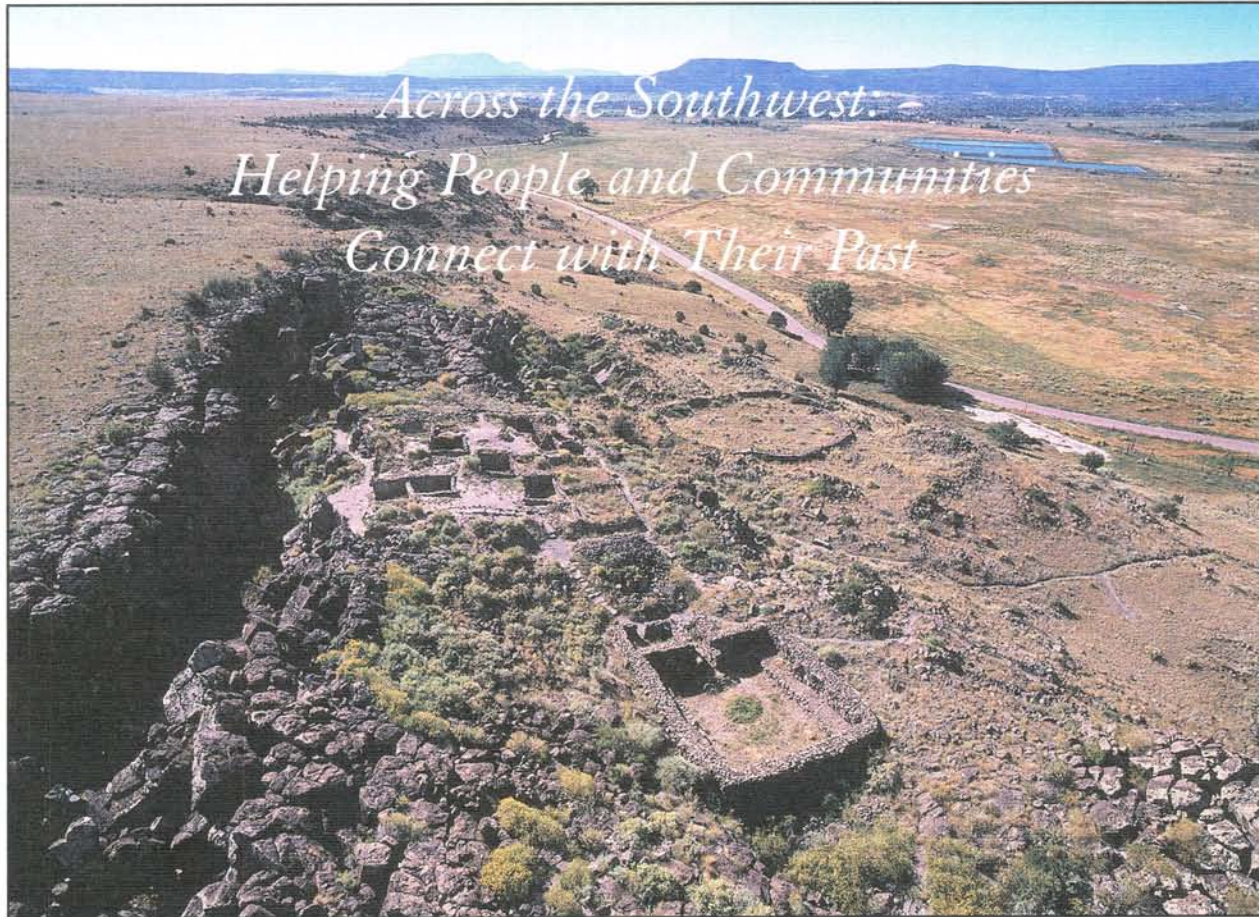


2006 Annual Report Center for Desert Archaeology



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*Across the Southwest:
Helping People and Communities
Connect with Their Past*

For the past 24 years, the Center for Desert Archaeology has helped people across the Southwest connect with the past. From its early days in the 1980s as a completely volunteer-run organization, to the present day, with its small but dedicated staff of 17 professionals spread across Arizona, New Mexico, and beyond, the Center has successfully pursued its vision of community-based preservation archaeology. We combine quality research with outreach, education, and special efforts to preserve the fragile archaeological record.



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ARCHAEOLOGISTS AT THE CENTER FOR DESERT ARCHAEOLOGY are pursuing creative and fruitful new research directions to expand and deepen understanding of the Southwest's complex history. Current interests can be grouped into three general categories:

- ◆ prehistoric population change and the development of Coalescent Communities across the Greater Southwest, A.D. 1200 to 1700;
- ◆ the arrival of agriculture in the Greater Southwest, 2000 B.C. to A.D. 50; and
- ◆ the rise and transformation of the Chacoan Regional System in the San Juan Basin, A.D. 900 to 1300.

The year 2006 found Center archaeologists hard at work investigating all three of these topics.

