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Next meeting – September 12th

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies, FLC. After a brief business meeting, Larry Ruiz, together with Laurie Webster, will present his new film: *“The Language of Landscapes: Places in Time,”* with a focus on the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project. There will be a social at 6:30 p.m. in the CSWS foyer.

Larry Ruiz is a non-profit filmmaker living in Durango, Colorado creating unique, timely and engaging films and documentaries to show how important the ancient civilizations and their modern descendants of the southwestern United States are, and that it is still possible to protect what little of this early culture is left.

In 2012, Larry Ruiz directed and produced his debut film, ***Death of Place***. The core message of the film was the importance of individual responsibility and stewardship of archaeologically significant sites. ***Waking the Mammoth*** premiered in 2014 and was Larry Ruiz’s second directorial work. Filming the winter solstice burning of a wooden mammoth built in Bluff, Utah by local artist Joe Pachak and other community members, this ritual was woven into the intricate fabric of significant archaeological discoveries in the region dating back as far as 13,000 years. In 2017, Ruiz directed and co-produced 10 documentaries for the preservation series, ***“The Greater Chaco Landscape”***, working closely with Drs. Steve Lekson, Ruth Van Dyke, several Dine and Pueblo Chaco scholars, and the National Park Service.

Additionally, he is working on a series of vignettes titled ***“The Languages of the Landscape”***. Each film addresses a specific regional archaeological preservation issue and tonight’s segment highlights the incredible work Dr. Laurie Webster and her team have done to help preserve the perishables on Cedar Mesa.

Dr. Laurie Webster is a specialist in the perishable material culture of the Southwest. She received her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Arizona and is a Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History and the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Her publications include *Beyond Cloth and Cordage*:

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Archaeological Textile Research in the Americas and numerous articles about Southwestern weaving and other perishable technologies. She has worked with perishable assemblages from Canyon de Chelly, Salmon Ruins, Chaco Canyon, Aztec Ruins, and many other archaeological sites, as well as historic collections of Navajo and Pueblo textiles. In 2011, she founded the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project. She lives in Mancos, Colorado, where she works as a textile consultant.

President's Letter

Dear SJBAS members:

I just wanted to send another reminder about the September 15th lecture, **"Otzi: The 5,300-year-old Tyrolean Iceman Mummy and the World's Oldest Tattoos"** at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Lewis College Student Union Ballroom ([Read press release](#)). It will be a very special lecture, so get your tickets early. We're hoping for a sell-out crowd. For those who wish to ensure a ticket, you may purchase a ticket now for \$10 plus convenience fees at the Durango Welcome Center or online at www.durangoconcerts.com. Tickets, if still available, may be purchased at the door for \$13, cash or check only, starting at 6:00 p.m. One-half of the ticket price will support the SJBAS John W. Sanders Internship and Education Fund, which provides two FLC student internships at the Center of Southwest Studies, annually, and student scholarships for the FLC summer archaeology field school. There will be a cookie social starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.



AARON DETER-WOLF, our Otzi speaker, will also be part of a panel discussion, together with Dr. Jesse Tune and Nadia Neff, FLC Dept. of Anthropology, about "Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries in Archaeology", tied into today's conversations around the notion of "fake news," on Monday, September 17th, at 7:00 p.m., Room 130, FLC Noble Hall. This panel discussion will be free and open to the public. The many examples of fringe theories in archaeology range from a race of giants building mounds to aliens and pyramids. Many honest archaeological ideas, like the Solutrean hypothesis (first Americans coming from Europe via boats 20,000 years ago), have been used by groups to bolster their fringe agendas.

Mark your calendars for the **SJBAS annual meeting and brunch** to be held on December 15th, at 11:00 a.m. in the social hall at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Third Avenue. The cost will be \$20 for a delicious catered brunch. Details will be in the October Moki.

