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Next SJBAS Meeting – Wednesday, April 12th

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a short business meeting, Jane Thompson will present: “The History of Uravan.” A social before the meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

SJBAS Monthly Meeting Notes – March 8, 2017

Submitted by Jill Tripp Attendance: 38 (It was Spring Break for FLC, so that may have influenced the attendance.)

A pre-meeting social was held in the foyer of the Southwest Center, then President Janice Sheftel opened the meeting with a welcome to all, and explained that we would have a few brief announcements, then our program, followed by a business meeting to discuss the results of the membership survey. Shelby Tisdale invited everyone to the Center of SW Studies lecture series, which includes her talk on March 15th on “Three Generations of Santa Clara Pueblo Painters: Pablita, Helen, and Margarete.” Shelby also announced that the Center’s April program was postponed until June. Janice then gave a big “thank you” to Susan Livenick for stepping up to be our volunteer coordinator.

Janice then introduced our speaker Connie Massingale, who gave a very informative talk on “Plant Uses of Prehistoric Peoples”, accompanied by beautiful photos of the many plants she discussed, and which were used for food, shelter, clothing and medicine. For more information, Connie recommended the book *Wild Plants and Native Peoples of the Four Corners* by Dunmire and Tierney. Connie then presented her exquisite PowerPoint on “Archaeology of Cedar Mesa”.

Janice gave a brief review of the membership survey results. She thanked Barb and Fokie for compiling the results of the 46 surveys that were returned. The survey was to help guide the board in planning for future programs and activities, and indicated that field trips and the monthly speakers are important to our members. Education is also important, and more information will be forthcoming regarding the PAAC program, as the new director is in the process of revamping the classes. Janice explained that we are getting a legal opinion as far as our ability as a nonprofit organization to advocate on certain issues. She also explained that the board will be examining the relationship of SJBAS with CAS (Colorado Archaeological Society), our parent organization, in light of survey results which showed that many of our members do not read CAS publications or participate in CAS-sponsored activities. Janice mentioned that to keep our members informed, a summary of future board meetings will be in the Moki, and a discussion of all the information available on the website will be presented again, for those who missed it at the annual meeting (holiday party). She emphasized that the board listened to what people said, and is trying to respond accordingly, and encouraged anyone with questions or comments to contact any board member as it was getting too late for further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Letter from the President

Greetings to SJBAS members,

SJBAS is honored to be having several noted speakers from away from our area in the upcoming months. Dr. Doug Owsley, a world renowned physical anthropologist, Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, will be our speaker at a special event on the evening of Friday, September 15, 2017, in the FLC Ballroom, following an informal reception in that room. He will speak on his forensic anthropological work at colonial Jamestown. Mark your calendars. Doug was the keynote speaker at the CAS Annual conference held in Durango in October 2015. His talk on Kennewick Man was roundly applauded. We enjoyed his presentation so much and he really enjoyed us, so he was willing to return. The event will be co-sponsored by the FLC Lifelong Learning (LLL) Program and the Department of Anthropology. SJBAS has received major funding support for this event from the Ballantine Family Fund and financial assistance from the Durango Art Center's Community Arts and culture Grant program. In addition, the Rochester Hotel will be providing Doug and his wife with complimentary accommodations. The DAC funding will help us provide complimentary attendance at the program for teacher- recommended students from area middle and high schools and local colleges. There will otherwise be a small fee for the event. [See Doug's attached biography.](#)

Dr. Steve Lekson, Curator of Archaeology and Professor of Anthropology at the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder. Director, will speak on "Chaco: The Big Picture" at the regular SJBAS meeting on May 10, preceded by a social in the Center of SW Studies (Center) lobby. This event will be co-sponsored by the Center and the LLL Program. It will be part of the Four Corners Lecture Series (FCLS), co- sponsored with FLC. Dr. Lekson's travel and accommodations will be funded by the CU Outreach Program. In addition to the Chaco talk at the May 10th SJBAS meeting, Steve will also present: "Mimbres Dimples, Slip-Slop and Clapboard: What They Are and What They Mean" on May 11th at noon at the Center of Southwest Studies Lyceum. Sorry no food. It will be open to the public. [See Steve's attached biography.](#)



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The speaker at the July 12 SJBAS regular meeting will be Louie Garcia, from Albuquerque. His talk on "Weaving in the Pueblo Southwest". has been highly recommended by Jeanne Brako and Laurie Webster. Louie is a Piro-Tiwa weaver who joined the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project in 2015. "To see the same materials I work with on almost a daily basis, such as cotton and yucca in the ancient artifacts, makes me feel connected to my Pueblo ancestors."

