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Next SJBAS Meeting– Wednesday, July 12th

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Janet Lever-Wood will present “Weaving the World Together.” A social will be held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

Janet is a potter, sculptor, gardener, singer, rock art researcher, and Mancos resident for 10 years plus. She loves this landscape and the people in it. Images shared are from the rock art of the San Juan river corridor, and artifacts from Laurie Webster's perishables project and from a recent trip to Oaxaca.

June 14th Monthly Meeting and Annual Picnic Report

Our June meeting and annual picnic were held at Foxie and Dick Mason’s home on CR 250. About forty SJBAS members attended this fun event and were treated to perfect weather on a beautiful summer evening. The SJBAS Board would like to offer a sincere thank you to Foxie and Dick for their gracious hospitality in their beautiful home. The Board would also like to thank the following members for volunteering to help with the picnic: Mark Gebhardt, Bill Cagle, Jill Tripp, Janice Sheftel, and Elaine Moravan helped with set-up; Michael Moravan and Bob Powell did the grilling; Susan Livenick did the volunteer recruitment and helped with parking; Rusty Chamberlain helped with cleanup; and Tish Varney, Mark Gebhardt, Bill Cagle, and Jill Tripp helped with breakdown of tables, and other picnic furniture. Other participants helped out where needed... “many hands make light work.” Thanks again to everyone who helped make our picnic a great success.

In attendance was SJBAS’s most longstanding member, Jill Tripp, and the newest members, Jim Brooke and Don Spangler, who joined that night!

Letter from the President

SJBAS members,

In 2013, The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society created a fund to support internships for the Center of Southwest Studies in memory of John W. Sanders, one of its cherished founding Members. This is a competitive internship which allows selected Fort Lewis College students an opportunity to work 50 hours during a semester on a project with an archaeological focus under the guidance of curatorial staff at the Center. The interns acquire hands-on experience with museum collections while helping the Center care for, and improve the accessibility of its collections. It’s truly a win-win situation.

The investment in these students has helped them pursue additional education and career opportunities. So far, six Fort Lewis College Students have benefitted from the Fund and have gone on to obtain employment in archaeological and museum related fields, including, as examples: studying archaeology abroad; becoming the Collections Manager at the Animas Museum; and pursuing museum installation work at the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian in Santa Fe.

The internship fund receives contributions from Member donors, book sales, and from the proceeds of a silent auction held in conjunction with the SJBAS annual meeting and holiday party in December. The silent auction provides important funding to the internship fund. The silent auction was created and has been organized by SJBAS member Peggy Morris, with assistance from her husband, Dennis Lopez, and has included a variety of new and used items contributed by SJBAS Members.

Peggy has stepped down from her volunteer role as the silent auction coordinator after many years of service. Therefore, SJBAS is looking for a volunteer lead or team of volunteer Members to step up and coordinate this year's auction, which will be held in December. Peggy has done a terrific job keeping the silent auction simple, streamlined, and fun. She is very willing to train and provide guidance to a new Volunteer(s.)

Please contact Susan Livenick, SJBAS Volunteer Coordinator, susanlivenick@gmail.com and let her know of your interest in helping with this very important event.

Janice C. Sheftel
President

John W. Sanders Internship Fund Book Sale

Thank you to everyone that made the John W Sanders Internship Fund book sale at the picnic a great success. We received a \$50 and \$20 donation along with sales of books. We received \$263 which is over half the amount needed to fund an internship for one semester.
- by Peggy Morris

Canyon de Chelly Field Trip Report

June 8 - Cottonwood Campground and Hike to Spider Rock

Our adventure began with five couples finding campsites at the Cottonwood Campground near the entrance of Canyon de Chelly. For the most part, we found sites that took the full advantage of the shade of the magnificent cottonwood trees. One couple stayed in Chinle at a motel.

