

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, November 13th, at the Lyceum in the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, past SJBAS president Andrew Gulliford, Ph.D. will present: "Looking for History: Learning to Read the Landscape". This talk will focus on understanding and protecting a variety of cultural resources on public lands including: petroglyphs, pictograms, historic trails, historic inscriptions, culturally modified ponderosa pine trees, and cowboy line camps. The lecture will include the Animas Canyon toll road, recently added to the La Plata County Historical Register by the La Plata County Commissioners. The presentation will include aspen tree carvings by Hispanic shepherders and the iconography of aspen tree art including dates, inscriptions, portraits, and erotica.

Andrew Gulliford is a professor of history and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College. He teaches popular courses in wilderness, environmental history, and national parks. He is the author of *America's Country Schools*, *Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions*, and *Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale*. He also edited *Preserving Western History*, which was voted one of the best books on the Southwest by the Tucson-Pima County Library. The University of Oklahoma Press recently published his new book *Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology* (2014) and it is a finalist for the Arizona/New Mexico Book Award in the category of nature/environment.

Holiday Celebration and Party

It's not too early to start planning for our holiday celebration and party. It will be held on Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at Fort Lewis College. Cost is \$35.00 per person. The party will begin with a social hour with a cash bar and appetizer table followed by dinner and program activities. The dinner will be buffet style: entrees will be Chicken Marsala and Braised Beef Sicilian, and a vegetarian entree will be available upon request. Also included: side accompaniments, salad, rolls, tea and coffee, and dessert

Activities will include a program featuring a review of 2014 SJBAS activities; introduction of new members; door prizes; election of 2015 chapter officers, a preview of the 2015 field trip schedule, and a silent auction to raise funds for the John W. Sanders Scholarship Fund.

If you plan to attend, follow this link to the [Holiday Party invitation and reply form](#). Print and complete the form, and mail with a check made out to SJBAS to: Mark Gebhardt, Treasurer, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301. Payments and RSVP must be received before November 26th. Members may invite non-members to attend. Please contact Foxie Mason for additional information: fmason@frontier.net 970-247-0252

Silent Auction for the Internship Fund

Donations of new or gently used items are now being accepted for the auction. Some suggestions include: books, jewelry, cameras, framed southwest pictures or prints or other holiday items...anything that could be used as a gift. Items will be auctioned off at the holiday party to raise money for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund. Last year we were able to almost fund another full internship with proceeds from the auction. To arrange for your item donations, please contact Peggy Morris 970-382-8688.

New Members

SJBAS would like to welcome new members Linda and Larry Vittitow, and Michael and Elaine Moravan.

SJBAS Hosts PAAC Class – by Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC Coordinator

Twelve individuals attended the History Colorado PAAC class, Historical Archaeology, taught by non-other than Kevin Black, our state assistant archaeologist. Our SJBAS hosted the 20 hour event October 24-26 at the Center of Southwest Studies. Most attendees were SJBAS members. Several intrepid and persistent students came from Fort Collins and Littleton, Colorado. Radio advertising drew in two participants from the community and we hope to see them at one of our regular meetings soon.



Historical Archaeology covers the historic period (older than 50 years and younger than 400 years) by looking at the physical remnants and objects as well as the written accounts that tell us what life was like at a particular site and during a particular time period. It was fascinating to travel through the historical accounts and records from the Spanish, French, and Americans as well as explore the tribal cultures with their unique forms of pottery and other artifacts. How interesting to realize that just clues on a bottle (color, seams, embossing, bubbles, etc.) can tell a lot about the time period it was created. Who knows the difference in meaning between the words “provenience and provenance”? The former is the location of discovery whereas the latter is the location of origin. Now that’s worth knowing!

Future PAAC classes will be available through SJBAS. Generally, there are two per year. This past May, SJBAS hosted the PAAC class Archaeological Photography. If you are interested in having Kevin teach a particular class in Durango, check out the website www.historycolorado.org and look at the PAAC course listings and descriptions. Member input is important, so let Tish Varney, PAAC coordinator, know what you’d like to take and we’ll see what scheduling is available with Kevin for 2015. You can’t beat the \$12 tuition!



Photo IDs from left to right:

* Diane Skinner, Courtney Collins, Eric Goggans, Pete Varney, Kristine Johnson, Kevin Black – teacher, Michael Todt, April Gray, Tammy Hoier, Rusty Chamberlain, Jerry Lavelle and Kathy Chamberlain. Not shown: Photographer, Tish Varney

SJBAS Field Trip Planning Session

Fourteen enthusiastic SJBAS members attended our annual trip planning session on October 30th at the Community Recreation Center. Field Trip Coordinator, Lyle Hancock, facilitated the meeting and Barb Hancock took notes. The group discussed the results from the recent field trip survey, the role of the field trip coordinator, trip leadership goals, trip guidelines, and proposed field trips for 2015.

Survey Results - Highlights

❖ We received surveys from 37 members, a 25% response rate

- ❖ Respondents are interested in a variety of trips, including: day trips, multi-day camping and hotels trips, both on weekends and during the week.
- ❖ Most respondents were willing to hike up to 6 miles roundtrip to visit a backcountry site.
- ❖ The preferred length for multi-day trips is 2 or 3 nights.
- ❖ Most respondents want to visit both archaeological and historical sites.
- ❖ No interest was expressed in leading the annual Ute Mountain Tribal Park service project.
- ❖ Most respondents favored allowing field trip participation by Hisatsinom members, but with priority given to SJBAS members on trips with a participation limit.

