



HISATSINOM CHAPTER

Colorado Archaeological Society

The Mission of the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society is to further the education, opportunities, and experiences of its members, students, and the general public by partnering with and serving the archaeological, avocational archaeological, and related scientific communities of the Montezuma Valley, the Four Corners area, and the State of Colorado.

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May 7 Meeting

Remaking the Mazeway: House Society at Wallace Great House

The Pueblo III mortuary program at the Wallace Ruin great house is anomalous among Ancestral Pueblo communities of the Mesa Verde region of southwest Colorado. It is also distinct from the ubiquitous San Juan Region pattern of residential burial, usually in association with midden deposits. This lecture* addresses Cynthia Bradley's proposition that the radical changes in mortuary location choices at Wallace Ruin involved a local, Pueblo III "remaking" of ancestor veneration protocols established by a Pueblo Bonito house society many kilometers distant during Pueblo II times.

*No photographs of human remains are used in this lecture. Drawn illustrations of remains will be shown.



Cynthia Bradley, Ph.D. is the co-principle investigator and the bioarchaeologist for the Wallace Ruin Project. Her background in the analysis of Ancestral Pueblo human skeletal remains is supplemented by years of experience in archaeological excavation research within the Mesa Verde region and beyond.

The room needs to be set up before the meeting. If a few members could show up at 6:30ish to move tables and chairs, Susan would appreciate the help.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 7 Hisatsinom Chapter monthly meeting. First United Methodist Church, Cortez. 7:00 p.m. See description above.

May 16 Hisatsinom Chapter board meeting. Cortez library. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

May 18 -19 Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) Field Survey course. Canyon of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum. Details to follow in separate announcement.

May 31 – June 3 New PAAC course – Geophysics and Remote Sensing. Fort Lewis College, Durango. See details below.

June 4 Hisatsinom Chapter Monthly meeting. Sean Dolan, *The Life of a Mimbres Turkey*. First United Methodist Church, Cortez. 7:00 p.m.

July 7 – 21 (except weekends) PAAC summer field work project. Lone Mesa State Park, near Dolores

October 11 – 13 CAS annual meeting Pueblo, CO. More details below. CAS has a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/1425711501080053/

Four Corners Lecture Series

May 4 Richard Friedman, *Using Computer Technology to Aid in the Identification, Documentation, and Visualization of the Chacoan Landscape*. Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, Blanding, UT 2:00 p.m.

May 7 Brendon Asher, *Blackwater Draw: Reviewing 90 Years of Archaeology at the Clovis Type Site*, Fort Lewis College, Center of Southwest Studies, Lyceum Room, Durango. 7:00 p.m.

May 8 Laurie Webster and Chuck LaRue, *Ancient Woodworking, Animal Use, and Hunting Practices in Southeastern Utah*. FLC, Center of SW Studies, Lyceum Room, Durango. 7:00 p.m.

May 21 Radoslaw Palonka, *Reconstructing Ancient Pueblo Communities*, Canyon of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, Dolores. 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

May 18 – 19 (Tentative) Field Survey Techniques. Canyon of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, Dolores. Details to follow in separate announcement.

May 31 – June 3 Geophysics and Remote Sensing

When: Friday, May 31 (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday and Sunday June 1-2 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Monday, June 3 (8:30 – 10:30 a.m.)

Where: Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College, Durango

Cost: \$20

This course discusses the methods, theories, and applicability of geophysical survey and remote sensing techniques to archaeology. Topics will include a brief history of geophysics and remote sensing as it is used in archaeology, basic scientific principles related, and examples of archaeological projects utilizing geophysics and remote sensing. As this is a new course to the PAAC line-up, comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

For more information, please go to <https://www.historycolorado.org/paac>

To register or if you have any questions, please contact:
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Information on PAAC and other courses can be found at the website above.

Survey Team Update

Two survey teams are up and running this spring, having completed training for four new surveyors making a total of 21 active members. In April the teams went out six times on two different properties. We expect to finish a 200-acre property started in 2018 in the Pleasant View area and will issue a final report in May. We will continue on two other properties through June, take a break in July and resume again in August.

We have recently seen a few unusual 'smeared' gray sherds (photo) and would like to know if any members have seen this type before and if so where? Have a great summer.



Bob McBride, mcbrideinspect@yahoo.com, 970-560-2329

Bruce Bradley Follow-up

Many chapter members attended Bruce Bradley's presentation covering his 50 years of research on the Wallace Greathouse site at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center on April 23. Additional information on his research is available at <https://www.primtech.net/Wallace%202010%20Final%20Report%20Small.pdf>.

