

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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The Moki Messenger

August 2015

Next SJBAS Meeting – August 13th

Our next SJBAS meeting will be held Thursday, August 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at FLC. Our speaker will be Michael Berry, and he will present, "Southwestern Radiocarbon and Tree-Ring Database Web Sites".

Michael S. Berry is the director of the Dominguez Archaeological Research Group. He has conducted extensive archaeological research in the American Southwest and Great Basin. Areas of research interest include: the cultural history of the Southwest, Great Basin and the Western Slope of Colorado; the introduction of maize agriculture in the greater Southwest; tree-ring and radiocarbon chronometric interpretation; database programming for archaeological applications; and Native American resource perspectives. Current President of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists

CAS Annual Meeting and Conference at Fort Lewis College - October 9 - 11

SJBAS is excited to be hosting the CAS annual meeting and conference. This is a great opportunity for SJBAS members to participate in activities with the state organization that we all belong to. On Saturday the conference will include a number of archaeological papers and presentations and an evening banquet at the Fort Lewis College ballroom. A number of field trips to local archaeological sites and institutions will be available on Sunday. There will be many volunteer opportunities for SJBAS members to help with the conference. Follow the links below for more information and to register for the conference and field trips. Early registration will guarantee your choice of field trips with limited participation.

[CAS Annual Meeting Information \(updated 7-24-15\).pdf](#)

[Annual Meeting Registration Form \(updated 7-24-15\).pdf](#)

[Annual Meeting Field Trip Registration Form.pdf](#)

2016 SJBAS Dues

CAS advised us this year that each chapter member must pay for the Southwest Lore. In the past, we made purchase of the Southwest Lore an option. As a result, the Board approved the following **new dues structure for 2016**:

Current Dues Structure				2016 Dues Structure			
	SJBAS	CAS	Total		SJBAS	CAS	Total
Individual	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$31.00	Individual	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
Individual No SWL	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$23.00				
Family	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	Family	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$43.00
Family No SWL	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00				
Student No SWL	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	Student	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$15.00
				Student Family	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00

Please be sure to pay your 2016 dues based on our new dues structure. Remember that 2016 dues should be paid by January 31, 2016.

Thanks,
Mark Gebhardt, Treasurer

New members

SJBAS welcomes new members Trenton Wann, Jr. and Barbara Hawn.

Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

Our complete 2015 Field Trip Schedule is available on our website at www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm. Please check the website schedule periodically to check for trip updates and contact the trip leaders directly by phone or email for trip details and to sign up.

August 6 - 9	Pecos Conference in Mancos area
August 10	Silverton Historical Walking Tour Cancelled due to lack of participation. Andy Gulliford will be our guide on this day trip to explore Silverton. We'll walk around town, visit their museum, archives, and cemetery, etc. Participants should bring cameras, binoculars, and a picnic lunch.. For more information or to signup, contact Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net .
August 13	SJBAS meeting - speaker Michael Berry, President of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists - "Southwestern Radiocarbon and Tree-Ring Database Web Sites".
August 25 - 28	Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument – Utah This will be a 4-day camping trip to a variety of sites in the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument. We will tour the Anasazi State Park and Fremont Culture museum in Boulder, and ancestral Puebloan and Fremont sites. Dinner at the famous Hells Backbone Grill in Boulder is optional. Trip is full, but there is a waiting list. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Fokie Mason fmason@frontier.net 970-247-0252
September 10	SJBAS meeting - speaker Tim Riley - "Coprolites"
Sept. 16 - 17	Mesa Verde Backcountry Hike with NPS guide This will be a two-day trip with an afternoon hike to Petroglyph Point and overnight at Far View Lodge. The moderately difficult backcountry hike led by a Park Service ranger will be a couple of miles long with no more than 500 feet elevation loss and gain. Trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Jim and Rhonda at rhondaandjim@msn.com .
October 8	SJBAS meeting- speaker Tim Maxwell - "New Mexico Turquoise"
October 9 - 11	CAS annual meeting and conference – Durango – SJBAS is host We will need volunteers to help out with this conference.

<p>October 19 - 21</p>	<p>Canyonlands N. P. Rock Art – Utah This will be a 3-day camping trip to visit rock art sites in Indian Creek Canyon and the Needles District of Canyonlands N.P. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required; hikes may be up to six miles long. 4WD/HC vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling will be arranged. We will camp at the Squaw Flats C.G. group campsite in Canyonlands N.P. The trip participation limit is 12. Trip is full, but there is a waiting list. For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Barb and Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.</p>
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Field Trip Report - Ute Mountain Tribal Park – Inaccessible House, Casa Colorado and Casa Blanca Cliff Dwelling Tour



Four SJBAS members and one guest participated in this tour, along with a family of four from Montana and a young couple from Boulder. We allowed a guest as the tour was through the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Ricky Hayes was our Ute Mountain Ute guide. We drove through Mesa Verde National Park in our own vehicles to reach the remote trailhead for a little used route to these sites. We viewed Casa Blanca from across Navajo Canyon. Inaccessible House was right below us, so we hiked and climbed down to a narrow ledge right below it; it is inaccessible, after all.

