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## Next SJBAS Meeting – October 11<sup>th</sup>

The next SJBAS meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11<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, Dr. Andrew Gulliford, professor of History and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College, will present: "The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes." A social will be held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

From his forthcoming book to be published in 2018 by Texas A&M University Press, Andrew Gulliford will speak about historical archaeology and the wide variety of sites related to sheep movements, sheep camps, cairns, aspen tree carvings, and shepherd lifeways in Colorado's high country for summer grazing and in Utah's canyon country for winter grazing. He will present his findings based on his ARPA permit # CAN614HR, show photographs, and discuss cultural traditions and stories for Basque, Hispano, and Greek herders and sheepmen who have grazed and still graze the state's public lands.

Gulliford will discuss the history of cattle and sheep wars in Colorado and will bring his research up to date describing ongoing conflicts between guardian dogs and hikers and between domestic sheep and bighorn sheep on national forests. Because public lands sheep grazing is declining, he will present a ewelogy. Let's hope he does not do a baaaaaaad job. Cowboys get the fancy boots, the Western movies, the country music songs; it's time to talk about shepherders.

Gulliford is a past president of SJBAS. He spent a decade on the BLM's Southwest Colorado Resources Advisory Council, and he is a recipient of the National Individual Volunteer Award from the U.S. Forest Service. Twice he has won the Colorado Book Award and the New Mexico-Arizona Book Award.

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## President's Letter – September

The September 15<sup>th</sup> John W. Sanders Lecture Series presentation featuring Dr. Doug Owsley was a resounding success! Over 200 people from the community, including high school and college students, turned out for his presentation on Jamestown and Historic St. Mary's City. From the proceeds of this event, SJBAS will add \$1,015 to the internship fund – enough for two internships – to benefit the Center of Southwest Studies.

The Board wishes to thank SJBAS Volunteers who helped to make the event a success, including Bill and Letha Cagle, Shaila Van Sickle, Peggy Morris, David Fisher, and Rhonda Raffo, who assisted in selling seats and managing the Will Call list at the door. I especially want to thank members of the Board for their teamwork and significant amount of time and effort in preparation for the event.

To continue a tradition of excellent educational and outreach programs, SJBAS needs more volunteers, including volunteer Board members. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, SJBAS will hold its holiday brunch and annual meeting, which will include the election of officers for 2018. The slate of officers for 2018 currently stands as follows;

President	Janice Sheftel
Vice-President	Foxie Mason
Vice-President	<b>Open</b>
Secretary	<b>Open</b>
Treasurer	Mark Gebhardt
Public Relations	Jill Tripp
PAAC Rep	Tish Varney

The Board is accepting nominations, including self-nominations, for all Board positions in 2018. The Vice-President and Secretary positions are open at the end of this year. Please consider volunteering; you may email nominations to me at [janicesheftel@gmail.com](mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com).

Janice C. Sheftel  
President

## Monthly Meeting Notes - September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Submitted by Barb Hancock*

Attendance: approximately 120

President Janice Sheftel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed members, guests, and many students. Announcements followed:

The first lecture of the John W. Sanders Lecture Series to benefit CSWS student interns will take place this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the FLC Ballroom. Dr. Doug Owsley will present: "Forensic Investigation of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Chesapeake: Colonial Jamestown and Historic St. Mary's City."

Janice thanked the Board for their collaborative efforts to make this program available. She also stated that an additional volunteer or two are needed to help at the door the evening of the event and to see Board Member Jim Mueller after the lecture if anyone can help.

Shelby Tisdale, Director of the Center of Southwest Studies (CSWS), announced that their fall program is beginning this month and postcards outlining the events are available in the back of the room.

- ◆ In September, there will be a CSWS fund raiser at Senator Ben Nighthorse-Campbell's ranch.
- ◆ In October, there will be a presentation on Japanese Peruvians during WWII by a FLC Doctoral Fellow from the University of Arizona.
- ◆ In November, there will be a presentation by Navajo weavers.

Shelby also expressed her gratitude to SJBAS for their continued support of CSWS internships through the John W. Sanders Internship Fund.

Janice resumed announcements on behalf of SJBAS:

The club has two remaining field trips in September and October which are open to Members only.

SJBAS will be hosting a PAAC Class on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> all day in the Lyceum in the CSWS. It is an introductory class on archaeology in Colorado and is open to the Public for a nominal fee of \$12.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:10, and Janice introduced the evening's speaker, Assistant Professor Jesse Tune from the FLC Anthropology Department, presenting: "The Times They Were a Changin' - Life on the Colorado Plateau at the end of the Ice Age.

