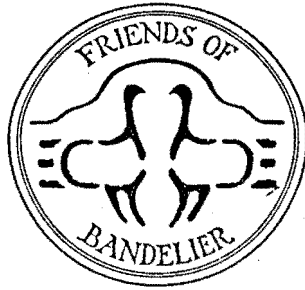


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FRIENDS OF BANDELIER  
ANNUAL REPORT 1989

In 1989, the Friends continued to provide vital support for Bandelier National Monument. We were able to allocate over \$16,000 to the park. In addition, we are increasingly being asked for non-monetary help. We currently have 343 members. Los Alamos accounts for 55%, Santa Fe 26% of members with the remainder scattered nationwide.

Here are some details on our assistance this year.

We again awarded Tim Kohler of Washington State University \$5,000 for archaeological investigations. In 1988, he performed in-depth surveys of four sites in the monument. Tim presented his preliminary findings at a colloquium at Los Alamos National Laboratory and published the final results as Bandelier Archaeological Excavation Project: Phase I. It is available at Visitor Center for \$13.25. This year Tim conducted full-scale excavations of a site on Burnt Mesa. The Friends were given a tour in July. Next season, he returns to finish the Burnt Mesa study. He hopes to look more closely at a site near Corral Hill as well. We are negotiating for TWO tours next season. I have a summary of his findings to date, available to Friends on request.

As a separate study, the National Park Service is conducting a 7-year survey of the archaeological resources of Bandelier. It was originally planned that 47% of the monument would be covered, but the survey fell behind schedule, partly because of the wealth of material discovered. At the end of the '89 season, we provided \$2,000 to prolong the survey a few days and extend the acreage covered. Also through the efforts of the Friends, equipment for archaeological research was donated to Bandelier, including an alidade from the old Los Alamos Archaeological Society, and calipers and a balance from a private individual.

In 1989, we were sole support for Native Crafts Demonstrations. Each summer weekend an Indian artisan from a local pueblo practiced the techniques of a craft in the back patio at the Visitor Center. Crafts included jewelry, beadwork, belts, moccasins, pottery, drums, and carving. This is a popular event with visitors, and provides a means for Bandelier to maintain contacts with Indians whose heritage the monument commemorates.

Once again we granted funds for the Coffee-with-a-Ranger program. At 8 AM each morning during the season, visitors met with a ranger for informal discussions. These sessions provided opportunities for visitors to meet enthusiastic young rangers devoting their careers to our National Parks, as well as talk about the park. We've received several thank-you notes from around the country, and even some new members as a result of this sponsorship.

The Friends hosted refreshments for the reception for Helmuth Naumer, whose exhibit of lovely pastel paintings of Bandelier and scenes from local pueblos is on display in the Visitor Center. Mr. Naumer has not been well; his family commented that the reception visibly raised his spirits. In addition, we provided refreshments for the annual Volunteers-in-Parks tree-trimming party. Without volunteers, the park would be unable to keep its doors open. Refreshments are a small item in our budget, but the rangers express sincere appreciation for being able to host these social functions. The invitation you received to the VIP party this year is an expression of their thanks.

In March, pianist Rosalie Heller and soprano Candace Magner presented a second benefit recital for the Friends. It was held in historic Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos, with the ladies' music students serving tea and desserts on elegantly decorated tables. Candace sang spring songs, including a charming collection of the songs of Winnie-the-Pooh. Rosalie has offered to make the benefit an annual event; we have accepted with thanks. Mark your calendar for April 8, 1990 for the next concert.

Photographer Natalie Owings held a benefit show and sale for the Friends in May. The Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe provided their ballroom for the exhibition at no charge to us. The setting was a lovely one for Natalie's serene photographs of Indian and Hispanic life in northern New Mexico.

