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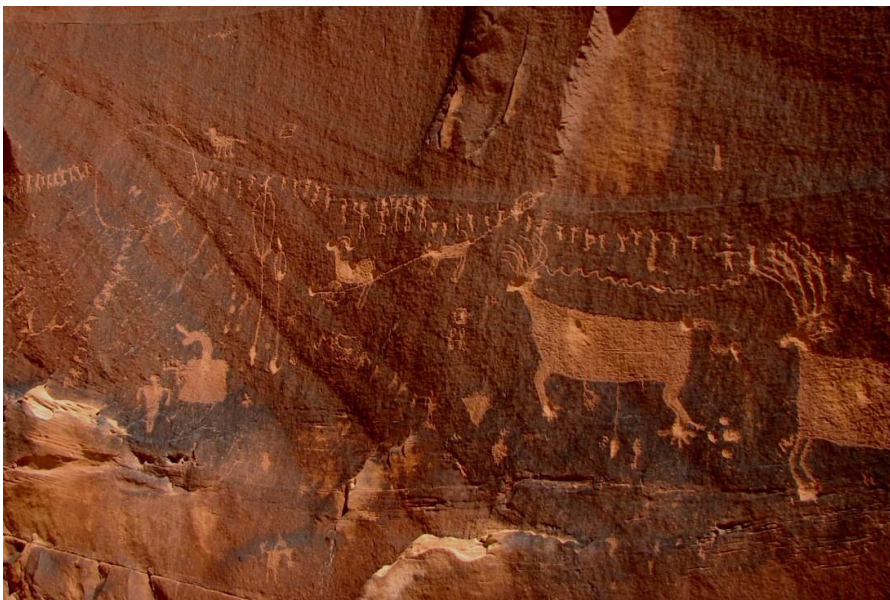
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Kellam Throgmorton will present: “Social Groups at the Basketmaker-Pueblo Transition: Interpretations from the Procession Panel.” There will be a pre-meeting social at 6:30.

In this lecture Dr. Throgmorton suggests that the Procession Panel on Comb Ridge (SE Utah) contains valuable information about the size of households and villages during the late Basketmaker III and early Pueblo I period. He argues that the Procession Panel depicts a community in transition, when some households began to reorganize as members of lineages and materialized this relationship by constructing large, multihousehold surface dwellings. However, not all households



organized into lineage-scale groups, and these differences between these two kinds of social organization created fault lines where social inequalities could later develop.

Kellam Throgmorton, Ph.D., Binghamton University, is a public archaeologist whose research addresses cultural landscapes, monumentality, and political organization. He is the supervisory archaeologist at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

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## President's Letter

Dear SJBAS Members:

Our year started out with a fascinating presentation by Connie Massingale on the collection and processing of hematite to produce red ochre that is used for many things ranging from self-ornamentation to creating images on stone. Approximately 80 people attended with about 30% new members and guests.

The Board of Directors is developing a long-range plan which will help guide us into the future. We are using information you provided at our holiday brunch.

I encourage your involvement in SJBAS as a Member Participant and Volunteer. Please consider helping in some capacity, such as assisting with meeting socials, coordinating a field trip, providing ideas for speakers and field trips, or joining our Board of Directors. We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill our Membership Chair position and volunteers to help with the Pecos Conference to be held August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Mancos.

We missed our winter getaway to Cochise County, AZ this year as Gail and Marlo Schulz retired after leading over ten years of field trips. I encourage another member or group of members to lead a winter trip next year. Speaking of field trips, don't forget to sign up for this year's trips before the maximum number of participants is reached. Contact the trip leaders identified on the [Field Trip Schedule](#).

We recently received a collection of books from the family of Guy Tomberlin. Guy was the first president of SJBAS in 1978. We have offered the Center of Southwest Studies those books which will enhance their library collection. The remaining books will be available at a silent auction we are planning at our summer picnic. Please look around at your collection of things that you may want to donate to our auction. The proceeds go toward the SJBAS John W. Sanders Internship and Education Fund.

Sincerely,  
Rege Leach, President

## Please Renew Your SJBAS Membership!!

Membership renewals were due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Your Membership supports our efforts to bring the archaeology, history and culture of the Four Corners region to each of you and our community through lectures, classes, field trips, and social gatherings. See the SJBAS website at [www.sjbas.org](http://www.sjbas.org) for renewal information or just follow this link, [Membership Application 2020](#).

