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FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL REPORT 1990

Budgetary problems continue to plague the National Park System. Without the hundreds of hours of work donated by Volunteers-in-Parks, the parks would cease to function. Monetary contributions from support groups like the Friends of Bandelier enable the parks to continue visitor services, interpretation, and research.

GRANTS TO BANDELIER

Archaeology: For the third year The Friends awarded Tim Kohler of Washington State University \$5,000 to conduct archaeological investigations. This year Tim finished excavations of the Burnt Mesa plaza site and of a small, early site near Corral Hill. Next season he hopes to conduct a short study of a small ruin in Capulin Canyon. This will give him data covering the timespan of occupation represented at Bandelier. As is often the case in scientific research, the data raise as many new questions as they provide answers. Sites were occupied more than once, and by different cultural groups. A kiva dug into solid tuff proved to be over eight feet deep! Artifacts were collected for study in the lab, including shards, bone and stone tools - some with embedded bits of red mineral hematite. Surprising finds were a "portable petroglyph" and an 800 year-old eggshell. Tim has published Phases 1 and 2 of his Bandelier work. We look forward to Phase 3.

The National Park Service conducted the third season of its archaeological survey of Bandelier. The Friends provided \$2,000 for two seasons to prolong the survey and extend the acreage covered. The survey revealed extensive agricultural use of the Bandelier area. In addition to the data and artifacts it provides, this survey serves as training ground for students. Members of the crew included masters and doctoral candidates, undergraduates, and volunteers. Some are writing theses on aspects of the survey.

Two members of the Friends of Bandelier made donations that aided scientific studies at the monument. A generous Friend donated a computer. It was confiscated from the administrative department - under duress, I'm told - for use in cataloging artifacts from the archaeological excavations. Muriel Fluharty donated a stereoscopic microscope well suited for field work, to the delight of researchers.

Interpretation: In 1990, we provided sole support for Native Crafts Demonstrations, presented each summer weekend by artisans from surrounding pueblos. For 1991, the Friends of Bandelier sponsored Andrea Sharon, Visitor Center Supervisor at Bandelier, in securing a \$5,000 grant from the New Mexico Arts Division, Folk Arts category. In addition to funding the artisans, the grant funds training for the interpretive staff on the history and development of the crafts and of their importance to the native cultures. The sessions will be videotaped for future use. The programs become part of Bandelier's extensive Educational Outreach Program for area pueblos and schools. In 1990 we also funded the Nightwalk singer. Nightwalk is a magical tour to the ruins after dark, with candlelight reflecting through the caves and haunting chants by the nightsinger.

On June 22, we held dedication ceremonies for the Evelyn Frey Memorial Wayside at the site of Evelyn's first lodge. Family, friends and members of the park staff attended, including Evelyn's sister, Jane Walton. This ended the long effort which began after Evelyn's death in September, 1988. The memorial is first of a series of interpretive waysides planned for Bandelier. Others are unfunded and unscheduled. Chief of Interpretation, Ed Greene, managed to squeeze our wayside into production between Park Service priorities for Yellowstone fire interpretive displays and the upcoming Columbus 500th centennial.

Handicapped: The rangers at Bandelier continually try to improve access for the handicapped. Last year we funded repair of their light-duty wheelchair and, with generous support from Mary Pettit Venable, provide a heavy-duty wheelchair. This year we supplied a Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD), a device that sends interactive written messages over the phone line, providing the deaf the instant communication others take for granted.

Facilities Upgrade: In July 1989 we boldly announced that the Friends would present the Visitor Center with a new reception desk, to be crafted by the state Prison Industries. Since that time, each board meeting has been enlivened by the adventures of this desk, from the parole of the prison's only carver to special approvals required by the center's listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Now, at last, the desk has arrived! Come see it at the party on the 7th.

We continue to host the Coffee-with-a-Ranger program, the VIP annual party, and several training sessions throughout the year. These refreshments are a small fraction of our grants to Bandelier, but they generate good will for the monument and the Friends.