On November 8, Ken Wright, Wright Water Engineers and Wright Paleohydrological Institute (WPI), will make a return visit to Durango to talk at the regular SJBAS meeting about the "The Great Inca Road: A Pre-Historic Highway Engineering Marvel", which is the topic of a wonderful Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian exhibit, an installation on which Ken was a consultant. SJBAS has been honored to have had speakers from WPI on other topics, including: Pompeii's Water System; Machu Picchu's water features; Roman Mill in Barbegal, France, and protecting UNESCO World Heritage Site Temples in Asia. [See Ken's attached biography.](#)

And don't forget, this month's speaker, Jane Thompson, will be coming from Naturita to talk on the Uravan area, the subject of SJBAS's June 2-4 field trip.

Best wishes,
Janice C. Sheftel, President

More from our recent survey

Please follow this link to review the [Member's Interest Survey Results](#). Responses to the recent Members' Interests Survey indicate that some Members are not aware of where to obtain more information about SJBAS. We hope the following helps answer some of our Members' concerns. If not, please contact a Board Member with your specific question.

Business Meetings

Each month, prior to the start of the lecture, SJBAS holds a brief business meeting. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and is generally led by the club president. The meeting is used to greet visitors, make general announcements, and communicate information about upcoming field trip, classes and social events. If you have attended a monthly lecture, you have also attended a business meeting. SJBAS holds its annual meeting and the election of officers as part of its holiday gathering in December and its semi-annual meeting, as part of its summer picnic event in June.

SJBAS social events

SJBAS social events are announced at meetings, in the Moki newsletter, on the club website (www.sjbas.org) and via e-mail. If you are a Member and do not receive the Moki or e-mails from SJBAS, please contact Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net to provide your e-mail address with your request to be added to the distribution list.

Pre-meeting Socials

Newer Members have expressed appreciation for the pre-meeting socials held each month in advance of the business meeting and lecture. "Thanks" go to Rusty & Cathy Chamberlain who staff the Membership table each month, provide name tags and distribute brochures to Visitors. If you are a longer-term Member of SJBAS and attend the socials, please introduce yourself to someone you have not met before and welcome them to SJBAS. It makes a difference.

Volunteering for an archaeological-related organization

The SJBAS website www.sjbas.org contains links to organizations with complementary archaeological missions, many of which also need volunteers. Additionally, when an organization communicates a volunteer need to SJBAS, the information is included in an e-mail to Members and in the Moki.

Volunteering to help SJBAS

SJBAS is always in need of volunteers for jobs large and small. Volunteer needs are communicated via e-mail and in the Moki. Please considering helping. The Board cannot take on any more responsibilities.

C.A.S. quarterly newsletter "The Surveyor."


Links to "The Surveyor" are included both in the Moki monthly newsletter and on the SJBAS website. You may also go directly to the CAS website for current and past issues. The newsletter is not available in printed form

Suggestions that SJBAS offer an annual service project for the Ute nation, more trips in New Mexico and Utah to new places, and a preservation project each year.

These are all terrific ideas. The field trip program is designed to meet a wide variety of Member interests and abilities and strives to provide a diverse set of opportunities. The program, however, can offer only as many trips as there are willing volunteers to coordinate them. Volunteers have the discretion to select or create a trip that is of interest to them and for which they have the time and energy to organize

The best way to ensure that a specific trip is offered is to volunteer to coordinate it. All Members are encouraged to participate in the annual fall trip planning meeting. The meeting date, announced well in advance via meetings, the Moki, and e-mail, is generally held in late-October or early-November.

Field Trip and Activity Schedule for 2017

April 12	SJBAS meeting - Speaker Jane Thompson will present: "The History of Uravan."
April 18	SJBAS Board Meeting
April 26 - 28	<p>El Morro and El Malpais National Monuments, and Acoma Pueblo - New Mexico</p> <p>This is a three-day camping trip to New Mexico. Activities will include hiking the Inscription and Mesa Top trails at El Morro; hiking to several Ancestral Puebloan rock art and habitation sites, historic homesteads, and a historic trail at El Malpais; and taking a guided tour of Acoma Pueblo, the Sky City. The trip participation limit is 16. (We have room for two more as of March 18th.) For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Lyle and Barb Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or phone 970-764-4531.</p>
May 6 - 7	<p>Montezuma Canyon and Hovenweep Exploration</p> <p>This will be a 2-day camping or motel trip to visit Ancestral Puebloan sites in Southeast Utah. On the first day, we will visit either the main Square Tower Complex or the outlier sites at Hovenweep National Monument, and rock art sites and Three Kiva site in the Montezuma Creek Valley. We will spend the second day visiting surface sites, cliff dwellings, and rock art panels further north in Montezuma Canyon. All the walks are nearly level and less than ¼ mile long. Overnight options include a motel in Blanding or camping at Hovenweep. Trip participation limit is 16. (There is room for several more as of March 18th.) For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertpowell@durango.net or phone 970-385-8949.</p>
May 10	<p>SJBAS meeting – Dr. Steve Lekson, Curator of Archaeology at the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado Boulder, will present: "A 'Big Picture' Look at the Chaco Phenomenon."</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  Office for Outreach and Engagement <small>UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER</small> </div>
May 18 - 21	<p>Hopi Immersion</p> <p>This will be a 4-day motel trip to Northern Arizona to explore the lands and culture of the Hopi. The trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at chambrke@aol.com.</p>
June 2 - 4	<p>Explore Historical Uranium Mining in Western Colorado</p> <p>This will be a 3-day motel trip to the Naturita area. Jane Thompson of the Rimrocker Historical Society will be our tour guide. For more information or to sign up, contact trip coordinator Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com.</p>