"Southwestern Lore," the CAS quarterly archaeological journal, is now available online to active CAS members. PDF versions are posted online (Member365 portal) beginning with the Winter 2017 issue and are available for free download by current members. View the [HOW TO GUIDE - ONLINE PDF](#) regarding the Online PDF and How to Opt-Out of the printed hardcopy if you only want to receive the online PDF. To download the online PDF of the Southwestern Lore journal:

- 1) Log in to Member365 ... <https://coloradoarchaeology.member365.com>. (If you have a problem with your password, please contact Karen Kinnear at kinnear.rockies@gmail.com and she will update your password, so you can access the Member 365 system.)
- 2) On your dashboard menu, click the “File Library” link.
- 3) Click on the title of a Southwestern Lore issue to download the PDF.

NOTE: where the PDF is saved on your computer is dependent on your browser’s setting. Typically, the PDF will be in the “Downloads” folder on a PC or Macintosh, unless you’ve changed your browser preferences.

To Opt-Out of receiving the hardcopy version of Southwestern Lore: View the [HOW TO GUIDE - ONLINE PDF](#) instructions.

Janice C. Sheftel, SJBAS President

SJBAS Membership Dues and Application Process

During our last Board meeting, we decided that to best serve our members, as you renew your membership, or new members sign up, please continue to mail your application forms and checks to me as you have in the past, [SJBAS application forms](#). If you receive any notices about dues payments directly to CAS, you may ignore them. If we make any changes in the future, our treasurer will let you know. Please make all dues/donation checks out to SJBAS and send them to Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301. – Treasurer Mark Gebhardt

SJBAS Board Meeting - August 16, 2018 - Highlights for Members

All membership renewals should be mailed directly to SJBAS Treasurer, Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301, and with checks payable to SJBAS. Please DO NOT renew online through CAS. Therefore, ignore any emails received from CAS about renewing through CAS. Thank you.

Special Dates to Save: (see Moki and 2018 Field Trip/Activity Schedule):

September 15 - John W. Sanders Lecture by Aaron Deter-Wolf, Prehistoric Archaeologist: ***Otzi: The 5,300-Year Old Tyrolean Iceman and the World’s Oldest Tattoos***

7:00 PM. FLC Ballroom. ([Read press release](#))

Tickets on sale at Durango Welcome Center (\$10 plus convenience fee), or at the Door (\$13).

September 17 - FLC Panel of Faculty: ***“Frauds, Myths and Mysteries in Archaeology”***.

7:00 PM, FLC Noble Hall, Room 130

September 21 - 23 - CAS Annual Meeting and Conference, Cortez, CO

December 15 - SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch. 11:00 a.m. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Financial Report

Checking Account/Operating Fund Balance - \$3,848.10.

Savings Account/Internship and Education Fund Balance - \$13,848.84

2018 Current Memberships: 102

Decisions

- 1 Board is still reviewing SJBAS relationship with CAS. The President of CAS has resigned, and there is a Vice Presidential vacancy. The CAS Annual Meeting is in Cortez, on September 21-23. We hope to be in a better position to evaluate this relationship after this time.
- 2 BLM Permits for Monticello District – CAS is seeking a permit. Conditions are not yet specified.

Northern Arizona Exploration Field Trip – September 22 - 25

We have a couple of spots open for the September 22–25 Northern Arizona Exploration 4-day camping trip. We will visit Navajo National Monument - guided hike to Betatakin; Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments; Walnut Canyon National Monument; Flagstaff - tour Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, and explore Museum of Northern Arizona; Grand Canyon – experience Desert View Watchtower, and tour Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net.

Field Trip Planning Meeting – October 12th

All SJBAS members are invited to participate in our annual field trip planning meeting to be held on October 12th at 4:30 p.m. The location is yet to be determined, depending on how many participants we have. Field trips are an integral part of what SJBAS is all about and the more members we have helping to plan trips, the more variety we will have. Please contact Lyle at lylehancock@bresnan.net if you are interested in participating.

