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SDAG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2013

GOLD AND SILVER IN THE MOJAVE

Presented by

Nicholas Clapp

Where: Phil’s Barbecue Point Loma
3750 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego, 92110
(619) 226-6333

When: 5:30 pm – Social Hour
6:30 pm – Dinner
7:15 pm – Program

Dinner: Choice of Baby Back Ribs, Chicken, or Veggie Burger. Includes sweet baked beans and fresh coleslaw.

Cost: $30 per person, $5 discount for members, STUDENTS: $20. Add $5 if you did not make a reservation.

Reservations: Make your reservation online at www.sandiegogeologists.org no later than noon, Friday, November 15th.

RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED AFTER FRIDAY AT 12 NOON, BUT THEY ARE ALWAYS PREFERRED OVER WALK-INS
In the 1890s, historian Frederick Jackson Turner lamented that the days of the Old West were over. He was wrong. He’d overlooked some 50,000 square miles of the Mojave Desert – destined to become America’s Last Frontier.

In this arid land, unsettled and sketchily mapped – written off as godforsaken or worse – there would now be a headlong twenty year rush for riches. Reported a newspaperman of the era, “Wonder camps were thronged with builders and wreckers, tradesmen and vultures, miners, cooks, gamblers and more gamblers, whores galore, what have you...” and photographers. They were unsung and remain uncelebrated, yet they captured a series of extraordinary images of what was to become a grand, tumultuous, rowdy Last Act of the Old West.

An exhaustively researched pictorial, *Gold & Silver in the Mojave* features their sweeping landscapes – and their intimate images of the land’s nobodies and nabobs and their common, if elusive hope of “the everlasting Jack.”

*Gold & Silver in the Mojave* uncovers the hidden gems of these booming mining districts - Randsburg, Tonopah, Goldfield, Rhyolite, Greenwater, and Death Valley - where the Old West had its “grand, tumultuous, rowdy Last Act.”

**SPEAKER BIO**

Award-winning documentary filmmaker and author Nicholas Clapp has studied, filmed, and written about the deserts of the world. With a master’s degree in cinema from the University of Southern California, his first professional break came when he produced and directed *The Great Mojave Desert*, a one-hour special for CBS and the National Geographic Society. He has won over 70 major film awards for his documentary work.

As an author, his distinguished previous publications include *The Road to Ubar: Finding the Atlantis of the Sands* and *Sheba: Through the Desert in Search of the Legendary Queen*. His interest in the Queen of Sheba drew him to the story of the Queen of Sheba Mine in Death Valley and to its mining engineer, leading to his last work, *Who Killed Chester Pray?* It was while researching for this book that Clapp discovered the many rare photographs of America’s Last Frontier. With the detailed eye of a cinematographer, Clapp has noted the most exacting details in each of the photographs selected for this book; a final look at life on this Last Frontier.
SDAG MEETING SCHEDULE – Mark Your Calendars!
Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month but may change to accommodate speaker and meeting place schedules. Check here for updates.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Fall Everyone!

We have two great meetings to wrap up our year. The November meeting will be held at the ever-popular Phil’s BBQ featuring Nick Clapp talking about the mining history of the Mohave.

We have also begun planning our holiday meeting at the Natural History Museum. Details will be available soon!

Cari Gomes
2013 SDAG President
GEOLOGY PHOTOS OF THE MONTH

Boyabreen Glacier, Norway

Slate roof on shed, Norway

Gerainger Fjord, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Norway

U-shaped glacial valley, Trollsteigen Hwy, Rauma, Norway

Glacial polish on granite, Geta Hamn, Mariehamn Island, Finland

*Thank you to Scott Snyder for sharing geology photos from his recent trip to Europe!*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to William J. (Bill) Elliott, SDAG member and former SDAG President, on his OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD! (excerpt from website follows) The National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) is a prestigious recognition granted by the local council’s NESA committee to Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state, or regional level. Unlike the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, which is a national award, the NOESA recognizes Eagle Scouts whose efforts have made a positive impact closer to home. The presentation of this award is conducted with the highest level of honor. Often, these men have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs, at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. Each recipient should receive recognition worthy of a lifetime’s accomplishments.