## Report on the November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> PAAC class

The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) hosted "Colorado Archaeology" November 22-24, 2019, with "Becca" Simon, History Colorado, as instructor in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. There were 31 registrants, mainly from Durango, but coming from as far away as Granby, Las Cruces, Dolores and Pagosa Springs. There was a 15-year-old student, her mother and her teacher from Ignacio. This gave us an opportunity to discuss youth educational outreach with Becca and local schools. It dovetails with the educational program, Project Archaeology, that Janice Sheftel is working on.

As a result of the class, SJBAS gained two new members: Elaine Fein and Denise Galley. PAAC classes are a great opportunity make the community aware of the SJBAS role as an educator and offers the chance for participants to join as new members.

### **Next PAAC class in Durango is “Ceramics,” May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

The next PAAC class in Durango is “Ceramics,” May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Lyceum, CSWS, Fort Lewis College. The History Colorado class description is: Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis - Ceramic technology, methods of manufacture, physical/stylistic analyses, and basic Colorado ceramic characteristics.

### **Know Your SJBAS Neighbor**

Each month we plan to feature a different SJBAS member in this article. Please contact Rege Leach, [rleach@frontier.net](mailto:rleach@frontier.net), if you would like to share your profile.

#### **Rege Leach – SJBAS President**

I grew up in a small rural town in central Pennsylvania located at the foot of the Tuscarora Mountain near the confluence of the Juniata and Susquehanna Rivers. It was a great place to be a kid walking from my house to play in the streams and woods. I remember finding clay pipes and arrow heads and playing around prehistoric mounds. Other than being cool stuff, it didn’t catch my interest at the time. There were plenty of kids to play with, enough to have two complete baseball teams!

My father was a career railroader and my mother a teacher’s aide. My dad encouraged me to become an engineer, he had in mind a locomotive engineer. Well I sort of took his advice and studied engineering at Penn State University. During my studies I became interested in the increasing salinity of the worlds fresh water. Shortly after graduating I found myself working with the US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) stationed in Durango, CO studying the increasing salinity of the Colorado River.

My wife Nancy joined me in the adventure west. We lived in an apartment on Main Avenue for several years from which roots to the area began to grow. Nancy started her graphic design business providing promotional and advertising assistance to businesses throughout the Four Corners region. Her work with Mesa Verde



National Park, the Heritage Center, and Crow Canyon, lead us to becoming friends with the Park Superintendent who suggested we get married in the Park at Soda Canyon Overlook one quiet October Saturday afternoon.

My work on the salinity projects took me throughout the Colorado River Basin, spending considerable time along the Dirty Devil River in Utah, Paradox Valley, Mc Elmo and Mancos Canyons in Colorado, and the San Juan River in New Mexico. I was also part of the planning team working on the Dolores and Animas LaPlata Projects.

As part of implementing these large projects, archaeological resources were being documented and salvaged. That is when I learned about the incredible archaeological treasures in the Four Corners region. The archaeological studies on the Dolores and Animas LaPlata Projects were some of the largest this country has ever undertaken. Some of the young archaeologists working on those projects are now leaders and teachers in the field of Archaeology.

The last project I lead with the BOR was the Navajo Gallup Water supply Project. It too has an extensive archaeology component and is currently under construction.

I went on to take a position with the Colorado Division of Water Resources as Division Engineer in the San Juan River Basin until retiring. Nancy retired as well and we have been remodeling our house, traveling, and enjoying this great place we live. We own an historic log cabin in Pennsylvania (circa. 1763) and spend a lot of time there maintaining it and researching its history.

We have two adult children both graduates of Fort Lewis College. One majored in Archaeology/ Education and the other Chemistry.

Nancy and I have been members of the SJBAS for four years and look forward to the field trips and the presentations. As President I hope to keep us moving forward exploring and learning about the archaeological, historical and cultural resources of the southwest and the world. – submitted by Rege Leach

### **Pecos Conference – August 7 – 9, 2020 – Mancos**

Each August, archaeologists gather under open skies somewhere in the southwestern United States or northwestern Mexico. They set up a large tent, and then spend three or more days discussing recent research, problems of the field, and the challenges of the profession. Most participants camp at the conference site, this year near Mancos.