Know your SJBAS Neighbor – Eliane Viner

They created a space for me!

I arrived in America, not speaking English, working as an au pair for the Dutch Consul General. I don't recall being a dreamer as much as taking in every opportunity that presented when I was in my teens, especially after arriving in New York City, that large, foreign, intimidating place.

A distant cousin and first generation American and his wife, learned about my situation and went out of their way to contact me. They invited me to visit them in Virginia even though they were raising their own children and had a baby on the way. I remember meeting them in Union Station, Washington, D.C. and walking across the parking lot with the U.S. Capitol building all lit up – what a breathtaking sight for a girl almost just off the farm! The three of us struggled with the languages but one idea came across very clearly – this is the mighty United States of America.

It wasn't long before the couple invited me to come live with them, allowing me to follow my dream of becoming a nurse. They made room for me in their small, suburban house and supported me financially and otherwise for the next several years. Their children accepted me, and I never felt like a stranger. I was never called names nor made fun of in my attempt to learn the intricacies of English, nor the fact that I was 6 years older than the other high school kids.

The two years of high school, followed by 3 years of nursing school were not easy for me but I buckled down and achieved my goal, all the while being cared for by my new family and introduced to a very new way of life. To make things easier for me in the long run, my cousins adopted me legally after going through great efforts contacting the various authorities to make this a reality, all along keeping my natural parents involved. I then had two families, one on each side of the Atlantic.

My adopted parents became Mother and Dad to me - and it changed my life forever. When years later, our son was born, he was automatically a citizen. His father, paternal grandmother and my new American family embraced him, and he was never torn out of my arms due to papers and differences in backgrounds.

My patient and tolerant American family taught me not only English but also about the rich and diverse history of this country. I have been proud to be an integral part of it – until recently. Today I ask myself, what is Lady Liberty in the NY harbor thinking? Who is welcoming the masses today? I am not naïve enough to forget about the groups of people who were never tolerated in this country such as the Native Americans, the African slaves, the Chinese, and many others at different times, but I had hoped that we as a great country had recovered from this bias, moved beyond it. The rest of the world still sees a flicker of light and hope in us/US, but this flicker needs stoking.

Where is our compassion, our tolerance, our acceptance now? What has happened to us? Are these concepts old and worn out now that ‘we have made it’? Does one really forget one’s roots so easily? What are we afraid of by denying others the same rights, the same opportunities that were extended to us and many of our forebears?

It is not an easy issue. It is one that requires deep soul searching and honesty with ourselves. Do we, or do we not make space for immigrants? Are they really a threat to our lifestyle? Are jobs, money, and space really the issue? Who have we become and more precisely, who do we want to be?

- Eliane Viner

Friends of Cedar Mesa – Visit with Respect ambassador program

Friends of Cedar Mesa is seeking proactive solutions to the huge increase in visitation in Bears Ears National Monument, and I wonder if any of your members may be interested in volunteering with our organization. Specifically, we have a [Visit with Respect ambassador program](#) where volunteers hike in local canyons and provide friendly educational information to other visitors. Our next training is all day September 8th in Blanding. I've attached a [flier](#), and folks can contact me if they are interested. We're also offering other volunteer opportunities and public programs this fall, check out our [event page](#). I look forward to working with you! -- Erica Tucker, Education Director, Friends of Cedar Mesa, 435-414-0343.

The Woolly West – by Andrew Gulliford, Ph.D.

In The Woolly West, historian Andrew Gulliford describes the sheep industry’s place in the history of Colorado and the American West. Tales of cowboys and cattlemen dominate Western history – and even more so in popular culture. But in the competition for grazing lands, the sheep industry was as integral to the history of

the American West as any trail drive. Andrew Gulliford's new book has been published by Texas A&M University Press and is available at Maria's Bookshop. Follow this link for more information: [The Woolly West](#).

