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Dear Friends,

The year on this annual report sets your expectations in the past. But here’s my perspective: This report is a celebration of another leap forward. It speaks to our present and to our future.

2022 was a momentum builder that propelled us into 2023.

From the start, 2022 embodied our commitment to build capacity in our Board, staff, partnerships, and finances. Preservation Archaeology—which now embraces Tribal collaboration in every aspect of our work—is maturing and advancing.

Indigenous Board members Davina Two Bears (Diné) and Curtis Quam (Zuni Pueblo) have joined us. Indigenous staff members Ashleigh Thompson (Red Lake Ojibwe) and Skylar Begay (Diné, Mandan and Hidatsa) are now Directors of Tribal Collaboration. In early 2023 they took the lead in developing our Tribal Collaboration Model and our Land Acknowledgment, which I hope inspire you as much as they do me. (You can read those on our website.)

Preservation Archaeology is built upon relationships. And relationships require continual communication, persistent commitment to listening to our partners’ interests and concerns. So much of what we do is for “the long run.” Our advocacy work seeks permanent protection for the Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape and for the Great Bend of the Gila. But paths to permanent protection are just the first steps. We are building the organizational capacity to ensure that labels like National Monument or National Conservation Area have real meaning and achieve truly “permanent protection.”

Since 2021, when we drafted our current Strategic Plan for 2022 through 2024, our Board and staff have been keenly aware that January 2024 is when I plan to step down as the leader of Archaeology Southwest after 35 years. We all share a deep commitment to creating the best possible environment where a creative new leader—and Preservation Archaeology—will thrive.

At the end of 2022, we completed a $5 million campaign to expand our endowment. I hope you enjoy reading about all this positive momentum in this report, because you help make it possible. My sincere thanks to all of you who have taken these leaps with us and support us in so many ways.

Bill Doelle  
Founder, President, & CEO

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LANDSCAPE & SITE PROTECTION
Greater Chaco Cultural Landscape

Archaeology Southwest is part of a broad coalition working to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape from threats from the oil & gas industry. A highlight of our efforts in 2022 was the creation of “Protecting Chaco’s 10-Mile Zone,” a short yet powerful documentary that provides a stunning audio and visual testament to the importance of the Greater Chaco Landscape.

Respect Great Bend

Archaeology Southwest is working as part of a coalition to increase protection of public lands in the Gila Bend region of southwestern Arizona through the establishment of the “Great Bend of the Gila National Conservation Area.” In February 2022, we launched the Respect Great Bend Story Map (story.respectgreatbend.org). This multimedia experience—developed in collaboration with The Wilderness Society and Conservation Lands Foundation— informs the public about why the region is so deserving of protection and introduces Arizonans from all walks of life who support its protection.
Conservation Properties

As of 2022, 22 sensitive and significant heritage places are now protected through Archaeology Southwest’s commitments and partnerships with landowners and continuing support from our staff members, our donors and volunteers, and the Arizona Site Stewards program administered by Arizona State Parks.

Save History

Save History is an anti-looting movement created to inform the public on the consequences of archaeological resource crimes. SaveHistory.org centers Tribal perspectives on how to respectfully steward archaeological resources and instructs members of the public on how to identify and report looting and related crimes. Accomplishments in 2022 included the production of a Save History Digital Toolkit, educational content for social media, a two-page fact sheet, and branded stickers. We reached thousands of new allies through print advertisements in the Native American Art Magazine special issue for the 100th year anniversary of the Santa Fe Indian Market (20,000+ distribution) and the XPO-Press Tucson Gem Show EZ-Guide.
Archaeological Resource Crime Response & Prevention

In 2022, Archaeology Southwest hosted an advanced Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) training and restoration project at the Romero Site in Catalina State Park with archaeologists from the US Forest Service and Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resources Management program. Over the course of three field sessions, the team documented, processed, and backfilled damaged areas surrounding an ancient ballcourt. Our experts incorporated training in forensic sedimentology, law-enforcement investigative techniques, and ARPA response methods into fieldwork and classroom sessions. We also provided several 40-hour ARPA trainings and archaeological site damage assessments at various locations throughout the West.
cyberSW

Throughout 2022, cyberSW continued to facilitate innovative research on topics such as social interaction networks through time, economic organization and land use in ancient communities, and regional population dynamics in the past. The database preserves legacy data from decades of archaeological work and keeps it alive, growing, and available for ongoing education and research. We are fortunate to be guided by a Tribal Working Group in all aspects of development, including user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) design.