This year we said good-bye to rangers Sari Stein and Rory Gauthier, both off to California to pursue careers. Superintendent José Cisneros assumed duties as superintendent of Gettysburg National Battlefield in July. We welcome the new superintendent, Roy Weaver. Roy loved Bandelier as a young ranger and is delighted to be back. We look forward to a good partnership, an essential ingredient for a successful Friends group. We have been especially fortunate in that regard.

NEWS OF THE FRIENDS

Membership: This year we welcome new members from Albuquerque and other areas in the state. We have over 380 household memberships. Some donors send notes regretting that they can't donate more money. Please be assured that the NUMBER of members is important to organizations. Politicians and government agencies give more consideration to views of organizations than individuals, as we discovered during the horse-vs-helicopter controversy. We cherish EACH and EVERY member at every membership level.

Benefits: For the third year pianist Rosalie Heller and soprano Candace Wagner presented a delightful benefit concert for the Friends. These afternoon concerts are a lovely addition to the Los Alamos arts scene. In August, Mary Stovall and Margy O'Brien donated to the Friends a percentage of proceeds from their exhibit of Bandelier paintings at Fuller Lodge Art Center.

The Friends joined with the National Parks and Conservation Association in their MARCH FOR PARKS Campaign. The nationwide marches raised awareness of problems of parks, and showed citizen's support for their parks. The Friends received \$1,405.00 as the result of hard work by members and generous donations from supporters. Since our inception in 1987, NPCA has helped the Friends. This year they were generous in their help with membership and with advice on problems with the Bandelier Development Concept Plan. We recommend NPCA to all with a broad interest in national parks nationwide and internationally.

This summer the Friends joined Bandelier and Los Alamos Historical Society in sponsoring a series of talks commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Adolph Bandelier.

Advocacy: Bandelier continues to be plagued by threats. An estimated 400,000 people a year visit the park, straining the facilities in Frijoles Canyon. Bandelier desperately needs a new visitor center outside the canyon, but funds for planning were not authorized in the 1990 budget. One of our long term projects is advocacy for the new center. Other threats include a proposed four-lane highway on the Bandelier boundary, Forest Service logging activities in the Dome area west of the monument, and fluctuations in the level of Cochiti Lake at the eastern boundary. The most serious threat of all is the ever-present budget crisis which continues to erode staffing, programs, services, upgrades and maintenance. The Board of Trustees of the Friends of Bandelier strives to provide responsible advocacy for the monument, in response to these potential dangers.

FRIENDS OF BANDELIER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This year operating expenses were nine and one-half percent of income. The Heller-Magner concert and March for Parks were self-supporting. We keep postage costs down with bulk mailing and presorting. For the third year, Los Alamos National Bank has donated all copying services, as well as providing other services and direct monetary donations. We want to express continuing thanks to LANB for their faithful support. This year we bought filing software to process the membership list, with thanks to Bart Olinger for assuming that job. In addition, we printed membership brochures designed by Andi Kron, with drawings by William Yassie of Bandelier.

There is little hope for resolving the budget crisis for the National Parks in the foreseeable future. In three years the Friends of Bandelier have become an important factor in the operation of the monument. Please stick with us. BANDELIER NEEDS US. WE NEED YOU.

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October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990

Income

Cash Balance Forward as of September 30, 1989	9,421.13
Interest	592.74
Contributions	10,864.69
Pablita Velarde Prints	942.50
Heller-Magner Concert	540.00
March for Parks	1,402.50
Stovall-O'Brien Exhibit	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$23,813.56

Expenses and Disbursements: Bandelier National Monument

Supplies & Equipment	327.92
Native Crafts Demonstrations	1,842.00
Park Service Survey	2,000.00
Washington State University Bandelier Archeological Project	5,000.00
Wheelchair	640.00
Frey Memorial	950.00
Microscope	750.00
Visitor Center Desk	<u>756.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,265.92

Expenses and Disbursements: Friends of Bandelier

Supplies	737.97
Postage	448.84
Heller-Magner Concert	392.57
March for Parks	<u>171.77</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,751.15

Net Income and Current Assets

TOTAL:	<u>\$9,796.49</u>
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Bandelier National Monument
State of the Park Report
Fiscal 1990

As the new Superintendent I am delighted to provide the Friends with this state of the park report. During the coming years I pledge to continue and build upon the fine work of my predecessor, Jose Cisneros, and the park staff.