The first Pecos Conference was inspired and organized by A.V. Kidder in 1927 at Pecos Pueblo. Many leaders in the field of archaeology were in attendance. At this first meeting, collaborations led to the first widely accepted cultural classification system for the Southwest, the [Pecos Classification](#) phase sequence. This classification system and the conference have continued until today.

Open to all, the Pecos Conference remains an important and superlative opportunity for students and students of prehistory to meet with professional archaeologists on a one-on-one informal basis to learn about the profession, gain access to resources and to new research opportunities, and to test new methods and theories related to archaeology.

Foxie Mason is organizing a SJBAS field trip to the conference and we would like to also take the opportunity to showcase SJBAS to conference participants. For more information about the conference or to sign up as a volunteer or field trip participant, please contact Foxie Mason at [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net).

### **Center of Southwest Studies – focused on history, thinking about the future**

While history is the name of the game at Fort Lewis College's Center of Southwest Studies, its leaders are focusing on its future. College officials with the center, now in its 55th year, say they want the campus and the



community to know all it has to offer. “People don’t know much about what we do here,” said Shelby Tisdale, director of the center. “So, we definitely want to engage in more outreach.” – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

## **Mesa Verde National Park looking for dark sky designation**

Mesa Verde National Park may become an International Dark Sky Park in the coming year. The Mesa Verde National Park Museum Association has been working on its application to receive the designation since 2015, and it plans to submit the application this month, said David Quinn, sales manager with the museum association, the nonprofit partner that operates the park’s bookstore and helps with fundraising efforts. The designation would support night sky programs at the park and improve visitors’ experiences, the applicants say – and it brings Mesa Verde into the international movement to curb light pollution. – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

## **Mesa Verde National Park invites public comment on road improvement proposal**

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is considering a project at Mesa Verde National Park that would rehabilitate Mesa Top Loop, Cliff Palace Loop and Sun Temple Loop roads; improve accessibility at adjacent overlooks; improve sidewalks and parking areas; replace the current Visitor and Research Center intersection; and possibly widen the two-way sections of Mesa Top Loop and Sun Temple Loop roads to accommodate a bike lane. As part of the planning process, the Park Service is initiating a 30-day comment period about the preliminary concepts. – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))



## **Book recommendation - *Voices from Bears Ears: Seeking Common Ground on Sacred Land* – by Rebecca Robinson**

In late 2016, President Barack Obama designated 1.35 million acres of public lands in southeastern Utah as Bears Ears National Monument. On December 4, 2017, President Donald Trump shrank the monument by 85 percent. A land rich in human history and unsurpassed in natural beauty, Bears Ears is at the heart of a national debate over the future of public lands.

Through the stories of twenty individuals, and informed by interviews with more than seventy people, *Voices from Bears Ears* captures the passions of those who fought to protect Bears Ears and those who opposed the monument as a federal “land grab” that threatened to rob them of their economic future. It gives voice to those who have felt silenced, ignored, or disrespected. It shares stories of those who celebrate a growing movement by Indigenous peoples to protect ancestral lands and culture, and those who speak devotedly about their Mormon heritage. What unites these individuals is a reverence for a homeland that defines their cultural and spiritual identity, and therein lies hope for finding common ground.

Journalist Rebecca Robinson provides context and perspective for understanding the ongoing debate and humanizes the abstract issues at the center of the debate. Interwoven with these stories are photographs of the interviewees and the land they consider sacred by photographer Stephen E. Strom. Through word and image, Robinson and Strom allow us to both hear and see the people whose lives are intertwined with this special place. Available in paperback and Kindle editions.

