

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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Next SJBAS General Meeting

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14th, at the Lyceum in the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Grant Carlos Smith, archaeologist with the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, will present: "Late Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers in Utah and the Promontory Caves". He will discuss some of the current research regarding the possibility that material from the Promontory Caves may represent Athapaskan migration from approximately the 1,200's - 1,400's.

A combination of education and professional archaeological experience that includes a master's degree in anthropology (archaeology emphasis), and extensive archaeological field work, lab work, and professional and technical report writing qualifies Grant as a full-time professional archaeologist. Grant's education and work experience is primarily in prehistoric Southwestern and Great Basin archaeology, but he has also recorded, analyzed, and reported on numerous historic archaeological sites.

Grant's professional experience has included the full range of activities expected for a professional, agency archaeologist. These duties include, but are not limited to, the completion of Class I literature searches, the planning and completion of field inventories (survey), making National Register determinations of site eligibility and determinations of project effects for federal undertakings, archaeological testing and excavation, the completion of artifact analysis, the write-up of survey and excavation reports, and the initiation of consultation with SHPOs, federal and state agencies, and with THPOs and representatives of Native American tribes.

July 10th SJBAS Meeting Report

Janice Sheftel welcomed SJBAS members and many non-members to the SJBAS monthly meeting and climate change lecture by Dr. Eric Blinman. She presented a \$500 check for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund to Dr. Jay Harrison, Director of the Center of Southwest Studies, and explained SJBAS fund raising efforts for the internship program. Peggy Morris announced that we had an anonymous donation of \$200 to match any funds collected from SJBAS members. Before the evening was over, enough additional funds were collected to fund another internship! Dr. Harrison explained how important the funding is and that it all goes directly toward research in our local Animas Valley. Tish Varney, our new PAAC coordinator, announced the upcoming PAAC class, "Historical Archaeology in Colorado," taking place in Durango from October 24 – 26. Anyone who is interested in the class should contact Tish at tishvarney@att.net. Janice also mentioned the CAS raffle to raise money for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund, <http://coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/Raffle-Flyer-CAS-2014.pdf>, and she had tickets for sale.

Janice introduced the speaker, Dr. Eric Blinman, director of the Museum of New Mexico's Office of Archaeological Studies since 2006, presenting "2,000 Years of Climate Change and Human Response in the Southwest". Dr. Blinman gave a well-documented, fast-paced presentation, explaining how shifts in climate result in complex issues for human survival. In the last 2,000 years, cultures in the Southwest relied heavily on the production of maize. Any changes in precipitation, temperature, and rainfall patterns caused significant impacts to maize production and affected people's ability to survive in any given area. Human populations adapt and persist, and cultural expectations are abandoned with difficulty. Cultures often try to persist until it is too late. Eventually stress to the system results in social upheaval and conflict, and ultimately, vast migrations were necessary for survival. The current protracted warm period has no precedent, but if we think global warming is scary, just consider another ice age.

John W. Sanders Internship Fund – by Peggy Morris

At the SJBAS picnic I received a donation of \$200 if we could raise matching funds. At the picnic Elsa and Lee Horowitz, and Diane Donovan and Joe Griffith gave a generous donations. At the SJBAS meeting in July I announced if we could raise the rest of the \$200 that night I would put in \$100 to complete the next internship. We had several donations that night from: John and Eliane Viner, Gail and Marlow Schultz, Jill and Bill Tripp, Jennifer Thursten, Jan Holt, and Paula Wiseman along with several other people giving me money so we well reached our goal. Thanks to everyone that donated to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund we now have enough to fund another internship.

Thank you.
Peggy Morris
VP/SJBAS

In Memoriam

SJBAS members were saddened to learn of the death of Ruth Shields, an early and stalwart member of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society. She was the victim of an automobile accident on July 30th near Tamarron. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Diane Cassidy, 952 East 3rd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301 and her son, Paul Shields, 2944 C.R. 510, Durango, CO 81301. We are obtaining the out-of-town address for her son Patrick. As a wonderful tribute to her mother, Diane Cassidy suggests that contributions be made to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund in Ruth's honor. To contribute, please make your check out to SJBAS, indicate it is for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund in honor of Ruth Shields, and mail it to Mark Gebhardt at 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.

New Members

SJBAS welcomes new members Michael Todt and Tamara Hoier.

Field Trip Reports

Taos Powwow and Santa Fe – Richard cancelled the planned field trip to Taos and Santa Fe due to lack of participation.

Tomboy Mine – A trip report was not submitted to the Moki editor, but rumor has it that there were about 22 participants and that Bev and Bob Danielson led an interesting and informative trip with our knowledgeable guide Rudy Davison. A few hardy souls drove home over Imogene Pass.

Upcoming Field Trips

Our 2014 Trip Schedule is available on our website at www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm. Please check the website schedule periodically to check for trip updates and date changes, and contact the trip leaders directly by phone or email for trip details and to sign up.

