

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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The Moki Messenger

April 2016

Next SJBAS Meeting – April 14th

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, speaker Jason Chuipka will present "Animas - La Plata Project Archaeology."

SJBAS Monthly Meeting Notes – March 10, 2016

Submitted by: Jill Tripp; Attendance approximately 47

Janice Sheftel, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. She welcomed visitors and invited them to pick up an SJBAS brochure, membership application, and complete the Visitor sign-in sheet. Those interested in having a reminder email for the next meeting should provide an email address. Janice also reminded those members who have not paid their annual dues for 2016, that it's time to pay them.

The following announcements were made:

Janice has a few copies of Doug Owsley's book, "No Bone Unturned", for \$10 a copy. Please see her if interested in purchasing a copy. Owsley was the keynote speaker at the fall CAS Conference, and is tentatively scheduled to return to Durango in 2017 to discuss his work at Jamestown and on the Hunley, a Civil War submarine.

The field trip scheduled for March 2nd, for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Animas Museum, was cancelled, as not enough people signed up. It may be rescheduled at a later date if there is enough interest. A show of hands indicated that might be a possibility.

June/July: There is a field trip to Taos under development and a trip leader is needed. If interested, please contact Janice Sheftel.

Janice announced that long-time SJBAS member Guy Tomberlin passed away on February 21. Guy was a past president of SJBAS, and led numerous field trips over the years. His adventuresome spirit and great knowledge of the Southwest will be missed by all who knew him. Contributions in Guy's honor can be made to SJBAS, c/o Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO. 81301.

Tish Varney announced the upcoming PAAC course on Rock Art Studies, to be held June 3-5 in Durango, taught by Assistant State Archaeologist Kevin Black. No prior classes are required, and the class is open to all, for only \$12.00. See Tish to sign up.

Janice introduced guest Jimbo Buickerood, Public Lands Coordinator for the San Juan Citizen's Alliance. He wanted to let our members know about some upcoming BLM oil and gas leases that may be sold in the HD Mountains, and in the Montezuma Valley right in front of Mesa Verde National Park and near McElmo Canyon. He stressed the need for a BLM Master Leasing Plan to strike a balance that protects our public lands and natural resources and ensures a strong, diverse local economy. A Master Leasing Plan is needed to protect the rich cultural resources in these areas, the water quality and quantity for agricultural and municipal purposes, the wildlife habitat, and to ensure that air and water resources are protected. Comments can be submitted to the BLM. For more information contact jimbo@sanjuancitizens.org.

Peggy Morris announced that a book sale to benefit the John Sanders Internship Fund will be held at our June picnic. She asked that members bring books on any topic to the picnic, where they will be priced to sell.

Janice closed the business portion of the meeting and introduced the evening's speaker, David Dove, presenting "A Case for Managed Production-Power Accumulation, Expression, and Transfer at Mitchell Springs". He discussed the numerous great house structures in the area and how watersheds seemed to form a natural boundary for these communities. A field trip may be in the works for this summer.

Guy Tomberlin – In Memoriam

Guy Tomberlin passed in peace on February 21, 2016, at the age of 85. Guy had an adventuresome spirit, a big personality, and a great knowledge of the Southwest. He was president of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society for two years, and on the field trip committee for ten. He attended many PAAC classes and lead numerous field trips. He and his wife Beverly would jump into their trusty Bronco and off they'd go – leading a caravan to All American Man pictograph, Combs Ridge, Butler Wash, paddling down the San Juan River, Keet Seel, Canyon de Chelly, Yellow Jacket, and Escalante. He even had an elementary school class come to his house, where he taught them what archaeologists did through a "dig" he made in his back woods. He always had a smile and a cup of Brass Monkey at the end of the day! Guy will be fondly remembered by his friends and family as a lover of adventure, seeking the next rock art panel, just around the corner.

Follow this link to Guy Tomberlin's obituary: [http://www.sjbas.org/Tomberlin obituary.pdf](http://www.sjbas.org/Tomberlin%20obituary.pdf)

Contributions in Guy's honor can be made to SJBAS, c/o Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301, or the Hospice at Mercy Regional Medical Center, 1010 Three Springs Boulevard, Durango, Colorado 81301.

Andy Gulliford – Study the West – Summer 2016

Andy donates his time to lecture on these trips to raise funds for the non-profit organizations which are the trip sponsors.

[Gulliford - Study the West - Summer 2016](#)

PAAC Schedule – 2016

Follow this link to the PAAC schedule for the first half of 2016: [PAAC Schedule 2016](#). The next class in Durango is Rock Art Studies from June 3rd – 5th.

Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

March 31 - April 2	Rock Art of Galisteo Basin, New Mexico This is a three-day hotel trip to visit the fabulous rock art and other archaeological sites in Galisteo Basin near Santa Fe. This area is under the protection of the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act and we have arranged permission to cross private lands to access the sites. Trip participation limit is 20. This trip is full, but Janice is keeping a waiting list. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Janice Sheftel at jsheftel@mbssljp.com or 970-259-5845.
April 14	SJBAS meeting - speaker Jason Chuipka - "Animas - La Plata Project Archaeology" Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument - New Mexico
May 9 - 11	This is a three-day camping trip to Puye Cliff Dwellings , Bandelier National Monument , and other nearby sites in Northern New Mexico. Hikes will not exceed four miles roundtrip, but some will require climbing ladders. The trip participation limit is 16. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Lyle and Barb Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or phone 970-764-4531.
May 12	SJBAS meeting - speaker Julie Orr - "New Caledonia and Its Archaeology" Largo Canyon Rock Art and Encinada Mesa Pueblito - New Mexico
May 21	This will be a day trip to visit rock art sites and a Navajo Pueblito from the 1700's in Northern New Mexico. The trip participation limit is 16 and we will arrange carpools in 4WD/HC vehicles. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949.
June 3 - 5	PAAC Rock Art Studies class in Durango
June 9	SJBAS annual picnic at Foxie Mason's house
July 14	SJBAS Meeting - Paul Berkowitz Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell Trading Post" Tour of Lewis Mine and Mill near Telluride
July 21	Rudy Davison will share his incredible knowledge of historic mining activities in this 8-mile roundtrip day hike to the Lewis Mine . Beginning at 10,400 feet, the trail gradually gains 2,048 feet. Trailhead access will require 4WD vehicles, but we will arrange carpools. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or phone 970-764-4531.

Colorado Archaeological Society News

CAS Surveyor <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/PUBLICATIONS/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm>

CAS Bulletin Board <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/bulletinboard.htm>

CAS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1425711501080053/>

Please share your photos, upcoming events, links to archaeological articles etc. and let other CAS chapters in the state know what you have been up to.

Four Corners Archaeology News

Mesa Verde National Park

The Spruce Tree House site is closed until further notice due to significant and unpredictable rock fall issues.

SJBAS Elected Officers

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Please complete the [SJBAS Annual Membership Form](#), make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with the Annual Membership Form to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**