

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Next SJBAS Meeting – November 12th

Our next SJBAS meeting will be held Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at FLC. Our speaker will be Dr. John Condie, Professor of biology at Fort Lewis College, presenting: “Genetic Archeology: Delving for Relics in the DNA.”

Dr. Condie grew up in rural Pennsylvania and Iowa in the 50’s. He attended college at what is now Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, where he earned a BS in Biology and met his wife. They joined the Peace Corps and went to Nicaragua in 1974 and worked in agricultural extension. In 1977, he went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota and earned a Ph.D. in Genetics and Cell Biology. Then they went to Shanghai, China, where he trained Chinese scientists in molecular biology. After returning to the U.S., Dr. Condie did post-doctoral research in *Drosophila melanogaster* development at the University of Arizona. He came to Fort Lewis College as Associate Professor of Biology in 1989 and has been here ever since, teaching Genetics and other subjects.

October 8th Meeting Notes

Janice Sheftel, SJBAS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Janice welcomed about 37 members and seven visitors and announced that there was a sign-in sheet on the table at the back of the room to record attendance at the meeting. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming CAS conference this weekend, and thanked all the board members and other SJBAS volunteers for all their hard work on the conference. There is no room left at the dinner banquet, but people can still attend the day program and the keynote speaker after dinner. We are also looking for an amateur photographer who would be interested in taking photographs at the conference. The next SJBAS field trip is going to Canyonlands National Park on October 19 – 21 to view rock art; the trip is full, but there is always a waiting list.

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center (CCAC) has invited SJBAS members to attend a lecture and book-signing by Dr. Donna Glowacki on the topic of *Living and Learning: Depopulation in 13th – Century Mesa Verde*. The lecture will take place on Saturday, October 17th, at 9 A.M. in the Mesa Verde Room at the CCAC. Following her lecture, Donna will be signing her recently published book, available for purchase after the lecture. This lecture is part of [CultureFest](#), Crow Canyon’s annual fall celebration. For more information, please contact Jeanne Becker, CCAC Special Events Manager, at jbecker@crowcanyon.org or phone 970-749-7582.

The PAAC course scheduled for the conference has been cancelled; the next PAAC course in our area will be about ceramics and will be held from November 6th – 9th in Dolores, <http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/paac-event-schedule>. Foxie has ten raffle tickets left to sell.

Before adjourning the meeting at 7:15 p.m., Janice encouraged our guests to join SJBAS.

Presentation

Our speaker was Dr. Tim Maxwell, presenting "The Place In Between: Casas Grandes, the U.S. Southwest and Mesoamerica". Tim Maxwell, Ph.D., is director emeritus of the Museum of New Mexico, Office of Archaeological Studies. He has worked in Southwest Archaeology for almost 40 years and in northern Mexico for 15 years. He has been a Fulbright scholar and is currently involved with historic preservation organizations in Santa Fe.

The prehistoric town of Paquimé, in the Casas Grandes region of northern Chihuahua, was the center of the largest trade network in the Southwest. Many explanations have been offered on the size of the network, who controlled it, and its disappearance. The Mexican states of Chihuahua, Durango, and Zacatecas lie between the complex cultures of Mesoamerica and the pueblo world of the U.S. Southwest. Did Mesoamerican societies influence the people in these remote, largely desert regions? Were the pueblo people of New Mexico and Arizona affected by Mesoamerica? The nature of the relationship will be explored.

New Dues Structure – 2016

The Colorado Archaeology Society (CAS) has developed a new dues structure for 2016. They have new membership categories for Senior's (age 65 or older) and Permanently Disabled, and Senior's Family; and standard memberships now include the quarterly CAS Southwestern Lore Journal. The Senior's membership does not include Southwestern Lore. As a result of these changes, the SJBAS Board has approved the following new dues structure for 2016:

Membership Category	SJBAS dues	CAS dues	Total
Individual	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
Family	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$43.00
Senior (65+) or Permanently Disabled (* no Southwestern Lore)	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Senior - Family (* no Southwestern Lore)	\$20.00	\$11.50	\$31.50
Student	\$ 7.00	\$10.00	\$17.00
Student - Family	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$21.50

Membership renewals are due by January 31st. To renew or join SJBAS, follow this link to our [Application forms](#). Please complete the application form, "Waiver of Liability" and "Proper Etiquette" statements, make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail all three documents to our treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301**. Donations to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund may be included.

SJBAS Holiday Party – December 10th - save the date

The SJBAS Holiday Celebration and Party will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the ballroom at Fort Lewis College. The Holiday Party will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar and appetizer table followed by dinner and program activities. Dinner will be buffet style and will include side accompaniments; salad; dinner rolls, bread/butter, tea and coffee, and dessert. The cost will not exceed \$35 per person.

