# SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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# The Moki Messenger

# July 2016

## Next SJBAS Monthly Meeting – July 14th

Our next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. After a brief business meeting, Paul Berkowitz will present: <u>"Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell</u> <u>Trading Post</u>." This program is being held in collaboration with the CSWS Four Corners Lecture Series and there will be a public reception in the CSWS foyer starting at 6:00 p.m.

This is the story of Billy Gene Malone and the end of an era. Malone lived most of his life on the Navajo Reservation working as an Indian trader; he was the last real Indian trader to operate the historic Hubbell Trading Post. In 2004, the National Park Service launched an investigation targeting Malone, alleging a long list of crimes that were "similar to Al Capone." In 2005, federal agent Paul Berkowitz took over the case. His investigation uncovered serious problems with the original allegations, raising questions about the integrity of his supervisors and colleagues as well as high-level NPS managers.

Paul Berkowitz is a retired criminal investigator for the National Park Service. He finished his career as a supervisory special agent on the Navajo Reservation.

#### **SJBAS Picnic Happenings**

The SJBAS Annual Picnic was held at Foxie and Dick Mason's beautiful home on June 9<sup>th</sup>. About 70 SJBAS members and guests attended... wow! A noteworthy thunderstorm struck just about the time folks were gathering for dinner, but thankfully the Masons have several large covered deck spaces so we stayed dry. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Foxie and Dick for hosting our large group. Other picnic volunteers included Bob Powell (brat grilling expert who got soaked), Jim Mueller, Jay Culver, Kristine Johnson, Rhonda Raffo, Marion and Andy Simon and many others that just helped as needed. Peggy organized a used book sale for the John Sanders Scholarship Fund.

# **Upcoming Field Trips and Activities**

SJBAS Meeting - Paul Berkowitz <u>"Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell Trading Post</u>"July 14This program is being held in collaboration with the CSWS Four Corners Lecture Series and<br/>there will be a reception in the CSWS foyer starting at 6:00 p.m.

July 21	Tour of Lewis Mine and Mill near Telluride Rudy Davison will share his incredible knowledge of historic mining activities in this 8-mile roundtrip day hike to the Lewis Mine. Beginning at 10,400 feet, the trail gradually gains 2,048 feet. Trailhead access will require 4WD vehicles, but we will arrange carpools. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Lyle Hancock at <u>lylehancock@bresnan.net</u> or phone 970-764-4531.	
August 11	<b>SJBAS meeting - speaker Louie Garcia - "Weaving in the Pueblo Southwest"</b> This program is being held in collaboration with the CSWS Four Corners Lecture Series and there will be a reception in the CSWS foyer starting at 6:00 p.m.	
September 8	SJBAS meeting - speaker Dawn Mulhern from FLC - "Mortuary Practices of the Durango Basketmakers"	
September 15 - 18	<b>Rock Art near Bluff and Ancestral Puebloan Sites on Comb Ridge - Utah</b> This four-day camping trip will start with a reception in Bluff and short hikes to nearby rock art panels. Then the group will make a base camp along Butler Wash and do several moderately difficult day hikes to remote Ancestral Puebloan sites on <u>Comb Ridge</u> . Hikes are generally less than six miles roundtrip, but do include off trail scrambling. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information and to sign up, contact trip leader Andy Gulliford at <u>gulliford a@fortlewis.edu</u> . This trip is currently full, but there is a waiting list.	
September 25 - 26	Mesa Verde Backcountry Hike with NPS guide This will be a two-day trip with an afternoon hike to <u>Petroglyph Point</u> on the first day, an optional overnight at <u>Far View Lodge</u> , and a backcountry hike on the second day to Oak Tree House. This 2-hour, 1-mile round-trip hike is moderately strenuous. Expect a narrow, unpaved, uneven trail, with steps carved into the sandstone, steep drop-offs, and two ladders (4-foot and 15-foot). Total elevation change is 200 feet. Trip participation limit is 10. Tour fee is \$25. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leaders Jim and Rhonda at <u>rhondaandjim@msn.com</u> .	
October 1	Yucca House National Monument This is a day trip to one of the largest Ancestral Puebloan sites in Southwest Colorado. The tour of this unexcavated <u>puebloan community</u> near Cortez will be led by NPS guide Jill Blumenthal. For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at <u>tishvarney@att.net</u> or 970-259-4099.	
October 7 - 10	CAS annual meeting and conference in Grand Junction	
October 13	SJBAS meeting- Dan Simplicio from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center - "What Happens When Migration Stops?"	
October 15	Pueblitos near Navajo Reservoir – New Mexico This will be a day trip to visit three Navajo Pueblitos. We will drive down through Aztec and return through Ignacio. The longest walk is ¾ mile over relatively flat terrain. 4WD/HC vehicles are necessary, but we will arrange carpools if necessary. The trip participation limit is 16. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertlpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949.	

# PAAC News - Kevin Black Retires

On June 4, SJBAS members and Rock Art Studies class participants celebrated Kevin Black's retirement from his position as State Assistant Archaeologist. Many well-wishers greeted Kevin at the CSWS reception.





