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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



July Meeting

Craft Month with Special Invited Speaker

At our July 13th meeting, we had about 40 people attending. Invited guest, the newly confirmed CNCA Board member Robin McLain Smith of Laguna Beach, Calif.. came and talked for a couple of minutes before we did some beading. She was happy for the invite. Robin said she was unaware why how and why she was appointed. She was also a little unclear of what the CNCA was about. But Robin promised that she will try to have the committee more viable, active, and open to the CN Citizens.

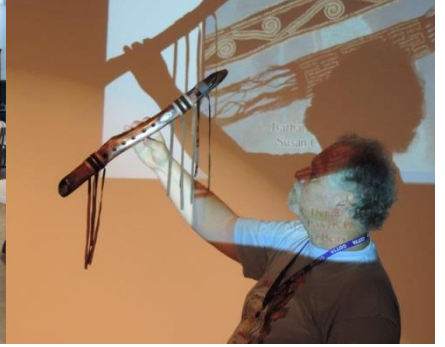
After Robin was done, Natali Galt talked about the different kind of beading, the Sevan Clans and their colors. She focused on the history and how to make a Trail of Tears Corn Bead necklace. The member then made their own color necklaces. We hope in the future that we will have some Trail of Tears Corn Beads to make a necklace with them.



The Group Picture



Robin McLain Smith



September Meeting – Sept. 21, 2014

How To Make Stickball Sticks



The Cherokee Nation is sending us JP Johnson. He is employed by the Nation as a [Cultural Specialist](#). He does not only know the history and culture of stickball, but he has an extensive knowledge on history, traditions, language, and religion of Cherokees. Our meeting at the Centro will be on September 21st 12-4 pm. The program will start at 1. You are encouraged to come early, help set up and mingle with your fellow

Cherokees.

Everyone is requested to bring a side dish or dessert according to the first initial of your last name. Drinks and the main dish will be provided.

A-H: Salads I-P: Side Dishes Q-Z: Desserts

Questions?

info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com

We hope you will plan to join us.

SDCC Council

CN UPDATE

At-Large Voting

Osiyo,

On August 28th five California Cherokee Nation At-Large voters, including myself, attended the Rules Committee meeting to help ensure every CN citizen living in California will be able to vote next June. As most of you already know, Californians have had continual problems in regards to being able to legally notarize a Cherokee Nation ballot and their ability to cast a vote is currently in jeopardy.

After months of waiting, the Cherokee Nation election committee, alongside members of the Tribal Council, suggested an amendment to our CN election code (Section 77 of The Cherokee Nation Election Law pertaining to the return of Absentee Ballots). Unfortunately, our two At-Large Council representatives were left out of this process.

On August 28th, the tribal council passed the amendment in efforts to clarify the process for voting in our next election. The need for a jurat coinciding with the California's notary requirements was discussed and a proposed solution was made by Tina Jordan, but unfortunately again, nothing from the discussion made it into the amendment.

What pertains to the California voter is the required wording to notarize a ballot in California. The Election Committee has promised to put this wording in a small box on the notary envelope.

So NO jurat (certificate of an officer that a written instrument was sworn to by the individual who signed it), but the same wording is promised to be on the affidavit envelope that gets notarized.

At-Large Voting cont.

The process may appear confusing, as there are now three (3) envelopes plus a ballot that will be returned. Supposedly, there will be additional instructions as to what exactly gets notarized and in which order the envelopes go, but as I understand it is:

1. Voter makes absentee request
2. Voter receives materials and instructions on how to vote
3. Voter Fills out Ballot
4. Ballot goes inside a secrecy envelope
5. Secrecy envelope goes inside affidavit envelope
6. Affidavit envelope gets notarized and signed by voter
7. Affidavit envelope goes inside mailing envelope.

