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## Next SJBAS Meeting – November 8<sup>th</sup>

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<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, Wayne Lorenz, P.E. will present: “Ancient Pompeii – Archaeological Features of Water Systems.” A social will be held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

There are fascinating archaeological features of the water systems that the ancient Romans built to serve Pompeii and the communities around the Naples Bay, Italy. One of the largest aqueduct systems in the Roman Empire was constructed in the first century B.C. to serve these communities. In this presentation, major aspects of the 62-mile long aqueduct called the Aqua Augusta will be presented. Learn about water use inside the City of Pompeii where the elite inhabitants had water plumbed into their houses. Water was on display in some exciting ways that have been preserved. The workings of the water system and photographs of how the water was displayed will be highlighted in this presentation.

Wayne F. Lorenz, P.E. is Chief Engineer of Wright Water Engineers, Inc. He also is the Director of Roman Aqueduct Studies for the Wright Paleohydrological Institute and has supervised six field research visits to Pompeii. Lorenz has published the results of his Roman water engineering research in many journals.

## Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

It’s time to plan to attend and mark your calendars... Our annual meeting and holiday brunch will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Vallecito Room at the Fort Lewis College Student Union.

To make your reservation, follow this link to the [Holiday Brunch reply form](#) and mail your completed form and check made out to SJBAS to Mark Gebhardt, Treasurer, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301. Reservation deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$29 per person.

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Members may invite non-members to attend. For additional information, contact Foxie Mason: [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net) 970-247-0252, or Jim Mueller: [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com).

The brunch will be buffet style: fruit, egg dish, potatoes, breakfast meats, two breads, juice, coffee, tea, water, butter and jellies.

Activities will feature a review of 2017 SJBAS field trips; introduction of new members; door prizes; election of chapter officers for 2018, and good holiday cheer. Join your friends for this fun party; we hope to see you there!

## **Monthly Meeting Notes – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Submitted by Jill Tripp

Attendance: approximately 65

President Janice Sheftel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., with the following announcements:

- She welcomed guests and invited them to join SJBAS, and thanked members who have volunteered in the past, while also stating that more volunteers are always needed.
- She announced openings on the board for a co-vice president and a secretary beginning in January 2018, and asked for volunteers to fill these positions.
- She announced the 2018 field trip planning meeting, to be held at 3:30 p.m. on October 26th at the conference room at the Purgatory Resort administration building on North Main. The meeting is open to all who have suggestions about where they would like to go, as well as to those interested in leading a field trip. Field trips are open only to members of SJBAS.
- She announced several October lectures, including a Four Corners Lecture Series talk on October 14th at the Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding by Jason Chuipka; a presentation on the Japanese-Peruvians of Lima, Peru by Benjamin DuMontier at 5:00 p.m. on October 18th at the Center of Southwest Studies; and the last Four Corners Lecture Series talk entitled "Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits: Inside the Fight to Reclaim Native America's Culture" by Chip Colwell on October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at 130 Noble Hall at Fort Lewis College; and a talk by Dr. Paul Hirt on October 24.
- Foxie Mason explained details of the Christmas brunch and annual meeting, to be held December 9, and passed around a sign-up sheet.
- Tish Varney announced the upcoming PAAC class (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be the introductory Archaeological Practice in Colorado class, which is open to the public. The course fee is \$12, and it will be held in the Lyceum of the Center of Southwest Studies. See Tish after the meeting if interested.
- Tish announced if anyone else was interested in the field trip to Nine Mile Canyon on October 27-29, to see her after the meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:15, and Janice introduced the evening’s speaker, Dr. Andrew Gulliford, who presented a program entitled “The Woolly West: Colorado’s Hidden History of Sheepscapes.” The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## November Volunteer Needs

If you would like to help with our November pre-meeting social, please contact Susan Livenick at [susanlivenick@gmail.com](mailto:susanlivenick@gmail.com) or 702-419-9053.

## Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule

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## 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/>

## CAS Chapter News

### Hisatsinom Chapter

The Hisatsinom Chapter is pleased to present Brian Yaquinto on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. at the Sunflower Theater, 8 E. Main St., Cortez, CO to discuss “Rediscovering the Fremont of Northwest Colorado.” Yaquinto’s talk will focus on new research, some with unexpected results, on the Fremont culture in northwest Colorado through use of new data collected by the Bureau of Land Management’s White River Field Office. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

### Pikes Peak Chapter

[October Newsletter](#)

## Regional Archaeological News

### **Indigenous knowledge untangles the mystery of Mesa Verde** – High Country News 10/02/2017

Generations of Tewa storytellers have kept the history of the Pueblo Revolt alive, whispered and sung in a language that invading Europeans couldn't understand. They repeated stories of the revolt the same way they repeated even older stories, ones that told of their great migration from the north and the formation of Tewa clans.

Growing up in Ohkay Owingeh, Arthur Cruz heard these stories. He learned the songs. They helped shape his identity. And now, they're helping reshape scientists' understanding of the pulse of human life across the Southwest. Combined with new data analyses and a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates linguistics, genetics and other fields, archaeologists working closely with Pueblo people like Cruz have begun to fill in the gaps of migration patterns that have long puzzled Western scientists. The story that's emerging is a testament to the resilience of culture — and the scientific value of Indigenous knowledge. ([Read article](#))

### **Yucca House Public Access** – Durango Herald 9/25/2017

Montezuma County Commissioners agreed to support a land donation to Yucca House National Monument, so the public access point can be relocated off a rancher's land. Tourist traffic and parking have interfered with his farming operations. Bernard and Nancy Karwick offered to give the National Park Service 16 acres adjacent to Yucca House, allowing the new access point.

### **Oil Rigs at Hovenweep** – Durango Herald

New drilling rigs and oil and gas infrastructure could sprout within sight of Hovenweep National Monument, according to a proposed March lease sale issued by a Utah office of the Bureau of Land Management. An environmental analysis released Sept. 22 proposes to lease 51,400 acres of federal minerals in southeastern Utah for possible oil and gas development. The proposal includes 43 parcels in Grand and San Juan counties. They include parcels 50 and 51, totaling 2,665 acres, on the eastern Utah border, north and west of Hovenweep National Monument archaeological sites in Colorado and Utah. ([Read article](#))

### **BLM Plans to Lease Archaeologically Sensitive Areas of Southern Utah** – Salt Lake Tribune

The Bureau of Land Management plans to move forward on nearly 52,000 acres of proposed oil and gas leases in archaeologically sensitive parts of southeastern Utah. Among the 43 parcels to be auctioned in March are several that span Recapture and Jenny canyons, Mustang Mesa, Alkali Ridge and Montezuma Creek — all spots harboring a rich record of Ancestral Puebloan habitation dating back centuries, according to an environmental review released on Friday. ([Read article](#))

### **The Amazing Ancient Images of Chevelon Canyon, on Display at Rock Art Ranch** – AZ Central

Under an achingly blue sky, a lanky cowboy squints into the sun's haze as he scans the plain. The scene feels frontier fresh, like it could have been plucked from the 1880s. So it seems perfectly natural to suddenly hear the strains of "Home on the Range." But it's just the ringtone for the cowpoke's

cellphone. Brantley Baird takes the call and gives directions to another group of travelers eager to step back in time with a visit to the Rock Art Ranch. ([Read article](#))

## **SJBAS Officers and Other Positions - 2017**

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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.**