of the Casas Grandes Region in the Museum’s auditorium at the same time which compliments the Paquimé exhibit.

Our exhibition and education programming continue to attract schools and teachers to bring their students through our facility. Over the last 9 months 2,600 students received docent-led tours!

The Development Office is also busy, keeping up with an increase in membership renewals and new memberships, grants, and overseeing the restructuring of the Museum’s gift shop which has seen a substantial increase in sales over the past 6 months. We are reaching new strides in outreach and are dedicated to making the Museum accessible to all members of the community.

In all 18,700 people came to visit the Museum between September 1st, 2016 and May 31st, 2017, an increase from 17,200 for the same time period the year before. These are truly changing times for the Museum.

This summer we will be offering five Summer Day Camps starting the last week of June and ending the first week of August. This is a great opportunity for kids ages 7-12 to learn about archaeology, history, and the great outdoors. Further details are provided in this issue.

As we move into the fall season the Museum will be hosting the 20th Biennial Jornada Mogollon Conference October 13th and 14th which will draw archaeologists and researchers from all over our region. On October 15th the Museum will host a 40th Anniversary party you won’t want to miss! Planning is also underway with the Tom Lea Institute for a collaboration in October in celebration of Tom Lea Month. We are pleased to report that Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo has committed to another Tigua Heritage Day at the Museum which will be held on Sunday, November 26th. New exhibitions and a 2018 Lecture Series are also in the planning!

As we continue to reach new milestones, we are grateful to you our Members, the generous patrons of our programs, and the volunteers who serve selflessly as Docents and Interns. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Jeff Romney
Director, El Paso Museum of Archaeology
MESSAGE FROM MCAD DIRECTOR

Dear Members:

Summer is here and there’s so much happening at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology! Be sure to visit often to view a fantastic variety of permanent exhibitions and the new exhibitions, *Paquimé and the Casas Grandes Culture* and *The Rocks Speak: Petroglyphs of the Casas Grandes Region*, both on view through October 21st, 2017.

Please also mark your calendars and plan to attend these upcoming, not-to-be missed lectures as part of the Museum’s ongoing 2017 Lecture Series: “The Feathered Serpent Spreads its Wings”: Bundling Knowledge and Religion in the New World” by Todd VanPool, Ph.D. and Christine VanPool, Ph.D at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 1st and “From Art to Food: Exploring the Various Functions of Animal Resources and Imagery during the Casas Grandes Medio Period” by Jeremy Loven at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 12th.

Members and guests of all ages and abilities can also actively engage in archery and atl-atl demonstrations every Saturday from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM through September, weather permitting.

The EPMArch Summer Camps are also a great way for kids ages 7-12 to learn about archaeology and regional history through mock field surveys and excavations, films, and hands-on activities. Optional guided field trips to Hueco Tanks State Park are also offered. Remaining Summer Camps are scheduled in July and August.

Please enjoy learning more details about all the current and upcoming offerings at the Museum throughout this issue. As a Member of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, your generous support empowers the Museum to continue to grow and strengthen our impact as a cultural and educational resource for our community and beyond.

I look forward to seeing you in the galleries and on the trails soon!

Warm regards,

Tracey Jerome, MS, MA
Director, Museums and Cultural Affairs
NEW FACES

Graciela Herrera

Graciela was born and raised in El Paso. In 2008 she graduated from Hanks High School and continued her education at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She earned her degree in elementary education while working as a receptionist at the university tutoring center. Graciela went on to become a kindergarten teacher before deciding to return to El Paso. Since being back home she has focused on family until deciding to pursue a career with the city. The Museum is pleased to welcome her as our new Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

PAST EXHIBITIONS

September 2016 – May 2017

*Gift of the Spider Woman: The Weaving Tradition of the Diné*
September 6th, 2015 - January 24th, 2016
EPMArch Auditorium

*Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker: A Woman OF Two Worlds and a Man IN Two Worlds*
Organized by The Texas Trail of Fame and Texas Trails
Sponsored by Humanities Texas, the State affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities
December 10th, 2016 - January 27th, 2017
EPMArch Auditorium

*Faces of Mexico: Human Imagery in Pre-Columbian Art*
February 4th - May 6th, 2017
EPMArch Auditorium
The Casas Grandes culture straddled the frontier region separating the great city-building empires of Mesoamerica and the rich mosaic of ancient cultures that inhabited the American Southwest roughly AD 700-1450. Its driving center was arguably the city of Paquimé, or Casas Grandes as it is called today, an extensive ruin located in northwest Mexico, in the state of Chihuahua. The formative stages of the culture are recognizable as early as the 1st century AD. In its heyday, AD 1200 – 1450, Paquimé was the largest city in northern Mexico, covering nearly 88 acres, and was one of the largest cities in the greater Southwest.