The good news is that the tribal council acknowledges California's problems with voting legally from CA and is working with the election commission to resolve them. Could it be better? Yes. It would have been much better for the AT-Large voter to have had actual wording in the amended Election Law that allowed for a jurat instead of a promise made by the Election Committee. It appears to be a lack of research as to each states notary requirements, and an unwillingness to take responsibility.

On a positive note, at the end of the Rules Committee meeting our presence was made known in front of the entire room (Thank You Julia and Jack) and we were able to voice our concerns to council members when given the opportunity.

The challenges that lay ahead are At-Large voters clearly understanding the voting process to ensure each vote from CA counts. We've all heard how important it is to vote, and the reality is California has enough voters to make the difference in our next election. We're not a massive body of voters like the US election, we are much smaller and those whom actually cast a vote are among a small percentage of Cherokee citizens (out of over 315,000 citizens, less than 20,000 votes, that's well under 7%). The last election was won by less than 1600 votes. It was so close they counted the ballots three times.

I look forward to working with you to ensure every CN citizen At-Large has the choice to choose their elected officials. Wado.

Sincerely,

Brandon Caruso

Fall Picnic UPDATE – Oct. 19, 2014

Here's an update to our annual picnic with the Chief and other visitors from Tahlequah.

Place and Time: Admiral Baker's Field Oct. 19, 2014 10a.m. - 2p.m.

Who's coming: Chief Baker, the Registration Department for photo IDs and others yet to be determined.

We are looking for two Military service people who are registered CN citizens and have not been previously honored. Please send name, service information, and CN number to info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com by Oct 10.

We are also looking for nominations for one Elder to be honored at the picnic. Send your nominations to the above address including CN number.

Cherokee Language

<u>English</u>	<u>Cherokee (phonetic)</u>	<u>Syllabary</u>
bat	tla-ma-ha	ᏊᏎᏏ
bear	yo-n(v)(a)	ᏉᏎᏎ
beaver	do-ya	ᏈᏎ
bluejay	tla-i-ga	ᏊᏎᏏ
bobcat	gv-he	ᏉᏎ
buffalo	ya-n(a)-s-s(i)	ᏎᏎᏎᏎᏎ
buzzard	su-li	ᏎᏎᏎ
cat	wa-s(a)(i)	ᏎᏎᏎᏎ
cow	wa-ga	ᏎᏎᏎ
crow	ko-g(a)-(i)	ᏎᏎᏎᏎ
deer	a-wi	ᏎᏎᏎ
dog	gi-tli	ᏎᏎᏎ

Community News and Announcements

SDCC Committee Members and Duties for 2013-2014

Phillip Powers -- Council Leader, Meeting Facilitator & Community Outreach

Phil Konstantin – Treasurer, Meeting Facilitator & SDCC Spokesperson

Ron Bussey -- Membership Coordinator

Mona Oge -- Membership Coordinator

George Lynch -- Record-keeper

Patrick Bea -- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor

Etta Miller -- Telephone Membership Outreach

Pamela Hightower -- Librarian

Natali Galt -- Facebook

All council members can be reached at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Other Local Cherokee Communities News

Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire (CCIE)

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Monthly General Meetings are held at:

Sherman Indian High School
Bennett Hall
9010 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA. 92503

For more information, check the website at: www.cherokeecommunityie.org

Orange County Cherokees

For more information, contact Ed Carey at ecarey@socal.rr.com.

Cherokee Community of Central California



At-Large Representatives

Julie Coates (2015):

<http://juliacoates.com/index.html>

P.O. Box 1968, Tahlequah, Ok 74465

Email julia-coates@cherokee.org

Phone: 918-772-0288

Jack D. Baker (2017)

1102 Marlboro Lane

Oklahoma City, Ok 73116

(H) 405-840-1377 or (C) 918-457-9382

jack-baker@cherokee.org

Other Council Members can be located [here](#).