Role of the Field Trip Coordinator

Lyle views his role as an overall facilitator of the program. The facilitator guides the planning process; facilitates the creation of the annual trip calendar; and is a conduit for trip information between trip leaders and the membership via the website and email.

Trip Leadership Goals

A priority for 2015 is to begin to build a larger base of enthusiastic trip leaders. Many former trips were led by members who no longer volunteer. For the field trip program to be successful and sustainable, the club needs to recruit and encourage new trip leaders. An important strategy in this plan is to encourage longer term members to “mentor” new leaders and help guide them through the process of setting up a trip. Marlo and Gail Schultz, Bev Danielson, Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller volunteered to be mentors in the coming year.

Trip Guidelines

Trips should be described well in the Field Trip Schedule so that potential participants have a good understanding of the scope of the trip. A trip leader will be designated for each trip on the field trip schedule and that trip leader is the point of contact for questions from potential participants. The planning group agreed that opening field trips up to members of the Hisatsinom Chapter should be at the trip leader’s discretion, but with guidelines from the Board.

Proposed Field Trips for 2015

- ❖ Trips that meet our mission and are suggested by enthusiastic leaders will have the highest priority for the schedule.
- ❖ There is no minimum or limit to the number of trips, but quality over quantity is most important.
- ❖ Offer a variety of trips to appeal to the diverse preferences of members.
- ❖ At least one trip a month is desired but not required.
- ❖ Within reason, trips will be scheduled so that they do not conflict with other related activities such as PAAC classes, SJBAS meetings, summer picnic, holiday party, Pecos Conference, CAS annual meeting, etc.
- ❖ 2015 Field Trip Schedule - Come to our December 5th holiday party and annual meeting at Fort Lewis College to see what we come up with for 2015. In the meantime, any SJBAS member is welcome to suggest a field trip and become a field trip leader.

Cedar Mesa Field Trip Report – October 20 – 22, 2014 – by Lyle Hancock

We applied for a BLM special recreation use permit to comply with regulations for the Cedar Mesa special management area. As it turns out, we did not need a permit or letter of authorization because of the non-commercial nature of our trip, but we were required to pay the \$2 per person per day user fees for hiking in the canyons of Cedar Mesa. Those who venture over to Cedar Mesa on a regular basis may be interested in purchasing a \$20 annual pass that covers all the passengers in your vehicle for a whole year.



Our group of 12 (maximum number allowed by BLM) camped at the BLM campsite in Comb Wash just off Utah Highway 95. This is a semi-developed camping area with pit toilets and a few picnic tables. We set up camp, ate lunch, and spent the afternoon hiking about six miles roundtrip to visit well-known ancestral Puebloan sites in the South Fork of Mule Canyon. The fall colors and warm temperatures made for a pleasant hike. We enjoyed sharing hors d'oeuvres at happy hour and a beautiful evening sitting around the campfire swapping tales.



On Tuesday, we formed carpools with three 4WD/HC vehicles and drove as far as we dared to a remote canyon where we hiked along the rim to view several spectacular ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and numerous granaries. Hiking along the sandstone canyon rim was a real treat, as the views into the canyon were incredible and there were numerous bonsai gardens of pinyon pine, juniper and sage, and huge water-filled potholes to explore. The group did an admirable job avoiding the well-formed desert soil crust.

On our last day we traveled to a Todie Canyon, a side canyon to Grand Gulch, where we hiked along the rim and viewed more ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and granaries. The scenery was spectacular and we enjoyed lunch on the canyon rim overlooking Grand Gulch. Everyone from Durango made it home before dark.

Upcoming Field Trips – last trip in 2014

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.

December 13	<u>Ute Mountain Tribal Park Solstice Tour</u> Ute Mountain Tribal Park will conduct a public tour of winter solstice sites in Mancos Canyon. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and cost \$29 per person. Visitors may provide their own transportation, but the Tribal Park will provide vans free of charge. The tour will start at the Tribal Park Visitor Center, located at the junction of Highways 160/491, twenty miles south of Cortez. We will leave Santa Rita Park at 8:15 a.m. and carpool to the Visitor Center. Advance reservations would be helpful, so please sign up before December 1 st . Trip Leader: Lyle Hancock lhancock@charter.net - 970-764-4531
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Hisatsinom Chapter Newsletter - November

<https://drive.google.com/viewerng/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxoaXNhdHNpbm9tY2hhcHRlcjF8Z3g6M2ZmMWRhYTczMDY1YzI5NA>

CAS Newsletter – the Surveyor – Fall 2014

[The Surveyor - Fall 2014 - Volume 12 Issue 4.pdf](#)

Center of Southwest Studies – Fort Lewis College – Fall Schedule

<http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/NewsEvents.aspx>
[CSWS Colorado River Lecture.jpg](#)

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center e-Newsletter – October 2014

http://www.crowcanyon.org/e-newsletter/2014/October/cover_page_october_2014.html

SJBAS Elected Officers

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Annual Membership Renewal

Name(s) _____ and _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Category (check one) "with SWL" means the CAS Southwestern Lore journal will be mailed to you.

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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.