## **October Volunteer Needs**

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

## **John W. Sanders Lecture Series**

What's all this about a new lecture series named for John Sanders? In 2015 and again in 2017, SJBAS brought nationally known forensic anthropologist Dr. Doug Owsley to Durango as a special lecturer. These ticketed events have proven to be a successful method of raising funds for the John W. Sanders internship fund and to grow initial funding to host another nationally known speaker in the future.

And who is John W. Sanders? John was one of the club's founding Members, friend, scholar, humorist, and hiker – loved by all who knew him. Upon his passing, SJBAS re-named its internship fund in his honor. The club has worked diligently to build upon this fund to continue providing internships to Fort Lewis College archaeology students to be a part of projects and research at the Center of Southwest Studies. The success of this event enabled SJBAS to add \$1,015 to the internship fund to benefit the Center of Southwest Studies – the equivalent of 2 internships. In addition, the event earned enough to allow SJBAS to earmark some funds as seed money for future John Sanders lectures.

- In keeping with the mission of our organization, this was a terrific educational event for the community.
- It provided great visibility for SJBAS and we hope will attract new Members.

Plans for the next lecture in the series are underway. The Board is open to suggestions from the Membership for possible nationally known speakers to consider now and in the future. Please consider getting involved.

If you are interested in becoming involved in helping to plan the next event, please contact Janice Sheftel at [janicesheftel@gmail.com](mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com) More information about the fund and John may be found on the club's website: [www.sjbas.org](http://www.sjbas.org)

## Highlights from the September 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Mark Gebhardt, Treasurer gave a brief report on finances:

- ◆ Checking account (operating funds) has a balance of approximately \$2, 017, but does not reflect the payment for refreshments for the JWS Lecture for which the billing has not yet been received. This balance reflects the paid September internship of \$500.
- ◆ Savings account (internship fund) will receive an additional \$1,015 from the John W. Sanders Lecture proceeds. Any additional profits (to be determined) will be earmarked as seed money for future lectures.

Tish reported that the fall PAAC course to be hosted by SJBAS will be held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> all day beginning at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Lyceum in the Center of Southwest Studies. There are 7 people signed up so far.

The Board will evaluate at year end whether to include refreshments in 2018 or simply provide a 30 minutes social time for Members to meet and greet, depending upon how difficult it is to recruit volunteers to handle the refreshments.

The Field Trip Planning Meeting has been announced and will be held at 3:30 p.m. on October 26<sup>th</sup> in the conference room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Purgatory Administrative Headquarters on North Main.

The December 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Holiday Party will begin at 9:30 a.m. with brunch served at 10:00.

Efforts are underway to recruit speakers for 2018; 5 of the 10 are confirmed and additional invitations are out.

2018 slate of officers has two vacancies: one Vice-President and our Secretary.

The Board unanimously agreed that the lecture was a great success and would be interested in doing another. The Board then worked through a discussion of the various aspects of preparation for the lecture and discussed what worked well and what might be done differently or not at all in the future.

Janice will write up reports for The Ballantine Family Fund, DAC, and CAS to thank them for their donations and to report back on the success and how the grant dollars were used.

### **Next Board meeting**

November 20<sup>th</sup> at noon  
LPEA Conference Room - Bodo  
All SJBAS Members are welcome to attend

## Field Trip Planning Meeting – October 26<sup>th</sup>

Our annual field trip planning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Purgatory Resort administrative building on North Main. We will meet for a couple of hours to discuss potential field trips for 2018. We encourage any SJBAS member who is interested in our field trip program to attend. Please RSVP soon to Lyle, [lylehancock@bresnan.net](mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net) or 970-764-4531.

## Field Trip Report – Ancestral Puebloan Sites on Cedar Mesa – September 25 - 27

On Monday morning, our group of ten SJBAS members rendezvoused at the BLM Comb Wash campsite. After setting up camp and having lunch, we formed carpools and drove toward Arch Canyon. We hiked up to the Walnut Knob petroglyph panel, then hiked to several sites in Arch Canyon and to the primary Pueblo III Arch Canyon site where the BLM had built protective fencing. This was a very large Ancestral Puebloan habitation site with many renovations over the centuries and a wide variety of petroglyphs. The more one looks, the more one sees. Then we visited the Pueblo I Chacoan Outlier great house situated near our campsite in Comb Wash. Happy hour and a roaring campfire completed the day.



