

# SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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## The Moki Messenger

May 2016

### Next SJBAS Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup>

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, speaker Julie Orr will present: “New Caledonia and its Archaeology.”

### New meeting format... time to get social

The SJBAS board would like to invite everyone attending the May meeting to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a half-hour social. CSWS staff will open the foyer for us so we have time to visit before attending the meeting in the lyceum. Rumor has it that there may even be some refreshments. So please come early to visit with your fellow SJBAS members and guests without having to climb over the fixed tables and chairs of the lyceum. 😊

### SJBAS Meeting Notes – April 14<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by: Barb Hancock

Attendance: approximately 45

Janice Sheftel, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. She welcomed a number of Fort Lewis College students, asked visitors for a raise of hands, and invited them to take a club brochure and sign up for e-mail reminders. The floor was then opened for announcements:

- Tish Varney announced that the next PAAC course will be held in Durango June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> for a course fee of \$12. The Rock Art class will be taught at Fort Lewis College by Kevin Black, State Assistant-Archaeologist. This will be the last PAAC class taught by Kevin as he is retiring at the end of June.
- Janice announced that the SJBAS annual summer picnic will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of June. The event will be hosted by Foxie and Dick Mason. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up and can sign-up on the sheet in the front of the room, or by contacting Jim Mueller at [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com). Members are asked to bring a potluck dish to contribute and the club will provide brats, including vegetarian if requested as part of the RSVP. Please refer to the recent club e-mail and the website, [www.sjbas.org](http://www.sjbas.org), for more details and contact information.
- Peggy Morris announced that this year’s picnic will include a book sale to benefit the John W. Sanders Internship Fund. She encouraged members to bring gently used books and book collections to the picnic to contribute.

- Shelby Tisdale, Executive Director-Center of Southwest Studies, announced that the Center will host a solstice event on June 20<sup>th</sup> in the Gallery space and the doors will open at 6 a.m. The Center will be presenting a National Park Exhibit in honor of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer.
- Bob Powell announced that he will be leading a trip to the Green River and San Rafael Swell area May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> for the Sacramento Archaeological Society. Interested SJBAS Members should contact Bob in the event there is space availability.
- Janice announced upcoming field trips which include a May 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> car camping trip to Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument; a May 21<sup>st</sup> day trip to Largo Canyon; and a July 21<sup>st</sup> day trip to the Lewis Mine near Telluride. Please see the website for details about these upcoming trips and for Trip Leader contact information.

Janice adjourned the business meeting 7:10 p.m. and introduced the speaker: Jason Chuipka, MA, RPA

### **“Animas - La Plata Project Archaeology – 10 Years Later” by Jason Chuipka**

Mr. Chuipka’s fascinating presentation summarized important work done at the Sacred Ridge site in Ridges Basin as part of the archaeological clearance efforts preceding the construction of the Animas – La Plata water project and subsequent inundation of Lake Nighthorse. Follow this link for more information about the Sacred Ridge site in Ridges Basin: <http://archaeologynewsnetwork.blogspot.com/2010/10/massacre-at-sacred-ridge-sparks-debate.html#.VxFcB3L2aAI>. Another article can be found at: Massacre at Sacred Ridge, by Bruce Bower, Science News, Nov. 6, 2010, vol. 178, # 20 (p. 22-26).

### **SJBAS Annual Picnic – June 9<sup>th</sup>**

The SJBAS Annual Picnic “semi potluck” will be held Thursday June 9, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at the home of Foxie and Dick Mason, 1940 County Road 250, Durango, CO.

Directions: Drive north on Main Avenue, turn right on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street (City Market on right), drive to the end of 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Turn left onto CR 250, drive approximately 1.8 miles north. Look for pink house/grey roof on left, the driveway for 1940 will be on the RIGHT. Look for signs; phone 247-0252 if you require further instructions.

The club will provide brats (some vegetarian), hot dogs, buns, condiments, disposable tableware, bottled water, iced tea and lemonade. Members whose last names begin with A through F should bring a side dish; G through K a dessert; L through R an appetizer; and S through Z a salad. Bring alcoholic beverages of your choice, if you wish.

You can sign up for the picnic at the May meeting, or please RSVP to Foxie Mason at [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net) by June 4, so we have a fairly accurate head count for our food order. You are welcome to bring family members, friends and prospective new members.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the set up or the cleanup crew, please email Jim Mueller at [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com) or phone 259-8870. Feel free to contact Foxie at [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net) or 970-247-0252 or Jim at [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com) or 970-259-8870 if you have questions or need additional information.

### **Book Sale Fundraiser**

We will be having a book sale at the picnic to raise funds for the John W Sanders Internship Fund. Please bring gently used books and book collections you would like to sell to the picnic. All proceeds will go to the internship fund. Thanks, Peggy Morris

### **PAAC Schedule – 2016**

Follow this link to the [PAAC Schedule 2016](#) for the first half of 2016. The PAAC class on Rock Art Studies taught by Assistant State Archaeologist Kevin Black will be held in Durango on June 3 - 5. No prior classes are required, and the

cost is \$12. For further information or to sign up, contact Jill Tripp at 970-259-0157 or [jtripp51@yahoo.com](mailto:jtripp51@yahoo.com), before May 20. Kevin Black is retiring at the end of June, so this will be his last PAAC class.