<h2>Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2018</h2> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Updates are in red.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To update this schedule, email lylehancock@bresnan.net.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact trip leaders by phone or email for more information or to sign up.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Follow this link for a printer friendly 2018 Trip Schedule.</p>	
September 12	SJBAS meeting – Larry Ruiz, together with Laurie Webster, will present his new film: " <i>The Language of Landscapes: Places in Time</i> ," with a focus on the Cedar Mesa Perishables Project.
September 14	Haynie Site – Day trip - Site tour led by Susan Ryan to visit Crow Canyon research dig. Sign-ups accepted only after July 11th SJBAS meeting. For more information or to sign up, contact Jim Mueller at rhondaandjim@msn.com .
September 15	<p>John W. Sanders Lecture Series - Dr. Aaron Deter-Wolf, a prehistoric archaeologist with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology, and an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee University, will discuss "Otzi, the Iceman: a 5,000-year- old mummy found melting out of a glacier in the Italian Alps" at Fort Lewis College Ballroom.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;">   </div>
September 21 - 23	Natural Bridges National Monument - 3-day camping trip - Visit Edge of the Cedars Museum; visit Cave Towers site; hike to backcountry sites at Natural Bridges. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at andy@agulliford.com .
September 22 - 25	Northern Arizona Exploration - 4-day camping trip - Navajo National Monument - guided hike to Betatakin; Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monuments; Walnut Canyon National Monument; Flagstaff - tour Riordan Mansion State Historic Park and explore Museum of Northern Arizona; Grand Canyon – experience Desert View Watchtower, and tour Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyle at lylehancock@bresnan.net .
September 22 - 23	CAS annual meeting in Cortez
September 29	Local Hispano Cemeteries Tour – day trip led by Ruth Lambert – Trip Participation Limit is 20. For more information or to sign up, contact Joan Kellogg at joankellogg@charter.net .
October 10	SJBAS meeting - Geri Hockfield Malandra will present: " <i>The Ancient Sites of Ellora: A Microcosm of South Asia's Archaeological Past</i> "
October 26 - 29	Rock Art near Vernal, Utah – 4-day motel or camping trip – Tim Sweeney of Vernal will guide us to various rock art sites. Trip Participation Limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at tishvarney@att.net .

November 14	SJBAS meeting – Kristin Bowen, Lead archaeologist with Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Office, will present: "A Federal Archaeologist's work experiences in the Western USA."
December 15	SJBAS annual meeting and holiday brunch at St. Marks Episcopal Church

Four Corners Lecture Series – [2018 Schedule](#)

Southwest Seminars at Hotel Santa Fe – [Native Culture Matters 2018](#)

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 and Conference – September 21-23 in Cortez

Follow this link to information and registration materials for the [2018 CAS Annual Conference](#) which will be held in Cortez, on September 21-23, 2018, hosted by the Hisatsinom Chapter. They have a great lineup of speakers, including a dynamic banquet speaker, and several fun and educational field trips. The banquet speaker is Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, who will talk about Indigenous Living Knowledge.

WAIT, ARE THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS?

And if I buy one, I fund a scholarship AND have a chance to win a Navajo rug.

What is the Alice Hamilton Scholarship?

The Alice Hamilton Scholarship provides undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Anthropology or cross-discipline field with emphasis in Archaeology the opportunity to receive \$250 - \$750. Since its inception in 1978, the Colorado Archaeological Society has distributed 259 awards totaling \$96,300. **Funds come from raffle ticket sales, a silent auction held at the CAS annual meeting, and \$1 annually from each CAS membership.** Scholarships are awarded by CAS in memory of Alice Hamilton (a Denver Chapter member and avid supporter of Archaeology).

Eligibility

Recipients must be students of an accredited Colorado university or college.

What does the Scholarship cover?

The competitive awards can be used to fund research projects, lab fees, field school, tuition, books, etc.

