

Salon Awards Shows (photo Salon Show) –

There are three sessions for the Salon Awards Show: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:30 pm. The 3 pm show showcases those Salons that have limited visibility during the week; Multimedia, Cave Ballads, Video, and Photo Salons, with the addition of the 2012 NSS MYACON ‘teaser’ and the 2013 ICS video. There will be no presenters. The only awards announced are those that are built into the presentations. The 5 pm show will have short awards announcements. The 8:30 pm show contains everything in a usual Salon Awards Show. None of the shows have an intermission, although no show should be longer than about 2 hours 40 minutes.

We have tickets for each show. The tickets are used to count how many people attended each show for future convention consideration. If you do not have a ticket for the show you want to see, please swap out a ticket with another person, or ask Registration for a ticket for the right show. If you have questions, please contact Cady Soukup 540-522-8631.

Program Additions and Changes

The Board of Governor’s Open Meeting, Friday at 8:00 am will be held in room 1144 (not 1212).

The Video Critique starting at 9:00 am on Friday will be held in room 1212 (not 1144).

Sketching in Cartography Workshop meets at the Decon station @ 8:30 today. Class will run from 9:00 am until noon.

The Cartography Workshop starts at 1:00 pm **TODAY (not Friday)** in the upstairs computer lab. Any questions call 662-617-4133.

Cartographic Salon critique is being moved to 12:00 pm – 1:30 Pm on Friday, not as printed in the Program schedule. This allows us to enjoy the International Exploration sessions. Come meet the judges and discuss the relative merits of each map. Also, the critique is being run by the cart salon coordinator, not Dave Bunnell, as printed in the Program.

Vertical Awards, Friday, 1:00 pm, room 1222. All climbers, please, be on time: certificates and some prizes. Less than an hour in length. Can’t come? Check with Elaine Hackerman at the banquet to see if you have an award.

Speleolympics has been moved to today in the lower campground from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Lynn Fielding should have been listed in the Program as Co-coordinator of the Vertical with Terry Clark. Please add her name to your Convention Program.

Convention Announcements

Please be our second set of eyes. Ask anyone without a badge that you don’t know:

1). To get one immediately, if at the school

2). To leave immediately, if at the campground.

Security is adding extra patrols. If you can help, you will get a special RED T-shirt. Talk with Mike Frazier or any security person... security can be reached at 970-279-1677. Police 911.

We have a new, beautiful NSS membership/info brochure! Pick up a handful at the NSS Bookstore to take back to your grotto.

Executive Search Committee: there will be a lunch meeting of the ES committee today from 12:30 to 2:00 in room 2027, all ES members are requested to attend.

Heavenly Glenwood Gazette is online as the daily rag for those of you who have your computers with you.

Speleoart Workshop begins today at 9:00 am – Cartography and Art – a continuation of Glenwood Caverns collaborative canvas involving transformation of cartography into art form.

Today’s Lunch Specials:

Bean, beef, or chicken tacos Cold sub sandwich
Veg. Sweet/sour tofu over rice All entrees \$6.00

12:00 pm Art & Letters Section meeting – fine arts salon future – a good one!

Cave Ballad Listening Session will be Friday, 11:00 am. – noon only! Do not show up before 11:00, no one will be there.

The Internet Café hours are the same as FAS and cannot be open unless a volunteer is in the Salon. Today 9-5, and Fri. 9-5.

Lost something? Find it at the Registration desk. We have keys – phones – jewelry – etc.

We need 2 people per Photo Salon Session to collect Salon tickets for that session. If you are willing to help, please contact Dave Lester or Cady Soukup prior to the start of the session.

The NSS membership committee wants your opinions! Please complete a survey available on the table by registration or at the coffee stand in the lower campground.

To all BOGers and Officers: Please provide a high-resolution, vertically oriented photograph to the 2012 Members Manual Editor. Thanks, Meredith Weberg, merecaver@yahoo.com.

The Bus Circle west of the school is not to be used for parking. Vehicles in the bus circle are subject to towing without warning.

