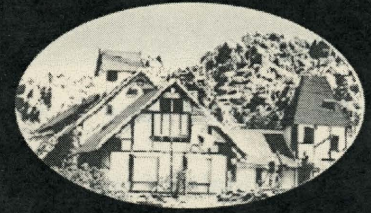


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Annual FAVIM Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Party

BY MUSEUM CURATOR, PEGGY RONNING

FAVIM members and museum volunteers enjoyed their annual party on June 24. The temperature outside was 117°F, but thanks to the air conditioning in Joshua Cottage, the party-goers were nice and cool. After everyone enjoyed lunch, FAVIM President Don Borchers thanked everyone for their support of the museum.



Museum volunteers being recognized at the annual meeting on June 24, 2017.

Museum Curator Peggy Ronning handed out certificates to the hardworking museum volunteers to recognize all the hours they dedicate to the museum.

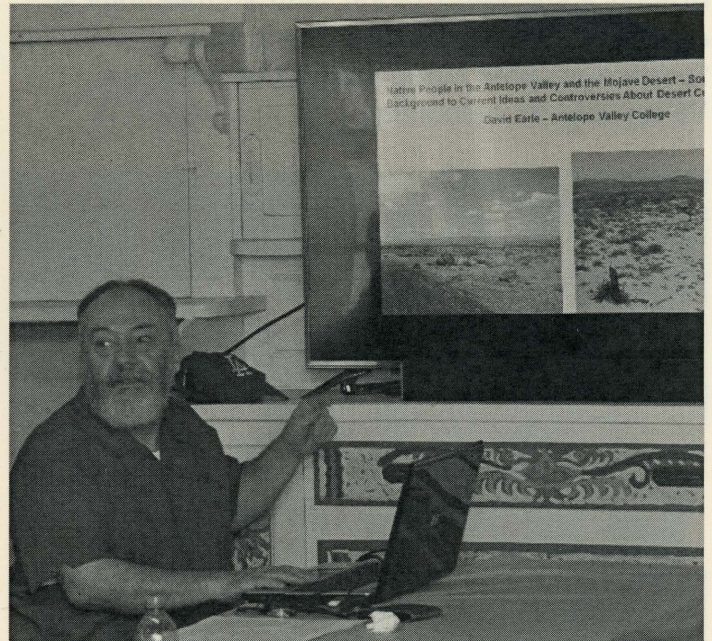
Volunteer Jim Quin earned his 500 hour bar this year.

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<http://www.avim.parks.ca.gov/info.shtml>

Volunteer Darrell Walters has dedicated a total of 1,353 hours to the museum, so he is catching up to volunteer Elsie Purdy who has dedicated 1,821 hours.



Guest speaker David Earle giving his program at the annual meeting.

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The grand finale of the event was local archaeologist and historian David Earle's fascinating program on the Native People of the Antelope Valley and Mojave Desert.



Museum Curator Peggy Ronning and guest speaker David Earle.

David combined historical accounts, ethnographic information, and archaeological data with photographs to reveal how the Serrano peoples made use of the Antelope Valley and its resources.



The FAVIM Board of Directors at the annual meeting on June 24, 2017.



Support your Museum as a Volunteer!

BY MUSEUM CURATOR, PEGGY RONNING

Are you looking for an opportunity to meet new people, share your interest in Native culture, learn about local history, plan special events, or work with children?

Then consider volunteering at Antelope Valley Indian Museum.

Email museum curator Peggy Ronning to ask for a volunteer application (peggy.ronning@parks.ca.gov), or you can pick up an application in the museum gift shop on weekends.

In addition to answering visitor questions between 11:00 and 4:00 on Saturdays and Sundays, museum volunteers also have an opportunity to learn from our visitors. In March, volunteer Nicelle Davis struck up a conversation with some visitors, only to discover that they own Howard Arden Edwards' former home in Eagle Rock, known as Happy Camp.

Thanks to the connection that Nicelle made with these visitors, we have an opportunity to learn more about this aspect of museum founder H. A. Edwards' life.

If you prefer planning or participating in events, the museum hosts three large special events each year.