CALL FOR PAPERS - SDAG 2014 FIELD TRIP
“Traversing a Transform Boundary – Regional Tectonics, San Diego to the Salton Trough”
October 10 – 12, 2014
On this field trip we will explore the interaction of the major faults of Southern California to accommodate for motion between the Pacific and North American Plates. We will consider the tectonic evolution of the region and observe resulting landforms.

SDAG seeks new manuscripts based on original work relating to regional tectonics, from the San Andreas Fault through the continental borderland. We also invite authors to submit articles on the history of the region as it relates to tectonics and resulting landforms.

Deadline for Abstracts: Friday, May 16th, 2014
Please submit the following information along with abstracts:
- Title
- Author(s) and affiliation
- Address, email, and telephone numbers for the author(s)

Please submit abstracts by email to Jennifer Morton geologyjen@yahoo.com

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Marshall Middle School’s Science Olympiad Team is seeking volunteers to help students with the Rocks and Minerals portion of the competition. The team meets Wednesday evenings at Marshall Middle School in Scripps Ranch. The Science Olympiad is a national science competition for middle school students; this year’s competition will be held on February 8th, 2014. If interested, please contact Christopher Casper, ekasper@qualcomm.com For more information on the Science Olympiad please visit the following websites:
http://www.soinc.org/
http://www.soinc.org/rocks_minerals_b

CALL FOR ARTICLES! SDAG invites members to submit articles on their current research or an interesting project they are working on for publication in the monthly newsletter. The article should be no more than 1 page in length. Photos are welcomed, too Please submit articles to the SDAG secretary via email.
CALL FOR PHOTOS! SDAG invites members to submit photographs of an interesting geologic feature for publication in a new section of the newsletter – “Photo of the Month”. Please submit your photo along with a caption to the SDAG secretary via email.

SDAG RESEARCH TOOL A comprehensive listing of all papers published by SDAG, whether as annual field trip guidebooks or special publications, is now available on our website. Entries are sorted by primary author, or chronologically by date of publication, from our first guidebook in 1972 (40 years ago) to all things Picacho in 2011. These can be accessed or downloaded as .pdf files. They are fully searchable in Adobe Reader or Acrobat, so if you are researching a topic, "tsunami" for example, you can search for that keyword. This listing will be updated as new books are published. Thanks to Greg Peterson and Hargis + Associates, Inc., for making this possible. See the links below:

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5:00 - 9:00 PM

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Featured Speakers

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Rock Art Grand Canyon Region
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Waiting on a Tsunami
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Project Staff and Project Managers: Candidates would have a B.S. Degree in Environmental Science with either an Engineering or Geology degree as a plus. Candidate should have 3 to 10 years relevant experience in the environmental consulting industry. Candidates needs to have demonstrated site investigation knowledge, work plan and report preparation, task management, cost estimating and scheduling experience. The candidates should be detail oriented and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Professional Geologist or Engineer or ability to obtain within two years, and Masters degree is a plus. Positions will be based in Ecuador (initially), and will require travel and field work.

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- Participates in the identification of viable remedial solutions consistent with all Federal, state, and local regulations
- Performs groundwater sampling, gauging and product bailing, and surveying

Requirements and Skills

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in geology, environmental science, engineering or related scientific discipline.
- 0-2+ years of related experience. UST work and retail petroleum experience a big plus.
- Must be detail-oriented, and a team player with good communication, analytical, organization, and time management skills.
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- Performs or manages the implementation of project work plans including staff briefing, scheduling, subcontractor coordination and sample collection.
- Evaluates, analyzes and interprets technical data relative to project-specific goals, creates and interprets accurate data display graphs and figures, completes basic fate and transport analysis, and identifies data gaps and data needs leading to development of a Conceptual Site Model.
- Works with and mentors junior staff to ensure all resources are in place for proper fieldwork and reporting execution.
- Develops and manages budgets, evaluates budget vs. plan and analyzes cost control efficiencies.
- Communicates with clients, third party and regulatory agents regarding project status, schedules and compliance issues.
- Ensures adherence to client and corporate contract specifications in all activities including Health, Safety, Security, and Environment.