Colorado Archaeological Society Representative Needed

We have one board position to be filled. The CAS Representative is important to our chapter. The President and the CAS Representative each have a vote on CAS issues. Since a portion of our dues goes to CAS, it is important for our chapter to have a voice. The CAS Representative attends four CAS Quarterly meetings that are held in different parts of the state. It is a good way to see other parts of the state and interact with other avocationalists. Our club provides a stipend to help offset travel costs. Please let Susan know if you are interested or want more information.

Sandy's Fund

As many of you know, Sandy Tradlener has been struggling with a neurological syndrome since last March. She has been unable to move from the neck down. After being in three rehab units (currently Durango), she is finally gaining some movement in her legs and arms. Progress is slow, but things are looking better.

Sandy has been a very active Hisatsinom and CAS member for decades. She has always been physically active: hiking in the canyons and the mountains and doing trail maintenance and cleanup on National Public Lands Day. All of this came to an abrupt stop with her illness, which has presented an unimaginable challenge for her and her husband, Larry.

An account has been set up to help the Tradleners with medical expenses and rehabilitation bills. If you would like to contribute, go to First National Bank of Cortez and ask to deposit money into "Sandy's Fund". You can also mail a check to the bank: Attn: Lacey-Sandy's Fund, First National Bank of Cortez, 2258 E Main St, Cortez. The check needs to be made out to **Lawrence Tradlener**, with "**Sandy's Fund**" in the memo line. Contact Diane McBride, trowelgal54@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Minutes

Chapter Meeting April 2, 2019

Attendance: 54

Susan Montgomery, chapter president, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She reminded members that membership applications were available on the table by the door, as well as, information on Sandy's Fund. Karen Kinnear announced that CAS needs a webmaster, at least as a temporary fill-in. Tom Pittenger thanked members who attended the March PAAC class. He said there is a potential field survey this summer at Lone Mesa State Park. He also said there will be a PAAC class here in the fall but a topic has not been selected.

Kari Schleher announced that the 4 Corners Lecture Series posters are now available and highlighted a few that Hisatsinom is sponsoring. Then Kari introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Chuck Riggs, a professor of anthropology at Ft. Lewis College. Dr. Riggs' topic was "Secular and Sacred: Evaluating Kiva Function in the Mesa Verde Region."

Dr. Riggs began describing how the definition of "kiva" came about. The Spanish labeled the structures "estufa" while "kiva" is a Hopi word. At the first Pecos Conference in 1927 "kiva" was used to describe a chamber specially constructed for ceremonial purposes. Archaeologists have used this concept since that time. In more recent times several researchers have proposed that "kivas" were actually multi-use structures.

Dr. Riggs directed field schools for Ft. Lewis College in 2007 and 2009 at the Pigge Site, 5MT4802. This is a PIII site east of Lowry Pueblo with five room blocks and a kiva. There were no fire pits found in the room blocks (which were tiny rooms), but there was a hearth in the kiva. The kiva was well constructed, but the room blocks appeared to be thrown together. The kiva had domestic refuse on the floor.

In 2017 and 2018 Dr. Riggs directed field schools at the Bowthorpe site, 5MT9399. It is dated PI/PII and was very similar to Pigge, only earlier. They excavated six rooms in two room blocks and tested three kivas. He concluded that the kivas served a domestic function and perhaps were centers of household activities. Excavations at the Pigge and Bowthorpe sites led Dr. Riggs to conclude that kivas had multiple functions.

Dr. Riggs went on to observe that the Western worldview and Traditional Pueblo worldviews are very different. One example is that the Western view separates religion for other aspects of life, while in the Pueblo view there is no separation between the sacred, religious, economic, etc. He also used the example of Ancestral Pueblo migrations, saying that archaeologists do not understand what happened with this massive change. “We,” with our Western worldview, are not in the best position to understand.

Dr. Riggs concluded:

- In the two projects he worked on, kivas were used, at least partially, for domestic functions—probably they were both sacred and secular.
- The “kiva” is a colonist category and we do not know, and may not get to know, what they really were about.
- Ceremony and ritual are cultural knowledge only for participants—not for outsiders.
- The Pueblo worldview has endured despite colonialism.

Dr. Riggs answered several questions for the audience.