The Center connects people with the past, not just intellectually through its research, but economically and emotionally as well. Economic factors are key to the long-term protection of archaeological resources in the Southwest. The Center works creatively with private landowners and local communities to expand appreciation of the multiple values of the past, including economic values. Efforts in 2006 included:

- ◆ a partnership with the Town of Springerville, Arizona, to upgrade and modernize the interpretive program at Casa Malpais Museum;
- ◆ widespread outreach efforts across the Little Colorado River Valley of Arizona and New Mexico to build support for the creation of a National Heritage Area to promote local heritage and nature tourism efforts; and
- ◆ preparation of site baseline documentation reports to assist private landowners in the San Pedro Valley to place a Bureau of Land Management conservation easement on their property, thus protecting both the natural landscape and important archaeological resources for the future.

Part of what makes the Southwest such a special and intriguing place to so many people is the archaeology—the tangible presence of the past still visible on the landscape. This emotional connection, or sense of place, adds to the quality of life of residents as well as visitors to these special historical landscapes. Center programs help people make that emotional connection to the past. Lectures, tours, and opportunities to volunteer as site stewards provide deeper insight and fuller appreciation of the sometimes subtle traces of the past that surround us. This results in better stewardship and protection of these irreplaceable resources. Major outreach efforts in 2006 included:

- ◆ showings of the Center for Desert Archaeology/Albuquerque Museum exhibit, "From Above: Images of a Storied Land," at the Mesa Southwest Museum (Mesa, Arizona) and the Pueblo Grande Museum (Phoenix, Arizona);
- ◆ projects involved local residents of the Lower San Pedro River Valley in on-ground surveys and oral history research to locate and record old family cemeteries in their community; and
- ◆ four issues of the Center's *Archaeology Southwest* magazine, including an issue focused on recent research in the Safford, Arizona, region that was shared with hundreds of local residents; and an issue on the border community of Naco, Arizona, which was instrumental in bringing more community members into current efforts to preserve the threatened historic Camp Naco buildings.

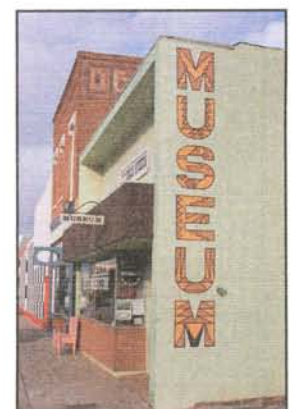
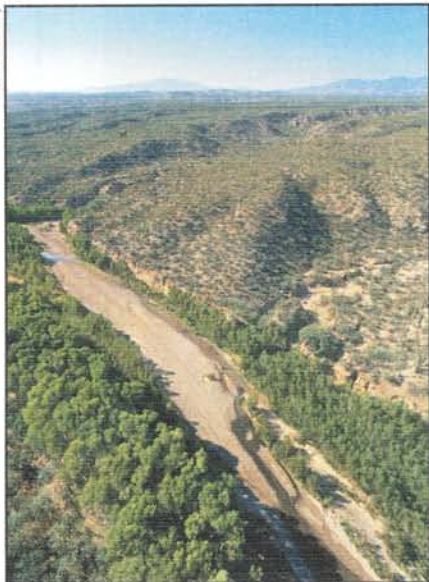
The Center for Desert Archaeology is a private, not-for-profit institution. It exists thanks to the loyal and generous support of its over 1,000 members and donors. With the help of each and every one of you, we will continue to help communities and individuals connect to their past—intellectually, economically, and emotionally—strengthening the stewardship and preservation of the Southwest's archaeological heritage, now and far into the future.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence,

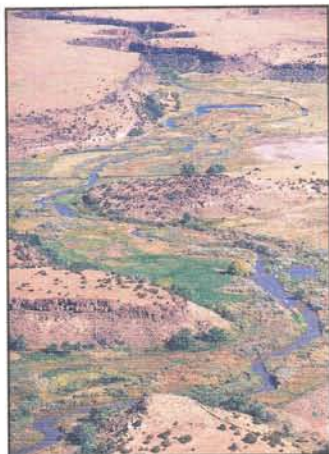
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- ◆ The Center for Desert Archaeology holds two conservation easements protecting four archaeological sites in southern Arizona.
- ◆ The Center owns two archaeological sites, one in the San Pedro Valley and the other near Double Adobe in southeastern Arizona.
- ◆ The long-awaited joint Center for Desert Archaeology/Salmon Ruins Museum publication summarizing 35 years of research at the Chacoan outlier of Salmon Pueblo in northwestern New Mexico was published in July.
- ◆ The Center and Salmon Ruins Museum hosted a highly successful Pecos Conference at Navajo Lake, New Mexico, in August, with over 500 professional and avocational archaeologists in attendance.
- ◆ In August, Aaron Wright, a graduate student from Washington State University and the Center's newest Preservation Fellow, began his Ph.D. research on the rock art of the South Mountains in Phoenix, Arizona.
- ◆ Between July and December, over 900 local community members experienced site tours and lectures focused on Honey Bee Village, an important Hohokam site in Oro Valley, just north of Tucson.
- ◆ Working in partnership with the Amerind Foundation in Dragoon, Arizona, the Center began a project to update and publish the results of Rex Gerald's 1957 excavations at the Davis Ranch site, a remarkable example of a prehistoric migration from the Hopi area to the San Pedro River Valley in the late 1200s.
- ◆ In April, the final report on Rio Nuevo archaeology was published online at <http://www.cdarc.org/pages/library/rio_nuevo>. This report presents summaries and interpretations of the archaeological features, artifacts, and historical data uncovered during the Rio Nuevo Archaeology program conducted in downtown Tucson between 2000 and 2003 for the City of Tucson.
- ◆ The Center mailed over 400 complimentary copies of each issue of *Archaeology Southwest* to libraries, community organizations, and governmental officials, as one more way to connect people with their past.
- ◆ Over 1,000 people are now subscribed to *Southwest Archaeology Today*, the Center's free electronic archaeology email news service.