Our first stop on Tuesday was the developed Mule Canyon Ruin Interpretive Site along Highway 95; this site is a good example of the typical Ancestral Puebloan habitation sites found on top of Cedar Mesa in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. Then we drove to a remote trailhead and hiked into the Seven Kivas and Citadel sites. These hikes were both challenging, as many of the routes were off trail and some scrambling was required. We made it back to camp just before dark and enjoyed

another pleasurable evening relaxing around the campfire.

After an early thunderstorm Wednesday morning, the weather cleared up a bit so we broke camp and headed over to the Cave Towers site where several late 13<sup>th</sup>-century Pueblo III towers and a couple of above-ground kivas are situated near a permanent spring at the head of a canyon. We spent some “quality time” at the site, deciphering the towers versus kivas, and spotting ever more sites beneath the canyon rims the longer we looked. The weather continued to cooperate, so we hiked near Butler Wash to the White Alcove site where a well-preserved and inaccessible cliff dwelling perches high on a ledge above a bedrock wash. One can still see grooves in the sandstone where the top of the access ladder rested and depressions in the bedrock where the bottom ends of the ladder stood. Then we hiked to the Ballroom Cave site and everyone headed for home.



Participants: Barb and Lyle Hancock, Susan Whitfield, Linda and Pete Groth, Holly Hagan, Barry Spear, Sherry Suenram, Cathy Callahan, and Jim Mueller

## Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule

<b>October 11</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Dr. Andrew Gulliford, professor of History and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College, will present: "The Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes."
<b>October 27 - 29</b>	<b>Nine Mile Canyon and USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price, Utah</b> This is a 3-day motel trip to visit one of the largest concentrations of rock art in Utah and tour an amazing <a href="#">museum</a> . For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at <a href="mailto:tishvarney@att.net">tishvarney@att.net</a> .
<b>October 27 - 29</b>	<b>CAS annual meeting</b> at History Colorado in Denver – Denver Chapter is host.
<b>November 8</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> - Kenneth Wright, CFO and Principal Engineer for Wright Water Engineers, will present: "The Great Inca Road: A Pre-Historic Highway Engineering Marvel." This <a href="#">Andean Road System</a> has recently been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.
<b>December 9</b>	<b>SJBAS annual meeting and holiday brunch</b> – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – Vallecito Room at Fort Lewis College Student Union

### PAAC Class in Durango - Archaeological Practice in Colorado – October 14<sup>th</sup>

- Location: Durango (Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College)
- Date and Time: October 14, all day
- Host Chapter: San Juan Basin Archaeological Society
- Contact: Tish Varney at [tishvarney@att.net](mailto:tishvarney@att.net) or 970.259.4099

This course, formerly called *Introduction to Archaeology, CAS, and PAAC*, is designed to give new and prospective CAS and SJBAS members having limited or no familiarity with archaeology a brief introduction to the profession, common terms, and preservation issues. The mission of CAS, purpose and organization of PAAC, and relationships with state agencies such as OSAC will also be explained. This course is intended to provide interested PAAC participants with basic background information as a prelude to further participation in PAAC.

### 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 Annual Meeting 2017

The Denver chapter is hosting the CAS annual meeting this year from October 27 - 29, and they have registration details and forms on their website, [www.cas-denver.org](http://www.cas-denver.org). You can register online this year, and the more people they can get to register through the website the easier it is. Here are some helpful links:

Link to website for annual meeting:

<http://cas-denver.org/annual-meeting>

Link to registration form:

<http://cas-denver.org/annual-meeting/registration-form>

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Davis at [antelope.buzkowski@gmail.com](mailto:antelope.buzkowski@gmail.com).

## **Silent Auction at CAS Annual Meeting**

An important part of the CAS annual meeting at the end of October will be a silent auction; the money earned from the auction will be used by the Alice Hamilton Fund for scholarships to college students in archaeological fields. It is important that there be as many items as possible, and your donation will make a difference. The event is at History Colorado at 1200 Broadway. Your donations can be dropped off there on Saturday morning, October 28 or, on the Friday evening before, items can be delivered to [1961 S Marion St, Denver](#) near Downing and Evans. You may call Betsy at [303-722-1656](tel:303-722-1656) for more information. Small or large, anything is appreciated. Archaeological items are welcome, such as pottery, anything with rock art designs, books, etc. Other donations are welcome, too. One idea might be to lead a great field trip that people could bid on. Please have an idea of the value or the amount you think a starting bid should be for your item. If you cannot deliver the items, a way will be found to get them to the museum. And be sure to plan on bidding on many other exciting items. Thanks so much. - Betsy Weitkamp

