

# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER

## ANNUAL REPORT for 2003

### WHITHER BANDELIER?

Prior to 2000, Bandelier was a stable, rather plodding place, admitting it had some problems that it should begin to address, such as soil erosion, excessive fuel load, and elk overpopulation. The Cerro Grande Fire in May 2000 changed all that. Since then, Bandelier and the National Park Service tried to deal with the aftermath of a fire set by Bandelier staff as a controlled burn. The new superintendent, Darlene Koontz, is the sixth superintendent (three acting) since the fire. Through the turmoil, the faithful staff kept Bandelier a nice place to visit and tried valiantly to push progress on the festering problems. New staff members quickly came to love the park and are trying to move forward. Our own liaison, Lynne Dominy, is an absolute whiz. They face an increasingly onerous bureaucracy and restrictions added since the fire and the 9/11 security crises.

We are cautiously optimistic. Darlene seems to be a clear-eyed, business-like, purposeful person who is quickly learning what needs to be done for the park. She likes the area and expects to be here a while, thank goodness. Bandelier needs stability in leadership. The black cloud, of course, is the massive and growing federal debt. While Congress tends to be relatively generous (not to be confused with generous) to the Park Service because of public pressure, federal agencies are the easiest budgets to cut. No one knows what the future holds, but it looks ominous.



### WHITHER THE FRIENDS?

The Friends of Bandelier just completed its sixteenth year of service to the monument. In those years, we have granted almost \$196,000 directly for Bandelier projects. Our own operating cost averaged 5.0%, primarily on postage and paper. The remaining has been miscellany like printing the Velarde Prints and Adopt-a-Bit-of-Bandelier Certificates and producing patches for Bandelier to sell at the Visitor Center. We tucked some money into a Major Purchase Fund.

Through all these years, our operations have remained essentially the same, with the same results. Our income is primarily from memberships; total revenue is between \$11,000 and \$15,000 per year. Memberships hover between 250 and 300 families. We've tried the usual fund raising activities, with such mediocre results that we questioned if it was worth the effort. During the 1990s, with Chris Judson's indispensable assistance, we offered Special



Nightwalks with transportation from Santa Fe and dinner in the canyon. The Nightwalks brought in approximately one third of our income, but sadly, the program fell apart when Bandelier Trading Co. could no longer provide the dinners. Our big success is in leveraging matching grants. We've put up a few thousand dollars; another entity, such as large foundations and the Park Service itself, put up tens of thousands. Our small show of local support seems to be very important to other agencies.

We operate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Park Service to provide assistance to Bandelier. The Bandelier staff has to put a fair amount of effort into maintaining the relationship. On occasion, I ask if it is worth it to them, or should we just declare victory and ride off into the sunset? Invariably, I'm assured we provide useful service to the Park.

Through it all, our faithful donors keep us going.

### AN EXCITING VENTURE

Last autumn, I received a call from Bob Powers, Chief of Cultural Resources for the National Park Service Rocky Mountain Region. Bob was the principal investigator for the extensive 1987-1992 archaeological survey of Bandelier. Bob is collaborating with the School of American Research (SAR) in Santa Fe to produce a book interpreting the findings from the archaeological studies at Bandelier, including those subsequently conducted in-house by various staff archaeologists at the park. (Since 1987, the Friends have contributed over \$78,000 to those studies.). The book is envisioned as a companion to an update of SAR's popular book, *New Light on Chaco*. Bob assures us that the Bandelier book will be readable, even though each chapter is written by the scientist who actually did the work. The book will consolidate all the information gained from 16 years of study at the park, plus previous studies dating back to the 1900s.

Bob asked for our help in funding production of the book. The Board is excited about the project and agreed to grant \$5,000 from the Major Purchase Fund for that purpose. The Board jealously guards this fund and this is the first time it has considered dispensing from it. Bob estimates a delivery date of summer 2005. We will keep you up to date on its progress.