<p><b>Dates</b></p>	<p align="center"> <b>Upcoming Field Trip and Activity Schedule – 2020</b>   <b>Updates are in red.</b>   Please contact trip leaders by phone or email for more information or to sign up. </p>
<p><b>February 12</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS Meeting</b> – Kellam Throgmorton will present: “Social Groups at the Basketmaker-Pueblo Transition: Interpretations from the Procession Panel.”</p>
<p><b>March 11</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - John Hoffecker will present: “The early Upper Paleolithic archaeology of the East European Plain.”</p>
<p><b>March 27 – 29</b></p>	<p><b>Bears Ears Exploration</b> – 3-day camping trip – We will camp in a dispersed campsite with pit toilets and hike to a variety of archaeological sites. On Sunday, we will meet for happy hour at Andrew Gulliford and Stephanie Moran’s house in Bluff. 4WD/HC vehicles are required. Participants must be fit and ready to hike all day. Trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>April 6 – 10</b></p>	<p><b>Grand Gulch Backpack Trip</b> – 5-day backpacking trip. Specific route and distance depend on what permit we can get. Trip will include some off-trail hiking to Ancestral Puebloan sites and be moderately difficult. The trip participation limit is 8. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyle at <a href="mailto:lylehancock54@gmail.com">lylehancock54@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>April 8</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Richard Jenkinson will present: “Art of Dinetah.”</p>
<p><b>April 18</b></p>	<p><b>Rock Art near Bluff, Utah</b> – Day trip – This will be a full day of exploring rock art sites, including hiking Butler Wash to the San Juan River, walking to sites near Sand Island Campground, and hiking to the Sand Dune series of panels on the northwest edge of Bluff. We will meet for happy hour at Andrew Gulliford and Stephanie Moran’s house in Bluff. This is a full-day trip, so participants will likely want to camp or stay in a hotel in Bluff the night before. Trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>May 8</b></p>	<p><b>Downtown Durango Walking Tour</b> - Meet at train depot at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a 1.5-hour downtown Durango walking tour with historian Andrew Gulliford; walk north on Main Avenue to El Rancho, walk up to East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and then south on 3<sup>rd</sup> back to depot. Participants will learn about Durango’s commercial and residential districts and colorful local history. Trip participation limit is 18. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>May 13</b></p>	<p><b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Marilee White will present: “Reversing Archaeology: Ethiopia’s Ancient Stone-hewn Churches.”</p>
<p><b>May 15 - 18</b></p>	<p><b>PAAC Class in Durango – Ceramics</b> - Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis - Ceramic technology, methods of manufacture, physical/stylistic analyses, and basic Colorado ceramic characteristics. Contact Tish Varney for details and to sign up: <a href="mailto:tishvarney@att.net">tishvarney@att.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Early June</b></p>	<p><b>Keet Seel Backpacking</b> – This will be a four-day trip that includes car camping at Navajo National Monument and an overnight backpacking trip (8.5 miles each way) to Keet Seel, one of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings in the Southwest. A Park Service guide will provide a tour of the cliff dwellings. The backpack is rated by the Park Service as strenuous, plus backpackers may have to carry 6 liters of water per person. For those who</p>

	want to stay for a fourth day there will be a guided five-mile round trip hike to Betatakin. Trip participation limit is 10. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Hunter McCleary at <a href="mailto:hunter.mccleary@gmail.com">hunter.mccleary@gmail.com</a> .
June 10	<b>SJBAS Annual Picnic</b> – Edgemont Ranch Picnic Grounds
June 22 – 24	<b>Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day</b> – 2 to 3-day motel trip to Santa Fe – Combine colorful feast day ceremonies at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo with other sites such as El Rancho de las Golondrinas, Bandelier National Monument, etc. – Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> .
July 8	<b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Wayne Lorenz will present: “New finds at Pompei.”
TBD	<b>Fort Lewis College Field School</b> – Details will be forthcoming.
August 7 – 9	<b>Attend Pecos Conference near Mancos</b> – Camp at conference site or do day trips from Durango. For more information or to sign up, contact Foxie Mason at <a href="mailto:fmason@frontier.net">fmason@frontier.net</a> .
August 12	<b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Liseth Louderback will present: “Potatoes of the Southwest.”
Early September	<b>Navajo Nation Fair</b> – Window Rock, AZ – 2-day motel trip during first week of September. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> .
September 9	<b>SJBAS social gathering</b> – Details will be forthcoming.
September 19	<b>John W. Sanders Lecture</b> - Trenton Holliday of Tulane University will present: “Meandering Neanderthals – A New Look at our Closest Fossil Relatives.”
	 
