



# THE MOKI MESSENGER

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## October 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting by Zoom

On Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. we will conduct our meeting using Zoom and Patricia Crown will present "Drinking Rituals and Politics in Chaco Canyon." This meeting will not be recorded, so if you want to see the presentation, you will have to tune in at 7:00 p.m.

Educated at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Arizona, Patricia L. Crown is an archaeologist who works in the American Southwest. She has been on the faculty at the University of New Mexico since 1993, where she is the Leslie Spier Distinguished Professor of Anthropology. She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2014. Prof.

Crown has conducted field investigations in the Ancestral Pueblo, Mogollon, and Hohokam areas of the American Southwest and has worked in Chaco Canyon since 2005. She is particularly interested in ritual, women's roles in the past, and how children learned the skills they needed to function as adults. To get at these issues, she studies ceramics. With collaborator Jeffrey Hurst, she identified the first Prehispanic cacao (chocolate) north of the Mexican border in ceramics from Chaco Canyon using organic residue analysis. She directed the re-excavation of a room in Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon in 2013, and the results of that study were published this Fall by UNM Press as a volume, *The House of the Cylinder Jars: Room 28 at Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon*.

Date: **October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **7:00 p.m. MDT**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85780706701?pwd=NIJxbUx3L09BU1Y0NCs0WTFN1T0lmUT09>

Meeting ID: 857 8070 6701

Passcode: 578820

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## President's Letter

Dear SJBAS Members:

Change is something we have all had to get used to in the past seven months, now the trees are changing colors and the SJBAS is making some changes as well.

The Board has appointed new Board members as follows: Denise Galley as Membership Chair, Rusty Chamberlain as Publicity Chair, and Michelle and Mark McKibben are sharing the new Social Chair. Thank you so much for volunteering. A big hand of applause goes to Jill Tripp who has retired from the Publicity Chair position after serving for 41 years, since the beginning of SJBAS! We are updating SJBAS Bylaws to reflect what we are doing and where we are going. Our membership has grown to about 160 members.

Presentations using Zoom have replaced our monthly meetings and will continue into next year. The Center of Southwest Studies has limited our use of their facilities and public safety limits prohibit large gatherings, so we will be considering other possibilities as the new year approaches.

Field trips have been delayed until safe conditions can be maintained and we have access to locations open for visitation. We encourage you to get out and visit sites on your own to maintain your mental and physical health.

We have cancelled our annual meeting (brunch) but are planning a December Zoom presentation. We will find a creative way to elect Board officers and approve the revised Bylaws. We may vote by email or possibly hold a vote at the end of the December Zoom presentation. Stay tuned.

Thanks so much for hanging in there with us as we change with the times.

Sincerely,  
Rege Leach

## Highlights from September 2, 2020 Board Meeting

1. Volunteers have stepped up to fill all Board vacancies. We greatly appreciate the new members on the Board, and you will get to meet them soon! **Thank You** to:

Officers to be Elected:        Susan Hicks - President  
   Hunter McCleary – Vice President  
   Rhonda Raffo – Secretary

Appointed by Board:        Denise Galley – Membership  
   Rusty Chamberlain – Publicity  
   Michelle and Mark McKibben – Social

The Board approved the new Board position of Social Chair, and the appointments of Rusty Chamberlain for Publicity, Denise Galley for Membership, and Michelle and Mark McKibben for Social.

2. As it has done for several years, SJBAS has awarded two internships to the Center of Southwest Studies, at \$500 each, one for fall 2020 and one for spring 2021. We greatly appreciate the Center and the work that they do.
3. Our monthly lecture programs will continue by Zoom September 2020 through May 2021. You will continue to receive special emails prior to each program. We have had three successful Zoom presentations to date, and each was well attended. If you have comments or suggestions on the Zoom presentation itself, please contact Hunter McCleary [hunter.mccleary@gmail.com](mailto:hunter.mccleary@gmail.com) Our many thanks to Richard Brown, our Chief Zoom Engineer.
4. Field trips will resume in 2021 when it has been determined that it is safe for us to resume group outings and gatherings. Stay tuned! ***We miss you!*** Until then, all field trips and activities have been cancelled through December 2020, and none have been rescheduled as of this date.
5. SJBAS Communications Chair, Lyle Hancock, has forwarded to you a survey from the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation requesting your feedback on future PAAC classes. Please respond to that survey by September 30.

