

# SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



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## The Moki Messenger

June 2016

### **SJBAS Annual Picnic – June 9<sup>th</sup>**

The SJBAS Annual Picnic “semi potluck” will be held Thursday June 9, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at the home of Foxie and Dick Mason, 1940 County Road 250, Durango, CO.

Directions: Drive north on Main Avenue, turn right on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street (City Market on right), drive to the end of 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Turn left onto CR 250, drive approximately 1.8 miles north. Look for pink house/grey roof on left, the driveway for 1940 will be on the RIGHT. Look for signs; phone 247-0252 if you require further instructions.

The club will provide brats (some vegetarian), hot dogs, buns, condiments, disposable tableware, bottled water, iced tea and lemonade. Members whose last names begin with A through F should bring a side dish; G through K a dessert; L through R an appetizer; and S through Z a salad. Bring alcoholic beverages of your choice, if you wish.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the set up or the cleanup crew, please email Jim Mueller at [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com) or phone 259-8870. Feel free to contact Foxie at [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net) or 970-247-0252 or Jim at [rhondaandjim@msn.com](mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com) or 970-259-8870 if you have questions or need additional information.

### **Parking at the picnic**

We have about 50 members signed up for the picnic, so parking at the Mason’s house may be a problem. Please carpool if possible. Additional information may be forthcoming.

### **Book Sale Fundraiser**

We will be having a book sale at the picnic to raise funds for the John W Sanders Internship Fund. Please bring gently used books and book collections you would like to sell to the picnic. All proceeds will go to the internship fund. Thanks, Peggy Morris

### **Congratulations to Peggy**

Congratulations to Peggy Morris, SJBAS member, who was the featured volunteer in the most recent Center of Southwest Studies newsletter, "Timelines." [Read more...](#)

## SJBAS Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2016

Submitted by: Barb Hancock, Secretary

Attendance: approximately 32

Janice Sheftel, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Janice welcomed members and visitors and then opened the meeting for announcements:

- Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) annual raffle ticket sales have begun to raise funds for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund. Winner will be announced at the conference in October, but you need not be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from Janice Sheftel after the meeting. A picture of the prize was circulated.
- The club will meet for a picnic at the home of Foxie & Richard Mason in June in lieu of a meeting at the Center of Southwest Studies. Please RSVP to Foxie or you can sign up on the sheet being circulated.
- A used book sale will be held in conjunction with the picnic this year. Please bring used books to the picnic to donate for the auction.
- SJBAS is a co-sponsor for the Four Corners Lecture Series this year. As such, both the July & August SJBAS meetings will serve as two of the lectures in the series and a reception will be held before each of the two meetings beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- SJBAS is in need of volunteers to distribute posters for the Four Corners Lecture Series around town. Please see Janice after the meeting if you are able to assist.
- Shelby Tisdale, Executive Director of the Center of Southwest Studies, announced: June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. there will be a solstice event held at the Center of Southwest Studies; and June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Center will begin its exhibit about the Park Service in the Southwest to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the National Park Service. She also introduced Tami Richter, a recipient of a John W. Sanders Internship scholarship, and thanked the club for its continued support.
- Jill Tripp, on behalf of Tish Varney, SJBAS PAAC Coordinator, announced that the June 3-5 PAAC course on Rock Art is currently full with 30 participants, but she is accepting names for a waiting list in the event of cancellations. Please see Jill after the lecture if you are interested in having your name on the list.
- Field Trips: May 21 – Bob Powell is leading a Pueblito trip to Northern New Mexico and you can still sign up; May 24-26 Bob Powell is leading a rock art field trip for the Sacramento Archaeological Society and there are 4 openings available if any SJBAS members are interested; July 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a field trip to a mining site in the Telluride area and spaces are still available.
- Rae Moeller gave a brief update on the Old Vero Man dig in Florida; the state of Florida has gotten interested in the project and is providing additional funding for the archaeology work.
- Barb Hancock announced the names of the 3 new Members who joined SJBAS in April: Carolyn & Tim Miller and Chris Kilgore. Shannon & Wayne Johnston were new Members who joined this evening and were introduced to the Membership.
- Janice Sheftel asked for a show of hands of those who enjoyed the short social before the evening lecture and business meeting. The majority of participants liked the opportunity to visit with other Members and Visitors in advance of the meeting, not to mention the free cookies. ☺ SJBAS will continue this practice on a monthly basis for the time being.

There being no further business or announcements, the business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Janice then introduced the evening's topic and speaker: "*Caledonia and its Archaeology*" by Julie Orr. The program focused on the unsuccessful Scottish effort in 1698 to establish a colony in the Darien area of what is now Panama.

## PAAC Schedule – 2016

Follow this link to the [PAAC Schedule 2016](#) for the first half of 2016.

### Puye Cliff Dwellings and Bandelier National Monument Field Trip Report – by Lyle Hancock

Twelve SJBAS members met at Santa Rita Park on a rainy Monday morning and drove to Espanola, New Mexico where we stopped for a delicious lunch at La Cocina Restaurant. The first official stop on the field trip was Puye Cliff Dwellings, a National Historic Landmark and the ancestral home of today's Santa Clara Pueblo people. By the time we got there, the skies had cleared and we had fantastic weather for the remainder of the trip. We toured the original Harvey House bed and breakfast built at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and Puye Cliff Dwellings museum while waiting for our tour to begin. Sam, an elder of the Santa Clara Pueblo, was our guide. He spent part of his childhood living at the cliff dwellings, as his father was in charge of maintenance for a number of years. In addition to being an interesting fellow with many stories to tell, Sam possessed a wealth of knowledge about the cliff dwellings and the Santa Clara Pueblo people. Our two-hour tour turned into a three-hour tour, and we learned a lot. There were a number of cavates (cave rooms carved into the soft volcanic tuff cliffs) to explore, many petroglyphs, several ladders to climb, and a fun hike to the top of the mesa where the walls of the excavated pueblo are still standing. After our tour we drove to Bandelier National Monument, set up camp at the group campsite in the Juniper Campground, and enjoyed a late happy hour under clear skies.



camp in time for a leisurely afternoon and happy hour.