Cherokee Youth Section

Announcements:

Cultural Awareness Workshops – Regularly on Wednesday 6-8:30 pm Auditorium @ Ballard Parent Center 2375 Congress St., San Diego, CA 92110

Workshops available: Powwow Dancing, Beading, Sewing, Computer Lab

Contact

Connie GreyBull - Program Coordinator (619) 293-4427 cgreybull@sandi.net

Soaring Eagles

For more information on dancing and activities:

http://www.scair.org/soaring_eagles/ or

[Vicki Gambala \(619\)266-2887](mailto:Vicki.Gambala@6192662887)

All ages are Welcome to join.

Urban Tribal Sports

For more information contact:

Tel. (951) 719-3444

www.intertribalsports.org

Also on **Facebook**

San Diego American Indian Youth Center

Call the center for more information and other activities.

(619)531-1938

sdaihyc619@gmail.com

www.sdaihyc.blogspot.com

This is a new section of our newsletter to have our Cherokee youth to share their activities, thoughts, pictures, etc. about being Cherokee and culture.

If you wish to share, please submit your material to sdcc_newsletter@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com

Upcoming Events

Sep 21 – Stickball Stick Making

Oct 19 -- Chief Visit and Fall Picnic, Admiral Baker's Field, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dec 14 -- Centro, Holiday luncheon, Theme TBD

Jan 15, 2015, Anza-Borrego Indian artifacts trip

All meetings will be held at Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park unless otherwise stated and will start at 1 pm.

Click [here](#) for a map.

All events are subject to change. Please check our web site

www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.com or

Write to us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com.

Culture Notes

The Various Historical Indians Rolls Involving Cherokees

American Indian Rolls 1800 - 1930

Historical Overview: During the period Of Indian Removal beginning in 1831 extensive records were generated through the turn of the century when Southeastern Indians were uprooted from their homelands in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. They were taken west of the Mississippi River in what is now Oklahoma. These records relate to treaties, trade, land claims, removal to Oklahoma, allotments, military affairs, military service and pensions, trust funds, and other activities.

Reservation Roll ~ 1817

A listing of those applying for a 640 acre tract In the East in lieu of removing to Arkansas. This was only good doing their lifetime and then the property reverted back to the state. This is only an index of applicants,

Emigration Roll ~ 1817-1835

Those who filed to emigrate to Arkansas country and after treaties in 1828 on to Oklahoma. These Cherokees became known as the Old Settlers after the Eastern Cherokees joined them in 1839.

Henderson Roll ~ 1835

A census of over 16,000 Cherokees residing in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina to be removed to Oklahoma under the Terms of the treaty of New Echota in 1835.

Trail of Tears Roll ~ 1835

This is actually a report from the Secretary of War, and compliance with resolutions of the Senate, statements showing the persons employed, the funds furnished, and the improvements valued under the Cherokee Treaty of December 1835.

Mullay Roll ~ 1848

A census of 1,517 Cherokees remaining in North Carolina After the removal of 1838. John C. Mullay took the census pursuant to an act of Congress in 1848.

Chapman Roll ~ 1851

Prepared by Albert Chapman as a listing of those Cherokees Actually receiving payment based on the Silar Census.

Old Settler Roll ~ 1851

A listing of Cherokees, still living in 1851, who were already residing in Oklahoma when the main body of the Cherokees arrived in the winter of 1839, As a result of the Treaty of New Echota. Approximately one third of the Cherokee people at that time were Old Settlers and two thirds were new arrivals.

Silar Roll ~ 1852

A listing of those Eastern Cherokees entitled to a per capita payment pursuant to an act of Congress in 1850.

An Act of Congress Roll ~1854

An Act of Congress of July 31, 1854 (10 Stat 333) Authorized the addition of 88 individuals whose names were omitted by Silar but were included on the roll prepared by Mullay.

Drennen Roll ~ 1852

The first census of the new arrivals of 1839. The New Echota Treaty group.

