

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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Next SJBAS Meeting – January 11th

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Michael Martin, Ph.D. will present, “Public History as ‘Speculative’ History through Archaeology: Pros and Cons.” A social before the meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

Dr. Martin is Chair of the History Department at Fort Lewis College. He has been at FLC since 2004, serving in various roles as assistant professor, associate professor, and coordinator of the John F. Reed Honors Program and Gender and Women’s Studies Program. Dr. Martin has a B.A. in English from the University of Iowa, and a M.A. in Medieval Studies and Ph.D. in History from Western Michigan University.

Please note, the meeting is on Wednesday evening, not Thursday.

SJBAS Annual Meeting Report – December 8th

Our annual meeting was held in conjunction with our holiday party. After dinner, Janice officially closed the bidding for the Silent Auction, convened the annual meeting, and announced the winners of several door prizes. Mark Gebhardt, SJBAS treasurer, presented Shelby Tisdale, director of the Center of Southwest Studies, a \$500 check from the John W. Sanders Internship Fund and presented an annual review of SJBAS finances. Mark explained that our society is on firm financial footing and that the John W. Sanders Internship Fund is doing well. Janice thanked Peggy Morris for her many years of volunteer service conducting silent auctions and raising thousands of dollars for the Internship Fund.

Janice explained that the SJBAS board has developed a member survey to gauge the interest of members in SJBAS activities and help guide the future direction of the society. The survey will be emailed to the membership in the middle of December; members should mail completed surveys to Barb Hancock or return them at the January 11th meeting.

Janice announced that Dr. Steve Lekson, CU Department of Anthropology, and Dr. Doug Owsley, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, were both coming to make presentations to SJBAS in collaboration with Life Long Learning Lecture Series in 2017.

Then Janice proceeded with the election of SJBAS officers for 2017. She acknowledged that our current officers had agreed to serve another year. Janice requested a motion from the floor to add other names to the slate or approve it for 2017. There were no additional names put forth, and the slate was unanimously approved by the membership.

The slate of officers for Member vote is as follows:

President - Janice Sheftel
Vice President - Foxie Mason
Vice President - Jim Mueller
Secretary - Barb Hancock
Treasurer - Mark Gebhardt
PAAC Coordinator - Tish Varney
CAS Representative - Tish Varney
Publicity - Jill Tripp
Field Trips - Lyle Hancock

After the election, Lyle presented a review of 2016 field trips, a preliminary schedule of 2017 field trips and activities, and a brief review of the SJBAS website, www.sjbas.org. He encouraged members to visit the website, as it has a new look and many years of field trip reports in the Field Trip Archives page at www.sjbas.org/Archives.htm.

Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st. To renew or join SJBAS, follow this link to our [Application forms](#). Print and complete the Annual Membership Form, "Waiver of Liability" and "Proper Etiquette" statements, make your check payable to 'SJBAS,' and mail just the one-page Annual Membership Form to our treasurer: Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301. Please keep your signed Liability Waiver and Proper Etiquette forms for your records. Donations to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund may be included.

Member Survey

The Board has decided to survey SJBAS members to determine current priorities and interests. In the past, SJBAS has benefited tremendously from high levels of Member involvement in all aspects of club activities. For several years, however, the Board and other Members have observed a decline in volunteerism, club participation and Membership renewals. We want to keep the Society relevant to its Members. Without Member commitment and participation, our Society will lose its vibrancy.

Please follow this link to the [Member Survey](#). Print and complete one survey per member and mail them to Barb Hancock, 33 Tanglewood Drive, Durango, CO 81301, before January 14th or bring them to the January 11th SJBAS meeting.

Your thoughtful completion of this survey and its return will be instrumental in helping shape the future of SJBAS.