## Galisteo Basin Field Trip Report – by Janice Sheftel

Twenty SJBAS members visited Galisteo Basin outside Santa Fe on March 31 - April 2, 2016. On March 31, with slight difficulty since there turned out to be two Walmart stores in Santa Fe, the group met to carpool at the Walmart closest to I-25 to visit San Marcos Pueblo, with about 2,000 rooms, owned by the Archaeological Conservancy (AC). Gary Capshaw, the site steward, who lives literally a stone's throw from the site led the group around the site, including the convento, which trip participant Penny Gomez had helped to excavate.

The Pueblo is located at an elevation of about 6,000 feet on the north bank of the San Marcos arroyo, an intermittent tributary of Galisteo Creek. Pottery found on the surface of the site indicates occupation by the early 1300's, with probable occupation to the late 1600's. The Pueblo was active during the Pueblo revolt of 1680, with the settlement abandoned after that time. The presence of reliable springs at the SW corner of the Pueblo and the site's proximity to the turquoise and lead deposits in the Cerrillos Hills were factors in the success of the Pueblo.

Covering about 60 acres, the Pueblo has 22 room blocks which enclose eight to ten plazas. At the NW corner are the remains of the Spanish convento built in the early 1630's. San Marcos is one of only two mission villages in the Galisteo Basin (more... <http://galisteo.nmarchaeology.org/sites/pueblo-san-marcos.html>).

On Friday, April 1, the group met at the El Dorado subdivision Agora store to carpool to the San Cristobal Ranch, an 81,000 acre ranch, privately owned by the Singleton family. We were privileged to have the opportunity to visit this private property, led by Chuck Hannaford, Education Director New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies. SJBAS had visited this site over twenty years ago, before it was purchased by the Singleton family. In the morning, the group visited the extraordinary rock art on the ranch with superb petroglyphs of quetzcoatl-type figures (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quetzalcoatl>) and major corn sites.

In the afternoon the group visited the ruins of San Cristobal Pueblo, also with approximately 2000 rooms. At neither San Cristobal nor San Marcos were all the rooms occupied at one time. San Cristobal Pueblo contained 8-9 room blocks, several stories in height, organized around five ceremonial plazas. It is estimated that by 1400 CE, the Pueblo, built principally of stone, unlike the mostly adobe San Marcos Pueblo, was home to 500-1,000 people. The San Cristobal Pueblo is located by a huge year-round spring. The hardest members of the group ended the San Cristobal visit by hiking to a world view rock-in shrine.

On Saturday, April 2, the SJBAS field trippers visited Arroyo Hondo Pueblo, also an AC site, led by site steward Jay Shapiro. Jay is so enthusiastic about sharing the site that he led our group even though it was his birthday. The site is five miles SE of Santa Fe. About 1300 CE Arroyo Hondo began as a 100-room Pueblo near a spring and along the lip of a deep canyon. It grew rapidly over the next decades to about 1,000 rooms and ten plazas, creating a huge fortified settlement by 1330 CE. Because of drought, the site was abandoned from the 1330's to about the 1370's, when a smaller 200 room settlement was built on top of the original site. When precipitation again declined soon after 1410, Arroyo Hondo's second occupation came to an end following a major fire caused by outside



raiders, and the site was never reoccupied. Although the site has been visited by numerous groups, Penny Gomez found a beautiful point and Nancy Leach spotted a shell amulet with a hole drilled in it.

## Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

### Bob Powell's Upcoming Trips

Bob Powell is leading a trip to the Book Cliffs and San Rafael Swell in Utah on May 24-26 for the Sacramento Archeological Society. If there are vacancies for that trip, then a few from SJBAS may join. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Bob at [robertpowell@durango.net](mailto:robertpowell@durango.net) or 970-385-8949. Bob's May 21<sup>st</sup> SJBAS trip to Largo Canyon is almost full, but don't hesitate to check with him if you are interested in going, as there may be future vacancies.

