

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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The Moki Messenger

December 2014

Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration – Friday, December 5th

Our annual meeting and holiday celebration will be held on Friday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at Fort Lewis College. Cost is \$35.00 per person. The party will begin with a social hour with a cash bar and appetizer table followed by dinner and program activities. The dinner will be buffet style: entrees will be Chicken Marsala and Braised Beef Sicilian, and a vegetarian entree will be available upon request. Also included: side accompaniments, salad, rolls, tea and coffee, and dessert

Activities will include a program featuring a review of 2014 SJBAS activities; introduction of new members; door prizes; election of 2015 chapter officers, a preview of the 2015 field trip schedule, and a silent auction to raise funds for the John W. Sanders Scholarship Fund.

If you plan to attend but have not already mailed your payment to Mark Gebhardt, please contact Foxie Mason no later than December 2nd at fmason@frontier.net or 970-247-0252.

Silent Auction for the Internship Fund

Donations of new or gently used items are still being accepted for the auction. Items will be auctioned off at the holiday party to raise money for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund. To arrange for your donations, please contact Peggy Morris at 970-382-8688.

November General Meeting Notes

Janice introduced Jed Smith, recipient of one of our John W. Sanders Internship Fund scholarships. Jed is using the scholarship to manage and store artifacts from a Classic and Pre-Classic Meso-American collection recently donated by John Eton. The collection includes nine groups of figurines, blades, other artifacts, and even a number of books. Managing the collection involves unpacking each box carefully, attaching identification tags to each item, and organizing items for permanent storage. The challenge is to preserve and protect each item, but still make it accessible to scholars and the public.

Janice welcomed four visitors and offered to visit with them about the club after the meeting. Peggy Morris explained the holiday party silent auction and asked for donations. Mark Gebhardt encouraged members to pay their 2015 dues when they mailed payments for the holiday party. Janice announced that SJBAS will host the CAS annual meeting at FLC on October 9th – 11th and that the club would be looking for volunteers to help with the event. Tish Varney described the PAAC questionnaire emailed to members to get their input on prospective courses to be held in Durango. John Viner

won the CAS raffle for yard art pieces which are now happily planted at Animas Crossing. The last field trip of the year is the Winter Solstice Tour at the Ute Mountain Tribal Park on December 13th.

Past president Andrew Gulliford, Ph.D. presented: "Looking for History: Learning to Read the Landscape". Andy passed around a wonderful map from the original Hayden survey showing most of the pueblos before the turn of the century. He purchased the map at the Old Map Gallery in Denver, www.oldmapgallery.com. Then he described the current status and management challenges facing the 1874 Animas Canyon Wagon Road to Silverton that was recently added to the La Plata County Historical Register. Andy read several excerpts from his book, including a story about hiking on Comb Ridge and experiencing the "discovery" of an ancestral Puebloan rock art site; "catch and release" arrowhead hunting; effective land management that doesn't overwhelm the resource values we're trying to protect; and another story "Into the Lion's Cave" about the largest olla ever found in New Mexico. He discussed the culturally modified Ponderosa pine trees that were peeled by the Utes for the rich cambium layers, and presented a number of slides (really, slides!) showing a variety of arboglyphs done by Hispanic shepherders and many examples of recent cowboy history, including line camps that are still in use today.

Andy's New Book

Andrew Gulliford recently won awards in Albuquerque for his new book, *Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology*, published this year by the University of Oklahoma Press. Out of 1,200 books submitted for the annual New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards, *Outdoors in the Southwest* won in two categories. Each finalist had to score 95 out of 100 points, and winners had to score above that.

Gulliford's edited anthology won in the category of Nature/Environment for the 2014 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards, and was also winner for Best Book published on Arizona for the 2014 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards. Research for the book was supported by the Fort Lewis College Foundation, the Ballantine Family Foundation, the Charles Redd Center at Brigham Young University, and by a sabbatical courtesy of the FLC Board of Trustees. The book is being used on campus in both wilderness and English classes.

Last 2014 Field Trip

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

December 13	<p><u>Ute Mountain Tribal Park Solstice Tour</u></p> <p>Ute Mountain Tribal Park will conduct a public tour of winter solstice sites in Mancos Canyon. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. (check in at 10:30) and cost \$29 per person. Visitors may provide their own transportation, but the Tribal Park will provide vans free of charge. The tour will start at the Tribal Park Visitor Center, located at the junction of Highways 160/491, twenty miles south of Cortez. We will leave Santa Rita Park at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to the Visitor Center. Advance reservations would be helpful, so please sign up before December 7th. Trip Leader: Lyle Hancock lylehancock@bresnan.net - 970-764-4531</p>
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Mesa Verde Association – November Newsletter

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Jane Dillard Looks Back on Four Years of Excavation Her Research Involvement Will Continue in the Lab



As the Crow Canyon research staff backfills its excavations at the Dillard site, Jane Dillard remembers the past four field seasons as a long adventure that increased her archaeological knowledge and introduced her to a whole cast of wonderful people. Now, she says, it's time for the crew to begin uncovering the secrets of another

site. [Read more.](#)

More News

Meeting Our Mission



German Students Visit Crow Canyon

Students from Heimschule Lender in Sasbach, Germany, visited Crow Canyon with their counterparts from Rangeview High School in Aurora, Colorado.

[Read more.](#)



Museum on the (Home) Ground

When Cheryl Lancaster brings her fourth-grade students to Outdoor Museum on the Ground at Lowry Pueblo, she's returning to her old stomping grounds, and she's thrilled with what Crow Canyon and the BLM

do for the kids. [Read more.](#)

Featured Programs and Events



Sneak Peak: Olmec and Maya

Crow Canyon's two-part travel seminar offers a comprehensive look at two ancient cultures—one that may be the wellspring of all Mesoamerican cultures, the other still vibrant today. [Read more.](#)

Crow Canyon Community



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Annual Meeting: Events, Food, Appreciation

In October, Crow Canyon devotees traveled from across the country to attend this year's annual meeting. Everyone enjoyed special events, good food, a visit to the great kiva at the Dillard site, and the appreciation and awards dinner on Saturday night.

[Read more](#) about the meeting and awards.



Multiply the Impact of Your Contribution

On December 31, Crow Canyon will receive \$100,000 from a generous group of donors, provided we have raised \$1,350,000 for the 2014 Annual Fund—a vital source of revenue that keeps our organization humming. We need your help now. When you make

your year-end donation, you're bringing us one gift closer to meeting the challenge. [Donate today!](#)



Crow Canyon Remembers Cliff Jones

Longtime Chairman's Council member Cliff Jones died earlier this year at his home. He authored *Winning Through Integrity*, a book on business ethics that sold more than 40,000 copies. [Read more.](#)

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Annual Membership Renewal

Name(s) _____ and _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Preferred phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Category (check one) "with SWL" means the CAS Southwestern Lore journal will be mailed to you.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual (with SWL)	SJBAS \$15.00 & CAS \$16.00 =	\$31.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual (no SWL)	SJBAS \$15.00 & CAS \$ 8.00 =	\$23.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (with SWL)	SJBAS \$20.00 & CAS \$20.00 =	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (no SWL)	SJBAS \$20.00 & CAS \$10.00 =	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student (no SWL)	=	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation to John W. Sanders Internship Fund	=	

Membership renewals are due by January 31st each year. Make your check payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with this application form to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.** Donations to the John W. Sanders Internship Fund may be included with your dues payment.

New members must complete the full SJBAS application, <http://www.sjbas.org/Application.pdf>, including Liability Waiver and Site Etiquette forms.