***Stay Close while Staying Apart –  
We'll Get Through This Together!***

## **Mesa Verde Repatriation News**

The Mesa Verde Foundation is pleased to announce the repatriation of human remains and funerary objects from Finland to Mesa Verde National Park. More information is available by clicking on the following links:

<https://coloradosun.com/2020/09/17/ancestral-remains-mesa-verde-national-park-finland/>

<https://denver.cbslocal.com/2020/09/17/native-american-remains-artifacts-returned-mesa-verde-colorado/>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-repatriation-native-american-artifacts-remains/>

<https://www.localsyr.com/washington/washington-dc/native-american-ancestral-remains-artifacts-returned-to-u-s-soil/>

## **On the Trail of Tiny Tubers: Tracking the Four Corners Potato**

For years we have learned that Ancestral Puebloans depended upon corn, beans, and squash, nicknamed The Three Sisters, for sustenance. Well, move over sisters. Little brother spud is about to take the stage. With a \$225,000 National Science Foundation grant, researchers at the University of Utah hope to prove that a tiny tuber, *Solanum jamesii*, was an important part of ancient Native diets. Follow this link to read the Durango Herald article by Andrew Gulliford: [On the Trail of Tiny Tubers](#). Andrew Gulliford, an award-winning author and editor, is professor of history and Environmental Studies at Fort Lewis College.

## Online Archaeology Events

### Pecos Conference Fix

Missing your favorite archaeology conference this year? Get your Pecos fix here! Follow this link to view videos, photos, and stories from previous Pecos Conferences: [Pecos Fix](#).

### History Live Durango

"Exciting news, the History Live brochure is now live! We've got a great lineup of humanities and history related programs here in La Plata County- everything from historical radio programs to virtual lectures. Check out the full schedule of events and see how you can get connected to virtual events:

<https://prlibrary.org/history-live-durango/>"

### Life-Long Learning Lecture Series at Fort Lewis College

The popular Life-Long Learning Lecture Series is moving online using Zoom to present lectures in 2020 – 2021. Follow this link to a Durango Herald article and lecture schedule: [Life-Long Learning article](#).

### Archaeology Southwest – Archaeology Café by Zoom

The 14<sup>th</sup> season of Archaeology Café celebrates and shares Archaeology Southwest's current Preservation Archaeology projects with you. Our staff members will bring you in on what we're doing right now to learn more about the past and help protect special places.

We meet just before **6:00 p.m. MST** ([what time is that compared to where I live?](#)) on the **first Tuesday** of each month from October through May, with the exception of November. Because of Election Day, we'll meet the second Tuesday that month, November 10. Can't join us live? About a week after each café, we'll post videos of each presentation to the [video archive](#) on our website and to our [YouTube channel](#). We'll share links on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and in our [Southwest Archaeology Today](#) and [This Month at Archaeology Southwest email newsletters](#).

All of our meetings will be via **Zoom Webinar**. (To learn how to install Zoom, click [here](#).) Preregistration is required before each event, but it is free. **Presenters will speak for 30 minutes**, and then we'll turn to questions for another 30 minutes.

We have all worked together to compile [resources and references](#) you can review and pursue before and after each presentation. Those are shared on each individual café page linked below. And after each café, we'll add answers to questions we were unable to address during the live program to those pages, as well. Follow this link to a schedule and overview of each café: [Archaeology Café Webinars](#).



## The Archaeological Conservancy's Virtual Tour Series

### [Episode 1: Arroyo Hondo Pueblo](#)



Aerial Photo of Arroyo Hondo as it looks today, taken during the filming of the Virtual Tour. | **Photo by Alexander Rose (2020)**

Take a guided tour of our preserves from the comfort of your living room in our new Virtual Tour Video Series! Join Southwestern Regional Director and Vice President, James Walker, on our first virtual tour of [Arroyo Hondo Pueblo](#) – an Archaeological Conservancy preserve located just outside of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In [Episode 1](#), you'll learn more about this Coalition Period site, the exciting excavations that took place there in the 1970s, and how the Conservancy came to acquire this fascinating place.

The Archaeological Conservancy 1717 Girard Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