For more information about raffle tickets, follow this link: [Alice Hamilton Raffle Tickets](#). Tickets may be purchased at the September SJBAS meeting or directly from Janice Sheftel, janicesheftel@gmail.com.

CAS Chapter News

Hisatsinom Chapter – [September Newsletter](#)

Pikes Peak Chapter - Narrative about mule skimmers in Cripple Creek – [Mule Skimmers](#)

Regional Archaeological News

Imbibing Opportunity, Aztec Ruins National Monument

On **September 11**, join an archeologist Park Ranger for a taste of history, “Cacao with a Ranger”. The tradition of sharing stories while gathered around a shared beverage will continue at Aztec Ruins, connecting culture to culinary history. Cacao does not grow in the Southwest, so remnants of a cacao drink found by researchers in ancestral Pueblo pottery provided yet another tantalizing trading connection with central Mexico. The story of the arrival of cacao and its impact in ancestral Pueblo, Mayan and Aztec (Mexico) culture will be shared in this unique event. Taste a modern version of this historic drink and share some conversation with a park ranger, all within view of the Aztec West great house. For more information, email azru_information@nps.gov, or call 505-334-6174. Light jackets are recommended. Ingredient information and the recipe for Hot Cacao will be available at the event. ([Read article](#))

Bocinsky to Direct Crow Canyon Research Institute

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center is pleased to announce that Dr. Kyle Bocinsky has been appointed the first William D. Lipe Chair in Research and Director of the Research Institute at Crow Canyon. Bocinsky, who in 2008 received his BA in Anthropology from the University of Notre Dame and both his MA (2011) and Ph.D. (2014) in Anthropology from Washington State University, will begin his new role with Crow Canyon starting in August. In his role as Director of the Research Institute, Bocinsky will work collaboratively with the Center’s staff to develop new projects that will shape Crow Canyon’s future research. — Crow Canyon Archaeological Center ([Read article](#))

Forest Fire on the Boundaries of Mesa Verde National Park

According to the incident command, led by Richard Gustafson, about 80 personnel were working on the fire from Mesa Verde, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Canyonlands National Park the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fremont County and Pike National Forest. Equipment included fire engines, a Type 2 and Type 3 helicopter, air attack and single-engine air tankers. — Cortez Journal ([Read article](#))

New Paper: Origins of Chaco’s Scarlet Macaws

And for more than a thousand years, these birds were traded north into what is now the southwestern United States in exchange for turquoise. The ancient Pueblo great houses of Chaco Canyon (in what’s now New Mexico) started importing scarlet macaws from farther south around 900 A.D., using the birds as status symbols and markers of political status. But who was supplying Chaco Canyon with macaws, and how? — National Geographic ([Read article](#))

New Paper: Evaluating Inland and Coastal Models for Peopling of Americas

A review of the current genetic, archeological, and paleoecological evidence indicates that ancestral Native American population expansion occurred after 16,000 years ago, consistent with the archeological record, particularly with the earliest securely dated sites after ~15,000 years ago. These data are largely consistent with either an inland (ice-free corridor) or Pacific coastal route (or both), but neither can be rejected at present. — Science Advances ([Read article](#))

New Paper: Chaco Social Networks

Migration was a key social process contributing to the creation of the ‘Chaco World’ between AD 800 and 1200. Dynamic social network analysis allows for evaluation of several migration scenarios and demonstrates that Chaco’s earliest ninth-century networks show interaction with areas to the west and south, rather than migration to the Canyon from the Northern San Juan. By the late eleventh century, Chaco Canyon was tied strongly to the Middle and Northern San Juan, while a twelfth-century retraction of networks separated the Northern and Southern San Juan areas prior to regional depopulation. Understanding Chaco migration is important for comprehending both its uniqueness in U.S. Southwest archaeology and for comparison with other case studies worldwide. — Antiquity ([Read article](#))

SJBAS Officers and Other Positions - 2018

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st 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.**