

# SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society



Website: [www.sjbas.org](http://www.sjbas.org)

## The Moki Messenger

### March 2014

#### March Meeting

Our next SJBAS general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13<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, Dale Davidson of Cortez will present: The History of Cortez.

#### February Meeting Notes - by Diane Skinner – SJBAS secretary

Foxie conducted the meeting since Janice was sick. She reminded members to pay their dues, mentioned our new members, and thanked Bob Powell for his work as CAS representative. Since Terry Hoff goes to the CAS meetings anyway, she is taking over as our CAS rep. SJBAS still needs a registrar for PAAC coordinator. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Janice or Foxie.

Leaders are needed for the following field trips:

April 15 - B Square Ranch  
June 22 - Aztec Ruins summer solstice  
July 11-13 - Taos area

Please contact Richard at [robinson7150@gmail.com](mailto:robinson7150@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Linda Wheelbarger presented: "Point Pueblo: A Totah Chacoan Great House Community". Her talk dealt with excavations at Point Pueblo at Tommy Bolack's 12-13,000 acre B Square Ranch south of Farmington. She informed us that "Totah" means land amidst water. Her focus was on a great kiva at the site that has Chaco type II masonry. A shard found in the kiva dates from 1000 AD. Probable dates for the site are 950-1050 AD. In the NE and NW corners of the kiva she found two platforms. Her photos and descriptions labeled the rocks that formed the NW platform as messy and the rocks that formed the NE platform as smooth. No wood was found so probably the kiva had no roof. Numerous beads and turquoise were found in this area.

In 2013 she and her students excavated the south end of the kiva. Two exciting finds were a jet bird fetish pendant with one turquoise eye and a jet ring. (My dictionary says that jet is a very compact velvet-black mineral of the nature of coal, susceptible of a good polish). Olivella, a few turquoise beads, calcite, abalone beads and a bone necklace were also recovered. Her crew also found a glass eye lens. Since the road through the kiva dates from the 1930's the site was probably potted before then. She listed a variety of ceramic types associated with the site. She explained that ceramics from north of the San Juan River contained igneous temper and those south of the San Juan River did not. Rabbit bones, deer bones, turkey bones, lots of fish bones, rare elk bones and Canada geese bones were found. She showed photos of a needle rock nearby with spirals and a few other petroglyphs.

Linda also would be willing to provide information to anyone who would like to know more about ENCORE: The Senior College at San Juan College: <https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/5302.asp>. She will provide information on the field school opportunities; those interested should contact her at [Wheelbarger@SanJuanCollege.edu](mailto:Wheelbarger@SanJuanCollege.edu).

## PAAC Class in Durango

Foxie Mason is serving as the PAAC coordinator for History Colorado that offers archaeology classes for those interested in learning more about archaeology techniques. The next PAAC class scheduled in Durango is "Field and Laboratory Photography" scheduled from May 31 - June 1. This class will meet at the Center for Southwest Studies.

Enrollees do not have to be members of any organization, but they must fill out an application available from Florence Mason at [fmason@frontier.net](mailto:fmason@frontier.net). The enrollment fee is \$12 per person.

## Treasurer's Report

Our checking and savings accounts are both in great shape with over \$6,500 combined. The majority of those funds are for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund. Within the next month or so, I will be sending out my annual membership and dues reports to CAS along with the \$\$ owed to CAS. Speaking of dues, many members have already sent in their 2014 dues by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, but we still have around 35 members who have not. If in doubt, just email me at [mark@virtbiz.com](mailto:mark@virtbiz.com) and I'll review my records and let you know if you are caught up for 2014. If you are renewing your membership and there are no changes, just mail your check to me made out to SJBAS. If unsure about the amount to pay or you need my address, see the last page of this newsletter. To assist members who have not yet paid their dues, we will soon send out an email reminder. Any amounts earmarked for the John W. Sanders Internship Fund will be segregated from the dues and used only for that purpose. -- Mark

## New Members

SJBAS welcomes the following new member: Jeff Collins and Chad Kalbfleisch.

## CAS 4th Quarter 2013 Membership Report

[www.sjbas.org/CASMembershipReportQ42013.pdf](http://www.sjbas.org/CASMembershipReportQ42013.pdf)

## Upcoming Field Trips

Our 2014 Trip Schedule is available on our website at [www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm](http://www.sjbas.org/Trips.htm). Please contact the trip leaders directly by phone or email for trip details and to sign up. Remember, our Field Trip Schedule is a work in progress. If you have a trip in mind that you would like to lead, please contact Lyle at [lylehancock@bresnan.net](mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net) to see if it can be worked into the schedule.