Activities will include a program featuring a review of 2015 SJBAS activities; introduction of new society members; door prizes; election of 2016 chapter officers; silent auction; and good holiday cheer. Come join your friends for this fun party, we hope to see you there!

More information and sign up details will be forthcoming.

SJBAS Election of Officers – 2016

It is that time of year again when SJBAS elects officers for the board for the upcoming year. If called upon, our existing officers have agreed to remain in their positions through 2016. However, if you are interested in running for a position or would like to nominate someone else, we will be holding an election at the annual meeting on December 10th. Current officers are:

President:	Janice Sheftel
Vice President	Foxie Mason
Vice President	Jim Mueller
Vice President – Field Trips	Lyle Hancock
Secretary	Barb Hancock
Treasurer	Mark Gebhardt
PAAC representative	Tish Varney
CAS representative	Terri Hoff

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to submit a name, please contact Janice Sheftel at jsheftel@mbsslip.com.

CAS 80th Annual Meeting and Conference – October 9th – 11th



SJBAS hosted a truly successful CAS annual meeting and conference at Fort Lewis College. Activities on Friday included an afternoon tour of the Center of Southwest Studies, an evening reception at the Toh-Atin Gallery, a CAS 4th quarter board Meeting at the Himalayan Kitchen, and a buffet dinner for CAS board members and conference attendees.

Roughly 150 participants attended the Saturday conference that included fifteen general session presentations, three poster presentations, a silent auction for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund, and a buffet lunch. After the evening banquet, keynote speaker Dr. Doug Owsley, presented: “Kennewick Man: The Scientific Investigation of an Ancient American Skeleton”.

On Sunday, there were field trips to Chimney Rock National Monument, Aztec and Salmon Ruins, Navajo Pueblitos, and the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. The movie “Death of Place” by Larry Ruiz was shown at FLC on Sunday evening to finish the conference.



SJBAS Field Trip Reports

SJBAS/CAS field trip report – Navajo Pueblitos – by trip leader Bob Powell

The trip worked out very well. The group was very inquisitive and enthusiastic and we stayed in Largo Canyon and on Ensenada Mesa until 4:00, two hours later than I had originally planned. I gave each driver and several others a printed road guide for each of the segments on the backcountry roads. To make up for lost trips to unavailable Pueblitos, we went to and photographed a long Navajo petroglyph panel. We also took time to take scenery photos and view from a

short distance: other petroglyph panels, two pueblito ruins, natural arches, a cattle round-up, and a ranch that habituates wild horses from the Carson National Forest.

I talked about the history and intercultural interactions that led to the construction style of pueblito structures. The necessary geologic formation (San Jose Sandstone) supplies flagstones for stone buildings and towers (the Nacimiento Shale formation west of Dinetah doesn't facilitate stone buildings). Because of the need for available flat rocks, Pueblitos only occur in a relatively small region, from La Jara Canyon to the west and to just south of Blanco.

Severe overgrazing by Spanish sheep (many millions) in Dinetah canyons during the late 17th, 18th and early 20th centuries caused the canyons to become much less productive. Largo Canyon is now mainly weedy shrubs. For comparison, I pointed out small patches of grassy natural habitat, Blue Gramma and Rice Grass with a few shrubs scattered among the grasses. That habitat is preferred by ranchers in north-central New Mexico.

The last trip segment on Ensenada Mesa involved alternate left or right decisions for nine Y and T intersections. Often the side road to a group of wells is in better condition than the "main" road. None of the roads had road numbers or marked destinations. The others cars followed me closely, so no one got lost. We finally went to a pueblito on the highest shelf level of Ensenada Mesa. With someone else's camera, I took photos of the group standing on the upper porch of Gould Pass Pueblito. She plans to send me attachments of the photos that I can edit them for use in newsletters.

We could have stayed on the mesa longer, the group was still enthusiastic and not tired, but some wanted to go back to Durango in time to see the movie. So we did not go down to visit the Citadel Pueblito, which is in very good condition. Everyone got back to Durango by 5:30.

