



# THE MOKI MESSENGER

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Next meeting – August 8<sup>th</sup>

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies, FLC. After a brief business meeting, Dr. Heather Smith will present: *“The contribution of Southwest archaeology to our understanding of how North America was occupied by humans.”* There will be a social at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

Heather Smith, Ph.D. currently works at the Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology, Eastern New Mexico University. Her research interests include human adaptation and dispersals in the late Pleistocene and earliest Holocene, the adaptive role of lithic technology during the Pleistocene-Holocene transition, and quantitative methods of material culture analyses with an emphasis on geometric morphometrics, GIS, geoarchaeology, evolutionary archaeology, and cultural transmission. Her most recent collaborative publication is 'Origins and spread of fluted-point technology in the Canadian Ice-Free Corridor and eastern Beringia'.

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## Pre-meeting Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to help with this month’s pre-meeting social, please contact Susan at [susanlivenick@gmail.com](mailto:susanlivenick@gmail.com).

**Susan Livenick** is retiring as our Volunteer Coordinator at the end of August. We are very grateful for her willingness to find and organize volunteers for our pre-meeting socials, summer picnics, and holiday brunches. She also set up systems and is leaving us with clear directions so that we can keep operating smoothly. This is invaluable. Thank you for all your hard work Susan!

Due to Susan’s retirement, at each meeting we will circulate a "Meeting Host" sign-up sheet so that those who would like to volunteer can sign up for future meetings. We hope to have two hosts per meeting. The duties of the Meeting Hosts will include: Arrive at approximately 6:15. Bring snacks and/or small amount of ice. Set up the table, greet members and visitors, and clean up. You may bring your snack receipts for reimbursement by SJBAS.

Thank you to all volunteers - past, present, and future!

## President's Letter

Dear SJBAS members:

The September 15<sup>th</sup> date for the SJBAS 2018 John W. Sanders Lecture on "Otzi: the 5,300 Iceman Mummy and the World's Oldest Tattoos," by Aaron Deter-Wolf, is fast approaching. Please get your tickets as soon as possible for this exciting event, to be held at the Fort Lewis College (FLC) Ballroom at 7:00 pm. Tickets, at a cost of \$10 (plus convenience fees), are available at the WELCOME CENTER at 802 Main Avenue, Durango in person, and by phone, 970-247-7657, or email: [www.durangoconcerts.com](http://www.durangoconcerts.com). Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the door for \$13.00, cash or check only. Half of ticket revenue will go to the SJBAS education and Internship fund, which provides at least two internships/year for FLC students at the Center of Southwest Studies and at least one scholarship to the FLC archaeology field school. SJBAS will be asking for volunteers to take tickets at the door and to distribute flyers to local businesses.

Aaron will also be part of a panel discussion, together with Dr. Jesse Tune, FLC Dept, of Anthropology, and other FLC faculty, about "Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries in Archaeology", tied into today's conversations around the notion of "fake news," on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm, at 130 Noble Hall, FLC. This panel discussion, free and open to the public, will focus on the many examples of fringe theories in archaeology, ranging from a race of giants building mounds to aliens and pyramids. Many honest archaeological ideas, like the Solutrean hypothesis (first Americans coming from Europe via boats 20,000 years ago), have been used by groups to justify fringe agendas. So, save the dates, September 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and get your tickets for the Otzi lecture soon.

We also want to remind you of a new field trip opportunity and the upcoming Colorado Archaeological Society's Annual Conference. Foe and Dick Mason are organizing a field trip to the Annual Pecos Conference, to be held on August 9-12, 2018, at Flagstaff, Arizona. Camping is available at the conference site or many hotel/motel/inn accommodations are available in town. Each August, archaeologists gather under open skies somewhere in the southwestern United States or northwestern Mexico. They set up a large tent for shade, and spend three or more days discussing recent research, problems of the field and the challenges of the profession. In recent years, Native Americans, avocational archaeologists, the public and media organizations come to speak with the archaeologists. It's a great learning experience and a fun time. Contact [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net) for more information.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> annual CAS conference will be held September 21-23 in Cortez. Another educational experience and fun time. See article regarding details in this Moki.

Janice C. Sheftel, SJBAS President

## In Memoriam – Bev Danielson and Rich Robinson

SJBAS Members are deeply saddened by the recent loss of two of the Society's active participants – Beverly Danielson and Richard Robinson. Our hearts go out to their spouses, Bob and Linda, to whom we express our sincere condolences. We have included Bev's obituary below and a note about Rich, the leader of so many SJBAS field trips.