This exhibition highlights Paquimé’s importance as a center of regional trade and culture during the 13th and 14th centuries AD. Located on Mesoamerica’s norther frontier, the city became an important trade center through which substantial quantities of turquoise, shell, colorful parrots, copper items and other commodities flowed north and south. The Casas Grandes culture is noted for their complex technology of raising and perhaps breeding tropical birds such as Scarlet Macaws in a non-tropical environment, a remarkable accomplishment even by today’s standards.

The Casas Grandes culture is renowned for having produced some of the finest and most accomplished geometric pottery of the Pre-Columbian world. This exhibition affords a wonderful opportunity to view many examples of this famous, visually-pleasing pottery. Indeed, the collection of Casas Grandes pottery held at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology is possibly one of the largest in the Southwest and many pieces from the Naylor Collection donated a few years ago are displayed now for the first time.
The Rocks Speak:
Petroglyphs of the Casas Grandes Region
Through October 21st, 2017
EPMArch Auditorium

The Rocks Speak: Petroglyphs of the Casas Grandes Region exhibit focuses on three petroglyph sites near the archaeological site of Paquimé located in Chihuahua, Mexico. Assumed to date predominantly from AD 1200 – 1450 these petroglyphs include “bird men,” horned serpents, a priestly figure wearing a horned serpent headdress, concentric circles, stick figures, stepped patterns, and other unique designs. This exhibition complements Paquimé and the Casas Grandes Culture, our larger exhibit in the Museum’s North Gallery.

“Birdman” Figure at Anchondo (Left)
Casas Grandes Culture (AD 1200 – 1450)
Photo by Jeff Romney

Figure at Anchondo
Casas Grandes Culture (AD 1200 – 1450)
Photo by Jeff Romney
**Spirit Lines: Helen Hardin Etchings**
A collaborative exhibition with the El Paso Museum of Art
Through October 8th, 2017
Dede Rogers Special Events Gallery, El Paso Museum of Art

_Spirit Lines: Helen Hardin Etchings_ presents the entire set of twenty-three copper-plate etchings that Helen Hardin (1943–1984) created in the early 1980s. The painter embraced etching toward the end of her life before her untimely death from breast cancer. This new technique for Hardin responded well to the precision and detail of her painting style. During her lifetime Hardin created avenues for other Native women to break from tradition. While she was influenced early on by the painting of her mother, Santa Clara Pueblo painter Pablita Velarde, Hardin wished to create her own style, which became a melding of Native American motifs with modernist geometric abstraction.

Hardin’s inspiration included imagery from the Mimbres, the Hohokam, and the Anasazi peoples, and the exhibition at the El Paso Museum of Art is enriched by several generous loans of pottery and other objects from the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. The show also includes the copper plates the artist worked on to create several of her etchings. The El Paso showing of Hardin’s rare etchings is only the third time they have been shown publically, and the exhibition comes to El Paso courtesy of Helen Hardin #1’s LLC, a Nevada Corporation.
July 1st, 2017
10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting.