Kari Schleher presented artwork by member Gail LaDage as a thank you and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia Lacey and Susan Montgomery

Board Meeting March 7, 2019 - City Hall

Attendance: Larry, Dave, Karen, Susan, Patricia, Tom, Sissy

Susan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Larry noted that there was a quorum in attendance. Larry made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting. Dave seconded and all approved.

Reports:

- Dave - CAS Committees: The CAS Strategic Plan gives more emphasis on committees. The Science Committee wants to know the needs of each chapter—what we are not receiving. We recognize that Hisatsinom is enriched, compared to other chapters. Dave shared a few ideas that were discussed: guides, list of volunteer opportunities across the state, pool of subject matter experts. Dave also mentioned that there is a document repository- an avocational page on ORCA site. Karen suggested that we look at applying for an Education Grant. Dave reminded us that the Science Committee collects data on members participating in excavations, surveys, labs, site stewardship, curation and preservation/stabilization.
- Tom - PAAC, newsletter: Becca would like to have a PAAC Survey class May 18 - 19. Tom and Sissy will be out of town. Susan, Karen and Patricia volunteered to help with this class. Also, there will be a summer field survey two weeks in July at Lone Mesa State Park. We are scheduled for a fall PAAC class. Tom wanted suggestions. Dave mentioned a survey that was done for ideas. Also, we can ask the membership at the next meeting, perhaps giving them three options and also check with Becca to see if she has suggestions. Tom will put the PAAC link in the newsletter. Tom needs newsletter ideas and asked that items be sent to him by the 20th of each month.
- Mike – Treasurer’s report: Susan gave report for Mike. As of March, there were 16 new members

and seven renewals. Mike paid the Recreation Center \$50.00 for the picnic area (reminder picnic is August 17).

- Karen/Sissy - Field Trips: Karen is still working on issues with the Monticello BLM. She is also working with the Mesa Verde staff on potential trips to Yucca House and one of the backcountry locations. Additional trips are in the works to visit Coal Bed Canyon and Mitchell/Champagne Spring. There is a Ute Tribal Park workday April 30th.
- Kari - Speakers: Susan reported that the 4 Corners lectures are scheduled and posters available.
- Susan - Calendar (picnic, holiday potluck, chapter award): Susan is working on putting together a month-to-month calendar for regular events and items that need to be done. Joe posted calendar events on the Hisatsinom website. We might include Rich Robinson's maps at the picnic or holiday potluck as an activity of some sort.

Discussion:

- Roles and Responsibilities: Susan will contact each board member to discuss roles and responsibilities and suggestions for by-laws updates. She will bring a section of the bylaws (proposed revisions) to meetings for review. Larry made a motion that all board members have access to the gmail account and Tom seconded it. Susan will check with Joe about how to change password. At the next meeting we will write procedures for use of gmail account.
- Enhanced Meetings: Susan mentioned that if we have a goal of "strengthening partnerships," that we could have a partner organization member explain their program to the members at meetings before the speaker.
- Board Meetings - May 16, June 20; 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Cortez Library

Unfinished/Ongoing Projects (status, budget items)

- Patricia - Scan old documents (carried over to next meeting).
- Susan- Bylaws, document alignment, Code of Ethics, website update procedures, survey, Project Archaeology, purchase projector (carried over to next meeting).
- Dave - Photogrammetry (carried over to next meeting). Dave pointed out that the "survey" was included in the memorandum of understanding with Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.
- Sissy - Ute Tribal Park (see discussion above)

New Projects

- Larry - Rich Robinson Files and Photos: Larry will coordinate with Sissy, Tom, Mike and Susan to inventory Rich's photographs.
- Susan - storage space, brochure (carried over to next meeting).
- Mike - Budget reserve, budget surplus (carried over to next meeting).
- Set 2019 Goals: Strengthen partnerships? Increase membership? Tom suggested that we consider developing and strengthening partnerships using Mesa Verde National Park as an example. He also suggested instead of "increasing membership" that we consider "increasing involvement of members".

Susan adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Board Meetings: Next meeting May 16, 2019 5:00 -6:30 p.m., Cortez Library

Editor's Note

Thanks to Bob McBride, Susan Montgomery, and Kari Schleher for contributions to this issue. If you have anything to contribute or would like to see in the newsletter, contact Tom Pittenger (contact information below).

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Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held the **first Tuesday** of every month at **7:00 p.m.** at the **First United Methodist Church** in Cortez.

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