Bandelier Unveils Statue Honoring Civilian Conservation Corps

During the Great Depression, young men all over the country got badly-needed jobs with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), learning skills, doing civic improvements, and protecting resources. One of the camps was at Bandelier National Monument, where the enrollees built the road into the canyon, hand-made the handsome Pueblo Revival stone buildings, and worked on the trails and other projects that contribute to the park's unique character. To honor those hard-working young men, Bandelier held a dedication event on October 14 at 10:00 AM, when a CCC Worker Statue representing one of the enrollees was unveiled. Located in the Juniper Campground amphitheater, which was the quarry where the workers got the stone for the distinctive park buildings. The statue is CCC Worker Statue #67, the third one in New Mexico; the others are at Elephant Butte Lake State Park and on the Capitol Grounds in Santa Fe.

During the dedication, Park Superintendent Jason Lott and Kathy Flynn, Executive Director of the National New Deal Preservation Association, spoke. At 1 PM, the park's Preservation Specialist, JT Stark, held a wall-plastering demonstration on the Visitor Center, which is one of the historic CCC buildings.
1. Supt. Jason Lott welcomes the attendees including Visitors to the Monument, Youth Conservation Corps Director Wendy Kent, other staff and youth participants, Rocky Mountain Corps youth participants, Tim Montgomery from California representing the CCC Legacy (national CCC alumni organization), Rusty and Dirk Van Hart from Albuquerque and representing CCC Legacy Chapter #141, Ellen Premack, NNDPA board member and Kathy Flynn, NNDPA staff.

2. Kathy Flynn with picture of the CCC camp group that worked in the quarry.

3. YCC Director for NM, Wendy Kent and staff member plus the Santa Clara Pueblo Youth Director

5. Lott, Montgomery, Rusty and Dirk Van Hart and Kathy Flynn

6. Bandelier Monument Staff that installed the statue