Preservation Archaeology Field School

2022 marked the final field season of the current format of the Preservation Archaeology Field School, a course offered by the University of Arizona and Archaeology Southwest. Seventy percent of past field school students have continued in archaeology in professional positions with federal agencies, Cultural Resource Management companies, and academic departments, among other archaeological careers. Student and staff research resulted in many new insights about the Salado phenomenon in New Mexico in the 1300s, including how people from several different cultural backgrounds came together to form successful new communities.
Lower Gila

2022 was a year of completion, transition, and success for the Lower Gila River Ethnographic and Archaeological Project: The team completed its fieldwork and is currently wrapping up a report to share its findings with Tribal partners, the professional community, and the interested public. Team members also published two important reports. One charts the course of an Indigenous trail network that connects communities in the middle Gila River valley with companions along the lower Gila via an overland route across the Great Bend of the Gila. The other was prepared in support of the Nevada Avi Kwa Ame Coalition’s efforts to preserve Avi Kwa Ame, a mountain on the edge of the Mohave Valley that is the spiritual birthplace for most Yuman tribes in Arizona and California. This study contributed to President Joseph R. Biden’s subsequent establishment of Avi Kwa Ame National Monument in 2023.
PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OUTREACH & EDUCATION
Archaeology Café

In 2022, eight Zoom webinars spanned two Archaeology Café seasons: “Avian Archaeology” and “Better for it: Research Conceived in Collaboration with Community.” All Cafés were recorded, posted to Archaeology Southwest’s YouTube channel, and shared on our social media.

Volunteer Programs

Archaeology Southwest volunteers annually contribute an average of 2,500 hours of specialized and skilled labor to our organization. They assist with site monitoring, protecting heritage places, and documenting legacy archaeological collections.

Archaeology Southwest Magazine

A long-awaited 64-page issue of *Archaeology Southwest Magazine*, “Revisiting Birds in the Southwest,” was published in the summer of 2022 as a companion volume to the Archaeology Café season of the same name. The edition marked the publication’s 35th volume year.
Hands-On Archaeology

The Hands-On Archaeology team made visits to events all around the Tucson area in 2022, including Mission Gardens, Town of Oro Valley Steam Pump Ranch, Sabino Canyon Recreation Area, Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Museum, and the Tucson Festival of Books. They held seven Hands-On classes in Tucson, teaching eager participants how to make stone tools, carve atlatls, haft stone knives, carve stone and shell jewelry, and etch marine shell.
R. Gwinn Vivian

Because of Gwinn Vivian's lifelong association with Chaco Canyon and its heritage, I am intentionally mentioning Chaco twice in this opening sentence. I will get back to Chaco, but first I would like to honor Gwinn's passing by sharing some lesser-known stories of this generous mentor-to-many.

Gwinn served as my dissertation Chair. On a fateful day in 1976, Gwinn took a call from a California company that was looking for an archaeologist to do one day of field survey in southwestern Arizona. Gwinn explained that they needed three days because a report on the fieldwork would be essential. Then he called me to see if I had three days open on my calendar. I did.

Fast forward to 1980. Those three days multiplied and ultimately comprised about 60 percent of my doctoral dissertation.

In 1981, after spending three years living and working in California, I met with Gwinn to assess the potential for returning to Arizona to do archaeology as a nonprofit organization. Gwinn provided some sage advice to an uneasy 31-year-old.

As a result, the path to Archaeology Southwest became tangible in 1982. There are times when just a gentle nod and nudge from a trusted mentor make all the difference.

In subsequent years, as Archaeology Southwest transformed, Gwinn became an invaluable partner in Paul Reed's efforts at Salmon Pueblo and the Middle San Juan. Gwinn worked with Linda Pierce and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe to showcase Adriel Heisey's rephotography of aerial images taken by Charles and Ann Lindbergh in 1929. The result was called *Oblique Views*, which was both an exhibit and catalog.

Gwinn and his wife Pat were early promoters of Archaeology Southwest's planned giving program.

Gwinn and Pat were special in so many ways. I am deeply indebted to Gwinn for the many ways he helped me personally, and to him and Pat for the ways in which they supported Archaeology Southwest.

—Bill Doelle

*IN MEMORIAM: R. GWINN VIVIAN*

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