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Ruth DeEtte Simpson

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to
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This issue of the *Proceedings*, my last as editor, is dedicated to Ruth "Dee" Simpson, who left us this year. Dee was a colleague, one who paved the way for women in my chosen profession, a fellow lover of felines in need, and a friend. Dee devoted her life to archaeology, and if she could have changed anything about her life she'd have wanted more time to do more archaeology. Dee was also possessed of a truly great spirit. She lived at the center of a whirlwind, the fluctuating debate and criticism over the Calico Early Man Site. It swirled around her for years, sometimes difficult and sometimes probably painful. You'd never have known she was at the center of a whirlwind by her demeanor. She decided what path she would walk and walked it with a quiet, calm, gentle determination and strength that fills me with admiration and envy. I can imagine this same demeanor seeing her through other challenges, when she was one of the first women to enter the profession of archaeology. Having known Dee for years as a colleague and a friend, I know her now as a role model. I hope I can be more like Dee.

FORWARD

This issue marks my fifth and final year as Editor of the *Proceedings*. I leave it with mixed feelings. It's a lot of work and I look forward with some relief to not having to do it again. Nevertheless, it has been an interesting and challenging experience and one that I am glad I accepted. I feel a sense of accomplishment at having made a contribution, however small, to the Society for California Archaeology and to the discipline. I have enjoyed working with the many authors who contributed papers to the *Proceedings*. I thank them all, commend their dedication, and deeply appreciate their understanding and assistance over the last five years. To Greg Greenway and Kevin McCormick, my editorial committee, goes my deepest gratitude. Without them the *Proceedings* could not have happened. Greg, who shared the task of reading and editing each paper, proved the adage that two heads are better than one. Kevin took the individual papers and formatted them into a final document, a task that would have defeated me. Both contributed long hours and high standard of professionalism. Greg is moving into politics and running for SCA office; Kevin is going to work toward publishing the last five years of *Proceedings* onto the internet for greater access to the professional community. I wish them both success in their endeavors and know that the SCA will be better for their efforts. Special thanks go to Russ, who encouraged me to take up the task of editing the *Proceedings* and supported me in many ways (like delivering meals to me at my computer) throughout the five years. Finally, I thank all the members of the SCA who support the organization and the *Proceedings*. Without all of you there would be nothing.

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