

Minutes CHOLLA Meeting

**TUESDAY, September 12, 2006, 1:00 – 3:30
UNLV Paradise Campus/PLI**

In attendance: Barbara Slivac (NSMHS), Ellen Leigh (Atomic Testing Museum), Stacy Irvin (Mojave Max), Kathy August (Bureau of Land Management), Amy Page (Las Vegas Natural History Museum), Lola Henio (Sloan Canyon NCA), Margie Klein (Nevada Department of Wildlife), Chris Leavitt (Clark County Wetlands Preserve), Kitty Heckendorf (Clark County Museum), Marcella Posthuma (Kings ES), Allison Brody (Public Lands Institute), Daphne Sewing (Forever Earth), Ellen Anderson (National Park Service), Debbie Canestrelli and Heather Hawn (Atlantis Aquarium), Wilesha Daniels and Ron Spelinsky (Conservation District of Southern Nevada), Marleen Kovacs (Art Museum), Ivy Santee (NDOW), Dr. Joyce King (CCSD), Catherine Muir and Signa Gundlach (Springs Preserve), Amanda Rowland (National Park Service), Mary Weisenmiller (CCSD), Ivy Santee, (Angler Education NDOW) and Guests Linda Miller (CCSN, National Council for History Education) and Jeff Shih (UNLV)

Announcements and News:

Specific details not recorded but every institution is busy because with exhibits, programs and group reservations for schools and trainings for teachers as the school year begins.

CCSD Board presentation – Missy was unable to attend and this question will be revisited at the next meeting.

Transportation update: Transportation Field trip calendar is available at District link/Transportation/Field trip Availability. And that's the way it is for March, April, and May.

Marleen Kovacs and a new non-profit group, Nevada Foundation for the Arts, will be sponsoring the Scholastic art contest and are looking for exhibition space as well as a single venue that seats 1000 for the awards presentations in March 2007. Suggestions were made and possibilities will be explored.

Mary Weisenmiller said she can post info for teachers on the Science site.

Alison will add programs to the PLI teacher info line if members get the information to her.

Trainings and workshops include:

PDE at Red Rock: Mojave Max: My Life in the Desert, January 13 and 20, 2007, one credit

PDE at Lake Mead: My Home is the Mojave, March 3 and 10, 2007

Teacher Workshops at Red Rock: October 28, November 4 and November 11, 2006, Teachers must attend 2 dates for one PDE credit

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RPDP class: Amy Page at Las Vegas Natural History Museum is teaching: *Using Inquiry and Object Based Learning to implement Benchmark Standards*, November 4 and 18, 2006

Ivy Santee with NDOW, Angler Education, announced *Trout in the Classroom*, a non-credit teacher training scheduled for January 6 from 9-5 for 4th to 6th grade teachers.

Marleen Kovacs, Jeff Shih and Linda Miller presentation on developing evaluation tools for a program

The programs funded by the Reynolds Foundation bringing students to the Art Museum, *Adopt a School* program, and the Suitcase gallery program were presented. Developing projects which allow for gathering data that shows museums can have an effect on learning was discussed and handouts were provided. Working with an evaluator at the beginning of the project is important to having the tools needed to measure effect. The presentation was informative.

NEXT MEETING:

November 14, 2006 Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center, 1:00 – 3:30

The subject has been changed from Templates. curriculum evaluation, and testing for Red Spring to critique of the new exhibits.

2006-2007 Meeting Schedule with Educational technique/content:

All Meetings: 1:00 to 3:30

**January 9, 2007 Atomic Testing Museum Exhibits or new
program/curriculum**
**March 13, 2007 Clark County Wetlands Learning Lab, 6800 Russell Road
Feedback on new Wetlands trail guides**
May 8, 2007 Nedra Joyce Computer Lab training/updates

Annual planning meeting June 12, 2007, 9:00 – 3:00, Nevada State Museum & Historical Society