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Carol J. Ellick



Laurie D. Webster



Elizabeth Burt



Barbara J. Roth

### Next Webinar

**September 15, 2025**

**7:00 pm (MST)**

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## President's Message

*by Eric Klucas, President*

**M**y name is Eric Klucas, and I am the newly elected President of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS). For those of you who do not know me, I thought I would take advantage of my first President's message to provide a brief introduction. My archaeological journey began in January of 1978. I had just finished my first semester at Hamline University with the intent of entering the pre-law program. During the intersession between semesters, when students were encouraged to take a class wildly different from their primary course of study, I signed up for a class on the prehistory of the Levant taught by an archaeologist with several field campaigns in the region. At the end of the class, the professor told us about an archaeological field school at a site on the Mediterranean coast just north of Tel Aviv. The field school was sponsored jointly by the Institute of Archaeology at Tel Aviv University and several international universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Minnesota, Brigham Young University, Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and Hamline. Seeing this as a once in a lifetime opportunity, I sold my car to pay for tuition and expenses and took off for Israel in June of 1978.

The experience was more than I had hoped for. I was taken in by the work and the romance of living and traveling in a different culture. At the end of field season, I was approached by two of the faculty who asked if I was interested in attending the following year's field school as a field assistant. Although an unpaid position, they would cover all expenses, including airfare and room and board for the two-month field session. After transferring to the Anthropology program, I spent the summers of 1979 and 1980 at the field school, finishing my undergraduate training with three full seasons of fieldwork under my belt.

I graduated in the spring of 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and turned my attention to graduate school. Although I wanted to continue a Near Eastern focus in my studies,



the increasing instability in the region led me to explore other opportunities. I ended up enrolling in the graduate program at the University of Missouri where I was able to participate in a long-running research program at a Celto-Roman hillfort in Southwestern Luxembourg. After completing my Master's degree, I had a conversation with my advisor about my path forward. I told him I was still interested in focusing my studies on the Near East but was concerned about the instability of the region. He advised me to pursue what I was interested in and let the politics sort themselves out. It was this reassessment that led me to enroll in the Ph.D. program at the University of Arizona (UA).

*Welcome!*

In addition to my academic training at the UA, which included fieldwork in northeastern Syria and central Turkey, I gained more local experience working for several local cultural resources management (CRM) firms, exposing me to a career path I had not considered. Upon completion of my Ph.D. in 1996, I took a full-time staff position at Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI), one of several CRM firms I had worked for during my time at the UA. Starting as a Project director and eventually becoming the Director of the Tucson office, I gained experience in all aspects of CRM, from directing large, multi-site data recovery projects to assisting clients with consultations with the myriad stakeholders with interests in the relevant projects. While at SRI, I was elected to board positions in the AAHS (Vice-president of Activities, 2004–2006) and the Arizona Archaeological Council (President, 2016).

Following my retirement from full-time CRM work in September of 2024 and finding myself with more free time than I had experienced in decades, I was approached to throw my hat in the ring for the AAHS Presidency. I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to take the helm of this organization and am looking forward to getting to know all of you better. Finally, I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to our outgoing President, Rich Lange. Rich went the extra mile to bring me up to speed on the current issues facing the board, ensuring as smooth a transition as possible.



## 2025 AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) sponsors four annual awards.

*The Byron Cummings Award* is named in honor of Byron Cummings, the principal professional founder of the Society, the first head of the University of Arizona's Department of Archaeology (later Anthropology), and the first Director of the Arizona State Museum. The Byron Cummings Award is given for outstanding research and contributions to knowledge in anthropology, history, or a related field of study or research about the southwestern United States or northwest Mexico.

*The Victor R. Stoner Award* is named in honor of Reverend Stoner, a strong avocational historian, supporter of the Society, and one of the founders of *Kiva*. This award is presented for outstanding contributions to leadership or participation in the Society, fostering historic preservation, or promoting anthropology, history, or a related discipline to the public.

*The Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr. Unsung Hero Award*. This award is named in honor of Dr. Lindsay, a long-time southwestern archaeologist, AAHS member, and officer. It recognizes the lifetime service of those individuals whose tireless work behind the scenes has often gone unrecognized but is critical to the success of others' research, projects, and publications.

*The Katherine Cerino Award*. This award is given by the AAHS Board of Directors in honor of Katherine Cerino, an extraordinary volunteer who has given innumerable hours to the Society over many years in a variety of roles. The award recognizes people who have volunteered their services or made other contributions on behalf of the Society and its programs for at least the previous two years.