A 2013 Convention meeting will be held after the Convention debriefing today, in room 2025

An avatar based interactive simulation of the Snowy River passage of Fort Stanton Cave will be presented at both the Lightning Talks and the Digging Sessions this afternoon. Check your program for times.

Beer Servers (e-tip trained) needed for tonight. Show up 30 minutes prior to evening activity at the large campground tent. Report to Amy Bern.

Space is still available in the Vertical Workshop today. Participants need to have their **own helmet, seat harness, a locking carabiner, gloves, and clean shoes.** Please do not wear tank tops. Students should also bring a lunch and bottled water. See Lynn Fielding, Vertical Workshop Coordinator, in the gym at 11:00 am. Remember to bring all your equipment.

Speleology for Cavers - we have a few open slots. The course is Friday (full day). Lunch and handout are provided. The cost is \$40.00. Pay at Registration.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE The National Speleological Foundation offers grants for cave and karst research, conservation, education, and exploration. Learn more at the N.S.F. meeting Thursday, 2:00 pm., room 2702, or E-mail Bert Ashbrook; caving.ashbrook@comcast.net, or visit www.speleofoundation.org.

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The NSS WNS Rapid Response Fund needs your donations now! We do not have sufficient funding to meet

all current research applications. An additional \$15,000 is needed to make a difference. Make a donation at the NSS Bookstore – cash, check or credit card. Designate on the memo line: NSS WNS RRF. Thank you!

The Mitchell Award may be made for the best scientific paper presented at any of the sessions by a member (or members) of the NSS age 25 or younger. Eligible presenters should submit their name, NSS number, paper title with the scheduled session day and time to Mike Backe. Please E-mail the information to caver.backe@gmail.com or leave a note at registration.

Glenwood Gossip

Petzl Raffle at On Rope 1 - purchase \$50 or more and enter a raffle to win a Tikka XP head lamp. Drawing at 11:00 am on Friday. No need to be present.

Hard to find Staffordshire Colorado souvenir plates at Speleobooks.

Internet Café 2 open now! Room 2501, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Lost – cuff bracelet; thin, no value – only sentimental. Please bring to Registration.

Found – necklace. Blue glass and black string.

Tammy had another epic adventure – You go girl.

Thanks, Rick, Gaylene, Talon, Soozie, Holly, Judy, Johanna and all who helped with the Fellows/New members reception. It wouldn't have been possible without you. !!! Don and Bunny

Attention patch collectors II - the 3rd generation of Windy City Grotto patches are on sale in Consignment Sales. It's been several years since any of the Gen I and Gen II have been available. Get them while you can. When they're gone, they'll be gone for years! Thanks Bill English WCG

We love you Norma, you can't quit

XMET 2012 planning meeting Friday, room 2604, noon to 2:00 pm. Meeting to discuss cave mapping projects in Belize as part of XMET 2012.

New NSS 2011 swag: shot glasses \$5.00, corkscrews \$2.00 each. Visit Registration.

Thanks for purchasing my purses. You have good taste. See more in Consignment Sales. Nancy

Thank you for your support of the NSS Bookstore!! We love cavers! Michelle and Stephanie

Glow Toys Sale – glow in the dark necklaces and glasses \$1.00 each in Consignment Sales. Stock up now!

Let It Rain!! Get your bat umbrella at the NSS Bookstore, only \$35.00.

Pre-register for the 2012 MAYACON Convention this week and get a FREE limited edition poster!

2011 Rocky Mountain Regional, hosted by Northern Colorado, Paha Sapa, and Hole in the Wall Grottos will be held on John and Pat Shelton's ranch, "Cavern Wells" over Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2 – 5), outside of Hot Springs, South Dakota. Please visit www.alpinecaver.com for more details and registration.

Hi to Tom Summers from Texas from Moira Lipeayt in New Zealand, via Diane here in Glenwood, 720-240-8043

Happy Birthday to the Goar gazelle caver, Mike Goar. June 22 Grottos: NCG Past Messilla, Regions SWR

Adventure Park Speleobox had a couple of good cavers go through with great times. Garrett Jorgenson (1.11) and Kathy Peerman (1.54). Nice work guys!!