<b>April 15</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B – Square Ranch Totah Archaeological Project</b></p> <p>This is a day trip to an interesting property and archaeology project hidden along the San Juan River just east of Farmington, New Mexico. There are numerous interesting sites, including a large Chacoan kiva, petroglyphs and much more. Participants should bring a lunch and come prepared for warm and windy weather.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson Contact: Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 <a href="mailto:johnhilldurco@durango.net">johnhilldurco@durango.net</a></p>
<b>April 26 - 27</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ute Mountain Tribal Park Service Weekend</b></p> <p>The Hisatsinom Chapter will join us for our annual work and play outing at the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Participants may car camp, stay in a motel in Cortez, or make the service weekend into two day trips. Be prepared for a day of manual labor followed by a day touring sites not often seen by the general public. Bring work gloves, hat, work boots, tools, and water. A one-day, work-only option will be available.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Jim Shadell - 970-247-5597 <a href="mailto:shadelljim@gmail.com">shadelljim@gmail.com</a></p>

<p><b>May 10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Historic Durango Walking Tour</u></b></p> <p>Join us for a one-mile walk through the Historic District of Durango escorted by Dr. Andrew Gulliford and listen to the stories the buildings have to tell. Trip participation limit is 16.</p> <p>Contact: Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 <a href="mailto:johnhilldurco@durango.net">johnhilldurco@durango.net</a></p>
<p><b>May 11</b></p>	<p><b><u>Alkali Ridge in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument</u></b></p> <p>We will join members of the Hisatsinom Chapter for a moderate hike on a mesa top with Jerry Fetterman, a well-known archaeologist, to view this area near the CO-UT state line. A large P-I site is being considered. The availability of a permit, weather conditions or schedule may dictate the actual location and date. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles are required, and there is a trip participation limit of 7 for each chapter.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Rich Robinson - 970-764-7020 <a href="mailto:robinson7150@gmail.com">robinson7150@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>May 19 - 22</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gray Canyon and San Rafael Swell</u></b></p> <p>During this four-day car camping or motel trip to Utah we will visit a potpourri of sites, including rock art in Gray Canyon and Tusher Canyon near Green River, and at Cedar Mountain and Buckhorn Canyon in the San Rafael Swell. We will visit spectacular rock formations near Cottonwood Draw, see dinosaur tracks and rock art near Moore, and visit the outstanding Rochester panel.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Bob Powell - 970-385-8949 <a href="mailto:robertlpowell@durango.net">robertlpowell@durango.net</a></p>

## Application materials for the 2014 CAS Alice Hamilton Scholarship

[www.sjbas.org/ApplicationRequirements-Alice.doc](http://www.sjbas.org/ApplicationRequirements-Alice.doc)

## Chipeta Chapter Newsletter

[www.sjbas.org/ChipetaChapter-UncompahgreJournal-February2014.pdf](http://www.sjbas.org/ChipetaChapter-UncompahgreJournal-February2014.pdf)

## Hisatsinom Chapter Newsletter

[www.sjbas.org/HisatsinomNewsletter-March2014.pdf](http://www.sjbas.org/HisatsinomNewsletter-March2014.pdf)

## Hisatsinom Chapter News

The Hisatsinom Chapter is pleased to present Linda Honeycutt on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, CO to discuss **Seven Basketmaker III Black-on-white Bowl Motifs**. Each motif is derived from a photographic database of 1,200 ceramics from approximately 60 Basketmaker III sites in Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. Linda Honeycutt, now retired, worked as an archaeologist in the Four Corners region for more than 30 years. Contact Kari Schleher at 505-269-4475 with questions.

## Four Corners Archaeology News

### Mesa Verde Foundation

Follow this link for accomplishments of the MVF in 2013: [www.sjbas.org/MesaVerdeFoundation.pdf](http://www.sjbas.org/MesaVerdeFoundation.pdf).

### Events:

**Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA)** annual meeting, March 20–23, Glenwood Springs

## SJBAS Elected Officers

President	Janice Sheftel	<a href="mailto:jsheftel@mbsslip.com">jsheftel@mbsslip.com</a>
Vice President	Florence (Foxie) Mason	<a href="mailto:fmason@frontier.net">fmason@frontier.net</a>
Vice President	Peggy Morris	<a href="mailto:sipapu_72@q.com">sipapu_72@q.com</a>
Vice President Field Trip Program	Lyle Hancock	<a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>
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Treasurer	Mark Gebhardt	<a href="mailto:mark@virtbiz.com">mark@virtbiz.com</a>
CAS Representative	Terri Hoff	<a href="mailto:tthoff@hotmail.com">tthoff@hotmail.com</a>
PAAC Representative	(vacant)	

## Other Positions

Moki Messenger contact	Lyle Hancock	<a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>
Programming Chair	Janice Sheftel	<a href="mailto:jsheftel@mbsslip.com">jsheftel@mbsslip.com</a>
Publicity Chair	Jill Tripp	<a href="mailto:jtripp51@yahoo.com">jtripp51@yahoo.com</a>
Webmaster	Lyle Hancock	<a href="mailto:lylehancock@bresnan.net">lylehancock@bresnan.net</a>

## 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.

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| <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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.sibas.org/Application.pdf>, including Liability Waiver and Site Etiquette forms.