### Bev Danielson

Beverly Walford Danielson died peacefully at her home in Durango, Colorado on July 19th at the age of 85 from complications from acute heart failure. Beverly was born in West Lafayette, Indiana to Stephen Walford & Thelma Hamilton Walford on November 26, 1932. The family moved to Connecticut shortly thereafter and she grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut. She received her BA at Bates College in Maine and worked there for the next five years in child welfare. After earning her master's degree in psychiatric social work at Smith College she moved to Cleveland, Ohio to establish the inpatient psychiatric unit at University Hospital. She met Robert E. Danielson and was married on November 27, 1959. After raising her children, Beverly had a second career as a volunteer botanist at the Cleveland

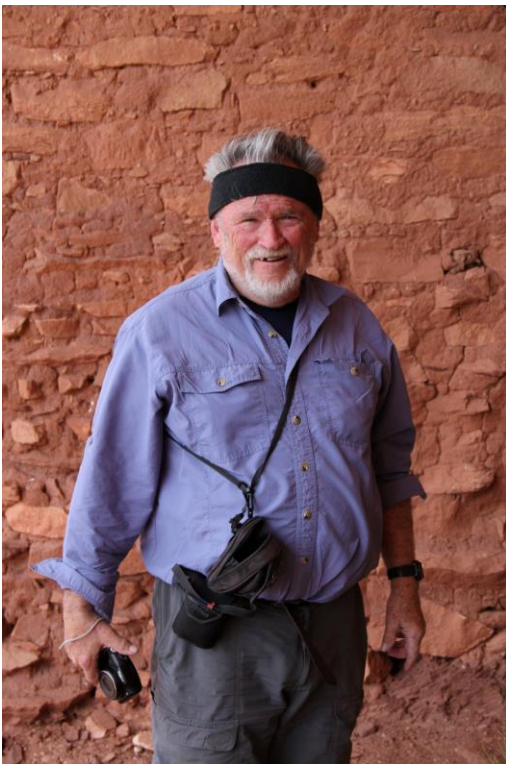
Museum of Natural History for 18 years, where she was named Adjunct Curator of Botany. She retired to her beloved Durango with Robert sixteen years ago. She was active in many organizations and was an avid supporter of the San Juan Symphony.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert, and two sons, Eric Danielson of Geneva, Ohio and Steve Danielson and his wife Julie Hays of New York City.

Cremation has occurred, and a memorial service will be held to celebrate her life later this summer. Remembrances may be sent to Hospice of Mercy or a charity

## **Rich Robinson**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent, unexpected passing of Richard Robinson, a long-standing SJBAS member. He will be deeply missed by all who love archaeology and the study of the people of the Four Corners area.



Richard filled the position of SJBAS Field Trip Coordinator for many years. His field trip planning showed not only his great interest in archaeology, but also his concern that his field trips be learning experiences for all participants. He usually scouted trips in advance and developed important information to prepare attendees for what to expect. He also wrote excellent field trip summaries for the Moki.

Richard loved rock art and had a huge knowledge of rock art sites throughout the Southwest. He had a wonderful sense of humor; we note his bumper sticker, "My Life is in Ruins". He was a great storyteller and enjoyed sharing stories with his fellow history and archaeology lovers, particularly about his own experiences, often hiking alone to remote sites, despite two knee replacements and a shoulder replacement. He probably knew of more remote archaeological sites than the rest of us. He loved being out in the field visiting sites, of which he had superb knowledge, both in his head and in his many notebooks. He kept on studying and learning.

Richard volunteered for years as an Archaeological Site Steward for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument and as an interpreter on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad during the last several summers. He mowed the lawns of his older neighbors. He cared deeply for his wife, Linda, and was a major support during her illnesses. He was a

dedicated SJBAS member

So, it is with a great sense of bereavement that we note Richard's passing. His passion for archaeology is a model for all of us. -- Janice

## **Field Trip Opportunity – 2018 Pecos Conference!**

Attend the most informative and incredibly interesting conference on Southwest Archaeology! Please join us at the Pecos Conference in Flagstaff, AZ from August 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. The Pecos Conference is the premier annual conference reporting on current research by archaeologists and anthropologists in the Southwest. The conference has been meeting annually for more than 80 years with presentations by leading authorities and students on recently completed and ongoing research projects and field work.

