

# SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



## FIELD TRIP REPORT

Date: **May 12, 2012**

Destination: **Durango Walking Tour**

Leader: **Andrew Gulliford**

Number of Participants: **18**

Our group met at the popular bronze horse sculpture in front of the Durango Train Station. We headed north along Main Street and learned about the history and architecture of the commercial district from historian and Fort Lewis College professor, Andrew Gulliford. Then the group walked up to East Third Avenue and visited the stately homes of the entrepreneurs who built Durango. Both streets are listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service.

Dr. Gulliford explained 19<sup>th</sup> Century American architectural styles, vernacular architecture, one of the state's oldest elevators, and a disastrous fire. The group discussed railroaders, ladies of the night, businessmen, and housewives who demanded extra-large closets for their trousseau.

- By Lyle Hancock

Participants: Andy Gulliford, Marlene and Mark Gebhardt, Karen and Bob Bernhart, Sheri and George Hozier, Tom and Lydine Hannula, Gail and Marlo Schulz, Lydine and Tom Hannula, Linda Lawler, Jerri Lincoln, Rhonda Raffo, Jim Mueller, Richard Robinson