

SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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Next SJBAS Meeting – February 11th

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Pete Foster will present, "[Moray, Peru](#): the planning, hydrology, hydraulics, construction and agriculture of this monumental Inca project".

Pete Foster is a native of Grand Junction, CO. He is married to Nancy Foster and they have two boys Liam and Nathan. He graduated from The Colorado College and went on to earn a Master's degree in civil engineering (Colorado State University, 1994), specializing in water resources planning and management. He is currently Vice-President of Wright Water Engineers, Inc., managing its Durango office. In this capacity, he works as a Senior Project Engineer on water rights analyses, water supply feasibility studies, environmental permitting, and design and construction of water and wastewater facilities for ditch and canal companies, municipalities, Native American tribes, special districts, and private industry. He has over 20 years of water engineering experience.

He received gubernatorial appointments to serve on the boards of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (2007-2015) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Control Commission (2006-2012). Pete is a registered professional engineer in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. He participates in Wright Paleohydrological Institute focusing on the Four Corners Area, Peru and Pompeii, Italy.

January 14th SJBAS Meeting Notes – by Barb Hancock

Janice Sheftel, SJBAS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. New members and guests were welcomed and SJBAS brochures distributed to interested visitors. Janice reviewed the "address" for the website and encouraged visitors to consider joining the club. Attending Board Members were asked to raise their hands to be identified.

Janice then called the names of those Member Volunteers who assisted in the very successful annual CAS Conference held in October and, for those in attendance, issued a certificate of appreciation. Janice apologized that these were overlooked when recognition was given at the holiday party in December.

The following announcements were made:

The holiday party was more expensive than the monies collected from participants. SJBAS made up the difference but will need to consider ways in 2016 to hold the celebration without subsidy. A survey was distributed to those in

attendance. The survey will also be sent to all SJBAS Members via e-mail and the results will be used to help guide the Board's planning for the 2016 event.

In 2016, SJBAS is focusing on three areas of importance to the club: Membership, Collaboration, and Education. In that context, Janice announced that SJBAS will be included as part of the broader reaching Four Corners Lecture Series and most recently was a co-sponsor of the Rocky Mountain PBS program, "Ladies of the Mines." A preview was shown Tuesday evening in the Vallecito room, and it was overwhelmingly attended with standing room only. Attendees at tonight's meeting were encouraged to go to the RMPBS website to see the program which was being aired tonight at the same time as the SJBAS meeting. The Board is looking for other collaborative opportunities in 2016 to promote the archaeology and historical interests of the area and welcomes ideas.

Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC Coordinator, explained that PAAC stands for Program for Avocational Archaeologist Certification. It is a series of courses for those interested in an avocational certification, as well as those simply interested in archaeology. The cost is \$12 for a weekend of training by the Colorado State Archaeologist. The next course in Durango will focus on rock art and be June 3 - 5th. The Colorado Archaeology Society (CAS) website has a full list of the courses for 2016 that will be offered around the state and those interested may also refer to the SJBAS website for more information, [PAAC Schedule 2016](#).

The silent auction at the Holiday party netted over \$1,000 allowing SJBAS to fund two internships for spring semester at the Center of Southwest Studies. Janice explained that the club has been able to fund two positions each semester. The club is considering a book auction at the June picnic. Peggy Morris thanked everyone for their contributions in making the auction and internship fund a success.

Janice announced that the SJBAS Board was having a meeting Friday, January 15th at noon at her office and anyone interested in attending was welcome. Field trip announcements included a reminder about the January field trip in Arizona and upcoming trip to Galisteo Basin area in early April. The dates are April 7th - 9th and there is a trip limit of 20 for the trip.

Center of Southwest Studies will be hosting an exhibit: *Thunder in Our Voices*. There will be an opening reception January 21st from 5 to 7 p.m.

The meeting portion of the evening was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. and Janice introduced the evening speaker, Dr. Jesse Tune, the newest faculty member in the Department of Anthropology at Fort Lewis College. His topic was: "*Colonizing the Southern Rockies: Timing and Adaptations of the First Coloradans.*"

Dr. Jesse Tune is originally from Nashville, Tennessee and has been working on Paleoindian sites in the Southeastern United States for about the last ten years. He recently earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University and began teaching anthropology and archaeology at Fort Lewis College in 2015. Broadly speaking, his research focuses on the relationships between humans and the environment. He works primarily on Paleoindian sites that were occupied at the end of the last Ice Age. During that time, much of North America was shifting from a colder, dryer climate to the warmer, wetter climate of today. He is interested in how people adapted their behaviors and technologies to cope with those environmental changes. Dr. Tune is currently developing new research projects that are locally focused on the first people to live in the Southern Rockies and San Juan Basin.

