#### Annual Review

Annual Reports are intended to look back at our accomplishments for the year just completed. The year 2011 was most unusual, so our list is short. We did fund repairs of the Tewa pot that was returned by a guilt-ridden visitor who spirited away the potsherds and reassembled them with Elmer's Glue. The pot has no provenance —no history of where it was made and where it traveled—but it is considered valuable as a research artifact. Before the fire, we helped outfit members of the Bandelier Conservation Corps, whose term at the park was rather short, but who did heroic work during and after the fire. Superintendent Jason Lott asked us to cancel other projects and he refunded some monies we had already submitted to the park. Instead, he asked us to frame "Thank You" pictures for the agencies that helped during the fire. The pictures are of 1930s Bandelier art noveau posters, handsomely framed. Our newspaper often has photos of Jason presenting the pictures to local authorities and he tells us he sees the pictures on their walls next to their customary awards and certifications. Jason is a young administrator who truly underwent a baptism by fire. He is overwhelmingly grateful for the outpouring of support and assistance for Bandelier.

#### Las Conchas Fire

For Bandelier, 2011 provided enough adventures to last us all a very long time. On June 26, an aspen tree in the Jemez Mountains fell onto a powerline, which sparked and triggered the largest wildfire in New Mexico recorded history—156,600 acres. The fire burned the eastern third of the Jemez Mountains and about half of Bandelier's 32,000 acres. Subsequent monsoon floods devastated the canyons, even in areas not burned in the fire. In the midst of the turmoil came the marijuana bust, quickly resolved by local, state, and federal policing agencies.

Now it is the time to clean up the mess. Jason opened the entire park by the end of the year. We are getting reports from trail guru Ranger Dale Coker about specific areas and from intrepid locals venturing into the backcountry. Some places don't look so bad and some are just awful. The rangers are prioritizing which trails to clean up. Some of the most affected sections can't be repaired for several years until the landscape stabilizes. One, our beloved Falls Trail from the falls to the Rio Grande, likely can never be restored to its prior route; the north section around the Lower Falls is now sheer cliff and the south wall is a massive talus slope of very large, loose boulders.

# Friends of Bandelier Grants for 2012

Jason and Chief of Interpretation Rod Torrez submitted their 2012 requests for grant funding from the Friends. Some items are really sad. The National Park Service gives each park an annual appropriation, over 90 percent of which is for staff salaries and benefits. This is taxpayer money carrying stringent restrictions on how it can be spent. Bandelier has several other sources of income. It keeps a percentage of the entrance fees,

has a contract rental agreement with the gift shop, and receives a percentage of the proceeds from the bookstore, each carrying some specific restrictions. Funding from the Friends is a tiny part of the park's income stream. In 2011, three of those sources were badly affected by the fire. The park was closed for three months, collected no entrance fees during the October bussing, and entered its quiet winter/spring season in November. The closing, of course, also affected gift shop sales. Worse still, the bookstore concessionaire, Western National Parks Association, is undergoing financial difficulties in all its parks because park visitors are buying fewer books. In the past, the rangers divided their requests among these pots of money. This year they are asking the Friends to assume some requests that normally went to the others. Looking ahead to the 2012 season, here are the items for which Bandelier requests help.

- 1. Fire Study (\$5,500): Terralene Foxx, a local fire ecologist, conducted a 35-year study of the 1977 La Mesa Fire recovery, including data from subsequent fires, and is independently publishing the final report. Funding will assist her with editing, formatting, and map production to finalize the report. The study will be valuable in formulating fire management plans for Bandelier and neighboring agencies.
- 2. Bandelier Conservation Corps (\$1,500): to provide field clothing—durable shirts, pants and boots—for youth involved with the BCC. This is the third year of this successful youth diversity program. These items will be purchased in the local community. Rod says the kids show up in worn tennis shoes and tattered T-shirts that are completely inappropriate for rough backcountry work.
- 3. SCA intern (\$5,000): to fund one Student Conservation Corps member to work with the Interpretation staff for visitor center and shuttle bus operations.
- 4. Park Newspaper (\$2,000): to fund the printing of the annual Bandelier newspaper that is provided to each visitor.
- 5. Park Presentations (\$3,000): to purchase display items like a table cover with the Bandelier and NPS logos, banners, and tabletop electronic equipment. This mobile tabletop will be used at events such as the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and the PEEC Earth Day Event to promote monument activities, planning, programs and other items of interest to the public.
- 6. Superintendent Fund for Special Events (\$2,000): to provide funding to purchase food and drinks for public events and for special meetings. Examples include purchasing a cake for the grand re-opening of the visitor center, food for volunteer appreciation events, and for meetings with our affiliated Pueblos. "The Pueblos always feed us well," says Jason.