September 21 – 24	<b>Chaco Culture National Historical Park 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Astronomy Festival</b> – 3-day camping trip – Park Service programs may include astronomy, star gazing through powerful telescopes and talking with astronomers, site tours, campfire programs, and a sunrise program to observe the autumnal equinox. We will do one or two hikes to backcountry sites (4-5 miles each). Reservations for campsites must be made by each SJBAS participant. For more information or to sign up, contact Paula Lutz at <a href="mailto:paula@durango.net">paula@durango.net</a> .
October 5 – 7	<b>Cedar Mesa Backcountry Sites</b> – 3-day camping trip. We will camp for two nights in a dispersed campsite and hike to a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites. 4WD/HC vehicles are required, and participants must be fit and ready to hike all day. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyle Hancock at <a href="mailto:lylehancock54@gmail.com">lylehancock54@gmail.com</a> .
October 2, 3, 9 or 10 ??	<b>Dinetah Pueblitos and rock art in Largo Canyon, New Mexico</b> – This will be a day trip to visit three Navajo Pueblitos and several rock art panels. We will drive down through Aztec and return through Ignacio. The longest walk is ¾ mile over relatively flat terrain. 4WD/HC vehicles are required; however, if heavy rains occur during the preceding week, we may postpone the trip because of slippery roads. The trip participation limit is 16; we will arrange carpools. For

	more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at <a href="mailto:robertlpowell@durango.net">robertlpowell@durango.net</a> or 970-385-8949.
<b>October 9 – 11</b>	<b>Navajo Culture – Crown Point Rug Auction, Hubbell Trading Post, maybe Canyon de Chelly</b> – 2 to 3-day motel trip. For more information or to sign up, contact Randy Graham at <a href="mailto:rg44@bresnan.net">rg44@bresnan.net</a> .
<b>October 14</b>	<b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Fred Blackburn will present: "Methodology and Documentation of Historic Names at Aztec Ruins."
<b>October 1 – 15</b> <b>???? TBD</b>	<b>Paquime / Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico</b> – 4-day motel trip – This tour of Paquime and nearby archaeological sites leaves by van from Deming, NM. The tour leader is retired archaeologist Paul Minnis who has conducted excavations in the Casas Grandes area and published widely. We will also visit Cave of the Olla, Cuarenta Casas, the Paquime Museum, and various nearby cliff dwellings and some rock art. There will be optional side-trips to nearby historic Hacienda San Diego and an 1880's Mormon settlement. The town of Mata Ortiz is also known for its revivalist pottery industry inspired by Paquime. The cost is approximately \$1,000/person double occupancy and includes lodging, most meals, and travel by van. The first and last nights in Deming are not covered. Dr. Minnis is not charging for his time but would appreciate it if each participant made a contribution to the archaeology institution of their choice. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Hunter McCleary at <a href="mailto:hunter.mccleary@gmail.com">hunter.mccleary@gmail.com</a> .
<b>November 11</b>	<b>SJBAS Meeting</b> - Rand Greubel, Alpine Archaeological Consultants, will present: "Archaeological Investigations: CDOT's Highway 550-160 Connection Project on Florida Mesa"
<b>December 12</b>	<b>SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch</b> – Vallecito Room at Fort Lewis College
	<b>Other Related Trips and Activities</b>
<b>June 11 – 16</b>	<b>San Juan River by Holiday Expeditions</b> – Sand Island to Clay Hills - Andy Gulliford goes along as historian.
<b>August 11 – 14</b>	<b>Green River rafting by Holiday Expeditions</b> - Gates of Lodore - Andy Gulliford goes along as historian.
<b>Not scheduled</b>	<b>Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park by Holiday Expeditions</b> - Weber Canyon horseback to Sandal House - day trip - Andy Gulliford goes along as historian.
<b>October 17</b>	<b>International Archaeology Day</b>

## Regional Archaeology News

### Petrified Forest National Park rethinks its message about theft

Petrified Forest now embraces visitors rather than treating them as suspects. For years – decades even – a myth has surrounded Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park: A curse would strike anyone who illegally stole a



piece of fossilized ancient wood within park boundaries. And there are letters to prove it. Over the years, hundreds of people who have stolen chunks of petrified wood, and eventually regretted their crime, have sent back the fossilized prizes, along with letters of apology. The practice had become so commonplace, park officials named the stack a “conscience pile.” – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