2:00 PM - 2017 Lecture Series, The Feathered Serpent Spreads its Wings: Bundling Knowledge and Religion in the New World, a lecture by Todd VanPool, Ph.D., and Christine VanPool, Ph.D. in the auditorium. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

July 4th, 2017
The Museum will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 11th – 13th, 2017
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Summer Camp for kids ages 7-12. $55 for museum members, $70 for non-members. Camp includes gallery tours, outdoor mock archaeological survey and excavation, craft workshops, archery, and two films. Snacks provided each day. Optional outing to Hueco Tanks State Park on July 14th to visit the site with Park and Museum of Archaeology Staff. Parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from Hueco Tanks. To register or for more information please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov

July 15th, 2017
2:00 PM - Lecture in the auditorium. Topic TBD. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

July 18th - 20th, 2017
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Summer Camp for kids ages 7-12. $55 for museum members, $70 for non-members. Camp includes gallery tours, outdoor mock archaeological survey and excavation, craft workshops, archery, and two films. Snacks provided each day. Optional outing to Hueco Tanks State Park on July 21st to visit the site with Park and Museum of Archaeology Staff. Parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from Hueco Tanks. To register or for more information please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov

August 1st - 3rd, 2017
9:00 AM - 1:00PM. Summer Camp for kids ages 7-12. $55 for museum members, $70 for non-members. Camp includes gallery tours, outdoor mock archaeological survey and excavation, craft workshops, archery, and two films. Snacks provided each day. Optional outing to Hueco Tanks State Park on August 4th to visit the site with Park and Museum of Archaeology Staff. Parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from Hueco Tanks. To register or for more information please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov

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10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting.

2:00 PM - 2017 Lecture Series, From Art to Food: Exploring the Various Functions of Animal Resources and Imagery during the Casas Grandes Medio Period, a lecture by Jeremy Loven in the auditorium. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis.

August 19th, 2017
2:00 PM - Lecture in the auditorium. Topic TBD. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

August 26th, 2017
10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting.
September 9th, 2017
10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting

2:00 PM - 2017 Lecture Series, Obsidian in the Casas Grandes World and Beyond, a lecture by Sean Dolan, Ph.D. in the auditorium. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

September 16th, 2017
10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting

2:00 PM - Lecture in the auditorium. Topic TBD. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

September 30th, 2017
10:00 AM - 1:00PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting

October 13th - 14th, 2017
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. 20th Biennial Jornada Mogollon Conference. Registration fees: $35 per person. Please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov to register and for information on hotel accommodations. Help us celebrate Texas Archaeology Month!

October 15th, 2017
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. El Paso Museum of Archaeology 40th Anniversary Celebration

October 18th, 2017
2:00 PM - Lecture in the auditorium. Topic TBD. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Organized by the El Paso Archaeological Society.

October 21st, 2017
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. International Archaeology Day and Texas Archaeology Month celebration. Free activities for the whole family! Organized by EPMArch and the El Paso Archaeological Society. Details coming soon.

October 28th, 2017
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Archery and atl-atl. Free fun for all ages under the supervision of field marshals. Equipment provided. Weather permitting

2:00 PM - 2017 Lecture Series, The Water Canyon Paleoindian site in west-central New Mexico: The most important Paleoindian site in New Mexico since the discovery of Blackwater Draw?, a lecture by Robert Dello-Russo, Ph.D. in the auditorium. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis. Help us celebrate Texas Archaeology Month!

November 4th, 2017

November 23rd - 24th, 2017
The Museum will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

November 25th, 2017
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Native American Storytelling in celebration of Native American Heritage Month with Alex Mares (Diné). Free. Great for the whole family! Enjoy hot chocolate around our campfire. Please dress warmly.

November 26th, 2017
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Tigua Cultural Heritage Day in collaboration with Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo and in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Free. Join us for Tigua dances, food sampling, crafts, archery, and vendor booths which are limited to members of local Native American communities.

December 9th, 2017
2:00 PM - 2017 Lecture Series, Mimbres: West, North, East and South, a lecture by Stephen Lekson, Ph.D. in the auditorium. Free. Seating is limited to 75 people and is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information and upcoming events, please visit our website at archaeology.elpasotexas.gov or on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/EPMArch/
Texas Archaeology Month – October 2016

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology celebrated Texas Archaeology Month (TAM) with free activities at the Museum throughout October 2016. Activities included tours, flint knapping, pinch-pot making, table-top excavations, Tigua bread sampling and film screenings of Ancient America: The Southwest by Camera One Productions. TAM events were made possible by a generous grant from the Council of Texas Archaeologists.