*The AAHS Awards Committee is pleased to announce this year's awardees. Congratulations to all!*

### **Byron Cummings Award**

We are pleased to announce this year's recipient is **Barbara J. Roth**. She is awarded the 2025 Byron Cummings Award for her distinguished career in academic and cultural resources management archaeology, where she has made significant contributions to our knowledge of hunter-gatherer adaptations, the transition to agriculture, household social structures, and gender identities from



the Mojave Desert of California and Nevada to the Mimbres Valley of New Mexico. As author or co-author of numerous publications, with both collaborators and students, her most recent book, *Households on the Mimbres Horizon: Excavations at La Gila Encantada, Southwestern New Mexico*, is a prime example of her investigation of early household and village development in the Mimbres Mogollon region. In addition to her scholarly and service accomplishments, Barbara has fostered strong collaborative relationships with colleagues, avocationalists, and students. Former students attest to her dedication to teaching and inspiring them both inside and outside of the classroom, noting further that, "She is a mentor who strives to instill academic rigor, ethical practice, and engagement with the public..." Her excellence in advancing the field of archaeology within the American Southwest, combined with her dedication to educating students and the public, makes her deserving of this honor.

### **The Victor R. Stoner Award**

**Laurie D. Webster** is this year's recipient of the Victor R. Stoner Award in recognition of her long career of scholarly research on Southwestern perishable material culture and public engagement, most notably with collaborators through the Cedar Mesa Perishable Project and as co-chair of AAHS' Traditional Technologies Committee. Laurie has connected AAHS and its members with a number of skilled Indigenous makers and scholars, as well as with other valued cultural heritage organizations. She has a demonstrated knack for bringing people together to share in highly informative and constructive activities. Her scholarly contributions include pioneering insights into ancient textile technologies, and she continues to mentor and train numerous undergraduate and graduate students.

### **Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr. Unsung Hero Award**

**Carol J. Ellick** receives this year's Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr., Unsung Hero Award for her years of involvement with various

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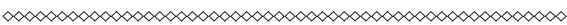


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individuals and institutions in support of numerous research, education, and outreach programs. As Executive Director of Archaeological and Cultural Education Consultants, Carol is a leading expert in the field of archaeological and cultural education and brings more than 35 years of public outreach experience to every project she touches. She has created formal and informal educational materials, taught workshops, and designed award-winning museum-quality displays while also disseminating her accumulated knowledge through articles and as co-author of *The Anthropology Graduate's Guide: From Student to a Career* (now in its second edition!). Carol's tireless work, too often behind the scenes, has been critical to the success of many colleagues, causes, and archaeological and anthropological projects, leaving an indelible impact on cultural education and outreach initiatives. One supporter remarked succinctly that, "She is truly a hero!"

**The Katherine Cerino Award**

This year's award recognizes *Elizabeth Burt*. For many years, Elizabeth has been instrumental in pricing hundreds of books for the AAHS Used Book Sales, bringing her background in archaeology to this process. She is also a long-time staffer of the bi-annual used book sales.



**AAHS Lecture Series**

*NOTE: Lectures are all now via Zoom only.*

- Aug. 2025: No lecture: Pecos Conference
- Sept. 15, 2025: Gary Huckleberry, *Decline of Hohokam Culture Based on Soil Degradation*
- Oct. 20, 2025: Andrea Torvinen, *Research at the Site of La Quemada in Zacatecas, Mexico*



## AAHS Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone interested in the prehistory and history of Arizona and the Southwest and who support the aims of the Society. Membership runs for a full year from the date of receipt and covers all individuals living in the same household. Monthly webinars are free and open to the public. Society field trips require membership.

### Membership Categories

- ☐ \$60      **Kiva members** receive four issues of the Society's quarterly journal, *Kiva* and 12 issues of our newsletter, *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$45      **Glyphs members** receive *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$20      **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$100      **Contributing members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$150      **Supporting members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$300      **Sponsoring members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$1,500      **Lifetime members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*

You can join online at AAHS1916.org, or by mailing the form below to:

Daniel Montoya, Vice-President for Membership  
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I wish to receive *Glyphs* (circle your choice):      Digital Only      Print and Digital

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The objectives of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) are to: encourage scholarly pursuits into the history and anthropology of the southwest United States and northwest Mexico; encourage the preservation of archaeological sites and historical properties; encourage the scientific and legal gathering of cultural information and materials; publish the results of these investigations; aid in the functions of the Arizona State Museum; and provide educational opportunities through lectures, field trips, and other activities.

AAHS considers the following to be contrary to the Society's objectives and enjoins its members, as a condition of membership, to abstain from the following: the practice of collecting and dealing in archaeological materials for personal gain; the excavation of archaeological sites or historic properties without permit or permission; and the unlawful or unethical acquisition of archaeological or ethnographic materials.

For your records, any portion of your payment over the basic \$60.00 membership may be tax deductible.

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