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# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	
Current Assets - Balance Forward as of January 1, 2010:	*
Cash in General Fund	\$18,022.23
Cash in Major Purchase Fund	7,591.05
NET ASSETS TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD	\$25,613.28
Revenue and Other Support:	
Contributions	\$15,855.08
Honoraria Contributions	250.00
Memorial Contributions	710.00
Royalties - School of American Research The Peopling of Band	
Velarde Print Proceeds	116.50
Interest - General Fund	114.76
Interest - Major Purchase Fund	57.12
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$17,412.58
Disbursements:	
Conservation and repair of Ancestral Puebloan ceramic bowl	952.05
Frames/nameplates art for agencies who helped during crises	3,995.55
Work clothing and boots for crew of Bandelier Conservation Co	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,756.75
Expenses - Friends of Bandelier:	
Advertising	95.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	190.00
Corporate Report Filing Fee	10.00
Copying	203.00
Envelopes	418.00
Liability Insurance	640.00
Postage	100.00
Post Office Box Renewal	44.00
Website and Domain Hosting	135.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,835.50
Net Assets, End of Period:	
General Fund	\$26,785.44
Major Purchase Fund	8.648.1
TOTAL NET ASSETS (Balance December 31, 2011)	\$35,433.57
Notes to Financial Report:	
The General Fund includes a \$1,000 contribution from	the Delle

The General Fund includes a \$1,000 contribution from the Delle Foundation targeted for trail work. Fundraiser and donation monies earmarked for fire recovery totaling \$1,959 are included in the General Fund. The End of Period funds reflect a \$1,000 transfer made annually from the General Fund to the Major Purchase Fund with Board of Trustees approval.

## **GRANTS to BANDELIER** 1988-2011

1988-2011				
Archaeological				
Surveys, excavations, equipment	\$56,497.09			
Studies, publications, documentation				
Interpretation				
Capital items	\$16,976.00			
Peopling of Bandelier book	5,000.00			
Printing newspapers, etc	29,045.95			
supplies	3,021.65			
training & awards	2,942.63			
services	10,644.68			
90th anniversary items	4,152.03			
Centennial Matching Grants	51,116.00			
Resource Management				
GPS units and supplies	\$18,157.00			
Maintenance & supplies	10,100.00			
Video & Microscope	2,750.00			
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Ecological				
Greenhouse facility supplies	\$5,000.00			
Pinyon-juniper Restoration Study	4,800.00			
Ecological studies assistants	6,800.00			
Butterflies, arthropods	5,500.00			
Fire Management SCA	3,215.00			
Cultural Awareness - Pueblo Crafts				
Pueblo Cultural Demonstrations	\$17,521.60			
Crafts purchases	7,755.00			
Archive/Museum purchases	6,291.20			
Them vo Museum purenuses	0,231.20			
Handicapped				
Campsite Upgrades	\$3,600.08			
Handicapped Ramp	1,625.74			
Wheelchair	640.00			
Drinking fountains	3,500.00			
Telephone Device for the Deaf	443.30			
Braille Labels for Touch Table	106.50			
Social Events				
Coffee-with-a-Ranger	\$2,052.65			
VIP Parties, receptions	1,564.16			
90th Anniversary Celebration	1,667.70			
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Protection	¢414.05			
EMS Trauma Kit	\$414.95 2,500.00			
SCA Backcountry Patrol	2,300.00			

**GRAND TOTAL** 

\$317,121.43

# STATE OF THE PARK 2012 Jason Lott, Superintendent

Friends of Bandelier,

Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. Just a bit of snow is left in the upper elevations of the monument and the trees will soon be budding out. Mrs. Frey's daffodils are already blooming in her garden, which is always my cue that the Monument is about to shift into high gear. This is the time when we have the full contingent of seasonal staff working, crews in the back-county, the parking lots (or buses) are full, and visitors taking full advantage of our trails.