At 3:30 p.m., nine of us met Oscar Bia, our Diné guide. The group drove to his sister's house, located near the south rim of the canyon. From there Oscar and his son drove the group to the trailhead for the Spider Rock hike. (We had hoped to hike to Three Turkey Ruin, but that hike was closed to non-tribal members). Instead we hiked the longer and more difficult trail through Bat Canyon to the base of Spider Rock in Canyon de Chelly. At one time, the trail had been maintained and utilized as public access to the canyon. Currently



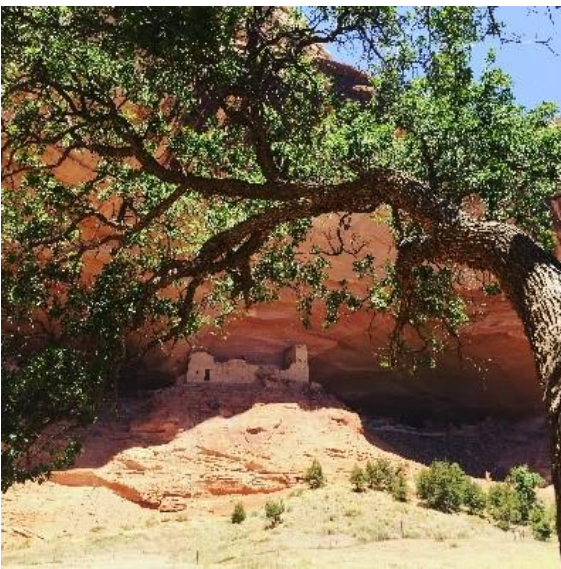
though, it is used as a cattle and horse trail in addition to the occasional guided hikes. It was steep and very rocky, but the changing view of the evening light on the canyon took one's mind off the precipitous descent.

Once we arrived at the base of Spider Rock, Oscar shared stories and we ate our picnic dinners. Oscar's stories had been passed down to him from his elders and he even sang a traditional song. It was a magical setting, highlighted by the opportunity to learn about the many generations who have lived in the sacred canyon. We also spotted some interesting rock art and relished the evening glow on the 800-foot high sandstone spire.

We arrived back at the top of the canyon as the full moon was rising. We returned to Oscar's sister's house, where she came out to the parked cars to show us a rug she had woven. By that time, it was too dark to really appreciate the details of the weaving. We returned to Cottonwood Campground for the night and a well-deserved rest.

June 9 – All-day Tour of Canyon de Chelly

At 9:20 am, we met Oscar and his Uncle Daniel near the campground entrance. We divided into two groups of six and hopped into the two Chevy Suburbans, heading east into the canyon. There was no water running in Chinle Wash, so we followed the sandy river bed. As we traveled deeper into the canyon, both guides pointed out various ruins and rock art panels. Antelope House Ruin and its accompanying rock art was especially lovely. We also saw many fenced fields that at one time had been farmed. Oscar explained that many of the younger generation aren't interested in keeping up with the farming traditions. We also drove through groves of non-native trees such as Russian Olive, tamarisk and even cottonwoods. These trees were planted for erosion control by the CCC in the 1930s. Now there's an effort to remove these invasive trees.



We stopped at Katherine Paymella's (Oscar's clan sister) house for a weaving demonstration and explanation of the wool preparation process. We all sat in her weaving hogan surrounded by hand-dyed wool and various weaving tools. She was very articulate in her descriptions and readily answered our many questions.

Our last stop before turning around was Mummy Cave, one of the largest Ancestral Puebloan villages in the Canyon. We ate lunch as Oscar discussed the dwelling. It is a magnificent structure with a southwestern exposure. Two very large gamble oaks frame the view of the ruins.

Before we returned to the entrance of the canyon, we stopped at White House Ruin. This is the one area that visitors are allowed to go without a tribal guide. This 2.5-mile round trip trail descends 600 ft. into the Canyon. We were pleased that we didn't have to hike out since the air temp was 95 degrees! We returned to the campground to enjoy each



other's company with the traditional SJBAS happy hour. Later some people explored the nearby historic Thunderbird lodge.

We said our good-byes the next morning and returned via various routes. Several of us drove over the beautiful Chuska Mountains.

