THE CERAMICS PROJECT

AN ON-GOING JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE SITE STEWARD FOUNDATION AND THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES WITH DEAN WILSON

Purpose: To educate site steward volunteers in identifying different types of pottery sherds. Stewards can then, in the course of their regular stewarding activities, find and identify any sherds of special interest or foreign origin. These sherds will be photographed and their location recorded. All the information gathered will be provided to Dean Wilson of OAS for further evaluation. Dean Wilson is creating a data base for the OAS website which will provide information and classification of sherds found throughout the State of NM. This database will provide valuable information for professional and advocational archaeologists as well as the general public.

Training and Activities: Through March 2013 we have had the following training sessions:

- Three in depth classroom sessions about ceramics in the Southwest covering the attributes and descriptions of pottery, typology classifications, and review of pottery from 600 AD through historic Apache and Hispanic wares.
- Field Trip to the School of Advanced Research Indian Arts Research Center.
- Education session with the BLM Anasazi Heritage Center Ceramics Typology Kit.
- Field trip to the Gallina area to explore some of the landscape, architecture, cultural remains and clay sources of the Gallina culture.
- A three part pottery making course including creating our own vessels using traditional techniques and firing.
- Field Trip to Ku – Dean Wilson
- Field Trip to San Marcos – Dean Wilson, Rebecca Proctor, Bill Baxter, Mike Bremer, Ann Baldwin
- Field Trip to Pueblo Blanco – David Eck, Dean Wilson,
- ASNM/SSF Ceramics Class - Hayward Franklin, Jen Dyer, Dean Wilson, Steve Rospopo
- Establishment of an educational library on ceramics.

If you wish to participate in future trainings or have questions, please contact Beth Parisi at osito@newmexico.com or 505-982-1534.