## **CAS Chapter News**

**Hisatsinom Chapter** – [October 2017 newsletter](#)

### **Archaeology Lecture by Michelle Hegmon: “The Archaeology of the Human Experience”**

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Dr. Michelle Hegmon on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunflower Theater, 8 E. Main St., Cortez, CO to discuss “The Archaeology of the Human Experience.” Dr. Hegmon’s new initiative, Archaeology of the Human Experience (AHE), is concerned with understanding what it was like to live in the past that archaeologists study. In this lecture, she will explain the origins and goals of AHE and will present several examples of AHE research. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

## **Regional Archaeological News**

### **Recent Efforts to Research, Preserve, and Protect the Greater Chaco Landscape – Archaeology Southwest**

We have just released a free public report ([Download the PDF](#)) on the Greater Chaco Landscape. Preservation Archaeologist Paul Reed edited the report, which features brief essays by Paul; Anna Sofaer, Robert Weiner, and Richard Friedman; G. B. Cornucopia; Carolyn Heitman and Sean Field; and Ruth Van Dyke.

"This group is united by its fundamental interest in understanding the ancient Chacoan world by studying its landscapes and by a very high level of concern over the threat of recent oil-gas development

to this fragile landscape. This threat is heightened by several recent executive and secretarial orders from the current administration that aim to prioritize energy development on public lands, which could further fragment and degrade the Greater Chaco Landscape," says Paul.

Earlier in September, Paul and Archaeology Southwest issued a statement thanking the New Mexico delegation for their stance on maintaining a deferred leasing zone around Chaco Canyon National Historical Park. ([Read more](#))

### **Ruined “apartments” may hold clues to Native American History – New York Times**

NEAR MANCOS, Colorado — On the site of a former auto-repair shop here, broken stone walls mark the site of a 900-year-old village that may yield new insights into an ancient desert culture. The ruins are what remains of two “great houses” — apartment buildings, essentially — that formed a northern outpost of a civilization based at Chaco Canyon, about 100 miles away in northwestern New Mexico. Archaeologists from the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, in nearby Cortez, have just begun the first systematic excavation of this site to learn how its residents lived in the early 1100s, and how they related to the wider Chaco culture. ([Read article](#))

### **Yellow Jacket Pueblo Tour Opportunity – Durango Herald**

The Archaeological Conservancy is offering public tours of a little-known ancient village at the head of Yellow Jacket Canyon. The Archaeological Conservancy, based in Albuquerque, owns the private Yellow Jacket Pueblo ruin, which is not open to the public except for special tours. They are offering free tours September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. ([Read article](#))

### **New Podcast Series Focuses on Mesa Verde – Durango Herald**

A podcast series about the prehistory of ancestral Puebloans in the Four Corners will launch Friday with three introductory episodes, according to a news release from the park. “Mesa Verde Voices” will connect the issues the ancestral Puebloans faced with the issues residents of the region face today. The podcast is a result of a partnership between the national park, Mesa Verde Museum Association, KSJD Public Radio and Mesa Verde Country Tourism Bureau. The first three episodes – “Revealed by Fire,” “Corn = Life” and “Moving On” – focus on different aspects ancestral Puebloan life and how modern archaeology is uncovering it in places such as Cliff Palace and Spruce Tree House. The episodes will be available for free at [mesaverdevoices.org](http://mesaverdevoices.org) or on iTunes. ([Read article](#))

### **Crow Canyon Presents Economic Impacts Study of Heritage Sites in SW Colorado**

This report focuses on the economic contributions of selected prehistoric cultural resources in southwest Colorado in 2016. These landscapes, recognized internationally, convey vital chapters of human habitation over thousands of years. Resources discussed in this report include: Canyon of the Ancients National Monument, Chimney Rock National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, the Ute Mountain Tribal Park and Yucca House National Monument. ([Read report](#))



## The Tree at the Heart of Hopi Culture – Sapiens

The one-seed juniper is the most humble of trees. It grows leisurely, each year lucky to reach some 6 inches closer to the sky. A mature plant, a survivor of centuries of droughts and storms, may stand no taller than you or me. The bark, a coarse calico of grays, sheds from the trunk in long strips like peeling skin. The tree is just common enough to easily fade into the dusty landscape in which it grows—a range that extends from Arizona to the western regions of Texas and Oklahoma, from southern Colorado to perhaps as far south as Mexico. It is an evergreen, but its leaves typically feel sharp and look burned. Few would say it is beautiful. And yet, the juniper’s ordinariness masks an array of remarkable gifts. It is an oyster of the high desert that hides many pearls inside. To the Hopi people, the juniper is a vital part of their traditional way of life. ([Read article](#))

## SJBAS Officers and Other Positions

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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.**