Many of you knew Roland Pettitt, whose final illness confined him to a wheelchair. The chair gave him access to the outdoors he loved so much, including Frijoles Canyon in Bandelier. A generous gift to the Friends from his widow, Mary Pettitt Venable, has allowed the Park Service to buy a sturdy wheelchair for the use of visitors touring the ruins. Our altitude affects many visitors not normally requiring a wheelchair.

This year the Park Service asked for help in soliciting opinions from the public on difficult management issues. These included the horse-vs.-helicopter-in-the-wilderness controversy, and several issues which concern Forest Service land surrounding the monument. The Friends of Bandelier is not a political action group; the Board of Trustees has adopted a policy of providing to members information on issues affecting the monument for their consideration. We have set up a separate rapid-response mailing list for those wishing to be actively involved. Please advise us if you would like your name included on this list.

Many members of the Friends are ardent wilderness advocates. We don't always agree with the Park Service or with each other, but be assured that we see to it that the Bandelier Wilderness and its environs are vigorously and vocally defended.

The Friends of Bandelier received many memorials for Evelyn Frey, who lived in Frijoles Canyon for over 60 years. We have commissioned a wayside informational marker to be erected at the site of her first lodge, and expect it to arrive early in 1990. Watch for an announcement of dedication ceremonies.

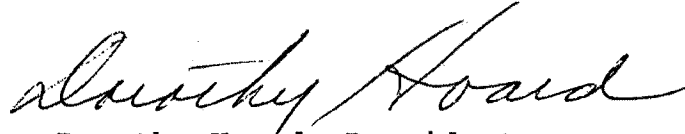
Several volunteers at Bandelier pointed out inadequacies of the information and service desks in the Visitor Center. We have commissioned a new desk from Prison Industries of the New Mexico Penitentiary. The desk should also be arriving in 1990.

In October Bandelier issued its Statement for Management, a compilation of issues and concerns regarding the park. At a public meeting to discuss the document, Superintendent José Cisneros succinctly pointed out that for over a decade the National Park Service has had to tighten its belt; At some point there is nothing left on which to tighten. That point is approaching. Despite heroic efforts on the part of the rangers to provide a quality experience for visitors and to protect and maintain natural and cultural resources, signs of stress are increasingly evident. Did you visit on a summer weekend, only to wait in line at the parking lot? Most rangers were pulled from their regular duties to direct traffic! The infrastructure-- buildings, roads, utilities--are old and crumbling. There is inadequate storage for archaeological artifacts. Erosion and exotic species threaten the backcountry. One man is charged with maintaining 70 miles of trails. Housing for staff is woefully substandard. The list goes on and on; the task seems overwhelming, but if we don't try, the battle will surely be lost.

We have not solicited business memberships, however a number of businesses have joined. Los Alamos National Bank is our biggest supporter. In addition to generous membership donations, the bank provides some office services, including copying for our mailings. The Hobby Bench in Los Alamos has helped us since our inception. Other members include Art Tours of Santa Fe, Data Activities of Santa Fe, Los Artesanos de Las Vegas, Harris Builders, Inc. of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Bookseller, and Second Sun, Inc of Santa Fe.

Our financial report shows the Friends' operating expenses to be four per cent of donations. The rest goes directly to benefit the monument. Postage and paper are our major (virtually only) expenses. We now have a bulk mailing permit. Our two benefits, the Heller-Magner concert and the Owings photography show, were privately funded and generated a nice profit.

Finally, I have been doing the membership tasks--not too punctually, as most of you are aware. But each name I put into my computer, I feel is that of a friend, not only of Bandelier but of all who love our park. I would like to extend my warmest wishes, and those of the Board of Trustees, to each of you for the holiday season and the coming New Year.