# **CAS Chapter News**

#### Hisatsinom

#### Hisatsinom Newsletter July 2016

Below are descriptions for our two separate lectures in Cortez on July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>:

 July 5<sup>th</sup> - Lecture by James Potter: "Cowboy Wash Pueblo and Community Organization on the Southern Piedmont of Sleeping Ute Mountain."

As a part of the Four Corners Lecture Series, the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Dr. James Potter on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss "Cowboy Wash Pueblo and Community Organization on the Southern Piedmont of Sleeping Ute Mountain." James explores data from recent excavations at Cowboy Wash Pueblo and also the long-term objectives of research at the site by the Ute Mountain Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Lecture by James Brooks: "Mesa of Sorrows: Archaeology, History, and the Ghosts of Awat'ovi Pueblo."

The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society are pleased to present Dr. James Brooks on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, 23390 Road K, Cortez, CO to discuss "Mesa of Sorrows: Archaeology, History, and the Ghosts of Awat'ovi Pueblo." James unravels the story of the massacre at Awat'ovi Pueblo and its significance. Lecture to be followed by a book sale and signing. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

# **Colorado Archaeological Society News**

CAS Surveyor http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/PUBLICATIONS/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm

# CAS Bulletin Boardhttp://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/bulletinboard.htmCAS Facebook Pagehttp://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.

### 2016 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Raffle

The 2016 Scholarship Raffle Prize is the "Zebra Sentinel", a 32-inch tall decorative ceramic vessel made especially for CAS by Pikes Peak Chapter member and nationally-known ceramic artist Jerry Rhodes. (See the 2016 Raffle Flyer...) SJBAS board members will have tickets on sale at upcoming meetings and events. Tickets are \$3 each and four for \$10. If you cannot wait for the next meeting, please contact Terri Hoff at tthoff@hotmail.com or phone 970-882-2191.

#### **CSWS Summer Lecture Series**

Here is a link to the flyer for the CSWS Summer Lecture Series and Special Events: <u>CSWS Lecture Series flyer</u>.

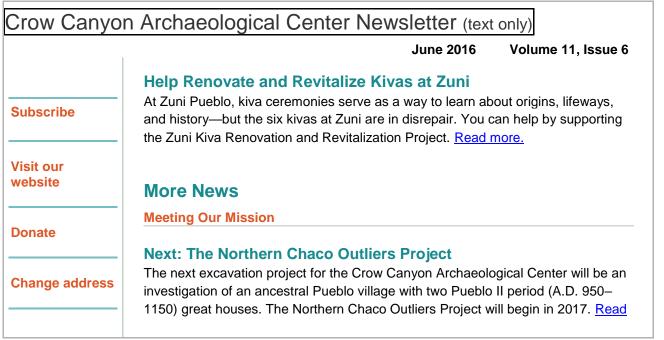
#### The Archaeological Conservancy - Help Save a Chaco Outlier

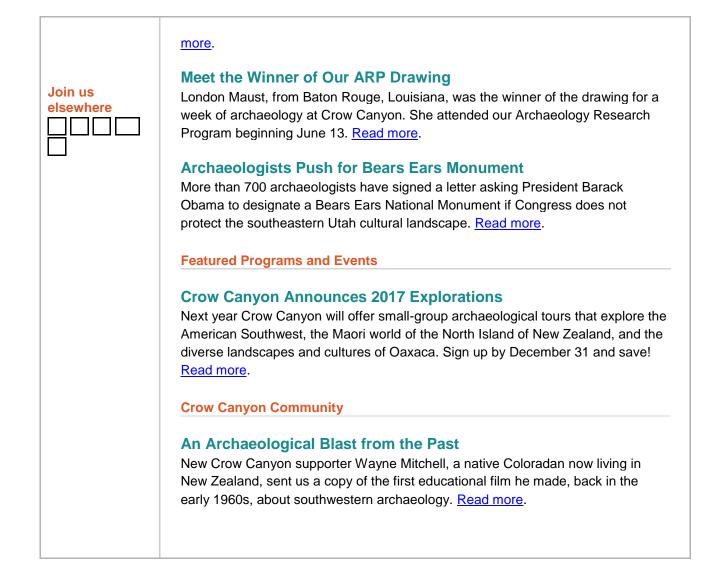
#### Help Save Chaco Outlier

#### **Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Free Tours**

Crow Canyon's free one-hour tour started in May and goes through the end of September: <u>Crow Canyon Tour flyer</u>. The tour is offered at 10 AM every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning, starting from the Gates Building on the Crow Canyon campus. No reservations are required. Plan to arrive by 9:45 to allow time for parking and registration.

The tour includes the archaeology lab and education rooms, a walk to one of Crow Canyon's experiential learning centers, and an introduction to the programs offered on campus. Families are welcome - we have a special activity for children. For more information, contact Jeanne Becker at 970-749-7582.





# **SJBAS Elected Officers**

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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 <u>SJBAS Annual Membership Form</u>, 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.**