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General Endowment Fund: Established in October 2005, earnings from this true endowment fund support archaeological research, stewardship, and public outreach activities at the Center.

The June H. Doelle Fund: Established by William H. Doelle in memory of his mother, this fund supports the publication of *Archaeology Southwest* magazine and other public outreach programs.

Fund for Community-based Archaeology: Established in 1997, this fund supports Center for Desert Archaeology research, stewardship, and public outreach activities throughout the Greater Southwest.

Preservation Fellowship: Established in 2001, this fund provides support to a promising archaeology Ph.D. student to pursue a preservation archaeology research project at the Center for Desert Archaeology.

Site Protection Fund: Donations to this fund support various site preservation activities, including the purchase of threatened sites and the negotiation, monitoring, and enforcement of archaeological conservation easements.

Research Fund: This fund supports archaeological research at the Center. Preservation archaeology research methods include large-scale surveys, limited excavations, detailed site and regional mapping, and the further study of existing collections.

Publication Fund: Donations to this fund support the ongoing publication of the Center's quarterly magazine, *Archaeology Southwest*, as well as other publications. Proceeds from sales are reinvested in this fund to support new publications.

Endowment Naming Opportunities: Establishing a named fund at the Center for Desert Archaeology is an effective way to leave your legacy by supporting the type of archaeological endeavors of most interest to you. An endowment fund can be established in your name, or in the name of a friend or family member you wish to honor or memorialize. To discuss making a gift, or for more information on giving opportunities, please contact Linda Pierce at 520.882.6946 or <lpierce@cdarc.org>.

Assets

Cash/short-term accounts	\$568,637
Accounts receivable	44,276
Property and equipment, net	202,036
Security deposits	3,000
Investments	4,645,986
Total Assets	\$5,463,935

Liabilities and Net Assets

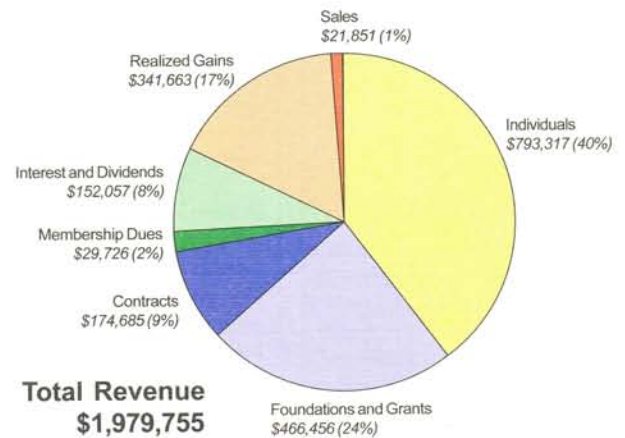
Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$32,500
Accrued expenses	416
Total Liabilities	\$32,916

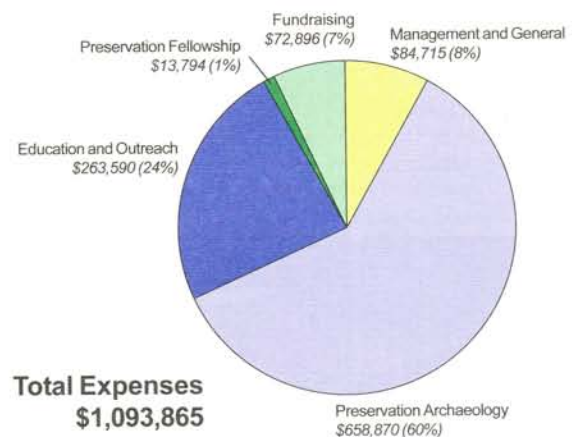
Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$3,287,367
Temporarily restricted	1,709,096
Permanently restricted	434,556
Total Net Assets	\$5,431,019

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$5,463,935



Total Revenue
\$1,979,755



Total Expenses
\$1,093,865