Foxie and Dick Mason will serve as “campground hosts” for SJBAS members who wish to camp at this year’s conference location at the Hot Shot Camp 10 miles north of Flagstaff. If you would like to join the Masons at a SJBAS campsite location, please call Foxie Mason at 970.247.0252, or email [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net), for details. Tents and RV’s are welcome. The conference provides potable water, a trash dumpster and toilets. Pets allowed. No hookups, picnic tables, tent pads or grills are available. Deadline August 1. Pecos Conference information and registration details are at [www.pecosconference.org](http://www.pecosconference.org).

## July 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights

**Reminder:** If you have not done so, please [renew your Membership](#). We value our members! (See Moki)

**Special Dates to Save:** (see Moki and 2018 Field Trip/Activity Schedule):

August 9-12	Pecos Conference
September 15	John W. Sanders Lecture by Aaron Deter-Wolf, Prehistoric Archaeologist: Otzi - the 5,300-year-old iceman mummy and the world’s oldest tattoos.
September 21-23	CAS Annual Conference, Cortez, CO
December 15	Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch. 11:00 am. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

## Financial Report

Checking Account/Operating Fund Balance - \$5,288.36  
Savings Account/Internship and Education Fund Balance - \$13,848.61  
2018 Current Membership: about 190

## Decisions

1. We are still reviewing the pros and cons of our relationship with CAS.
2. There remain questions about BLM Permits for Monticello District – Janice continues to monitor.
3. The 2018 Pecos Conference, in Flagstaff in August, is to be advertised as a “group camping” event to members for this year. For future Field Trip Calendar, Pecos Conference is to be added as a group event. We hope to establish a presence at the Conference. Advertise in Moki, add to Field Trip Calendar, and announce at each monthly meeting.
4. We will offer 40 free tickets to High School students and FLC students with ID to the Otzi Lecture on September 15<sup>th</sup> on a “first come, first served” basis. Tickets are now on sale at the Durango Welcome Center for members and the public.

We were sorry to cancel our Summer Picnic and Barbecue this past June. However, it was at the peak of the 416 Fire and Community members were helping other Community members and the Firefighters Emergency Responders Community. We appreciate any help you gave, and continue to give, during the 416 Fire. We apologize we were not able to hold our Summer Picnic – but we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch.

## PAAC is back!

History Colorado has appointed a new deputy state archaeologist, **Rebecca Simon**, effective July 29<sup>th</sup>. History Colorado has also hired another archaeologist (CU Ph.D. candidate) who is especially interested in education. Karen Kinnear, CAS PAAC coordinator, has requested input from chapters on classes for next **fall and spring** as well as any ideas for improving PAAC. -- Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC rep

## Field Trip Report – Santa Fe, Pecos Pueblo, and Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day – June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Trip participants (Barb and Lyle Hancock, Jay Culver, Kristine Johnson, Randy Graham, Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller) met at 2:00 p.m. at the **San Miguel Mission in Santa Fe**, the oldest church in the United States. Exactly how old is unknown, but the first documentation with reference to San Miguel is from 1628, with oral history dating it to 1610. Docent Dave gave an inspirational and passionate talk on the Mission, although maybe not quite historically accurate account of the items and history.

Originally, 250 Spanish and about 700 Native Indians travelled north from old Mexico in 1598 to the Santa Fe area, with the Spanish settling east of the San Juan Pueblo (now called the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, where we visited on Sunday for the dance & feast day). The native Indians, a band of Tlaxcalan from central old Mexico that came north with the Spanish, chose to settle in what is now Santa Fe. Eleven years later in 1609, the Spanish moved from the San Juan Pueblo to a site across the river from the Tlaxcalan settlement.



The Tlaxcalan, Roman Catholic by this time, had built a place of worship over an ancient Kiva (+/- 1200 CE, confirmed by survey in 1955). It is believed that when the Spanish moved here in 1609 or shortly thereafter, is when the Spanish had the Tlaxcalan rebuild their modest structure into the San Miguel Mission, hence the 1610 date. The Mission was partially destroyed in 1640 and again in 1680 during the Pueblo Revolt. A major archaeological study and restoration were undertaken in 1955 that restored or exposed artwork from the early 1700's. Excavation revealed the original dirt floor, sanctuary steps, pottery shards and hundreds of human remains. Glass plates beyond the Communion rail look down into these features.