SJBAS Website – new Education page

We have a new page on our website, www.sjbas.org/Education.htm, which provides a variety of hyperlinks to information on the archaeology and history of the Four Corners region. The web page is a work in progress and Lyle would appreciate input from members. If you have favorite sites on the Internet that relate to the archaeology and history of the Four Corners region and believe that they would make sense on our website, please email the hyperlinks to Lyle at lylehancock@bresnan.net.

Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

February 11	SJBAS meeting - speaker Pete Foster - " Moray, Peru : the planning, hydrology, hydraulics, construction and agriculture of this monumental Inca project"
March 10	SJBAS meeting - speaker David Dove - " Mitchell Springs : A Case for Managed Production at Great House Communities in the Mesa Verde Area"
April 7 - 9	<p>Rock Art of Galisteo Basin, New Mexico</p> <p>This is a three-day hotel trip to visit the fabulous rock art and other archaeological sites in Galisteo Basin near Santa Fe. This area is under the protection of the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act and we have arranged permission to cross private lands to access the sites. Trip participation limit is 20. This trip is full, but Janice is keeping a waiting list. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Janice Sheftel at jsheftel@mbssllp.com or 970-259-5845.</p>
April 14	SJBAS meeting - speaker Jason Chuipka - "Animas - La Plata Project Archaeology"
May 9 - 11	<p>Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument - New Mexico</p> <p>This is a three-day camping trip to Puye Cliff Dwellings, Bandelier National Monument, and other nearby sites in Northern New Mexico. Hikes will not exceed four miles roundtrip, but some will require climbing ladders. The trip participation limit is 16. For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Lyle and Barb Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or phone 970-764-4531.</p>
May 12	SJBAS meeting - speaker Julie Orr - "New Caledonia and Its Archaeology"
May 21	<p>Largo Canyon Rock Art and Encinada Mesa Pueblito - New Mexico</p> <p>This will be a day trip to visit rock art sites and a Navajo Pueblito from the 1700's in Northern New Mexico. The trip participation limit is 16 and we will arrange carpools in 4WD/HC vehicles. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertlpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949.</p>

2017 SJBAS Monthly Meeting Dates

Based on your responses to our membership survey, we have rescheduled our monthly meetings in **2017** to the second **Wednesday** of every month. This is for next year, **2017**, not this year. Hopefully, this will reduce some overlap with other popular programs such as Life Long Learning.

"No Bone Unturned" – book about Dr. Doug Owsley

SJBAS has available for purchase, for \$10.00, the nonfiction book: [No Bone Unturned](#), by Jeff Benedict, about the adventures of Dr. Doug Owsley, a top Smithsonian forensic scientist, and his legal battle for America's oldest skeletons. SJBAS members Janice Sheftel, and Shaila Van Sickle highly recommend the book. Shaila says it's the best mystery she's read in the last ten years. Janice couldn't put the book down. Contact Janice Sheftel, jsheftel@mbssllp.com, or (970) 259-5845, to let her know you want to buy one. Only a limited number of copies are left.

When he's not at a crime scene or a mass disaster, Dr. Doug Owsley is entering tombs and crypts, unwrapping mummies, or climbing into caves to unlock the secrets of bones. [No Bone Unturned](#) is a portrait of the man behind America's most notorious cases and a look inside the world of forensic science, as seen through the eyes of a world specialist.

Doug's talent has put his phone number on speed dial for federal agencies, from the FBI to the CIA and the State Department. When the Branch Davidian compound in Waco caught fire, when a terrorist-flown plane crashed into the Pentagon, and when mass graves were uncovered in Croatia, the authorities called Doug. Through cutting-edge science, instinctive artistry, and perseverance, Doug rebuilds skeletons, helps identify them and determines the cause of death. A curator for the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, Doug has handled over ten thousand human skeletons, more than anyone else in America. He has worked with America's historic skeletons, from colonial Jamestown burials to Plains Indians to Civil War soldiers to skeletons tens of thousands of years old, including Kennewick Man, a 9,600-year-old human skeleton found in shallow water along the banks of Washington State's Columbia River. That skeleton turned Doug's life upside down.

Days before Doug was scheduled to begin studying Kennewick Man's skeleton, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seized it and announced the Corps would repatriate the skeleton, burying his bones on the land of the Native American tribes who claimed him. Along with seven of America's leading scientists, Doug sued the U.S. government over custody. At stake was a body of knowledge about our history that would be lost forever if the bones were reburied. For six years, Doug fought a legal and political battle that put everything at risk, jeopardizing his career and reputation.

No Bone Unturned is a journey into the mind of a brilliant scientist and the practice of his craft, as well as the fascinating mystery of a 9,600-year-old skeleton.