Fiscal year 1990 saw many personnel changes in the park and a continued adaptation to limited funds.

Twelve permanent positions were vacated through transfer or resignations. We filled seven vacancies. The remaining five vacant positions have not been filled due to budgetary constraints. Four key vacant positions include the Budget Assistant, Interpreter, Chief Ranger and Chief of Resources Management. Budget constraints may force us to combine the Chief Ranger and Chief of Resources Management into one position. Not an ideal choice. On the up side, we have a new Administrative Officer, Personnel Assistant, Electrician, Engineering Equipment Operator, Law Enforcement Dispatcher, Curator and Superintendent.

Continued budget constraints have affected all park operations but especially the Interpretative Division. Although the "official" public use figures show a decrease in visitation for the year, all other indicators point to a substantial increase. The number of days the parking lot was full beyond capacity far exceeded last year, SPMA sales were up over 50% and Visitor Center visitation figures showed an increase of 15%. Despite this increase in demand, staff shortages in response to budget shortfalls have left the staff in a difficult position. From a seasonal staff of four only a few years ago, we were down to one in 1990. Permanent Park Ranger Mary Furney was not available to the park since March and has left the Service. Her position has not been filled. The Outreach program to area schools effectively ended (at least temporarily) with the end of the 1990 school year in May. The Outreach Coordinator has been assigned full time to the Visitor Center until funding becomes available to re-establish the Outreach program. Staff shortages also required the closing of Tsankawi from January to May and no interpretive effort happened there during the year.

With only three uniformed rangers assisted by volunteers to run a 7-day, 10 hour per day VC operation, cutbacks had to be made in the normal schedule of interpretive activities. Kid's programs, Falls walks, bird walks, museum tours and Rock Art tours were all eliminated for the year. From Memorial Day to Labor Day we concentrated on providing long and short ruins tours, and campfire programs. "Coffee with a Ranger" was held daily with considerable assistance from other divisions and the "Nightwalk" was as popular as ever. The latter programs were

funded by the Friends of Bandelier. This represents a 15% decrease in programs and an 18% decrease in roving patrols below FY89.

Other non-personal services fared much better. Seasonal Ranger Carlyn Jervis wrote, edited, prepared the design and layout and installed new wayside exhibits along the Nature Trail and Tyuonyi Overlook trail. Artwork for the waysides was provided by Ranger William Yazzi. Funding for the waysides was provided by Southwest Region cyclic rehab. Another wayside on the historic era of Bandelier was designed by the park staff and created by a contractor through Harpers Ferry Center. It was mounted in a native stone pedestal by the park maintenance crew at the site of the former Ranch of the Ten Elders. Funding was provided by the park and the Friends of Bandelier.

The groundwork was laid for what will be an important program in 1991. Visitor Center Supervisor Andrea Sharon prepared a grant proposal for the park's Cultural Awareness Program and was awarded \$5,000 by the New Mexico Arts Division. This program will provide increased staff training as well as increased public exposure to Native American artisans during the summer months. The Friends of Bandelier will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant funding.

Park staff have spent considerable time on cooperative planning teams and environmental documentation review.

In 1990 two environmental documents had been produced by the Santa Fe/Los Alamos Road Location Planning Team for review and comment. The park and regional staff have responded consistently to protect the park from the disastrous affects of the road. Thus far the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) provides no evidence of thorough investigation, of analysis, of understanding resource values, and does not address the issue of cumulative effects. It is our view that the SDEIS has failed to adequately and objectively consider "no-build" alternatives and thus has arbitrarily restricted the choices available. The National Park Service supports and recommends the selection of the "No Build Alternative" believing that a thorough evaluation of various "no-build" alternatives will provide solutions to genuine needs without the destruction associated with any of the build alternatives. While we oppose all 4 Build Alternatives as presently described because of the potential damaging effects on the park and park visitors, we particularly oppose the Sandia and Montoso corridors because of their devastating effect on Tsankawi and the Bandelier wilderness/backcountry and those people who visit those areas.