Dorothy Hoard, President  
 Board of Trustees  
 Friends of Bandelier

FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1, 1988 to September 30, 1989

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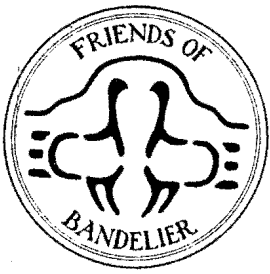
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Cash Balance Forward as of September 30, 1988	7,925.26
Interest	546.79
Contributions	10,223.00
Pablita Velarde Prints	1,270.00
Heller-Magner Benefit Concert	827.00
Owings Benefit Photography Show	875.00
TOTAL:	21,667.05

Expenses

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Bandelier National Monument Supplies & Equipment	1,363.78
Bandelier National Monument Native Crafts Demonstrations	2,500.00
Bandelier National Monument Park Service Survey	2,000.00
Washington State University Bandelier Archeological Project	5,000.00
Friends of Bandelier Supplies	259.85
Friends of Bandelier Postage	525.55
Heller-Magner Benefit Concert	281.61
Owings Benefit Photography Show	315.13
TOTAL:	12,245.92

Current Assets

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TOTAL:	9,421.13



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The staff and students of the 1989  
Washington State University Band-  
elier Archaeological Excavation  
Project thank the Friends of Band-  
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field season. We couldn't have  
done it without you!

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Bandelier National Monument  
State of the Park Report  
Fiscal 1989

I am pleased to provide the Friends of Bandelier with this state of the park report for Fiscal 1989. In my report last year I noted a number of projects which were underway at years end. Let me update you on those.

I mentioned that we had proposed to the Corps of Engineers that we amend the '77 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect the many impacts resulting from prolonged storage of water. I regret to report that they rejected the proposal, wanting to deal with our concerns on a less official basis. We are now exploring the legal implications of the MOU and its provisions for amendment and/or termination.

At this time last year, we had just started work on the major rehabilitation of the mid-Alamo Trail. The work went as planned and the project was completed this summer. Despite some complaints about the aesthetics of some of the work, too fine for backcountry, the work was in accordance with the contract specifications and approved. I am confident that given the weather in the backcountry, it will soon get rustic enough. My hope that additional funding might be available in 1989 to do other work on trails did not materialize.

I can report that the Regional Director did approve the planning project to relocate all administrative and maintenance facilities out of Frijoles Canyon. Location of an assembling area for the already planned shuttle transportation system is part of the planning package. The planning team has now visited the park twice to gather information. We expect additional visits during the next few months and hope to have a draft plan by early summer. A public meeting to discuss the draft plan is planned for the summer. A final plan should be ready this time next year.

Our employee quarters did not get any better but we have received in Fiscal '89 approval for a new modular house. The contract has been awarded and we expect to have the new 3 bedroom house available for occupancy by Spring '90.

Our hope for an increase to our base operating budget did not materialize despite full delegation support at the early stage of the budget process.

Our plans for an earlier public meeting to review the park's basic planning document, The Statement For Management, were delayed a bit. As most of you know, we had the public meeting on the plan in early November. The plan was well received. While discouraging in its content, it does provide a realistic assessment of the park's condition and its major issues. The plan will be finalized in early January.

We did take a second look at the Upper Frijoles acquisition in terms of public access. As some of you already know, we opened a new trail - Upper Frijoles Overlook Trail - in mid summer. We may do more this next summer in that general area. Much of this is dependent on funding, I must add. The northern section of the new acquisition is on hold in terms of a review of its public accessibility.

The Canada de Cochiti acquisition did not progress much during the year. The restriction in the legislation to acquire by donation or exchange only is a formidable hurdle. It is no longer a back burner issue in the Regional Office, however, and we hope to continue to press for continued dialogue with UNM.

The third year of the archeological survey had some problems as many of you know. Concerns were raised about the use of helicopters to transport the crew into the backcountry. The issue of helicopters in wilderness was much discussed and debated. A compromise was reached to use the helicopter to establish, move, and take out the camp. Horses were prescribed for in-between resupply. A decision on next summer's logistics is still pending. But despite all the helicopter controversy, the survey identified an additional 375 sites over 2,445 acres. This now brings the total acreage surveyed to 8,034 acres and 1,231 new sites; a 24.5% survey at this point. The target is 40-47% survey of all park land.