Next, we visited the '**Oldest House**' in Santa Fe and like the San Miguel Mission across the street is believed to be built on the foundation of a 1200 CE pueblo. Built in 1646, it is the oldest residential house in New Mexico, but younger than the Palace of the Governors and San Miguel Mission, both built in 1610.

Saturday was a visit to **The Pecos National Historical Park**. This day was to include a special private tour of petroglyphs up the Pecos river valley and the Glorieta Pass Civil War Battle Field. Unfortunately, both of these were in the Santa Fe National Forest that was closed due to fire danger. So a private tour of the Forked Lightning Ranch, also in Pecos NHP was booked in their stead.

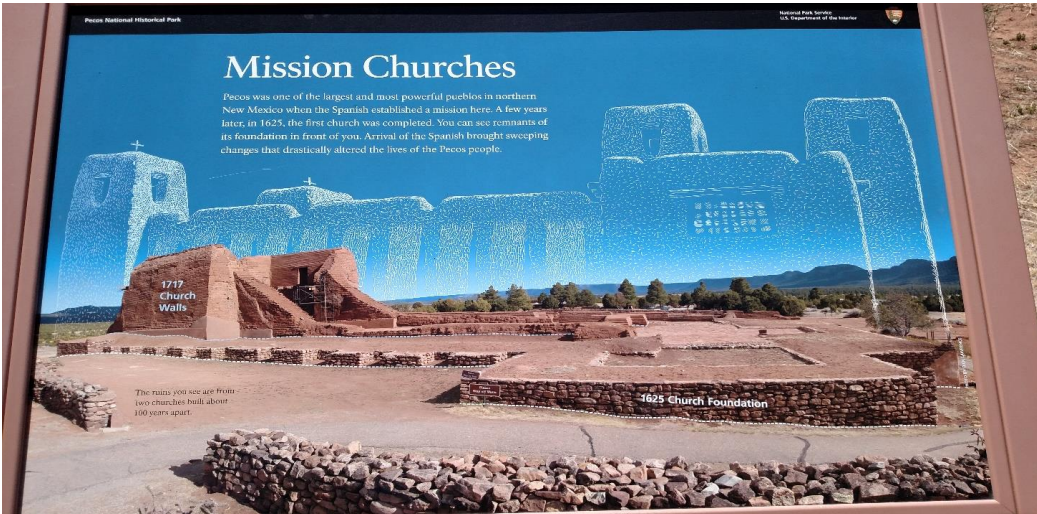
**Pecos Pueblo** in ruins today was thought to be one of the largest and strongest Pueblos both before and after the Spanish arrival. Being the eastern most pueblo and adjacent to the Great Plains, it was well situated to be the focal point of trade between the hunter/gatherer tribes of the plains to the east and the farmers/traders of the pueblos to the west and southwest. Pecos Pueblo was occupied continuously from the 1200's to 1838 and its history well documented since Coronado in 1540. Alfred Kidder, because of this long continuous occupation –resulting in a thick continuous trash pile, and long recorded history chose this pueblo site to do 15 years of research (1915- 1929) and develop his classification system of southwestern archaeology and the Pecos Conference that we still have today.

We started with a ranger led hike up through a quarter mile long open field that was the trading zone in front of the pueblo. We were told how both the Spanish records and Kidder research showed that the plains



Apaches would set up their teepees in the open field to trade wares. Between the open field and the South and North Pueblos that made up Pecos Pueblo was a low stone defensive wall that went around the pueblo. The Pecos Pueblo is estimated at over 800 rooms, 4 to 5 stories high, with up to 2,000 people at the time of the Spanish arrival.

A huge Mission was built to serve the large pueblo in 1625 but destroyed in 1680 during the Pueblo revolt. The remaining foundations stretch 150 feet from the altar to the entrance way and are 22 feet thick in some locations. A new mission was built in 1717 that easily fits into ruins of the old but served a much smaller population. By 1790 the



pueblo population was down to 152 people due to smallpox, Comanche raids and migration to other Rio Grande pueblos. In 1838 the last 17 migrated to Jemez Pueblo.

After the ranger-led portion, we wandered around the mile and a quarter self-guided trail to explore the convento attached to the mission and the rest of the Pecos ruins.