As usual we have a lot of activities going on in the Monument. This summer the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) projects are some of our primary goals. These include evaluating and treating over 1,500 archaeological sites, initiating work on the re-establishment and repair of over forty miles of trails, removal of hundreds of hazard trees, and preparations for monsoonal flooding which still persists as a threat.

Other projects include a Soundscape Study, continuation on an update for the Monument's National Register listing and administrative history, an archival project, a historic windows replacement project, deployment of a temporary vehicle stream crossing, installation of a small cell tower, and signage replacements in the canyon. The Bandelier Conservation Corps is currently recruiting and will be hitting the trails once school ends. A major planning effort will also be initiated this summer for Tsankawi. We will be hosting a public scoping meeting at Fuller Lodge on May 9 in which we are hoping to have a lot of participation from the community. Another major program is our partnership with Los Alamos County and the Atomic City Transit. The County is supporting Bandelier with three years of shuttle support beginning June 1. This program will be very similar to the five-week shuttle program that operated last October, which was very popular with our visitors. The Transit is acquiring at least one new bus that will have better window viewing and a new film is being produced for use on all the buses that will highlight other visiting opportunities within the county. Please come out to visit and to enjoy the Bandelier Bus Experience and give us your feedback.

The staff have also planned and prepared a range of other great experiences for our visitors. National Park Service Week is April 21-29, which is all fee-free, and includes special hikes and programs, radio interviews with the staff, and children's activities. Beginning on March 24, the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art in Santa Fe will be presenting an exhibit showcasing the work of Bandelier's Civilian Conservation Corps craftsmen, including furniture, furnishings, and decorative tin. This exhibit will be open until September 30.

During the last two weeks of June, Ranger Chris Judson will be hosting two free summer camps for children. You will want to register your children soon, the camps fill up quickly. On June 2 is National Trails Day and on June 9 is National Get Outdoors Day, in which we will be hosting activities within the monument. Additionally, this year we will begin a new tradition, our Annual Bandelier Pass Photo and Art Contest for the pubic, with the winning entry having their submittal as the picture on the annual Bandelier Pass. The contest has already begun and closes on April 4 We are expecting a lot of great pictures from our Friends!

Other special events include Wildfire 2012 in Los Alamos on April 14, an Annular Solar Eclipse Event on May 20, Nightwalks every Wednesday night beginning in June, Campfire Programs on Friday and Saturday evenings all summer, the Los Alamos Mountaineers will be conducting a Wilderness Experience training program for the public on June 11, the Los Alamos Recreation Program will be doing a Family Camping Program at Ponderosa Campground on June 29, and we are working with the Los Alamos Opera Guild to host an "Opera in the Monument" event at the amphitheater sometime this summer. So go ahead and mark your calendars – we've got a busy summer!

Other reminders include purchasing your annual pass at Bandelier – wherever you obtain your pass is where the funding remains and is utilized. Also, we will be working to expand our volunteer and docent program, so if you are interested, please give Claudia Brookshire a call at (505) 672-3861 x518. Claudia and Dale Coker are also establishing an Adopt-A-Trail Program for organizations, and if interested, they can assist with getting your favorite club or group involved with our trail program. These are great opportunities, and we would love to see everyone come out and visit at least once a week!

Jason

Follow Bandelier's Activities on its

Web Sites

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#### THE BANDELIER FIRES

Following a series of devastating fires in the early 1900s, federal land management agencies developed a policy of suppressing wildland fires as quickly as possible. By mid-century, as forests became unnaturally overgrown and deadfall piled up, it was becoming apparent that this was not a good practice. Changing the policy, however, is difficult for both managers and a public raised on Bambi and Smoky the Bear. As the years passed, aided by a series of drought years, forest conditions reached a tipping point. The next decades suffered massive fires countrywide. Bandelier National Monument had its share and may even be considered a model study of fire effects.