Tigua Cultural Heritage Day 2016

On Saturday, November 12th, 2016 the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the Tigua Cultural Center celebrated Native American Heritage Month with a first ever Tigua Cultural Heritage Day collaboration at the Museum. This day of free activities included archery and atl-atl demonstrations, Tigua dances, Tigua bread and chili sampling, dream catcher and paper plate gourd rattle making workshops.

The Tiguas of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of El Paso are descendants of refugees from the Río Abajo or lower Rio Grande pueblos who were forced to march south to El Paso with the Spanish during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. The settlement established for them was named Ysleta del Sur, or Ysleta of the South, to distinguish it from their former home in Isleta, New Mexico, near what is now Albuquerque.

Native American Storytelling

The Museum was proud to host a Native American storytelling event with Mr. Alex Mares on Saturday November 26th, 2016 who shared Coyote and other stories from his cultural background which includes Diné, Pueblo, Jicotec and Spanish. These types of stories are traditionally shared in winter by Navajo, Pueblo and Apache tribes. An estimated 165 people of all ages enjoyed this special cultural event around an outdoor campfire.
Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and the Legend Presentation

The Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker: A Woman OF Two Worlds and a Man IN Two Worlds exhibit opened to the public in December 2016. This traveling exhibit of rarely seen photos of Quanah, the last Comanche War Chief, and his mother Cynthia Ann Parker whose story is probably the best known of all the pioneer women captured by Indians in the Southwest was sponsored by The Texas Trail of Fame and Texas Trails.

Margaret Schmidt Hacker (Left), author of Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and The Legend and Director of Archival Operations at the National Archives, Fort Worth, Texas, presented a public lecture on Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker on Saturday, December 10th. A reception and book signing followed. This lecture presentation was made possible by a generous grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and was attended by 53 people.

Soldier Art Workshop Collaboration with Fort Bliss and the El Paso Artist Society

Fort Bliss and the El Paso Art Association collaborated with the Museum on a soldier art workshop which was held out on the trails on Saturday, March 25th, 2017. Participants drew inspiration from the many poppies in bloom as well as the beautiful Castner Range Mountains for their artwork!
11th Annual Poppies Festival

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology and the City’s Museums and Cultural Affairs Department organized and hosted the 11th Annual Poppies Festival on Saturday, April 1st, 2017. Spring in the Franklin Mountains means the desert landscape is often blanketed by a field of golden yellow Mexican Poppies and this festival celebrated El Paso’s annual bloom.

An estimated 3,777 individuals of all ages also enjoyed live music, Tigua dances, 81 vendors, educational exhibits, children’s activities, nature tours, Houdini, the hawk from the El Paso Zoo, and a live wolf from the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary near Albuquerque. New this year was the addition of vendors from the Downtown Art and Farmers Market.

We would like to thank the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Destination El Paso, El Paso Live, Cohen Stadium, Downtown Artist and Farmers Market, El Paso Zoo, West Valley Fire Department, National Border Patrol Museum, Border Patrol Agents, Border Patrol Explorers, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, Citadel of the Southern Pass, Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary, Apache Sign and Barricades, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Tigua Dancers, JC Video Productions, TxDOT and the 76 volunteers who helped make this event possible.

2017 Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp 2017 was held on March 14th – 17th, 2017. Ten camp participants enjoyed gallery tours, outdoor mock excavations and archaeological surveys, indoor crafts and activities and a film on the Gila Cliff Dwellings! Most camp attendees also participated in the optional outing to Hueco Tanks State Park on March 18th. A special “thank you” goes out to our Interns Danielle Revenue and Imaryarie Rivera-Lastra who organized this year’s camp!
UPCOMING
EDUCATION
EVENTS

Call for Speakers for 2018 EPMArch Lecture Series

The Museum is seeking speakers for our 2018 EPMArch Lecture Series. Topics should focus on the Greater American Southwest, Northern Mexico or Mesoamerica. Other topics may also be considered. Please email Jeff Romney, Museum Director at Romneyjk@elpasotexas.gov with intent or inquiries by July 15th, 2017.

2017 EPMArch Lecture Series

In February 2017 the Museum launched its 2017 EPMArch Lecture Series which features presentations from 11 experts in their fields through December. We are excited to provide this opportunity for our members and visitors to learn about research and other interesting topics through this series.