### **Video: Why You Should Experience Pecos National Historical Park**

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Jeremy M. Moss discussed Pecos National Historical Park in his talk, “Going Down to the Crossroads: A Brief History of Pecos National Historical Park.” – Archaeology Southwest ([View video at YouTube](#))

### **Archaeology Southwest – Ancestral Pueblo review**

The Ancestral Pueblo (previously called Anasazi) region falls largely along the Colorado Plateau in the northern half of the Southwest. Most archaeologists have ceased using “Anasazi” because many contemporary Pueblo people oppose the term. As the name “Ancestral Pueblo” suggests, people in this region were among the ancestors of today’s Pueblo people. ([Read more...](#))

### **The Natural World of Mimbres**

In “The Archaeology of Animals in Southwest New Mexico, AD 1000 – 1130,” Dr. Karen G. Schollmeyer discusses what we know about the natural world of the Mimbres people. As an archaeologist, I’ve long been interested in how people used animals in the past. Thanks to New Mexico’s dry climate and soil conditions, animal bones are often well preserved in Mimbres area archaeological sites. – Black Range Naturalist (opens as a PDF; article begins on page 9) ([Read PDF](#))

### **All About the Four Corners Potato**

For years, we’ve learned that ancestral Puebloans depended upon corn, beans and squash, nicknamed The Three Sisters, for sustenance. Well, move over sisters. Little brother spud is about to take the stage. With a \$225,000 National Science Foundation grant, researchers at the Univ of Utah hope to prove that a tiny tuber, *Solanum jamesii*, was an important part of ancient Native diets. – The Journal ([Read article](#) by Andy Gulliford)

### **Galloping Goose reunion tour planned for July**

Over the years, there have been a handful of Galloping Goose rail-car reunion tours, and another one is planned for July in Chama, New Mexico. The event is part of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad’s 50th anniversary celebration. Final dates are being determined. “Goose reunions are rare events, and they’re really fun,” said motorman Joe Becker with the Galloping Goose Historical Society Museum in Dolores. “Passengers have the opportunity to ride different machines as they make their way across the rugged mountain country of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.” – Durango Herald ([Read article](#))

### **National Register Declines Nomination Comprising 199 Rock Art Sites near Moab, Utah**

The project culminated with the submission of a massive packet of material — nominating 199 sites on about 180,000 acres of public land for listing on the National Register of Historic Places — to the National Park

Service last March. After initially approving the petition, which placed all the sites under a single listing, the service’s Keeper of the National Register withdrew the nomination, potentially squandering thousands of hours of hard field work by volunteers organized by the Bakers and the Bureau of Land Management. To organize the nomination, the BLM relied on a streamlined “multiple property” process that it had successfully used to put hundreds of sites along Utah’s famed Nine Mile Canyon in Carbon and Duchesne counties under group listings in 2012 and 2014, according to Josh Loftin, spokesman for the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts. But with recent changes in leadership, the park service wants the sites documented differently in a kind of bureaucratic bait and switch that could delay the sites’ listing for years. – Salt Lake Tribune ([Read article](#))

### **Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee to Meet February 25, 26**

The Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office will host the second Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Feb. 25**, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Feb. 26** at the Hideout Community Center, 648 S. Hideout Way in Monticello. Agenda items for the meeting include reviewing the Bears Ears National Monument Management Approved Plans and Record of Decision, identifying and discussing next steps for implementation-level planning, seeking MAC input and recommendations on implementation-level plans, and other issues as appropriate. The public is welcome to attend and observe the meeting and will be given an opportunity to address the MAC each day. – Moab Times-Independent ([Read article](#))

### **Shaine Gans Takes Helm at Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance**

A local archaeologist and educator has been named executive director of Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance. Shaine Gans will lead the nonprofit, which focuses on environmental work, education and archaeological stewardship as a friend’s group for Canyons of the Ancients N. M. – The Journal ([Read article](#))

### **SJBAS Elected Officers and Other Board Members - 2020**

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### **San Juan Basin Archaeological Society – Membership Renewal**

**Membership renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year.** Please complete the [SJBAS Annual Membership Form](#), make your check payable to ‘SJBAS’ and mail with the Annual Membership Form to: **SJBAS, Attn: Randy Graham, P.O. Box 3153, Durango, CO 81302.**