<b>Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument - New Mexico</b>	
<b>May 9 - 11</b>	This is a three-day camping trip to <a href="#">Puye Cliff Dwellings</a> , <a href="#">Bandelier National Monument</a> , and other nearby sites in Northern New Mexico. Hikes will not exceed four miles roundtrip, but some will require climbing ladders. The trip participation limit is 16. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Lyle and Barb Hancock at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a> or phone 970-764-4531.
<b>May 12</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting - speaker Julie Orr - "New Caledonia and Its Archaeology"</b> <b>Largo Canyon Rock Art and Encinada Mesa Pueblito - New Mexico</b>
<b>May 21</b>	This will be a day trip to visit rock art sites and a Navajo Pueblito from the 1700's in Northern New Mexico. The trip participation limit is 12 and we will arrange carpools in 4WD/HC vehicles. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at <a href="mailto:robertpowell@durango.net">robertpowell@durango.net</a> or 970-385-8949.
<b>June 3 - 5</b>	<b>PAAC Rock Art Studies class in Durango</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>SJBAS annual picnic at Foxie Mason's house</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>SJBAS Meeting - Paul Berkowitz <a href="#">Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell Trading Post</a>"</b> <b>Tour of Lewis Mine and Mill near Telluride</b>
<b>July 21</b>	Rudy Davison will share his incredible knowledge of historic mining activities in this 8-mile roundtrip day hike to the <a href="#">Lewis Mine</a> . Beginning at 10,400 feet, the trail gradually gains 2,048 feet. Trailhead access will require 4WD vehicles, but we will arrange carpools. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Lyle Hancock at <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a> or phone 970-764-4531.

## CAS Chapter News

### Hisatsinom

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Paul Reed on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss "Protecting Greater Chaco: Recent Efforts to Save a Fragile Cultural Landscape." Paul will summarize the work of Archaeology Southwest, as well as many others, in protecting the greater Chaco Landscape from increased drilling and fracking and will detail the steps taken to help ensure greater protection for the irreplaceable landscape associated with Chacoan Society. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

[Hisatsinom Newsletter April 2016](#)

## Colorado Archaeological Society 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/>

Please share your photos, upcoming events, links to archaeological articles etc. and let other CAS chapters in the state know what you have been up to.

### 2016 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Awards

The 2016 Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$3,600 this spring to a field of six Scholars consisting of five Masters Candidates and one PhD Candidate.

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers around Colorado. The Scholars were from two institutions in Colorado, and projects involved research from Paleolithic through Modern periods. ([Read more...](#))

### 2016 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Raffle

The 2016 Scholarship Raffle Prize is the "Zebra Sentinel", a 32-inch tall decorative ceramic vessel made especially for CAS by Pikes Peak Chapter member and nationally-known ceramic artist Jerry Rhodes. ([See the 2016 Raffle Flyer...](#)) SJBAS board members will have tickets on sale at upcoming meetings and events. Tickets are \$3 each and four for \$10. If you cannot wait for the next meeting, please contact Terri Hoff at [tthoff@hotmail.com](mailto:tthoff@hotmail.com) or phone 970-882-2191.

## Four Corners Archaeology News

### Durango Herald - Drought Cracked Pueblo Social Fabric

Time and again, drought was the final straw that disrupted complex ancestral Puebloan societies in the Southwest and shifted the cultures, according to a new study. "Those societies took a long time to build and a very short time to collapse," said Washington State University anthropologist R. Kyle Bocinsky, one of the study's lead authors. "We think those collapses were tied to slightly worse-than-normal climate challenges that undermined leadership and social consensus." Pueblos and villages around Mesa Verde rose to prominence beginning in A.D. 1145. By 1285, they were completely abandoned, following several years of drought, in one of the great mysteries of the Southwest... ([Read more...](#)).

### Lecture Opportunity – Cortez

Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance is proud to present Dr. Paul Reed on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, CO. Dr. Reed will discuss *Overlooked No More! The Pueblo Archaeology of the Chuska Valley*. The Chuska Valley, located west of Chaco Canyon, has long been seen as an integral component of the ancient Puebloan and Chaco worlds. Paul is a Preservation Archaeologist with the Tucson, AZ based *Archaeology Southwest* and works as a Chaco Scholar at *Salmon Ruins*, NM. Please contact Diane McBride, ED for SCCA, at 970-560-1643 for more information.

## Visit with Respect: Leave the Pieces of the Past Where They Belong

The Friends of Cedar Mesa remind us all to keep the sense of discovery alive. Leave all artifacts where you find them so the next person can share the experience. It's illegal to move or take any artifact, including historic trash, from public lands: [Follow this link to view the video](#) – Friends of Cedar Mesa

## A View of American Politics from the Perspective of Southwestern Archaeology

*Inequality. Economic recession. Wage stagnation.* These are the buzzwords of the populist uprisings on both the left and the right during this 2016 election season. Although they're running strikingly different campaigns, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump are both capitalizing on anger with the so-called "elites" in the United States – and promising revolutions should they get elected (and predicting riots should Trump be denied). Obviously this form of populist uprising isn't new, but could it be something common to all societies at one point or another, or even predictable? Recently, we've been looking at revolutions in the prehistory of the southwestern U.S. – in particular, the history of the Pueblo people. In our recently published *Science Advances* paper, along with our colleagues Keith Kintigh and Jonathan Rush, we identified four points in Pueblo history between A.D. 500 and 1400 when such revolutions likely occurred. [Follow this link to read the article.](#) – Kyle Bocinsky and Tim Kohler via The Conversation

## SJBAS Elected Officers

President	Janice Sheftel	<a href="mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com">janicesheftel@gmail.com</a>
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## Other Positions

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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.**