June 8 - 10	Explore Canyon de Chelly National Monument - Arizona This will be a 3-day camping or hotel trip. A Navajo guide will take our group on a day-long jeep excursion into the Canyon , and a guided evening hike is also planned. The trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Joan Kellogg at joankellogg@charter.net .
June 14	SJBAS annual picnic
July 12	SJBAS meeting - Louie Garcia will present: "Weaving in the Pueblo Southwest"
July 17 - 18	Tour Silverton Cemetery and Mining Museum and Explore Animas Forks This will be a 2-day camping or hotel trip. Mary Beaber will guide our group through the Hillside Cemetery and Bev Rich from the Silverton Historical Society would guide us through the museum and trip to Animas Forks. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Joan Kellogg at joankellogg@charter.net .
August 9	SJBAS meeting - Kari Schleher, from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, will present: "Pottery Production, Learning, and Social Networks from the Central Mesa Verde Region to Galisteo Basin."
September 13	SJBAS meeting - Dr. Jesse Tune, FLC Professor, will present: "The Times They Were 'A-Changin': Life on the Colorado Plateau at the End of the Ice Age."
September 15	Special Program - Dr. Doug Owsley, from the Smithsonian Institution, will present: "New Discoveries and the Story of Jamestown."
September 25 - 27	Ancestral Puebloan Sites on Cedar Mesa - Utah During this 3-day camping trip, we will visit Ancestral Puebloan sites in remote canyons on Cedar Mesa. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required; hikes may be up to seven miles long and include elevation changes of over 400 feet. 4WD/HC vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling will be arranged. We will camp in the dispersed BLM campground in Comb Wash. The trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Barb and Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net .
October	CAS annual meeting in Denver, CO
October 11	SJBAS meeting - Dr. Andrew Gulliford, professor of History and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College, will present: "Arborglyphs in Southwest Colorado"
October 27 - 29	Nine Mile Canyon and USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price, Utah This is a 3-day motel trip to visit one of the largest concentrations of rock art in Utah and to tour an amazing museum . For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at tishvarney@att.net .
November 8	SJBAS meeting - Kenneth Wright, CFO and Principal Engineer for Wright Water Engineers, will present: "The Great Inca Road: A Pre-Historic Highway Engineering Marvel." This Andean Road System has recently been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.
December 13	SJBAS annual meeting and holiday party

Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) 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/>

CAS Chapter News

[Pikes Peak Chapter March Newsletter](#)

Archaeology in the Southwest

There is a good article in the Spring 2017 American Archaeology: [Re-Excavating the Collections](#), all about the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project – which Laurie Webster has talked about to our group.

The Archaeological Society of New Mexico is holding its annual meeting on May 5-7 at the Moriarty NM Civic Center. The theme is “The Peopling of Central NM – Paleo to Pueblo.” See the [Society’s Web site](#) for details.

Archaeology Around the World

Dear Colleagues:

As supporters of Wright Paleohydrological Institute (WPI), I thought you would be interested in seeing the attached report on WPI’s [September field work in Pompeii and the Naples Bay](#) area of Italy. WPI’s Wayne Lorenz and Gary Witt spent seven days there last year continuing WPI’s study of the Agua Augusta and the water systems in Pompeii to further public knowledge related to the Roman design of these great accomplishments.

Wayne has led our Pompeii research since 2006 and has performed investigations of Roman water systems since 2002. He and Gary will highlight their recent work in a presentation at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science planetarium on April 13, 2017. Please call Deana if you would like complimentary admission to the 5:15 p.m. show or see the DMNS website to purchase tickets for the 7 p.m. show as the date draws closer.

Best wishes,
Kenneth R. Wright

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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.**