After lunch we were driven to the **Forked Lightning Ranch** for

a private tour of Tex Austin's Dude ranch. Tex purchased various parcels of land along the Pecos River and Glorieta Creek in 1925. The guest building was designed in the Pueblo Revival style with a courtyard in the center and the rooms opening to both the courtyard and outside. Unfortunately for Tex, who was a well-known international promoter of rodeos, the Great Depression was about to start, and the upscale dude ranch closed in 1933. In 1941 the ranch was purchased by Texas oilman and rancher Elijah Fogelson who later married Hollywood actress Greer Garson. They remodeled the guest rooms into living areas and it became their ranch house. In failing health in the late 1980's Greer Garson was going to sell the ranch to a Florida developer who intended to build a resort community. After local community protests, she reconsidered and sold it to The Conservation Fund who in turn donated it to the federal government to become part of the Pecos NHP. The ranch house is currently decorated in both the Tex Austin period and the Fogelson/Garson period to display its history.

Sunday was on to the **Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo** for their San Juan Feast day dances. I counted 200 dancers from young boys and girls to old men and women. There were more, I just stopped at 200. The costumes were colorful and varied and the collective dancing was quite extraordinary.

On the way home Monday, we stopped at the **Poeh Cultural Center** of the Pojoaque Pueblo. The art work ranged from modern art to historic pottery. It also displayed an exhibition of their 'Nah-Poeh Meng' (The Continuous Path), starting with the Emergence Room through to the modern day. Of future note: the museum is scheduled to receive over a hundred artifacts back from the Smithsonian later this year, to be displayed by early next year.

- By Jim Mueller

## Field Trip Report - Chimney Rock National Monument – July 12<sup>th</sup>

Our group of ten SJBAS members met at Santa Rita Park, formed carpools, and drove to Chimney Rock National Monument. There are many changes afoot at the Monument, including a brand-new sign that is mounted in a replica kiva, new parking areas, and clearings for a planned amphitheater and new visitor center. We regrouped at the visitor cabin, signed in, paid our fees, and met our tour guide Michael Stillman, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association volunteer and SJBAS member. This was the first visit to Chimney Rock for nine of our participants.

Michael is a fairly recent transplant to our area from Golden, CO. Soon after arriving he got involved in exploring the archaeology in the Four Corners region and has taken most of the archaeology classes at Fort Lewis College. He has been a volunteer at Chimney Rock for four seasons and was a wealth of knowledge about the site.

We started out visiting the older pit house village, situated below the Great House Pueblo. Michael explained that the original Ancestral Puebloan people to populate the area came up from villages along the San Juan River. There are eight distinct village sites in the immediate area, most of them in the Piedra River valley where there was a substantial amount of acreage for agriculture. Speculation has it that the higher village site at Chimney Rock came about because it had a longer growing season, as the “cold air sink” in the valley below shortened that growing season by at least 10 days. This village of a dozen or so pit houses was built in approximately AD 925 and abandoned along with the Great House in 1125. We viewed a reconstructed pit house with thick stone walls built on bedrock and a 44-foot-diameter Great Kiva that was added in AD 1084, after construction of the Great House. Archaeologists have used dendrochronology, the modern science of using tree ring data to calculate the exact ages of wood beams used in construction.

After finishing the tour of the lower village, we headed up to the Great House Pueblo. Along the trail we came across more pit houses, including one that had been excavated during the first archaeology expedition in 1921-22. The archaeologists used the roof beams for firewood and neglected to backfill the rooms, thus eliminating the possibility of using dendrochronology to date the pit house and allowing future erosion to completely wash away the site. Further up the narrow ridge, just below the Great House, we came to the site of what once was a tower constructed between two steep slopes in a manner that would allow people in the tower to control access to the Great House. Early archaeologists named this tower the “Guardhouse.” Although this tower could have been used for defensive purposes, archaeologists believe it was more likely used for crowd control and to regulate who could visit the Great House. Because this ruin was very unstable after excavation and posed a hazard to visitors, it was removed by the Forest Service.



Michael explaining Chacoan construction details of the Great House Pueblo kiva

By studying the masonry of the Great House, archaeologists have determined that it was built in the Chacoan tradition. It was built in two stages, beginning in AD 1076 and being enlarged and finished in AD 1093. Each stage took about two years, and both construction periods coinciding with the 18.6-year lunar standstill cycle. There are 36 ground-floor rooms and two kivas. Archaeologists believe that the Great House was ceremonial in nature

and probably only housed a couple of families. It was constructed with the alignment of the lunar standstill corresponding to alignments of some of the exterior walls along with other archaeo-astronomical alignments.