PAST LECTURES:

Saturday, February 11th, 2017
Recent research at a Jornada Mogollon-Manzano site at Leasburg Dam State Park by Robert J. Stokes, Ph.D.

Friday, March 17th, 2017
Arboreal Archaeology: Cambrium-Peeled Trees in the Zuni Mountains, New Mexico by Ronald H. Towner, Ph.D.

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017
The U.S.-Transborder Region: A New Synthesis by Josiah H. Heyman, Ph.D.

Saturday, April 29th, 2017
Mimbres Archaeology – Beautiful Pottery, Ordinary Architecture, and Scarlet Macaws by Patricia A. Gilman, Ph.D.

Saturday, May 13th, 2017
Apaches and their Horses by Deni Seymour, Ph.D.

Saturday, June 10th, 2017
Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Paquimé in the International Four Corners by Paul Minnis, Ph.D.

UPCOMING LECTURES:

Saturday, July 1st, 2017 - 2:00 PM
The Feathered Serpent Spreads its Wings: Bundling Knowledge and Religion in the New World by Todd VanPool, Ph.D. and Christine VanPool, Ph.D.

Saturday, August 12th, 2017 - 2:00 PM
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SUMMER DAY CAMPS
FOR AGES 7-12

Summer break is the perfect time to discover something new or be inspired and creative. The Museum is offering Summer Camps over 5 weeks during the summer. Capacity registration for each camp is 12 kids. Spaces are limited and filling fast so register today!

Remaining 2017 EPMArch Summer Day Camps
July 11th-13th    July 18th-20th    July 25th-27th
August 1st-3rd
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM each day

$55 per child for museum members
$70 per child for non-members
Free museum tote bag and hot chocolate mug for each child included!

TUESDAYS
• Presentation: Archaeology, Artifacts, Time Periods, and Camp Safety
• Tour of the Museum (Diorama)
• Break (Water, granola bars, apples, bananas provided)
• Short film: Gila Cliff Dwellings with introduction by Museum Director
• Surveying archaeological sites outdoor activity
• Craft: Pottery reconstruction

WEDNESDAYS
• Gallery tour of North Gallery
• Picture Scavenger hunt/matching
• Break (Water, granola bars, apples, bananas provided)
• Introduction / Mock Excavation
• Workshop and discussion on artifacts found during mock excavation
• Film: Mesa Verde

THURSDAYS
• Introduction to the “3 Sisters”
• Break (Water, granola bars, apples, bananas provided)
• Ati-atl and archery activity outdoors (Supervised by adult instructors and museum staff)
• Short film: Hueco Tanks State Park
• Discussion on optional outing to Hueco Tanks

FRIDAYS
• Presentation of gifts and camp certificates

FRIDAYS
Optional field trip to Hueco Tanks State Historic Site. Learn about ancient paintings left by Native Americans while you tour the site with a member of Park and Museum staff. Parents or guardian must arrange for transportation to and from Hueco Tanks.

For more information or to register please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or by email at MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov. You may also visit the Museum’s website for information and registration forms at archaeology.elpasotexas.org

SCHOOL TOURS

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology offers school tours to thousands of students of all ages each year. While here students receive a docent-led tour of our dioramas and exhibitions where they learn about 14,000 years of prehistory of the El Paso region along with the prehistory of the Greater Southwest, northern Mexico and Mesoamerica. For information or to schedule a school tour please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or at MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov
NEW GAZEBO SHELTER STRUCTURE OPENED AND TRAILS IMPROVED

The City of El Paso continues to invest in Northeast El Paso by creating new amenities, such as the Museum’s new gazebo shelter structure that was unveiled to the public on Thursday, April 20th, 2017. The Museums and Cultural Affairs (MCAD) and Parks and Recreation Departments, and former City Representative Carl L. Robinson, District 4, dedicated the new gazebo structure which is one of dozens of projects constructed with Quality of Life bonds passed by voters in 2012.

Enhancements like this one to our Museum will allow us to provide programming to the El Paso community and help develop a further appreciation for the cultures that El Paso was built on and the natural beauty that surrounds us.