Swetland Roll ~ 1869

Prepared by S.H. Swetland as a listing of those Eastern Cherokees, and their descendants, who were listed as remaining in North Carolina by Mullan in 1848. Made pursuant to an act of Congress (1868) for a removal payment authorization.

Hester Roll ~ 1883

Prepared by Joseph G. Hester as a roll of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 1883. This roll also provides the Chapman roll number and English and Indian name.

Index to the Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory (Dawes) ~ 1889 – 1914**Wallace Roll ~ 1890**

Of Cherokee Freedmen in Indian Territory Created by special agent John W. Wallace. Individuals on the schedule were entitled to share with the Shawnee and Delaware in the per capita distribution of \$75,000 appropriated by Congress in October 1888, and issued under this supervision of his office.

Kern Clifton Roll ~ 1897

Census of the Freedmen and their descendants Of the Cherokee Nation taken by the Commission appointed in the case of Moses Whitmire, *Trustee of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation vs. The Cherokee Nation and the United States and the Court of Claims and Washington, DC.*

The Kern Clifton Roll came about due to the Cherokee Nation disputing the number of Freedmen and included in the Wallace Roll... yet the Kern Clifton Roll actually increased the number of people eligible for payment.

Churchill Roll ~ 1908

By Inspector Frank C. Churchill to certify members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees. Like the Hester Roll it includes a lot of Information including degrees of blood.

Guion Miller Roll ~ 1909

Compiled by Mr. Miller of all Eastern Cherokees, not old Settlers, residing either the east or west of the Mississippi. Ordered by the Court of Claims as a result of a lawsuit won by the Eastern Cherokees for violations of certain treaties.

Baker Roll ~ 1924

This was supposed to be the final roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The land was to be allotted and all were to become regular citizens of the United States. Fortunately, the Eastern Band of Cherokees avoided the termination procedures, unlike their brothers of the western nation. The Baker Roll "Revised" is the current membership Roll of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina.

Many of these rolls are available online. This short history showed how extensively the Cherokees were counted. I hope this list will help in searching your genealogy and ancestry.

Language Classes

Classes have started this week. There is still time to sign up for classes at www.cherokee.org/language/. All classes are free to take and archived for review after each class in case you missed one or would like to repeat them.

Local Cherokee Library

The Nation has sent us some books about the Cherokee people and culture to start our own library. If anyone wishes to donate, take care of, or check out a book, please contact us at info@sandiegocherokeecommunity.com. Some of the books are now available online. Please check back from time to time for others such as the *Cherokee Nation History Class* book

The list of what is currently available is online at <http://sandiegocherokeecommunity.com/Library.htm>.

Wado,

Patrick Bea, Newsletter Editor

Membership Registration for 2015

If you have not joined the Community for 2015, please fill out the application below and mail your check for \$10 for Individuals or \$15 for multiple family members living at the same address to SDCC, 1098 Canyon Creek Place, Escondido, CA 92025. The Membership Year is from May 1 through April 30th. Your dues payment now will carry you through April 30th, 2015.

San Diego Cherokee Community (SDCC)

Membership Form

Date: _____

NAME: _____

First Middle Initial Last

If you are renewing and your contact information has not changed, check here and mail us the form with your check. Fill in the rest of the form only where changes have occurred.

MAILING ADDRESS; _____

Street Address & Apt. # or Post Office Box #

City State Zip

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Do you want to be listed in a SDCC membership directory? Yes _____ No _____

Do you wish to share your information with the Cherokee Nation? Yes _____ No _____

How do you prefer to receive the SDCC newsletter? E-Mail _____ Postal Mail _____

Names of other household members over 18 at the same address to be added to the SDCC Roster of Members:

CHEROKEE AFFILIATION (Check One):

Cherokee Nation _____ Registration # _____

United Keetoowah Band _____ Registration # _____

Eastern Band of Cherokee _____ Registration # _____

Cherokee Descent, Unregistered _____ Other (Explain) _____

Topics you would recommend for future SDCC Community Meetings?