Dorothy Hoard, President, Board of Trustees

# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER

## Financial Statement

2003

### FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Balance Forward as of December 31, 2002:	
General Fund	\$ 3,362.93
Major Purchase Fund	<u>19,093.15</u>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>22,456.08</b>
Income:	
Contributions	11,371.50
Memorial Contribution	2,485.00
Velarde Print Proceeds	937.50
General Fund Interest	55.58
Major Purchase Fund Interest	<u>483.32</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>15,332.90</b>
Disbursements - Bandelier National Monument:	
Cultural Demonstration Program	3,000.00
Flagstones/Ad for Environmental Impact Statement	1,094.13
Backcountry Student Conservation Corps	2,500.00
Vanishing Treasures Photography	3,959.02
NPCA Reception	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>10,753.15</b>
Expenses - Friends of Bandelier:	
Bulk Mailing Permit	150.00
Postage (deposit to Post Office for mailing expenses)	100.00
Post Office Box Renewal	38.00
Web Page & Virtual Domain Hosting, Domain Registration	344.70
Remittance Envelopes and Stationery Envelopes	<u>337.24</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>969.94</b>
Net Income:	
General Fund	6,489.42
Major Purchase Fund	<u>19,576.47</u>
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME (Balance December 31, 2003)</b>	<b><u>\$ 26,065.89</u></b>

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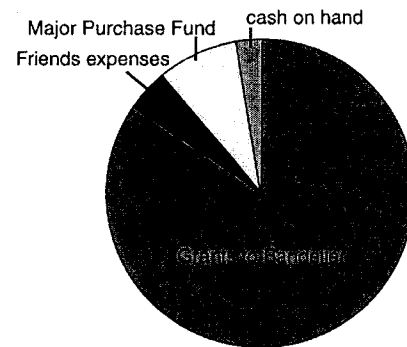
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### WHERE DID ALL THAT MONEY GO?

Friends of Bandelier Balances 1987-2003

Total collected = \$233,420  
 Friends expenses = \$11,678 (5.0%)  
 Cash on hand = \$26,066



<i>Archaeological</i>	
Surveys, excavations, equipment,	\$46,295.09
Studies, publications, documentation	31,899.77
<i>Interpretation</i>	
Museum sculptures	\$10,800.00
Newspaper	12,842.90
Parking lot attendants	6,456.35
Supplies, shipping, training	7,124.01
Capital Items	5,676.00
<i>Resource Management</i>	
GIS/GPS units and supplies	\$18,157.00
Maintenance	8,000.00
Capital Items	2,750.00
<i>Security/Protection</i>	
Trauma Kit	\$ 414.95
SCA Backcountry Patrol	2,500.00
<i>Cultural Awareness - Pueblo Crafts</i>	
Pueblo Crafts Demonstrations	\$11,971.60
Crafts purchases	1,530.00
<i>Ecological</i>	
Greenhouse facility supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Pinyon-juniper Restoration Study	4,800.00
Ecological technician	4,000.00
Butterflies, arthropods	5,500.00
<i>Handicapped</i>	
Campsite Upgrades	\$ 3,600.08
Handicapped Ramp	1,625.74
Wheelchair	640.00
Drinking fountain	500.00
Telephone Device for the Deaf	443.30
Braille Labels for Touch Table	106.50
<i>Social Events</i>	
Coffee-with-a-Ranger	\$ 2,052.65
VIP parties, receptions	1,245.40
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$195,931.34</b>

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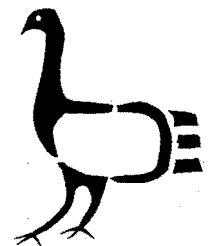


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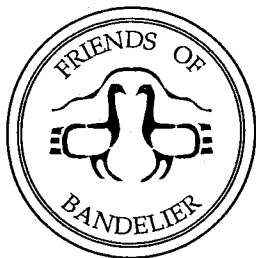
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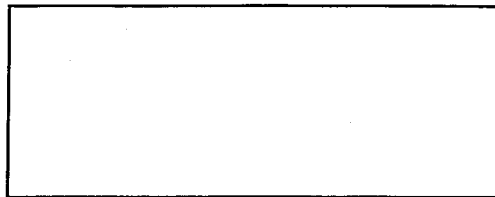
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### ***Phyllis Wallis***

Many of you may remember the vivacious little charmer who manned the desk at the Visitor Center for so many years. Phyl was not even five feet tall, but was a model of stamina and reliability. She probably still holds the record for number of volunteer hours at Bandelier. When her mental powers diminished, she moved to Boise, Idaho to be near her daughter, Pam. Phyl died at age 86 of Alzheimer's Disease on January 24, 2004. We pay tribute to a gallant soul.

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