As part of a community partnership, the grounds and the trails around the Museum of Archaeology have also been improved and reopened, creating hiking opportunities for visitors. MCAD and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology also took ownership of the annual Poppies Festival this year which saw an increase in community attendance, as well as participation from local vendors and community groups. The new gazebo will provide an even greater experience at next year’s festival.

Usage of the gazebo structure requires making a reservation in advance by calling (915) 755-4332. We anticipate that rental charges will apply starting in September 2017.

HOURS OF OPERATION EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS

We are excited to welcome visitors once again to the Museum on Sundays from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM providing further opportunities for our community to learn about the cultures that helped influence the development of the El Paso region. This change which took effect on June 4th, 2017 also brings us back in line with the same operating hours as the City’s other two museums and will allow us to better serve the community.

Tracey Jerome, Director of the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department stated: “Over the past two years, we have made investments to enhance the visitor experience at the Museum of Archaeology. We brought in a full-time director, repaired the trails on the Museum grounds and partnered with Parks and Recreation to construct a beautiful gazebo that can be used for museum programs or other events. Extending the hours the Museum is open to our community is the next step in our commitment to provide high quality experiences at each of the City’s museums.”
MUSEUM LIBRARY COLLECTION
In order to better serve the needs of staff, docents, student interns, members and the general public the Museum is in the process of forming a non-circulating research library. We are in need of donated books and DVDs which cover anthropological, archaeological, and Native American topics including history and art. For information on donating please contact Graciela Herrera, Administrative Assistant at (915) 755-4332 or by email at HerreraGA@elpasotexas.gov

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
In August 2016 the Museum had 69 active members. Over the past 10 months we have been successful in increasing this number to 100 active members which is a notable increase. We need your help, however, in reaching our goal of securing 140 memberships by August 31st, 2017! Please talk with friends, family, and co-workers and invite them to join at any level. We depend almost exclusively on membership donations to fund exhibitions and public events. Thank you in advance for helping us fund our future!

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
A special “thank you” goes out to our Interns who have donated many hours working on projects at the Museum. Recent camps, classes, and exhibitions came to fruition as a result of their efforts and dedication! For information on internships at EPMArch please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or at MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov

DOCENTS NEEDED!
Thousands of students come to the Museum each year to learn about Native American culture and prehistory through docent-led tours. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our docents who so diligently give of their time and talents. We could not do it without you! The Museum is in need of still more docents to help with our increasing demands for tours and other activities. For information on becoming a volunteer docent please contact George Maloof, Curator at (915) 755-4332 or at MaloofGO@elpasotexas.gov. Successful candidates will need to pass a background check and participate in training.

EPMArch Interns
Rebecca Campos
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Alexandra Jones
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Ivanna Montenegro
Sashiel Piña
Danielle Revenue
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Ian Roa
Kelly Rush

EPMArch Docents
Fernando Arias (Outreach)
Marilyn Guida
Deva Harper
Carol Hedicke
Ann Kruzich
John Miller
Janice Robinson
La Claire Shields

STAY CONNECTED AND BETTER INFORMED!
We encourage all EPMArch Members to “Like” us on Facebook to get the latest news and up-to-date information on what is happening at the Museum. We update information daily which makes this an ideal way for Members to stay connected and better informed! For those who do not use Facebook, we offer email notifications. Please contact Graciela Herrera, Administrative Assistant at (915) 755-4332 or HerreraGA@elpasotexas.gov to sign up with your email address. You can also find information on our website at archaeology.elpasotexas.gov

www.Facebook.com/EPMArch/
Stay Connected and Better Informed!

George Maloof and Sashiel Piña install an exhibit

Jeff Romney selects pottery for an exhibit

Museum Members admire upgrades made to the gallery

Poppies Festival 2017

Weekly atlatl demonstrations on Saturdays

Shoppers in the Museum’s Gift Shop

Weekly archery demonstrations on Saturdays

People and Events
PROJECT SUPPORT GRANTS AND DONATIONS

For education, exhibitions, conservation, and special programs
September 2016 – May 2017

AmaTerra Environmental, Inc.
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MUSEUM MEMBERS
As of May 2017

Keystone - $500 +
Sally Andrade

Clovis - $250 +
El Paso Archaeological Society
Katrina Martich and Edward Gil

Folsom - $100 +
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