– by Joan Kellogg

Participants: leaders Byron and Joan Kellogg, Barb and Lyle Hancock, Tish and Pete Varney, Rege and Nancy Leach, Jim Mueller, Ronda Raffo, Christine Johnson, and Jay Culver

Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule

July 12	SJBAS meeting – Janet Lever-Wood will present: "Weaving the World Together."
July 17 - 18	Tour Silverton Cemetery and Mining Museum and Explore Animas Forks This will be a 2-day camping or hotel trip. Mary Beaver 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." The Leland House and Rochester Hotel are providing complimentary lodging for Dr. Owsley and his wife. <div style="text-align: right;">   </div>
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 signup, contact trip leaders Barb and Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net .
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 .
October 27 - 29	CAS annual meeting at History Colorado in Denver – Denver Chapter is host.
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 ?	SJBAS annual meeting and holiday party

Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) News

News from the CAS Quarterly Board Meeting

At the CAS quarterly board meeting in Salida, board members approved an updated Code of Ethics, a new social media policy, and a new cultural resources protection policy and guidelines.

CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the Colorado Archaeological Society shall:

1. Uphold local, state and federal antiquities laws.
2. Support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our State's antiquities.
3. Encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources.
4. Encourage the study and recording of Colorado's archaeological and cultural history and take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work to develop new and significant information about the past.
5. Assist whenever possible in locating, mapping, and recording archaeological sites within Colorado using State Site Survey forms.
6. Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
7. Accept the responsibility, if serving as Principal Investigator, to publish the results of the investigation and to make the collection available for further scientific study.
8. Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.
9. Not condone the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
10. Respect the property rights of landowners.
11. Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
12. Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.
13. Remember that cultural resources are not renewable and do not belong to us, but are ours to respect, study and enjoy.

Revised April 29, 2017

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

PURPOSE

CAS believes that Social Media, including websites, Facebook, and Twitter, are a valuable resource in promoting CAS, communicating information to members and non-members, and encouraging social interaction and participation in

various activities. This policy encourages the use of social media but requires CAS members to protect sensitive site information.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all CAS chapters and members and to all CAS activities (state and chapter), including but not limited to public education activities, field trips, site stewardship, excavations, surveys and posting/transmittal of site location.

This policy describes CAS's policies and guidelines regarding the use of social media.

POLICY

CAS fosters responsible public archaeology by educating the public on our rich cultural heritage and the importance of preserving and protecting its fragile cultural resources. The internet is a convenient and powerful venue for doing this. It informs our membership and the broader public of our activities and the culturally important sites we study and enjoy. Unfortunately, the same public access that supports our mission can, if misused, also hinder it. Of particular concern is the intentional or inadvertent sharing of specific site location information on our Facebook pages, Twitter posts, websites, and other social media. Regrettably this information could be used by some to plunder or destroy the very sites we seek to protect. Consequently, as responsible stewards of Colorado's cultural resources, CAS members must not post to CAS and other social media information that reveals the specific location of sensitive archaeological sites without the written permission of the site owner or land manager.

For the purposes of this policy, sensitive archaeological sites are those whose locations are not placed in the public record through official Government sources including documents, websites, or USGS maps. Site owners and land managers are those Government or Tribal agencies or private entities that own or legally control the land on which the site is located. Location information includes location-revealing photos and videos, coordinates, maps, and links to pages that display this information. Position-revealing photos and videos are those that include landmarks that can be used to determine specific site location. Coordinates include those contained in the exchangeable image format (EXIF) metadata embedded in digital photos taken with GPS-enabled cameras and smart phones. To comply with this policy, all GPS location information, if present, must be removed from photos prior to posting.

Websites must be free of control by a third party. Every CAS and CAS Chapter Facebook page and website must have a minimum of two administrators/managers with equal access to the page or site.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the Chapter Field Trip Coordinator's responsibility to make sure each member participating in any field trip reads and signs a roster or other document that includes a site location confidentiality statement.

