Dr. Dello-Russo has over 30 years of experience in the archaeology of western North America, including special interests in the Paleoindian geoarchaeology, rock shelter archaeology, and paleoclimatic/paleoenvironmental reconstructions. He received a BA from Bucknell University and both an MA and a PhD from the University of New Mexico. After creating the Section 106 compliance program for the NM Department of Game & Fish, he later served as the Deputy Director of the NM Office of Archaeological Studies, Department of Cultural Affairs in Santa Fe. Currently,
he is the Director at the Office of Contract Archeology at the University of New Mexico, where he also serves as a Research Associate Professor. Since 2008, he has been the Principal Investigator for interdisciplinary research at the Water Canyon Paleoindian site in west-central NM.

Topic

Presentation Title:
GEOARCHAEOLOGY and PALEO-ENVIRONMENT of the WATER CANYON PALEOINDIAN SITE

Since 2008, our interdisciplinary research at the Water Canyon site, utilizing data from landform geomorphology, paleoclimatic research, paleoenvironmental reconstructions, chronometrics and a host of other specialized investigations, has led to provocative new archaeological discoveries. The site is significant in that it is characterized by intact cultural deposits that provide evidence for Clovis, Folsom, Cody, Allen-Frederick, and other components – all extant during the late Pleistocene-early Holocene transition (ca. 13,000 to 8,000 years ago) – and because it contains Bison sp. bone beds and rare open-air processing areas. Beyond that, we see a potential for buried Folsom, Clovis and, possibly, pre-Clovis materials. Together, these attributes make this site unique west of the Pecos River in New Mexico.

Pot Creek Ceramic Sorting is still requesting volunteers to participate in processing out their Prehistoric collections. Wednesdays at 9:00am at the SMU Laboratory. Contact Mark Henderson for more information.  markscotthenderson@gmail.com
The Taos Archaeological Society is pleased to announce we are hosting the Annual Meeting of
ASNM. The Conference will take place May 8-10, 2020 next Spring. TAS is looking for volunteers to participate in helping Saturday May 9. The Meeting theme will be “Taos at the Crossroads of Trade”.

Register on the TAS website now at taosarch.org

Interesting lectures, Field Trips, Steve Lekson keynote speaker and Banquet Dinner. Burro loading demonstration, Silent Auction.

Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com to participate as a volunteer.
The Taos Archaeological Society is offering Lifetime Membership with the contribution of $500.00 per individual anytime up until December 31, 2019. Take advantage of this Tax Deductible opportunity and help
TAS fund our mission!! The Lifetime Membership will include the Member plus 1 additional family member.

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The Taos Archaeological Society, in cooperation with Carson National Forest will participate in archaeological testing of a rock shelter site in Valle Vidal Summer of 2020. We will be posting updated information soon to Members.
We excavated and surveyed this area for a week August 5-9, 2019 and recorded two hearths and many artifacts. Three new sites were also recorded. We collected lithics including obsidian and 5 ceramics. Also, in the excavation we found an Archaic projectile dart San Pedro variety (see photo below (circa 1500 BC). Great group of archaeology techs and volunteers from TAS.
Archaic Dart Armijo Side Notched circa 5000 BC
La Cueva excavation underway
La Cueva Feature 2 Thermal Feature
Winter POT LUCK
COMING SOON!!!
Friday December 6, 2019

St. James Church
Gusdorf Road
500pm-700pm
Bring your favorite Wintertime Dish to Share!!!
Wine and Lemonade provided.
The Taos Archaeological Society is in part Funding trips for students to The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project!! Trips coming up this Spring 2020!!! Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com
TAS is looking for Members to form an Education Committee who will promote and facilitate communication with teachers and schools to advance our bus trip programs!! To participate in this very successful effort contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com
Thank you!!!

TAS is also looking for Members to participate in organizing TAS archives from 2000-Present. We are requesting that any Members who have photographs from TAS trips and any archival materials to contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com. Thank you!!!!!
Upcoming Trips
Trip reservations are first come first serve all trips have limited space. No reservation is confirmed until deposits have been made. Watch for future trips on the website!!!
Thank you!

All TAS trips may be sign up for by TAS Members who are Active Members in Good
Standing. Persons wanting to participate should become Members by mailing 30.00 to TAS PO Box 143 Taos, NM 87571 Thank you!

May 2020
Chaco Canyon 3 Day Trip with Paul Reed
towerkiva@yahoo.com for information

Chaco Canyon Aztec Ruins and Salmon Ruins
15 persons maximum No camping required But is an option.
May 15-17, 2020 3 Day Trip Guide: Paul Reed
towerkiva@yahoo.com

May 15
700am Depart from Taos North Road Visit Salmon Ruins Lunch
Visit Aztec Ruins Overnight Bloomfield

May 16
Visit Chaco Canyon Museum
All day Chaco Canyon Tour

May 17
Depart Bloomfield Visit Twin Angels Chaco Outlier and Great
Depart Bloomfield
Arrive Taos
Visit Chaco Museum
Transfer to Bloomfield for Overnight

***Participants responsible for arranging hotels, transportation and food. Good walking shoes required. Sunscreen, rain gear, backpack and water.

Aztec Ruins

Salmon Room Block
Pueblo Bonito
Delafield Dubois

Del has spent a lifetime exploring the wilds by foot, ski, and boat. He has floated over 30,000 river miles, including over 20 years as a commercial guide and co-owner of Los Rios River Runners. Growing up in the woods less than a mile from Walden Pond, then living on the edge of the mind-boggling sprawl of Southern California, he understands the importance of land conservation. With a degree in anthropology and Latin American history, he has worked as an archeologist for the Carson National Forest and a River Ranger for the Bureau of Land Management. He has also served on the Boards of Taos Search and Rescue and the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council. Photographer, Archeologist, Park Ranger, story teller and adventurer on land and water.

Topic
Tonight’s lecture will present a program about the 50 plus constructed trails within the Rio Grande Gorge. Who made them, how and why, along with stories and photos from 47 years of exploring the canyon, Photographer, Archeologist, Park Ranger, story teller and adventurer on land and water,