Requirements and Skills

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Geology, Environmental Science or Engineering
- 4-7+ years of related experience. Experience must include hands on field and office based in environmental consulting field. Case management experience on retail petroleum and/or industrial projects preferred
- Must possess excellent communication and technical writing skills and be able to independently prepare a complete deliverable report with a focus on QA/QC
- Must have working knowledge of California' environmental regulations.
- Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office suite, Adobe, geologic logging/cross section programs required. Experience with database/graphics management (Access, GIS, CAD) a plus
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- Manages client interaction and financial and resource allocation
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- Reviews and approves project related documents and deliverables
- Evaluates subsurface characteristics for remediation projects, remedial system design, and regulatory negotiations
- Conducts performance reviews and project team meetings to review current and future projects, discuss project and/or employee issues, and staff workloads
- Collaborates with the Site Operations Manager to target new areas and opportunities for business
- Generates leads and develops new business opportunities through networking

**Requirements and Skills**

- A Bachelor’s degree or higher in Geology, Environmental Science, Engineering or a related major
- 10-15+ years of technical environmental consulting experience in Site Investigation & Remediation, Due Diligence and Planning for petroleum and/or industrial clients is required
- Business development experience is a plus
- Advanced knowledge of California’s environmental regulations
- Professional Geologist or Engineer certification (California) is a plus
- A Background Check and Drug/Alcohol screen are required

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- Authors site work plan and proposals for more complex scopes of work including: comprehensive site characterizations and remedial action plans. These reports should contain multiple level and interrelated interpretations and conclusions as well as identify recommendations based on the conclusions.
- Provides technical and some financial oversight of medium size project sites. Technical responsibilities may include monitoring contaminant concentrations and fate/transport properties, QA/QC of data collected and documents generated, and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations. Financial duties may include evaluate budgets vs. plans, analyze cost control efficiencies, and review pre-bills and invoices.
- Communicates with third party and regulatory agents regarding schedules and compliance issues.
- Follows client contract specifications in all field-related activities and informs project group of those specifications.
- Adheres to all GES Health & Safety standards and all Company Policies & Procedures in all project and field-related activities.

**Requirements and Skills**

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Geology, Environmental Science, Engineering or a similar major.
- 8-15+ years of related experience. Experience should include: investigation, reporting and remediation of retail petroleum work or handling large volumes of a similar type work.
- Experience with Underground Storage Tanks (UST & LUST) and working knowledge of California's environmental regulations are required.
- Must possess excellent communication, teamwork, analytical, organizational, technical writing, and client service skills
- Professional certification a plus
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**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Manages client interaction; personnel; and operational profit and loss (P&L) for our San Diego operations;
- Provides senior oversight, review and approval to project data, documents and deliverables to ensure technical, regulatory requirements and goals are adhered to, as well as, ensures company and client QA/QC standards are met.
- Develops strategies to generate leads for new business and participates in all aspects of bid and proposal preparation.
- Conducts performance reviews and project team meetings to review current and future projects, discuss project and/or employee issues, and manage staff workloads.

**Requirements and Skills**

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Geology, Environmental Science, Engineering or related;
- 10-15+ years of engineering and environmental consulting experience in California;
- Experience managing P&L and overseeing an environmental consulting office;
- Business development experience and a strong network within the San Diego area’s environmental market (petroleum, industrial, etc.)
- Strong background in building an organizational structure, business processes/functions, and financials;
- Must have excellent employee relations skills and be able to identify, address, and resolve issues in a timely manner;
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Geological Engineer: I am an outgoing and enthusiastic geologic engineer with several years experience working on geological field projects, writing technical reports, and completing rigorous data analysis on large and complex data sets. Through my experience I have developed the ability to think critically, learn quickly, and communicate exceptionally both at the technical and non-technical level. I am an MS graduate with a degree in geological engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. I have 3 years of experience doing geotechnical investigations, geochemical assessments, and groundwater modeling at compromised sites and underground environments. Detailed work experience, education and more at [http://www.linkedin.com/pub/tessa-van-beek/51/46a/272](http://www.linkedin.com/pub/tessa-van-beek/51/46a/272). Email Tessa Van Beek at tessa@tessa-van-beek.com for more information.

I am a recent MS graduate in Geological Sciences, Hydrogeology from SDSU looking to work in hydrogeology, water resources, or natural resources management. My thesis was a study involving groundwater modeling. Additionally, I have eight years of local experience in environmental consulting. Please contact Cheryl Martin (Johnson) at cheryl_k_johnson@yahoo.com or call me at (619)-992-9335.

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