Ricky explained how the various Ute bands fit into the overall Native American landscape in eastern Utah and western Colorado for the past 1,000 years. The Ute Mountain Ute tribe was known as the Weminuche, or Utes

from the south. Their lifestyle was nomadic and they had no permanent settlements; in the summer they would move to the high country of what is now Colorado and then move to lower elevations for the winter. They speak a Uto-Aztec language which has its roots in what is now Mexico. Each spring the Utes hold their traditional Bear dances and a mid-summer fasting ceremony known as the Sun Dance. Dancers take no food or water for three days.

Of course, the cliff dwellings of the Four Corners region are associated with the Pueblo peoples of northern New Mexico and the Hopi in northern Arizona, not the Utes. Ricky described Hopi theology and cosmology. After lunch in the shade, we hiked across the mesa to Casa Colorado. The route into the cliff dwelling required a sketchy class 3 down climb using an old abraded nylon rope, so our members decided to view the cliff dwelling from above.



I believe everyone enjoyed the tour, but the best part for me was listening to the stories and views of Ricky Hayes.

- Lyle

Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund Raffle

Auction items for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship fund were unveiled at the CAS Quarterly Meeting. The drawing for these two flutes and painted bowl will be part the CAS Conference October 9 - 11 in Durango. Tickets are available at Chapter meetings at 1 for \$3 or 4 for \$10. The purchase price of the tickets is tax deductible.



CAS Chapter News

Hisatsinom Chapter

As part of the Four Corners Lecture Series, the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Dr. R. Kyle Bocinsky on August 4th at 7:00 PM at the Sunflower Theatre, 8 E. Main St., Cortez, CO to discuss “Can Pueblo Corn Save Ethiopian Farms? Deploying 1400 Years of Agricultural Knowledge in Service of the Future.” Kyle will discuss how a deep-time approach to crop science is revealing the incredible adaptability of Pueblo agricultural practice, and why Pueblo corn—along with traditional varieties of many other crops—are likely to be essential in preventing the worst impacts of global climate change. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

Hisatsinom Newsletter - August

[Hisatsinom Newsletter August 2015](#)

Indian Peaks Chapter – The Northern Pueblos of New Mexico Field Trip, June 6 – 15, 2015

[Northern Pueblos Field Trip.pdf](#) (large file)

Colorado Archaeological Society 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/>

Please share your photos, upcoming events, links to archaeological articles etc. and let other CAS chapters in the state know what you have been up to.

Four Corners Archaeology News

Canyon Country Discovery Center near Monticello, UT

[Canyon Country Discovery Center.pdf](#)

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

[Canyons of the Ancients N.M. article.pdf](#)

Science News - Massacre at Sacred Ridge - Ridges Basin Project

[Massacre at Sacred Ridge.pdf](#) (large file)

Center of Southwest Studies – Summer Lecture Series

All lectures take place on a Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Lyceum.

August 5 – Ann Butler, “Bury My Heart at Boot Hill: Death in Southwest Colorado from pre-Hispanic through Victorian Times”



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Bury My Heart at Boot Hill: Death in Southwest Colorado

How we remember the dead has changed greatly since humans first came to Southwest Colorado. Whether it's the ancestral Puebloans, early Navajo and Ute hunter-gatherers, or Hispanic and Anglo settlers, traditions and even the language of death evolved with the cultures and the times. Butler's talk will explore the topic from pre-Hispanic time through the Victorian age.

A talk by Ann Butler

Journalist Ann Butler spent more than 10 years writing more than 5,000 obituaries for *The Durango Herald*, and in the process became both comfortable talking about death and fascinated in the many ways humans describe how life comes to an end.

Wednesday, August 5th at 1:30 pm ~ Lyceum Room 120

This presentation continues the Center's second annual SUMMER AT THE CENTER lecture series.

All presentations are free and open to the public, with free parking during the summer term.

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August 19 – Syl Allred, “Blackjacks and Yellowbellies: Walking in Western Ponderosa Pine Forests”

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Please complete the SJBAS application package, including liability waiver and site etiquette forms, <http://www.sjbas.org/Application.pdf>, make your check payable to ‘SJBAS’ and mail with the application forms to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**