A fire box is located on a higher point on the ridge, further east of the Great House. Research has determined that a large fire at Chimney Rock would be visible at Huérfano Mesa where another fire box has been found. Huérfano Mesa is visible from Pueblo Alto at Chaco 90 miles to the south, thus allowing quick communication between Chimney Rock and Chaco. The tour concluded at that point and we made our way down to the shuttle van. We had lunch at the visitor cabin picnic ground and then left for home.


Participants: Joan and Byron Kellogg, Lorraine and Hunter McCleary, Betsy Moore, Phil Bruckbauer, Chris Merlier, Mary Morehead, Ruth Guarino, and Lyle Hancock. Michael Stillman, also a SJBAS member, was our tour guide.

**Chimney Rock Information**

Follow this link for more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chimney\\_Rock\\_National\\_Monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chimney_Rock_National_Monument).

Chimney Rock Interpretive Association: <http://www.chimneyrockco.org/visit-chimney-rock-colorado/>

Chimney Rock excavation information - 2009: <http://www.taosarch.org/page-429349>

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2018</h2> <p style="margin: 0; color: red;">Updates are in red.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">To update this schedule, email <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Please contact trip leaders by phone or email for more information or to sign up.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Follow this link for a <a href="#">printer friendly 2018 Trip Schedule</a>.</p>	
<b>Dates</b>	
<b>August 8</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Dr. Heather Smith – <i>“The contribution of Southwest archaeology to our understanding of how North America was occupied by humans.”</i>
<b>August 9 - 12</b>	<b><a href="#">Pecos Conference 2018</a></b> at Flagstaff, AZ - Group camping event. For additional information, contact Foxie Mason at <a href="mailto:fmason@frontier.net">fmason@frontier.net</a> .
<b>September 12</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> – Larry Ruiz, together with Laurie Webster, will present his new film: <i>"The Language of Landscapes: Places in Time,"</i> with a focus on the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project.
<b>September 14</b>	<b>Haynie Site</b> – Day trip - Site tour led by Susan Ryan to visit Crow Canyon research dig. Sign-ups accepted only after July 11th SJBAS meeting. For more information or to signup, contact Jim Mueller at <a href="mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com">rhondaandjim@msn.com</a> .
<b>September 15</b>	<p><b>John W. Sanders Lecture Series</b> - Dr. Aaron Deter-Wolf, a prehistoric archaeologist with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology, and an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee University, will discuss “Otzi, the Iceman: a 5,000-year- old mummy found melting out of a glacier in the Italian Alps” at Fort Lewis College Ballroom.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center; gap: 20px;">   </div>
<b>September 21 - 23</b>	<b>Natural Bridges National Monument</b> - 3-day camping trip - Visit Edge of the Cedars Museum; visit Cave Towers site; hike to backcountry sites at Natural Bridges. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a> .
<b>September 22 - 25</b>	<b>Northern Arizona Exploration</b> - 4-day camping trip - Navajo National Monument - guided hike to Betatakin; Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments; Walnut Canyon National Monument; Flagstaff - tour Riordan Mansion State Historic Park and explore Museum of Northern Arizona; Grand Canyon – experience Desert View Watchtower, and tour Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a> .



September 22 - 23	CAS annual meeting in Cortez
September 29	Local Hispano Cemeteries Tour – day trip led by Ruth Lambert – Trip Participation Limit is 20. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan Kellogg at <a href="mailto:joankellogg@charter.net">joankellogg@charter.net</a> .
October 10	SJBAS meeting - Geri Hockfield Malandra will present: “ <i>The Ancient Sites of Ellora: A Microcosm of South Asia’s Archaeological Past</i> ”
October 26 - 29	Rock Art near Vernal, Utah – 4-day motel or camping trip – Tim Sweeney of Vernal will guide us to various rock art sites. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Tish Varney at <a href="mailto:tishvarney@att.net">tishvarney@att.net</a> .
November 14	SJBAS meeting – Kristin Bowen, Lead archaeologist with Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Office, will present: “ <i>A Federal Archaeologist’s work experiences in the Western USA.</i> ”
December 15	SJBAS annual meeting and holiday brunch at St. Marks Episcopal Church

**Fort Lewis College – CSWS Summer Lecture Series – 1:30 p.m. in the Lyceum (arrive early to get a seat)**

August 8: “Mable Dodge Lujan and Company,” Lois Rudnick

August 22: “Slim Woman: Louisa Wade Wetherill of Kayenta.: Harvey Leake

**Four Corners Lecture Series – [2018 Schedule](#)**

**Aztec Ruins Evening Lecture Series: “A Layered World: New Research on the Aztec North Great House”**

In 2016, archaeologist and PhD candidate Michelle Turner, worked with a team from Binghamton University (SUNY) to conduct archaeological testing at Aztec North, a previously unexcavated great house at Aztec Ruins National Monument. Michelle will share what she has since learned about the site and the lives of the people who built it, from analysis of the data and artifacts the team collected. She will share her ongoing research into the architecture of the great house, its place in the cultural landscape of Aztec Ruins, and its relationship to Chaco Canyon.