On Tuesday morning most of the group hiked directly from the campground into Frijoles Canyon on the Frey Trail. This scenic trail provided the first access into the canyon before the roads were built. We checked in at the visitor center and then walked the main trail through Tyuonyi Pueblo and along the cliffs where numerous cavates were located. The most closely related descendants of these ancient pueblo people now live at Cochiti Pueblo, located south of Bandelier along the Rio Grande. We hiked another mile up the canyon and climbed 140 feet of ladders to reach the spectacular Alcove site and kiva. Fires in the drainage above the monument caused major flooding in 2011 and the effects were still quite evident today. Later we toured the museum, watched a film, and hiked 1.5 miles to the Upper Falls. We returned to

On Wednesday, we broke camp and headed to an outlier site of Bandelier known as Tsankawi Village. The most closely related descendants of this pueblo now live nearby at San Ildefonso Pueblo, located just to the east along the Rio Grande. We hiked the 1.5-mile loop trail that took us to the pueblo ruins on top of the mesa and along the cliff sides where there were numerous cavates and petroglyphs. There were several ladders to negotiate and many extremely narrow trails beaten into the soft volcanic tuff. Then we drove to Ojo Caliente Hot Springs Resort where we had lunch. After lunch we hiked about a mile to Posi-ouinge, a large P-IV pueblo ruin on a low mesa right above the hot springs and Ojo Caliente River. Clearly arranged large rubble mounds, some kiva depressions, and many potsherds were most visible. The descendants of this pueblo now reside at San Juan Pueblo. After exploring this site everyone headed back to Durango and arrived safely home before dark.



## CAS Chapter News

### Hisatsinom

[Hisatsinom Newsletter June 2016](#)

Lecture Opportunity (Cortez, CO)

As part of the Four Corners Lecture Series, the Hisatsinom Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society is pleased to present Ruth Van Dyke on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss "Aztec in the Chacoan World: Excavations at Aztec North." Ruth will discuss new excavations at the North Ruin at Aztec, a Chacoan outlier on the Animas River in northwest New Mexico. 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 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.

### 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](mailto: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: [CSWS Lecture Series flyer](#).

## Upcoming Field Trips and Activities

June 9	<b>SJBAS annual picnic at Foxie Mason's house at 5:00 p.m.</b>
July 14	<b>SJBAS Meeting - Paul Berkowitz "<a href="#">Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell Trading Post</a>"</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. <b>Tour of Lewis Mine and Mill near Telluride</b>
July 21	Rudy Davison will share his incredible knowledge of historic mining activities in this 8-mile roundtrip day hike to the <a href="#">Lewis Mine</a> . 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 <a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a> 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	<b>SJBAS meeting - speaker Dawn Mulhern from FLC - "Mortuary Practices of the Durango Basketmakers"</b> <b>Rock Art near Bluff and Ancestral Puebloan Sites on Comb Ridge - Utah</b>
September 15 - 18	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 <a href="#">Comb Ridge</a> . 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 <a href="mailto:gulliford_a@fortlewis.edu">gulliford_a@fortlewis.edu</a> . This trip is currently full, but there is a waiting list. <b>Mesa Verde Backcountry Hike with NPS guide</b>
September 25 - 26	This will be a two-day trip with an afternoon hike to <a href="#">Petroglyph Point</a> on the first day, an optional overnight at <a href="#">Far View Lodge</a> , and a backcountry hike on the second day to <b>Oak Tree House</b> . 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 <a href="mailto:rhondaandjim@msn.com">rhondaandjim@msn.com</a> . This trip is currently full, but there is a waiting list.

## For Sale

SJBAS members Barbara Lawson and Ray Turner have a portable toilet for sale. The Thetford Porta Potti 155 is packed in its original box, and they're asking \$50. For more information, contact Barbara at [barbaralawson@mydurango.net](mailto:barbaralawson@mydurango.net).





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## 1873 and the Guns That Won the West

a presentation by Jeffrey Richardson, Curator of Exhibitions, Farmington Museum  
Kick-off of the Center's Summer Lecture Series "A Year in the Life of the West"



Photo credit: Charles Marion Russell, *Smoke of a .45* (1908), courtesy of the Amon Carter Museum

1873 - the year that two guns that "won the west" were introduced, the Colt Single Action Army and Winchester Model 1873. As depicted in fact and fiction, firearm manufacturing and expertise came of age when Western expansion was at its peak, transforming the United States from an isolated agricultural nation into the world's leading industrial and military power. Richardson is the author of *Colt: The Revolver of the American West* (Rizzoli, 2013). He has appeared as an expert commentator of numerous shows, including *Pawn Stars*, *Mysteries at the Museum*, and *History Detectives*.

*Wednesday, June 8th ~ 1:30 pm; Lyceum Room, #120*  
Free and open to the public.

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### 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 [SJBAS Annual Membership Form](#), 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.**