So much for the update. Let me share with you a sense of what else took place during the year.

First of all, the project to document the park's administrative history is now completed. We are in receipt of several copies of Hal Rothman's comprehensive history of Bandelier's administration. Copies are available on request.

Work is nearing completion on the Historic Structure Report, a documentary tome on the park's CCC complex. The HSR provides the necessary background to the future maintenance and repair of any historic structure.

Our Southwest Parks and Monument Association outlet recorded a record year with sales of \$173,000, a 26% increase over the previous year. In return, the SPMA Board approved several grants for us in Fiscal '90. Of interest is a small grant to initiate a series of educational seminars on the various park themes. On the downside, our request for an interactive video was not approved. The video to be housed at the Visitor Center, would have provided ready information on the park's major attractions. It would also have enabled visitors with physical limitations the opportunity to follow the various trails without leaving the Visitor Center. A worthy Friends project?

Everyone has heard about our interagency agreement with the Department of Energy to provide protection to a section of property between White Rock and TA 33. Under the multi-year agreement, DOE is funding two law enforcement rangers for patrol of their land. In return, we are allowed to use the rangers to supplement our own operation when needed. Despite some minor dissent from a small segment of the land users, the public in general has been in favor of the new arrangement.

We continue to participate in the planning for the Santa Fe - Los Alamos Road. We are on record as opposing two of the alternative routes outright. We had less objections to the Mortendad alternative despite its impact on Tsankawi by its connection to East Jemez Road. Recently the planners have added two more alternatives, Chino Mesa and Sandia Canyon. The Sandia Canyon alternative would bring the road alongside Tsankawi, resulting in the encirclement of the site on three sides. The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being revised to incorporate the 2 new alternatives and we will go on record as opposing the Sandia route.

Speaking of Tsankawi, we started collecting fees there this summer for the first time. Aside from generating additional revenue, the fee collection operation provided a regular presence which has been missing at Tsankawi. We also learned that much of the visitation there is target visitation. Few are going on to the main unit.

In early spring, we attended the annual meeting of the Rio Grande Compact Commission held in Alamosa, Colorado. We took the opportunity, thanks to Steve Reynolds, the New Mexico member, to inform the Commission of the past impacts on the park resulting from their direction to the Corps of Engineers to hold water at Cochiti Reservoir. I am not sure how effective our presentation was but in talking to some of the Commission staff, our points were well taken.

We are involved, at their request, in the US Forest Service planning for the Dome Diversity Unit - west of the Bandelier. Dr. Craig Allen, our new ecologist, has been representing the park in that effort.

In August, we hosted the annual Pecos Archeological Conference. Some of you participated in that event. From all reports it was a successful endeavor. This was the first time the conference had met at Bandelier.

In May, we also hosted a day visit by the NPCA Board of Directors who were having their annual meeting in Santa Fe. The day was most successful.

Through the summer, we also hosted three groups of international visitors. Working with the International Relations office in Santa Fe, we provided special tours to a group of Ghanians, one of Egyptians, and one of Russians. Feedback from the Santa Fe office was most positive.

Visitation in general continues to increase. Visitation for Fiscal '89 totalled 298,242 visitors, an increase of 29% over the previous year. Tsankawi alone recorded 40,196 visitors. We are awaiting the results of a Denver Service Center review of our count formula. At this time, we are using a formula of 3.2 visitors per vehicle during the summer and 2.8 visitors the rest of the year. Unofficial indications are that we are getting more visitors per vehicle and if the Service Center survey confirms that, our visitations totals will be adjusted for the year.

To summarize, Bandelier is a busy place, both visitor-wise and management-wise. It an outstanding resource. We will celebrate our 75th anniversary in 1991, along with the that of the National Park Service, which is a few months younger. We look forward to better times. And with the Friends' help, it will get better.

José Cisneros, Superintendent