<p><b>Dates</b></p>	<p><b>Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule – 2020</b></p> <p><b>Updates are in red.</b></p> <p>SJBAS members have proposed the following field trips. Please read <a href="#">General Information About Field Trips</a> for important information about field trips.</p>
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	Please contact trip leaders by phone or email for more information or to sign up.
<b>October 5 – 7</b>	<b>Cedar Mesa Backcountry Sites – CANCELLED</b> 3-day camping trip. We will camp for two nights in a dispersed campsite and hike to a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites. 4WD/HC vehicles are required, and participants must be fit and ready to hike all day. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyle Hancock at <a href="mailto:lylehancock54@gmail.com">lylehancock54@gmail.com</a> .
<b>October 2, 3, 9 or 10 ??</b>	<b>Dinetah Pueblitos and rock art in Largo Canyon, New Mexico – CANCELLED</b> This will be a day trip to visit three Navajo Pueblitos and several rock art panels. We will drive down through Aztec and return through Ignacio. The longest walk is ¾ mile over relatively flat terrain. 4WD/HC vehicles are required; however, if heavy rains occur during the preceding week, we may postpone the trip because of slippery roads. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. The trip participation limit is 16; we will arrange carpools. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at <a href="mailto:robertlpowell@durango.net">robertlpowell@durango.net</a> or 970-385-8949.
<b>October 9 – 11</b>	<b>Navajo Culture – CANCELLED - Crown Point Rug Auction, Hubbell Trading Post, maybe Canyon de Chelly</b> – 2 to 3-day motel trip. Difficulty- Rating: Easygoing. For more information or to sign up, contact Randy Graham at <a href="mailto:rg44@bresnan.net">rg44@bresnan.net</a> .
<b>October 13</b>	<b>SJBAS Meeting - Patricia Crown, Univ. of New Mexico, will use Zoom to present “Drinking Rituals and Politics in Chaco Canyon.”</b>
<b>October 8 - 13</b>	<b>Paquime / Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico – CANCELLED</b> - 4-day motel trip – This tour of Paquime and nearby archaeological sites leaves by van from Deming, NM. The tour leader is retired archaeologist Paul Minnis who has conducted excavations in the Casas Grandes area and published widely. We will also visit Cave of the Olla, Cuarenta Casas, the Paquime Museum, and various nearby cliff dwellings and some rock art. There will be optional side-trips to nearby historic Hacienda San Diego and an 1880’s Mormon settlement. The town of Mata Ortiz is also known for its revivalist pottery industry inspired by Paquime. The cost is approximately \$1,000/person double occupancy and includes lodging, most meals, and travel by van. The first and last nights in Deming are not covered. Dr. Minnis is not charging for his time but would appreciate it if each participant makes a contribution to the archaeology institution of their choice. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Hunter McCleary at <a href="mailto:hunter.mccleary@gmail.com">hunter.mccleary@gmail.com</a> .
<b>November 11</b>	<b>SJBAS Meeting - Rand Greubel, Alpine Archaeological Consultants, will use Zoom to present: “Archaeological Investigations: CDOT’s Highway 550-160 Connection Project on Florida Mesa”</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch – CANCELLED</b>
	<b>Other Related Trips and Activities</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>International Archaeology Day</b>

## Regional Archaeology News

### “Then, Now, and Forever: Zuni in the Grand Canyon” Film Released on YouTube

Throughout their history, the A:shiwi people have made a pilgrimage through the Grand Canyon to leave offerings at traditional sites, gather materials for their cultural practices, and visit the place where their ancestors first emerged from the four Underworlds and into the light of day. Follow the A:shiwi rain priests and medicine men as this sacred migration down the Colorado river is documented on film for the first time – from the pueblo at Halona Idiwana'a to shrines and ancient settlements, through canyon walls carved by the petroglyphs of the ancestors. <https://youtu.be/wMSLgYb3M8Y>

### People and Dogs in the Ancient Pueblo World

Dogs have been companions to humans for centuries and played many roles as guardians, pets, hunting companions, and more. University of New Mexico Archaeology student Victoria Monagle has examined these relationships and recently collaborated with associate professor Emily Lena Jones to co-author a chapter in a new book called *Dogs: Archaeology Beyond Domestication*. The chapter, *Dog Life and Death in an Ancestral Pueblo Landscape*, examines the relationships between humans and dogs in ancient pueblos.

<https://bit.ly/3232SSW> - University of New Mexico Newsroom

### Stabilization at Lowry Pueblo

Lowry Pueblo will undergo stabilization work this month in collaboration with the Zuni Tribe, Canyons of Ancients National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park. The 1,000-year-old Great Kiva and Great House have a peculiar moisture problem that has caused erosion at its base. <https://bit.ly/31H9t5g> - The Journal

### Grants from USDA, NEH Fund Initiatives at Crow Canyon

When it comes to environmental science, the Four Corners region serves as a “living classroom” for dealing with challenges such as drought. The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, a research institute and “living classroom” in Cortez, has received several grants that will support research, education and partnership opportunities primarily for the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. <https://bit.ly/2Y8bHd5> - The Journal

### Commentary: The Great American Outdoors Act Passes, and It Is Time for Bold New Vision

Second, past approaches to developing and protecting lands – often dominated by white, wealthy and well-connected men – have resulted in deep racial and economic inequities in how nature’s benefits are distributed in this country. Too often, the sovereignty of tribal nations, the perspectives of people of color, and the

livelihoods of working people have been ignored and trampled upon. <https://bit.ly/2P1Do2d> - Sally Jewell and Ken Salazar in the Guardian

**Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Murals:** IPCC is home to more than 20 indoor and outdoor murals by great Pueblo artists, with new ones currently in progress. These vibrant works of art vividly illustrate the role of the seasons, dance, harvest, agriculture, and animals in Pueblo life. Prior to the pandemic, we offered the insightful Mural Discovery Tour every Friday at 1 p.m., complimentary with museum admission. We look forward to when we're able to safely resume the Mural Discovery Tour, and take you on an enlightening journey of art, history, and culture. In the meantime, we've temporarily made many of the murals and their backstories available in a digital format. Information: <https://bit.ly/2De95mg>. Virtual Tour: <https://indianpueblo.org/mural/>

**New from Archaeology Southwest:** Are you new to learning about archaeology in the Southwest? Or are you wanting a refresher on the major concepts, places, cultures, and themes that Southwestern archaeologists are exploring today? Welcome! This guide is for you. Here you will find a compilation of featured *Archaeology Southwest Magazine* back issues, videos, blog posts, fact sheets, and other Archaeology Southwest online resources, all selected and arranged to help guide you in your learning. <https://bit.ly/3hPxVYn>

### **Friends of Cedar Mesa Kicks Off Conservation Campaign**

Friends of Cedar Mesa, with generous support from World Monuments Fund, is launching a broad-reaching initiative to create a million-dollar impact benefiting the most at-risk cultural sites in the Bears Ears region. This multi-year project will focus on proactive fieldwork designed to reduce damage caused by increasing visitation, free-roaming cattle, illegal off-road vehicle use, and vandalism. <https://bit.ly/39FekaO> - Friends of Cedar Mesa

### **Spotlight on the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project**

Since 2011, the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project has brought scholars to study these artifact collections rarely seen by the public. Most importantly, this latest project involves Native American scholars who are viewing for the first time artifacts their ancestors crafted and used. These scholars are bringing valuable insights and understandings into temperature and humidity-controlled museum storage areas. <https://bit.ly/2CXa8qq> - Durango Herald



## **Continuing Coverage and Commentary: Reactions to NEPA Rules Changes**

“If the [Bureau of Land Management] is involved, if the Forest Service is involved, if the National Park Service is involved, then NEPA is triggered,” said Landon Newell, an attorney with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Everything from an upcoming oil and gas lease sale to the land management plans for Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments has to go through the NEPA process. The analysis then goes through another review that allows members of the public and conservation groups like Newell’s to comment on it. <https://bit.ly/2WKUC8g> - KUER (NPR)

The administration’s rewrite of the National Environmental Policy Act is one of their most egregious acts to undermine environmental protections and the public voice. It is an insult to the American people and makes very clear how little this administration cares for our national parks, the resources they protect or their millions of visitors. <https://bit.ly/3hsmC8A> - National Parks Conservation Association

America does not need the “bold new approach” taken in the new rules; we need and deserve a re-commitment to implementing NEPA using the many technical and conceptual advances that science and management have produced since the current regulations were issued four decades ago.

<https://bit.ly/2CIPHUd> - Archaeology Southwest

**Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:** Welcome to the **Pueblo Revolt Online Exhibit**. The Pueblo Revolt of 1680 was a revolution against the harsh subjugation of the Pueblos by the Spanish. It is the only successful Native uprising against a colonizing power in North America. In the past, we’ve held programming and events at our Center on this important anniversary, attracting people from far and wide. With current global circumstances preventing in-person visits, IPCC staff have been hard at work to bring you an online exhibit on the Pueblo Revolt, with special digital programming throughout the month of August. <https://indianpueblo.org/revolt/>

## **The Pueblo Revolt, 340 Years Later**

Today is the 340<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Po'pay's Rebellion, also known as the Pueblo Rebellion of 1680. On August 10, 1680 there was a successful Indigenous uprising in the southwest where agricultural practices played a role in the survival of the people. Ohkay Owingeh leader Po'pay, which translates to pumpkin, was from the summer clan. ...Our guest today is Matthew Martinez from Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and he is the Deputy Director for the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. He shares more details about the revolt, Po'pay and the

role two young boys played in organizing the rebellion. <https://bit.ly/3iBBull> - Indian Country Today (*link includes video; interview begins after the 6:35 mark*)

## **SJBAS Elected Officers and Other Board Members - 2020**

President	Rege Leach	<a href="mailto:rleach@frontier.net">rleach@frontier.net</a>
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**SJBAS 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: **SJBAS, Attn: Randy Graham, P.O. Box 3153, Durango, CO 81302.**