Staff participated with the Santa Fe Forest Jemez District in the comprehensive planning of the Dome Diversity Unit adjacent to the park and encompassing the headwaters of the monument.

The alternatives developed generally protect the resource values identified on the park and forest. The one area of concern is the lack of significant acres withdrawn from mineral activity to fully protect the watersheds and viewsheds.

Coordination and planning meetings have occurred throughout the year with various water management organizations and agencies. We met with the Rio Grande Compact Commission in March to reaffirm our need to be involved in those water issues affecting Cochiti directly or indirectly. We asked for consideration of a broader agenda, one which would include wildlife management. We reported the impacts of long term inundation and suggested mitigation which would promote wetlands habitat. We have documented our concerns and opposition to indiscriminate temporary inundations for channel maintenance and a hydropower proposal. We are currently involved with the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation on a comprehensive planning effort to address conservation storage, minimum flows, and wildlife.

We removed 4 of our 5 underground fuel storage tanks which decreases significantly the risk of contamination.

Unfortunately there has been no progress on acquisition of the Canada de Cochiti Grant.

The planning activities begun last year for the relocation of facilities and parking from the canyon to the mesa was temporary halted due to lack of funds. We are hopeful that that planning effort will resume this fiscal year.

Construction of the long awaited 3 bedroom staff residence will begin this December.

1990 was the third year of the Regional Archaeological Inventory Survey under Bob Powers. As of this season over 1600 sites have been recorded by the survey. 1990 was the third year of excavation being held by Washington State University under Dr. Tim Kohler. The 1990 excavations yielded over 250,000 samples and a better understanding of the region's prehistory. We have been in consultation with the area pueblos on a number of issues of mutual interest, especially the sensitive questions of ruins excavation. The survey will continue in 1991. A short excavation may also take place.

Each year we report an increasing reliance on VIPs to provide basic services and each year it becomes increasingly true. In 1990, 112 volunteers contributed 14,021 hours, nearly seven work years, of valuable time to Bandelier. Activities included everything from maintenance of trails and facilities to parking lot duty to interpretation to artifact conservation to site hosts. Bandelier is indeed fortunate to have the committed cadre of volunteers we enjoy; quite simply, the park could not remain open without them.

The Friends continued to provide generous monetary support as well as valuable moral support during these difficult times. Their direct monetary contributions of \$14,906 supported programs such as "Coffee with a Ranger", the Native American Craft Demonstrator program, and the "Nightwalk" as well as supporting the Washington State University Excavation program and the Bandelier Archaeological Survey. They also helped provide for our equipment needs such as the new information and sales desks, a telecommunications device for use by deaf visitors and a microscope for the Ecologist.

1990 saw Bandelier become SPMA's number one sales outlet for the year. Area Manager Linda Gaffney started the year intent on increasing the titles available for sale. The resultant increase of 130 new titles brings our total available titles to 313. Included in that number are two new publications written specifically for Bandelier: Bandelier National Monument Look and See Activity Book and Bandelier, a general interpretive publication. The latter is a beautiful publication that has been an instant hit with visitors. SPMA also published the Bandelier Safety Coloring Book created by William Yazzi, although they reworked it to make it more generic and available to other parks. Sales continued their record setting pace of the last several years but far exceeded our greatest expectations by sky rocketing to \$261,228, a 50.3% increase over 1989. Special activities during the year included a targeted display of books commemorating the 150th birthday of Adolph Bandelier and a book signing by Pablita Velarde on Founders' Day for the re-issue of her book Old Father, Storyteller. Donations for the year included archaeological research, new publications, reprints, an SCA position, educational seminars, a laminating machine and sales help.

At this time we do not have firm budgetary figures but it appears that we may receive a net increase of about \$29,000 or 2.5%. That is better than expected but much worse than hoped.

Though I have only been here a short time I have already been challenged by needs and events from outside the park as well as from within. But I am constantly encouraged by the commitment and ability of the staff who do what is necessary to fulfill our responsibility and by the care and commitment of those outside the Park Service who obviously love Bandelier and are willing to express that care in many ways; especially the Friends and our volunteers.



Roy W. Weaver
Superintendent