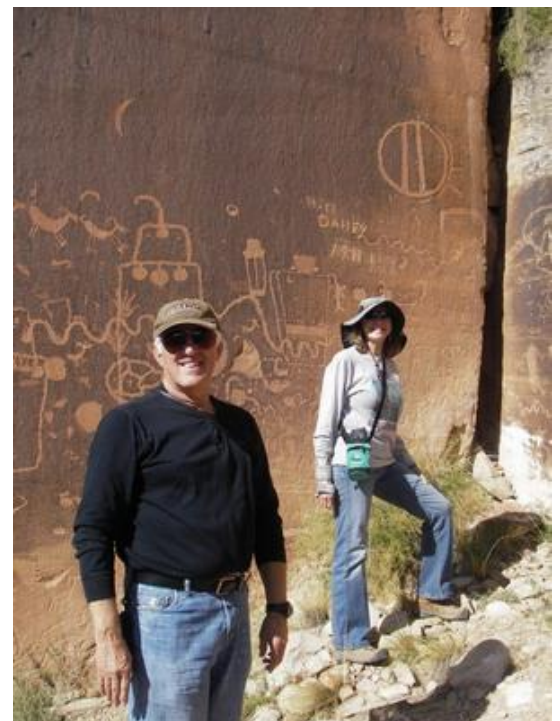
The group seemed very appreciative of the background information and the availability of a guided trip that they could not do on their own. Some of the roads were so severely damaged by floods that they won't be usable by regular cars until next year when they can be graded and filled in on the outside edge. Incidentally, in one previously slippery road section we saw curving tire tracks within one foot of a drop off into a deep canyon. We drove extra carefully along that section of road. However, it will be OK when it completely dries.

One person sent notice of dropping out, two others (the last ones on the pre-registration list) did not show up. We waited 15 minutes and left. The trip participants were very satisfied and complimentary about the conference.

SJBAS Canyonlands National Park Rock Art Field Trip – October 19 – 21 – by trip leader Lyle Hancock

In spite of a rainy weather forecast, thirteen hardy SJBAS members headed to Utah to visit a variety of rock art panels in Indian Creek Canyon and the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. We met at Newspaper Rock State Park, had lunch, and viewed the popular Newspaper Rock panel. Petroglyphs from Archaic, Fremont, and Ancestral Puebloan culture groups were represented, and there were also a number of historic petroglyphs and inscriptions. Over the next few hours, the group visited numerous panels along the highway; many were just a short walk from the vehicles, but we were glad to have binoculars.

We camped in the group campsite at Squaw Flat Campground in the spectacular Needles District. After a group happy hour and almost after everyone had finished dinner, the heavens cut loose with driving rain, hail, and some lightning. Water careened off the nearby sandstone formations and small creeks flowed through the campsite. Almost



everyone stayed dry under the tarps and shelters we had set up, but one tent got flooded.



Unfortunately, it rained almost all night and the roads we needed to access a number of wonderful panels were impassible on Tuesday. The group made the best of the situation, with a few driving to Blanding to visit the Edge of the Cedars State Park and Museum and the rest hiking in the Needles backcountry. The Edge of the Cedars Museum is truly exceptional. Their presentation of rock art was fabulous, with accurate depictions of actual rock art panels painted on museum walls and many wonderful rock art photos with explanations of style and location. A number of panels were reproductions of rock art that was flooded by Lake Powell. They have a wonderful pottery display of at least a hundred pieces with a computer setup that allowed the viewer to use the mouse to “click on” a piece and have

an explanation of its utility, what style it was, and where it came from. The Chacoan great house at the park has been partially reconstructed; there were many helpful interpretive signs and visitors were allowed to climb down into a well-preserved kiva.

It rained again on the second night and the third morning was wet, so everyone went home.

4th Quarter PAAC Report

The free *site form workshop* that Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist, offered in conjunction with the CAS Conference on October 11th, was cancelled due to low registration numbers. Two people had initially signed up, but cancelled, and two wanted to register after the deadline (the day before). After the conference, I spoke with Anne Winslow, CAS PAAC coordinator for Denver, who explained that registrants usually attended as a follow up to the PAAC Summer Training Survey. This year was different as the survey was in partnership with Dominguez Archaeological Research Group (DARG) on their Ute Trails Project. This survey did not include generating a state survey form and thus did not have individuals needing the workshop to learn how to fill out the state database forms. That’s my take on it, and Kevin might have further comments regarding this process.

The next class in our area is Ceramics Description and Analysis November 6-9 in Dolores. It is sponsored by the Hisatsinom Chapter and will be held at the Anasazi Heritage Center.

- by Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC Coordinator

CAS Chapter News

Hisatsinom Newsletter - November

[Hisatsinom Newsletter November 2015](#)

As part of the Four Corners Lecture Series, the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Sheila Goff and Ernest House, Jr. on November 3rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Sunflower Theatre, 8 E. Main St., Cortez, CO to discuss “NAGPRA at 25: Colorado's Implementation Present and Future.” Sheila and Ernest will provide a brief overview of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and then focus on its implementation by the State through the collaboration among the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, History Colorado, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. This collaboration has provided a national model for other states to use. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

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.

Four Corners Archaeology News

Article about the Garcia Canyon Pueblito near Farmington

[Garcia Canyon Pueblito.pdf](#)

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Please complete the SJBAS application package, including liability waiver and site etiquette forms, <http://www.sjbas.org/Application.pdf>, make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with the application forms to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**