Sept. 7 - 10 or 11	<u>North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park</u>
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	<p>This is a four or five-day car-camping trip. This trip will be worth it even if only for the camping on the North Rim. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles are required, and hiking capability is important, as one hike could be between 5 to 11 miles long. This is a challenging trip worth every view. We may also visit the Pipe Springs and Vermillion Cliffs National Monuments. The trip participation limit is 11.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson – 970-764-7029 Robinson7150@gmail.com</p>
September 17	<p><u>Boston Coal and Fuel Company at Perins Town Site</u></p> <p>We will hike about a mile and a half from Lightner Creek into the Perins town site north of Twin Buttes to view the ruins of the Boston Coal and Fuel Company mine and the old railroad line.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Kathleen and Jim Shadell - 970-247-5597 shadelljim@gmail.com</p>
September 27 - 30	<p><u>Capitol Reef and Canyonlands National Parks</u></p> <p>During this four-day, car-camping trip we will visit some of the best Barrier Canyon-style rock art available in world-class settings. The most difficult hike is into Horseshoe Canyon; elevation loss and gain is 780 feet and the hike is 7 miles roundtrip. We will camp at the Fruita group campsite near the apple orchards in Capitol Reef N.P. and at a dispersed campsite with pit toilets at the trailhead into Horseshoe Canyon. There is a trip participation limit of 14. For those who may not want to camp, hotels are available in Hanksville and Torrey, Utah.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Barb and Lyle Hancock – 970-764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net</p>
October 20 - 22	<p><u>Cedar Mesa, Utah</u></p> <p>During this three-day, car-camping trip we will hike into a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required. Hikes may be up to five miles long. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling can be arranged. The trip participation limit is 12.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Barb and Lyle Hancock - 970-764-4531 lylehancock@bresnan.net</p>
October 24 - 26	<p><u>Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument in New Mexico</u></p> <p>During this three-day motel trip, we will visit the ruins of three mission churches at Quarai, Abó, and Gran Quivira and the partially excavated Gran Quivira pueblo. What remains today of the Salinas Pueblo Missions are austere yet beautiful reminders of the 17th century contact between Pueblo Indians and Spanish Colonials. We will also visit Petroglyph National Monument near Albuquerque. The trip participation limit is 20.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Marion and Andy Simon - 970-749-2927 mandyandarion@gmail.com</p>

Overview of upcoming Field Trip to Salinas National Monument - October 24th - 26th

Trip Leaders: Andy and Marion Simon

Friday, October 24 Depart from Santa Rita Park at 8 A.M. with pit stops in Bloomfield and at Apache Nuggett Casino, arrive in Bernalillo around 12:30 P.M. Have lunch at *The Range* in Bernalillo. Drive to Mountainair and either tour Quarai ruins or check into hotel depending on arrival time. Hotels available are *The Shaffer Hotel* (historic hotel) or the *Rock Motel*. Dinner will be at *The Shaffer Hotel*.

Saturday, October 25 Leave Mountainair after breakfast (*Shaffer Hotel* or local coffee shop) and proceed to Grand Quivera and Abo. Lunch in Mountainair. If Quarai was skipped on Friday, we will visit it on Saturday. Drive back to Albuquerque and spend the night.

Sunday, October 26 Visit Petroglyph National Monument and drive back to Durango.

Trip is limited to 20 due to accommodation limitations in Mountainair as well as the paucity of eating places. Ranger guided tours will be available and scheduled at Quarai, Grand Quivera and Abo if enough members are interested. A Petroglyph National Monument tour can be arranged as well. For more information or to sign up, please contact Andy or Marion at mandyandarion@gmail.com or 970-749-2927.

Time Team America

Reception and Screening

On Thursday September 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies, please join the **Center of Southwest Studies** and the **Crow Canyon Archaeological Center** for light appetizers and local beer and wine followed by a screening of PBS's fascinating archaeo-reality show, *Time Team America*, featuring Crow Canyon's staff and the latest excavation at the Dillard site in southwestern Colorado.

Time Team America is a prime-time television series and a platform for the public to learn about archaeology and explore some of the most important research taking place at sites around the United States. *Time Team* was lured to Colorado by the Dillard site to explore a defining moment in Pueblo Indian culture: the transition from hunting and gathering to an agricultural way of life.

Time Team's "Lost Pueblo Village" episode focuses on this pivotal time in ancestral Pueblo history right in our own backyard. Using the latest technology, *Time Team's* crew joins forces with Crow Canyon staff to help unearth an ancient village at the Dillard site.

We hope to see you for what is sure to be a fun and educational evening!

RSVP: Rysta Williford, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, 970-564-4341, rwilliford@crowcanyon.org

PAAC Activities and Schedule

Next Durango Class

October 24-26 Historical Archaeology will be held in Durango at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. Contact Tish Varney to sign up at tishvarney@att.net. Details on the class may be found at <http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/paac-event-schedule>.

Site Form Workshops

Two free Site Form Workshops will be held in Denver. The first workshop is on August 6th, the second workshop is on September 6th, and both are conducted by Kevin Black. The site form workshops are scheduled to meet in the office library on the 3rd floor of the History Colorado Center at 1200 Broadway in Denver (<http://www.historycoloradocenter.org>), 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. +/- There is no fee and no need to register through the

Local PAAC Coordinator, but please indicate if you are planning to attend. Attendance is open to everyone, not just to PAAC

The two workshops will cover those tasks necessary to transform a partially filled-out field form into a report-ready final form including inking sketch maps, computing legal locations, topographic map plots, artifact illustrations, etc. Volunteers are asked to bring a pencil, eraser, clipboard or comparable writing surface, and any draft forms in preparation. The two workshops will tend to be a bit different based on the questions that come up, so attending both is a viable option.

Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker Symposium at the University of Texas Arlington – by Paul Dittmer

I attended this two day seminar (see description below) and found it very interesting and gained a number of new perspectives and facts. Because his book deals extensively with how we shape our story to fit preexisting ideas and culture. He used Shakespeare as an example of telling a historical story with his Hamlet and Macbeth, just as John Ford and John Wayne created the “loosely fact based telling” of the Cynthia Ann Parker story in the movie “The Searchers”. Professor Frankel has published several books on a variety of subjects and is currently the chairman in the University of Texas Austin Journalism School.

The 200 attendees included Comanche and Anglo Parkers as well as one Comanche professor* speaking on how a captive slave worked their way up in the social order of a band.

Frankel received a Pulitzer Prize for foreign reporting while at the Washington Post and as a lecturer he is excellent. He continues his research and spends much time in New Mexico so he may well visit Durango one day and would make a great speaker for the SJBAS.

I have attached his biography and you can see the book at http://www.amazon.com/The-Searchers-Making-American-Legend/product-reviews/1608191052/ref=pd_sim_b_cm_cr_acr_img_6?ie=UTF8&refRID=1MB5GS5SOKWKYZ63430M

“A Frontier Odyssey: The Lives and Legacy of Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker.”

Pulitzer Prize winner Glenn Frankel, author of the recent bestseller, *The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend*, took part in the two-day symposium. The symposium, hosted by the [UTA Center for Southwestern Studies](#), took place April 17-18. F. Todd Smith (University of North Texas), Joaquín Rivaya-Martínez (Texas State University) and Todd Kerstetter (Texas Christian University) examined the lives of Cynthia Ann Parker and Quanah Parker in the larger context of 19th century Comanche-Anglo relations. Frankel, Randi Tanglen (Austin College), and Dustin Tahmahkera *Comanche* (Southwestern University) examined the ways in which these events have been portrayed in popular culture, focusing on the captivity narrative in American literature and film.

Frankel, who is chair of the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin, discussed his book, a history of the Parker Raid in 1836 and its development as an iconic western by film director John Ford featuring John Wayne, at a Friends of the Library meeting. All events were free and open to the public.

Looking Back at 50 Years of the Center of Southwest Studies – by Julie Tapley-Booth

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College continues its inaugural summer lecture series on August 6, 2014. The lecture topics were designed to be wide ranging, and offered in the afternoon to capture both the campus community and Durango visitors alike.

The lectures are offered roughly every other week on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. For the August 6th presentation, “Looking Back at 50 Years of the Center of Southwest Studies,” Center director Jay Harrison will

interview a man who witnessed the growth and changes to the Center over the years, Fort Lewis College emeritus professor Dr. Duane Smith. Drs. Harrison and Smith will talk about the creation of the Center and its first director, Dr. Robert Delaney; the collections and their development in the early decades; and the role the Center has played in regional studies since its inception. Dr. Smith brings a unique perspective as both a significant contributor to the Center's collections and a constant user of those materials for his research, writing and teaching during his long career at Fort Lewis College. This event will be held in the Center's Lyceum. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is free at the college in the summer months.

The Center of Southwest Studies celebrates its fiftieth year in 2014. The Center provides an active program of public lectures and events throughout the year at its museum, research library, and archives facility on the campus of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Center of Southwest Studies – Fort Lewis College - Upcoming Events

<http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/NewsEvents/ArtMID/19179/ArticleID/724447/Looking-Back-at-50-Years-of-the-Center-of-Southwest-Studies-.aspx>

Mesa Verde Association – July Newsletter

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=de0ad887-e37c-48d3-acda-b1573f66904f&c=488a7670-b5ec-11e3-868b-d4ae529a848a&ch=489a54f0-b5ec-11e3-8699-d4ae529a848a>

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[Hisatsinom Newsletter - August](#)

Pikes Peak Chapter July Newsletter

[PikesPeakChapter2014-July-Newsletter.pdf](#)

Water Mills in Colorado

[WaterMillsinCO.pdf](#)

CAS Newsletter – June-July

[CASNewsletterJune-July.pdf](#)

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Annual Membership Renewal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual (with SWL) | SJBAS \$15.00 & CAS \$16.00 = | \$31.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual (no SWL) | SJBAS \$15.00 & CAS \$ 8.00 = | \$23.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (with SWL) | SJBAS \$20.00 & CAS \$20.00 = | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (no SWL) | SJBAS \$20.00 & CAS \$10.00 = | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student (no SWL) | = | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donation to John W. Sanders Internship Fund | = | |

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with this application form to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.** Donations to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund may be included with your dues payment.

New members must complete the full SJBAS application, <http://www.sjbas.org/Application.pdf>, including Liability Waiver and Site Etiquette forms.