



## **CHOLLA Meeting Agenda**

**January 9, 2007, 1:00 – 3:30**

**Atomic Testing Museum**

**755 East Flamingo Rd, phone 794-5161**

**Frank H. Rogers building next to DRI – (Desert Research Institute)**

In attendance: Barbara Slivac (NSMHS), Ellen Leigh (Atomic Testing Museum), Stacy Irvin (Mojave Max), Kathy August (Red Rock RCA), Amy Page (Las Vegas Natural History Museum), Margie Klein (Nevada Department of Wildlife), Chris Leavitt (Clark County Wetlands Preserve), Kitty Heckendorf (Clark County Museum), Allison Brody (Public Lands Institute), Ellen Anderson, Dan Wagner, and Amanda Rowland (National Park Service), Wilesha Daniels (Conservation District of Southern Nevada), Mary Weisenmiller (CCSD), Ivy Santee, (Angler Education NDOW), Dr. Joyce King (CCSD/Interact), Rebecca Snetselaar (Nevada Arts Council). Signa Gundlach (LVSP), Heather Hawn (Atlantis Aquarium), Linda Miller (Nevada Council for History Education), Liz (Stuck) Klimek (Lied Museum)

### **I. News**

- Alison/PLI reported on the Environmental Education Certificate Program – a 60 hour program of four workshops including assessment and pedagogy methods; site mentors for the program will be needed this summer; website bookmarks are available; Partners for Education committee members include Amy Page, Margie Klein, Dan
- Signa reported that the Springs Preserve will be opening at the end of May; they have a publication in both Spanish and English called Desert Discovery – Plants for K-2 and 3-5; they are working on curriculum
- Heather reported that much has been done on the renovations of basement facilities at Atlantis Aquarium with exhibit tanks added and classroom upgraded; grade specific curriculum is a work in progress
- NDOW - Margie Klein reported that she is on the team about to develop a strategic plan for wildlife educators in Nevada; Ivy Santee reported that Trout in the Classroom added 13 new teachers and 56 schools for this year; the Hatchery will open soon; a Poster contest for all schools, open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, was announced and a lot of entries are anticipated when the contest gets posted on Interact. Free Fishing Day is June 9 this year.
- Mojave Max will do an event at the Clark County Government Center on Feb. 2 – Ground Hog Day
- LAME/Ellen reported on an inquiry from representatives of 100 Black Men which is have its national conference in LV in June; she gave them a CHOLLA brochure to use in planning field trips so they may contact members; Sandy Miller School is working on a Mt. Charleston Field Camp and is working with Lake Mead; the classes previously announced are filling – My Home is the Mojave – Feb. 3 and 10 – the AZ workshop and Mar. 3 and 10 the Nevada workshop.
- Amy/LVNH reported her usual “News from Natalie.” Transportation is not allowing one field trip bus to visit two sites on the same trip. In addition, there will be price increase for bus use in the 2007-08 school year. The prices for in-Las Vegas will range from \$175 to \$220. And Amy finally booked all her field trip days after Mary posted a notice on the Teachers Lounge. Her class on Inquiry Learning has 18 teachers enrolled. And the next traveling exhibit is from the Indianapolis Children’s Museum: “Nocturnal Life.”

- Clark County Museum and Wetlands reported all field trip days filled, the Native American Festival will be on March 30, 31 and April 1. The Wetlands has certified 60 Dragonfly teachers and planted almost 6000 trees and shrubs.
- Linda Miller explained membership in the Nevada Council for History Education.
- Rebecca Snetselaar explained her interest in CHOLLA because of the cultural Native American programming she is working to launch in the school district.
- Ellen/ATM announced a new exhibit opening on Feb. 17
- Dr. Joyce King asked everyone to email updates on exhibit information to her so she can post it on the calendar. Also any contests or such items should also be emailed for posting. Mary will be Cced on everything sent to Joyce King for posting.
- Liz Stuck is now Liz Klimek; the Lied Discovery Children's Museum has purchased many new exhibits, some of which have been installed; Liz has another person in education now and tour groups will have an activity workshop to choose from.
- Wilisha/Conservation District brought calendars and has them for distribution if anyone wants them; she also has posters available. A traveling science box on Air Quality has been developed and can be requested by schools at DRI-Reno, Dawn Coots.
- Kathy/Red Rock announced that the proposed new visitor center can be seen on the web site. Kathy also announced the art contest for the annual pass. Mojave Maxx teacher workshops are scheduled.
- Barbara/NSMHS announced a new exhibit opening in April on Virginia City Saloons and a program on the Las Vegas High School Rhythmettes. The dinosaur remains found in the valley will be housed at the state museum.

## **II. Old business:**

**The Presentation to the CCSD Board is still on the table. Missy is removing herself from the committee and Amy will be joined by Kathy August and Joyce King.**

**Two Sessions will be presented at the Southern Nevada Science Teachers Association and Southern Nevada Science Council on Saturday, January 27 two sessions proposed and scheduled. One explains who/what CHOLLA is and the second is a hands-on workshop with 6 ten minutes presentations by CHOLLA members.**

## **III. New business**

**Ellen Leigh presented the new programs curriculum materials currently available to teachers at the Atomic Testing Museum and led a tour of the exhibit hall.**

**Next meeting: March 13, 2007, 1:00 – 3:30  
Clark County Wetlands Learning Lab, 6800 Russell Road  
Feedback on new Wetlands trail guides**

**Upcoming:**

**May 8, 2007 Nedra Joyce Computer Lab training/updates**

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