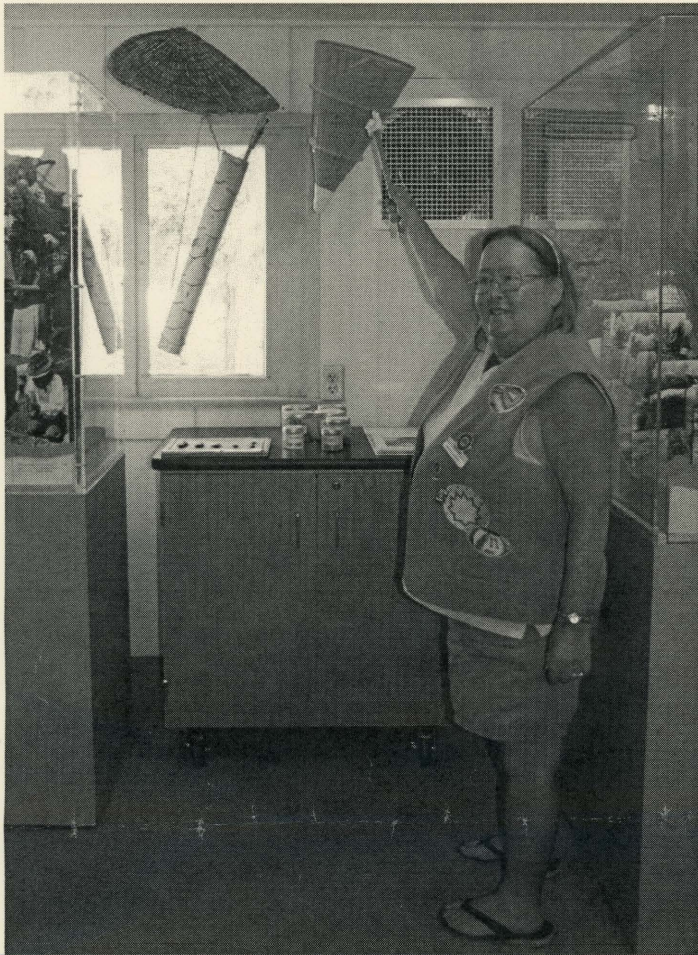
If you are interested in Native culture, the Annual Celebration in October is an opportunity to work with Native artists, dancers, and musicians.

If you enjoy theater, we put on a youth play in the spring.

Our Holidays on the Homestead event in December is for chili fans and crafters.

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Volunteer Jeannine Byer leading a school program.

Volunteer Jeannine Byer provides museum programs for schools on Thursdays. Jeannine says that it's worth the drive because she enjoys teaching children who want to learn. She loves to teach them new things.

For example, the students always think the atlatl on display in the Great Basin Room is a fishing rod, and they are really surprised and interested when she tells them that it is actually a spear thrower.

Volunteer Raven Magpie-Rivera also provides Thursday school programs. Raven is from the Cheyenne and Sioux Nations, and she enjoys sharing her culture and values with the kids.

She also likes volunteering because she always learns something new.

Raven is an artist, so her favorite program is the 5th grade clay activity, where students create a small clay bowl.



Volunteer Darrell Walters providing information to visitor Mike Thompson in the museum.

In addition to interacting with visitors, volunteers have a monthly potluck brunch to meet up with each other. The meeting includes communication tips and a short program on the museum or its collections.

Volunteers who dedicate 96 hours a year earn a day use pass good in the Tehachapi District parks (including the Poppy Reserve, Red Rock Canyon, and Silverwood Lake). Volunteers who dedicate over 200 hours a year earn a day use pass good at most of the 263 California State Parks.

Become a volunteer and join the fun!



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Save the Date - Annual Museum Celebration

MUSEUM CURATOR, PEGGY RONNING

This year, the museum's American Indian Celebration will be October 21 and 22, 2017.

Come out to enjoy Native music, art, and food.



Friends of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum (FAVIM) is online:

- AVIM.parks.ca.gov : Click on "Join" for information about FAVIM, and about volunteering at the AV Indian Museum
- [Facebook.com/IndianMuseumFriends](https://www.facebook.com/IndianMuseumFriends) : Photos, FAVIM announcements, and events such as Visiting Artists, Nights at the Museum, the Annual Celebration and more. "Like" us and support the Museum!

Online information about Antelope Valley Indian Museum State Historic Park:

- AVIM.parks.ca.gov : Museum website with information about the American Indians of the Great Basin, Southwest, and California coast; events calendar; virtual tours of the museum; and search the museum's entire collection online.
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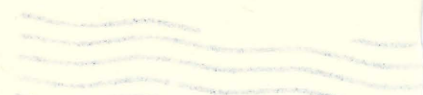
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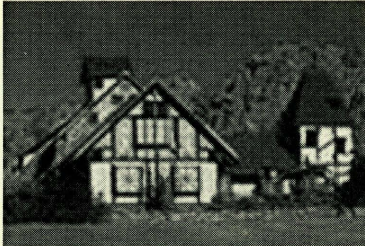
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FAVIM raises funds to support Projects and Activities at the Antelope Valley Indian Museum.

The membership is renewed each September, except in the case of Life Membership.

Please make membership checks payable to "Friends of the Antelope Valley Indian Museum" (or "FAVIM"), and return to:

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