2011 Rocky Mountain Regional Planning meeting. Would members of the Northern Colorado, Paha Sapa, and Hole in the Wall Grottos that are interested in helping, meet in room 2601 between 9:30 and 11:00 am, or talk to Evan Gehring.

Friends (and enemies) of Nice Bob – an advance copy of the August *NSS News* is available for viewing in the NSS Bookstore – ask for Steph. Page 11

LLF loves BHR! Here's to almost 20 years together (November 23, 2011 will be 20 years) and attending every NSS Convention since 1992.

Dunbar, 2nd edition has arrived!! Get your copy at the NSS Bookstore.

AWESOME

Anne, please call Rory, 845-826-1095, about guidebooks.

Happy second Convention Cady! You have enjoyed traveling through 26 states before you were two years old!

Fall VAR will be Oct. 14 – 16, 2011 at the RASS property in Bath County. VAR will be hosted by Tidewater Grotto and RASS.

Doug Robertson – please stop by the NSS Bookstore. Thank you!!

Is your group interested in a copy of the Mayacon 2012 pre-convention movie? Sign up for a copy at our registration table.

Speleoart for sale at the Fine Arts Salon and Consignment Sales – hand painted glasses, paintings, painted cards and more...swoop on in!

Shorah from caver1 KI 89170 and caver1 KI 3463301 and cave woman KI 189029

Sacred Grounds, 725 Grand Ave. – Buy any one food item and get a second food item for 50% off. Open today and Friday until 7:30.

Attention former COG chairs and vice-chairs (especially prior to 2002). Looking for COG minutes from COG meetings to fill in gaps in the history of the Congress. Contact 2012 COG chair Bill Stringfellow at COG@ropeguy.us.

Items "lost" at the Howdy Party Monday night, contact Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park at 970-945-4228 or 800-530-1635.

Cave of the Winds – Then and Now, available at the NSS Book store.

Want to write a caving book (science, exploration, history, photography, etc.)? Cave Books associate editor, Bill Steele will be at Convention today, Friday and Saturday morning if you would like to meet briefly and talk about it. E-mail speleosteele@aol.com or text or call 214-770-4712 and he will get back to you.

Got any good photos of the Terminal Syphons? I am compiling a visual history of the band. If you got any good shots last night, or have any from a Wednesday night 20 years ago, E-mail taylorm@hsu.edu. Crowd shots welcome, too. Mike Taylor

Attention Mex Cavers: At next year's 2012 Convention, the Association for Mexican Cave Studies will celebrate 50 years of Mexican cave exploration. On Friday at noon, we will meet somewhere near the Mayacon table to share ideas on how to celebrate the occasion. Please bring your thoughts on slide shows, a party night, antique climbing gear displays, etc.

Congratulations to Tommy Devine, who, at the Howdy Party, did the Adventure Park Speleobox in a time of 1 min, 54 sec.

Attention Patch Collectors. Gary Soule wants to know if any new cave or grotto patches have come out. E-mail garyksoule@hotmail.com.

Harold, I would marry you again in a heartbeat. You are the source of so much that is good in my life. Happy 10th anniversary. Gretchen

Collecting license plates on my i-pod app; found 25 here! I need 10 more. Anyone bring their cars from any NW states? Thanks! Barbara.

Will the owner of Consignment receipt #93476, please bring your copy back. We have what you forgot.

Searching for a ride to Denver on Saturday the 23rd. I would contribute to gas expenses. agoupil@mac.com.

Looking for a ride to Denver airport Sunday, 7/24. Call 317-260-8919. Will help with gas.

Does anyone know anything about Big Basin and St Jacobs Well in Kansas? I visited there on my drive out here. Contact Thom Engel (necaver@earthlink.net) or at Speleobooks.

Please submit to *Cave Chronicles*, the newest column in the NSS News. In 150 – 500 words, please tell us “what is the most lost you’ve ever been underground?” E-mail submissions to Philip Rykwaldler at livetocave@hotmail.com.

Free coffee in the campground! The NSS Membership Committee wants you have a great start to your day. Bring your own coffee mug for a free cup of java 7-9 am, or purchase a cup for only \$1.00. Other beverages and snacks are also available for purchase.