RMPBS screening of "Ladies of the Mines" co-sponsored by SJBAS

For those who could not attend or who were turned away from the January 12th screening, the episode can now be seen online at www.rmpbs.org/coloradoexperience/, and here is the YouTube link to the panel discussion that followed the screening: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR7bUX8Gwv4&sns=em>.

SJBAS received a thank you note from Alex and Catherine of the Grand Junction Rocky Mountain PBS office for all our efforts to promote the Colorado Experience, "Ladies of the Mines," documentary.

Note to Janice from Rudy Davison

Janice, as President of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society, my wife Andie and I want to thank you and all the members for participating in the sponsorship of the Rocky Mountain PBS preview of "Ladies of the Mines" that was shown on January 12 at Fort Lewis College and again on January 13 at the Sheridan Opera House in Telluride. As you know, the Fort Lewis preview was so well attended that more than 100 people were turned away for lack of seating. This was certainly a Durango event to be remembered. The Telluride audience was also good, but there were a few chairs left to fill. Again, thank you and the Archaeological Society for your support. I will return the favor this July 21 when I lead a hike for the Archeological Society up to the Lewis Mill above Bridal Veil Falls outside Telluride. The waterfalls and wildflowers should be excellent. -- All the best, Rudy and Andie Davison

PAAC Schedule – 2016

Follow this link to the PAAC schedule for the first half of 2016: [PAAC Schedule 2016](#). The next class in Durango is Rock Art Studies from June 3rd – 5th.

CAS Chapter News

Chipeta Chapter

[Chipeta Newsletter - January 2016](#)

Hisatsinom Chapter

[Hisatsinom Newsletter - February](#)

The Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Hannah Mattson on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss "Personal Ornaments from Pueblo Bonito and Aztec Ruin: An Examination of Social Identity, Ritual Practice, and Demographic Reorganization." Hannah will explore Chacoan identity and practice by examining the social values placed on ornaments from Pueblo Bonito and Aztec Pueblo's West Ruin. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

Pikes Peak Chapter – January 2016 [Pikes Peak Newsletter - January](#)

Colorado Archaeological Society News

Here is the final report for the CAS annual meeting and conference in October: [CAS 2015 annual meeting FINAL REPORT](#).

Here is the draft CAS internet policy and procedures: [CAS Draft Internet Policies](#)

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

Fort Lewis College – Center of Southwest Studies

Center of Southwest Studies hires new director, [Shelby Tisdale](#). On Thursday, February 4th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., SJBAS members are invited to the Center to welcome Dr. Shelby Tisdale. Come join the CSWS staff in welcoming Shelby to Fort Lewis College. Refreshments will be provided and the museum gallery and Delaney Library will be open until 7:00.

CSWS 2016 Winter – Spring Event Schedule [2016 Winter - Spring Schedule](#)



Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

The [Crow Canyon Archaeological Center](#) is offering summer camps for teens: [Camp flyer](#).

Mesa Verde National Park

[Mesa Verde - Feral Horses – editorial by Andrew Gulliford](#)

Mesa Verde will be celebrating 100 years of the National Park Service this summer.

Other Southwestern Archaeological News

Ancient Footprints found near Tucson [2,500-year-old Footprints](#)

New Books – recommended by Larry Ruiz

I just wanted to let you know about two brilliant books that have recently been published and are available from Amazon. Both authors, Scott Thybony and Jonathan Bailey, contributed to my film, *Waking the Mammoth*, and I couldn't have been more pleased to work with them both. Jonathan's photography and artwork are absolutely spectacular, and Scott's words both in front of a camera speaking, or within the pages of his books are moving and inspirational.

Jonathan's book, (which includes an essay by Scott Thybony and has recently become available), is titled: **“Rock Art: A Vision of a Vanishing Cultural Landscape”** available via Amazon here:

http://www.amazon.com/Rock-Art-Vanishing-Cultural-Landscape/dp/1555664652/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1453330981&sr=8-1&keywords=Jonathan+Bailey

Scott's new literary effort: **“The Disappearances: A Story of Exploration, Murder, and Mystery in the American West”**, Shipping April 30, is available for pre-order via Amazon here:

http://www.amazon.com/Disappearances-Exploration-Murder-Mystery-American/dp/1607814838/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1453313193&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Disappearances+Thybon



When: March 4, 2016

Where: Dine College, John Pinto Library, Shiprock, New Mexico

Who: Navajo Nation Historic Preservation & Heritage Department

Contact Information: 505-368-1507 or 505-368-1214 or email : Antoinette Kurley-Begay akbegay@frontiernet.net or

look under Navajo Nation Archaeology Department Facebook for additional information

It is our wish to have an open respectful platform where individuals are free to share & communicate with each other.

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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 Annual Membership Form to our chapter treasurer: **Mark Gebhardt, 107 St. Andrews Circle, Durango, CO 81301.**