Approved April 29, 2017

It is each member's responsibility to comply with the field trip confidentiality statement, CAS Bylaws, and this policy when posting information to any Facebook page or website.

It is the CAS or Chapter Facebook and website administrators' responsibility to remove non-compliant content posted to their respective Facebook pages and websites, and to advise offending members of the reason for doing so.

It is each Chapter board's responsibility to determine appropriate corrective action to be taken regarding members who post noncompliant content to the Chapter or other Facebook page or website.

It is the Communications, Information and Technology Committee's responsibility to monitor Chapter compliance with this policy, advise non-compliant Chapters of issues, and recommend corrective action, if necessary, to the CAS Board of Directors.

It is the CAS Board of Directors' responsibility to determine appropriate corrective action to remedy any noncompliance with this policy not satisfactorily addressed by the responsible Chapter.

CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

To protect archaeological sites (site location and site preservation) while fulfilling our goals regarding public education – to lead field trips, produce final reports, publish articles in newsletters/journals.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all CAS chapters and members and to all CAS activities (state and chapter), including but not limited to public education activities, field trips, site stewardship, excavations, surveys and posting/transmittal of site location. This policy describes CAS's policies and guidelines regarding protection of archaeological sites.

POLICY

CAS fosters responsible public archaeology by educating the public on our rich cultural heritage and the importance of preserving and protecting its fragile cultural resources. We do this by leading field trips, participating in site surveys, excavation, curation, and site stewardship. We expect our members to abide by the CAS Code of Ethics in participating in all these activities. Members leading these activities are responsible for ensuring that all participants have signed a non-disclosure/confidentiality agreement, specifying that they will not divulge any non-public information concerning the site, in any form whatever, including but not limited to website posts or any sort of social media, emails, and presentations to various public/professional groups.

In addition to adhering to the CAS Code of Ethics, CAS members are expected to:

- Treat artifacts and features with respect.
- Leave artifacts where you find them.
- Refrain from standing or sitting on the walls of prehistoric or historic structures when touring or working at sites.
- Stay on established roads and trails.
- Refrain from writing, touching, shooting at, removing, tampering with, or attempting to repair any archaeological site.
- Report any vandalism to the appropriate agency or land manager.
- Refrain from posting photographs of non-public sites. See Social Media Policy.
- Refrain from touching rock art
- Teach trip participants respect for the sites
- Keep all pets leashed to protect sites

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

Hisatsinom Chapter – [June 2017 newsletter](#)

Pikes Peak Chapter – [June 2017 Newsletter](#)

Archaeology in the Southwest

Will the Forest Return to Mesa Verde in Our Lifetimes? – Durango Herald

From 2000 to 2003, a series of wildfires ripped through Mesa Verde National Park, burning about 24,000-acres – nearly half of the park's old growth forest. Now, almost two decades later, park managers and biologists are concerned that the piñon-juniper woodland is showing virtually no signs of growing back, posing the tough question: Will Mesa Verde's iconic forests ever be the same? ([Read article](#))

Seeing Chaco in a New Light: A slew of studies try to piece together an early American society." – Science News

Chaco Canyon is a land of extremes. Summer heat scorches the desert canyon, which is sandwiched between sandstone cliffs nearly two kilometers above sea level in New Mexico's northwestern corner. Bitter cold sweeps in for winter. Temperatures can swing as many as 28 degrees Celsius during the course of a day. Through it all, Chaco Canyon maintains a desolate beauty and a craggy pride as home to one of ancient America's most enigmatic civilizations.

Scientists have struggled to understand Chaco society since its first excavations in the late 1800s. Who first settled Chaco Canyon around 1,200 years ago is still a mystery. Many researchers suspect that it took a few hundred years for a fledgling city-state run by an elite social class to emerge. Political and cultural ties between the ancient society and Chaco-style communities outside the canyon also perplex. Then there's the puzzle of how people survived from about 800 to around 1300 on the rough, parched terrain. ([Read article](#))

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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.**