In 1977, the La Mesa Fire burned through the ponderosa forests of Bandelier, with some intrusion into adjacent national forest and Los Alamos Laboratory. In 1996, the Dome Fire burned most of the San Miguel Mountains. The 2000 Cerro Grande Fire burned little of Bandelier but devastated the forests and part of the laboratory and town in Los Alamos County. In 2011, the massive Las Conchas Fire essentially took the eastern third of the Jemez Mountains. Fire fighting agencies evolved too, becoming better organized with more integration among the federal,



The cabin in Capulin Canyon escaped the 1996 Dome and 2000 Cerro Grande fires and floods. The Las Conchas Fire consumed it entirely despite previous burns nearby that removed considerable tinder. Optimal fire frequency is an important consideration for fire managers.

Photo courtesy of Ed Jacobson.

state, county, city, and tribal agencies. During Cerro Grande, local fire departments from Bandelier, Santa Fe National Forest, Los Alamos County (which includes the Laboratory), and local pueblos established a fire command center on the Laboratory/Bandelier boundary. It is now being upgraded to a permanent facility.

After the 1977 La Mesa Fire, Bandelier began a program of fire prevention by setting deliberate burns and letting natural wildfires burn. It was not popular and the park received a fair amount of criticism. The effort ended in 2000 with the Cerro Grande Fire, which started when a controlled burn escaped. But now, following a decade of increasingly destructive (and expensive) fires, attitudes are beginning to change. For years ecologists talked about restoring forests to some past glory, but couldn't decide on which past conditions. Now the goal is sustainable forests that are resistant to massive wildfires. A coalition of the Santa Fe National Forest/ Valles Caldera National Preserve/Jemez Pueblo won a competitive 10-year grant to render the unburned southwestern part of the Jemez Mountains more resistant to wildfires. (The grant is funded by the federal government, so we wonder if it can last the 10 years, but the agencies are enthusiastically and earnestly working on the project.) While the park service is not directly a member of the coalition, it maintains an interest in the methods and results of the project.

Bandelier has years of experience planning and implementing fire prevention strategies, obviously with varying success. They are looking forward to incorporating data from Terry Foxx's 35-year study of fires effects into their planning efforts. Of his funding requests to the Friends, Superintendent Lott listed this report as his highest priority. Questions like how much needle loss can a tree sustain and survive, what densities of trees in a stand can withstand a crown fire, what is a reasonable interval between fires, what conditions can help an old fire stop a new one? Firefighters were surprised when Las Conchas reburned through parts of the Dome and Cerro Grande burns. With predictions of increasing drought in the Southwest for the foreseeable future, fire management is a vital topic in the Jemez.

To help with fire recovery, the Friends set up a fire fund, now a little over \$1,000, with the help of hard work by ranger Chris Judson and several generous Friends. This year Bandelier receives funds from the BAER restoration program, but that will end soon and the park will be on its own. Our assistance for the 2012 Bandelier Conservation Corps is not a distribution from the fire fund.

#### FRIENDS WE'VE LOST

Larry Campbell \* Helen (Satch) Cowan \* Beth Plassmann \* Marvin (Mel) Price \* June Ryti \* Brett Roorbach \* Bergen Suydam

Compiling data for the Friends of Bandelier annual report can be sad for me. Like most non-profits of our type, we have many older members who've worked and raised families and now want to give back by supporting entities that contributed to their quality of life all those years. I was especially sadden by the death of Helen (Satch) Cowan, executor of the Delle foundation, who made significant donations to the Bandelier trail system. Satch truly loved trails and was locally known as a legendary hiker. Among other trail projects, she donated the funds for the infrastructure materials to open Bandelier's Cerro Unit in 2005 which includes the trail up 10,200-foot Cerro Grande, one of the most popular trails in the park. Satch was proud that she went partway up in her late 80s!

Helene and Bergen Suydam have been generous donors to many organizations since their arrival in Los Alamos. Helene donated two priceless Helen Cordera storyteller dolls to Bandelier. Helene is doing well and is still contributing to her community.

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