Be there on Friday, August 3, at 7:00 pm! Admission is free and open to the public. The park and trail are closed but gates to the Visitor Center will reopen at 6:45 for the lecture.

The lecture is made possible by support from the Friends of Aztec Ruins National Monument. For more information for all events, call 505.334.6174, on Calendar of events at the website link

<https://www.nps.gov/azru/planyourvisit/calendar.htm> or find us at [www.facebook.com/AztecRuinsNM/](https://www.facebook.com/AztecRuinsNM/).

**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 Annual Conference – 2018

Follow this link to information and online registration for the [2018 CAS Annual Conference](#) which will be held in Cortez, hosted by the Hisatsinom Chapter, on September 21-23, 2018. We've got a great lineup of speakers, including a dynamic banquet speaker, and several fun and educational field trips. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Karen

Karen Kinnear, [kinnear.rockies@gmail.com](mailto:kinnear.rockies@gmail.com), and Susan Montgomery  
Co-Chairs - 2018 CAS Annual Conference Planning Committee

## CAS Chapter News

### Hisatsinom Chapter – [August Newsletter](#)

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Kathryn Turney on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss “Social Consequences of Land Loss: Navajo Oral History, Ethnoarchaeology, and Spatial Analysis at Wupatki National Monument, AZ.” Kathryn discusses how the creation of Wupatki National Monument in 1924 gradually displaced indigenous residents from ancestral homelands leading to loss of territory and connection to family. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

## Regional Archaeological News

### Update on Litigation regarding Bears Ears National Monument

Summary from our co-plaintiff the Access Fund: “Because the illegal reduction of Bears Ears National Monument is a national issue that could affect all national monuments across the country, we filed our legal complaint in Washington DC district court. However, the Department of Justice is trying to have the case transferred to Utah, which could be beneficial to the defendants. District Judge Chutkan is currently evaluating whether the case should stay in Washington DC, and we are anxiously awaiting her decision and are ready to move forward with the litigation.” – Access Fund ([Read article](#))

From an op-ed by Joy Horowitz in the Los Angeles Times: “Ultimately, the courts will decide whether the president abused his power. As both sides await the judge’s decision about where the case will be heard, she should take into account the letter 71 environmental and land-use law professors sent to Zinke early on in the review process. They make plain that only Congress, not the president, has the authority to diminish or abolish a national monument, under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act.” – Los Angeles Times ([Read article](#))

### Mapping Ute Mountain Tribal Park

The Ute Mountain Ute tribe is turning to high-tech aerial photogrammetry to document and preserve the history of its tribal park, which is more than twice the size of the neighboring Mesa Verde National Park and rivals its archaeological treasures. The Tribal Preservation Office will work with PaleoWest Archaeology and a grant from the Colorado Historical Society. — Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

## Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Now Offers Weekly Tours

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is excited to offer a pair of new educational tours designed to help visitors of all ages enhance and expand upon a visit to Mesa Verde National Park, and to give local residents a better understanding of the incredible ancient history to be found here in their own backyards. These guided two- and four-hour tours are based out of the Crow Canyon Connection, located inside the Colorado Welcome Center at 928 E. Main St. in Cortez. The “Beyond Mesa Verde” tour is scheduled for Mondays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$60 for youths ages 10-17, and free for children under 10. The “Excavation Site Tour” is scheduled for Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for youths 10-17 and free for children under 10. — Cortez Journal ([Read article](#))

## Deferred Maintenance at Mesa Verde National Park

Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner is co-sponsoring a bill in Congress to create more funding for national parks, including Mesa Verde National Park. In an Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on national parks hearing last week, Gardner advocated for the Restore Our Parks Act, a bill that will establish a fund in the U.S. Treasury, known as the “National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund.” — Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

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## San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

**Membership renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**