Preliminary Field Trip and Activity Schedule for 2017

January 11	SJBAS meeting - speaker Michael Martin Ph.D. from Fort Lewis College will present: "Public History as 'Speculative' History through Archaeology: Pros and Cons"
February 2	Helen Sloan Daniels Collection presentation at Animas Museum Mona Charles, Grant Project Director at the Animas Museum, will present a special talk for SJBAS members about the Helen Sloan Daniels Collection. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com .
February 8	SJBAS meeting - speaker Jeanne Brako from the Center of Southwest Studies - Topic TBD
February 10 - 12	Exploring Cochise County, Arizona (This trip is confirmed.) This is Gail and Marlo's popular multi-day hotel trip to Southeast Arizona. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Gail and Marlo Schulz at mschulz@frontier.net
March 8	SJBAS meeting - Connie Massingale will present: "Provenience ~ A Sense of Origin" followed by a business meeting.
March	Crow Canyon Archaeological Center tour This will be a day trip to tour the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center near Cortez. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Jim and Rhonda at rhondaandjim@msn.com .
April 12	SJBAS meeting - speaker Jane Thompson will present: "Uranium Mining in Western Colorado"
April 26 - 28	El Morro and El Malpais National Monuments, and Acoma Pueblo - New Mexico This is a three-day camping trip to New Mexico. 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 6 - 7	Montezuma Canyon and Hovenweep Exploration 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. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertpowell@durango.net or phone 970-385-8949.
May 10	SJBAS meeting - speaker Steve Lekson Ph.D. Curator of Archaeology at the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado Boulder, will present: "A 'Big Picture' Look at the Chaco Phenomenon"  Office for Outreach and Engagement UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
May 18 - 21	Hopi Immersion 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 .
June 2 - 4	Uranium Mining and Milling in Western Colorado This will be a 3-day motel trip to tour uranium mines and milling operations in the Naturita area. We have rooms reserved at the Rimrock Hotel in Naturita. Jane Thompson of the Rimrocker Historical Society will be our tour guide; she is also the speaker at our April meeting. Follow this link for more information. To sign up, contact trip leader Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com .

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 - speaker 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 15	SJBAS meeting - speaker 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 - speaker 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/>

Hisatsinom Chapter News

[Hisatsinom Newsletter January 2017](#)

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Janet Lever-Wood on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss “Recording Rock Art on the San Juan River, SE Utah.” Janet discusses the extensive volunteer rock art recording project, headed by Ann Phillips and photographer Dave Manley, along the San Juan River in southeast Utah. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

Archaeology in the Southwest

President Obama Designates Bears Ears National Monument

President Barack Obama designated two national monuments Wednesday at sites in Utah and Nevada that have become flashpoints over use of public land in the West, marking the administration’s latest move to protect environmentally sensitive areas in its final days. The Bears Ears National Monument in Utah will cover 1.35 million acres in the Four Corners, the White House said. In a victory for Native American tribes and conservationists, the designation protects land that is considered sacred and is home to an estimated 100,000 archaeological sites, including ancient cliff dwellings. – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

Celebrating a Mammoth Dust-up in Bluff

In the early 1990s, after assisting Crow Canyon Archaeological Center researchers in recording the Sand Island rock art site near Bluff, Utah, local artist Joe Pachak made a mammoth discovery. He’d spotted what he believed to be a petroglyph depicting a Columbian mammoth, one of two species of woolly mammoth formerly endemic to North America and arguably the older of the two, superimposed with what also appeared to be a Pleistocene bison. - Archaeology Southwest blog ([Read article](#))

New Podcast for Mesa Verde Region Archaeology

Visitors to Montezuma County may get a podcast tour guide when they explore archaeological sites next year. The Mesa Verde Country Visitor Information Bureau received \$25,000 through a marketing matching-grant program. Kelly Kirkpatrick, director of tourism, plans to use the money to create podcasts to help visitors learn about the area’s rich archaeological history. – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

Public Gets a Look at the Paths to Mesa Verde Planning

More than 50 people crowded the Mancos Town Hall on the night of Dec. 15 for the first public outreach meeting on the Paths to Mesa Verde Trail. The proposal is a 17-mile, multiuse trail between Cortez and Mancos, stopping at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds, Phil’s World, Mesa Verde National Park and other locations along the way. In January, the project made Gov. John Hickenlooper’s “16 in 16” list of highest-priority trail ideas across the state. – Cortez Journal ([Read article](#))

New Issue of Pottery Southwest Online

Pottery Southwest 32(4) Winter 2016 issue is now online at <https://www.unm.edu/~psw/PDFs/PSW-32-4.pdf>. Published by the Albuquerque Archaeological Society since 1974, *Pottery Southwest* is available free of charge on its website,

which is hosted by the Maxwell Museum of the University of New Mexico. The Winter 2016 issue offers three feature papers as well as a brief look at the Albuquerque Archaeological Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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