



THE MOKI MESSENGER

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

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Next SJBAS Meeting: February 9th

On Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00 PM MST we will use Zoom for a brief business meeting and then Prof Douglas MacDonald will present “Before Yellowstone: 11,000 Years of Native Americans in the National Park.”

Dr. MacDonald is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Montana.

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 857 8070 6701
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President’s Message

Dear SJBAS Members:

Our 2022 field trips have begun! Several members met at the Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding in January and were given a behind

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the scenes tour. We are always looking for ideas about places to visit and learn about. Please share any ideas you have with our Field Trip Coordinator (email addresses of Board members can be found at the end of this newsletter).

It's that time of year again - membership renewals were due by January 31st. To renew or join SJBAS, please go to sjbas.org and click on Membership. We appreciate your support!

The Board is planning a special Board Meeting on February 24th at 1:00pm, location to be determined. The purpose of this meeting is to create an Advocacy Policy, discuss strengthening alliances with other local archaeological organizations, and long-term planning. Please email me (sc53hicks@gmail.com) if you would like to attend or have ideas about improving SJBAS. We appreciate your input!

We hope you are staying well and making it through this latest Covid surge in good health.

Sincerely,
Susan Hicks
SJBAS President

Board Meetings Highlights, January 13, 2022

1. Volunteer needs were discussed. We are actively looking for a Webmaster, Program Co-chair, Membership Co-chair, and Education/PAAC Coordinator.
2. SJBAS has received several donations of archaeological books and collectibles to be used to generate funds for the John W. Sanders Internship and Education Fund. The books will be offered for donations at the Summer Picnic and a Silent Auction will be held at the Holiday Brunch for the collectibles.
3. Save the dates: Summer picnic June 8, 2022 at Junction Creek Picnic Area Shelter House
Holiday Brunch December 3, 2022 in the Vallecito Room at Fort Lewis College
4. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Look for details in the April Moki. A special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, 2/24/2022 to discuss policies and long-range planning. Please contact a Board member if you would like to attend either meeting.
5. The 2022 budget was discussed and will be finalized by the end of February. Please contact Susan Hicks if you would like to review the budget.

Volunteer Updates

Tish Varney, our current Education/PAAC Coordinator, has volunteered to be our Membership Chair on an interim basis. Her stepping forward comes at a propitious time. Tish will do a great job and we thank her!

With Tish moving over to Membership we are looking for a volunteer to help as **Education and PAAC Coordinator**. The PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) coordinator administers SJBAS education programs; maintains program records and serves as SJBAS liaison with the State PAAC program run by History Colorado. Please contact Tish Varney (tishvarney@att.net) for more information. This position does not require the volunteer to be a Board member and requires only a few hours per month.

Program Co-Chair: We are looking for a volunteer to work with our Program Chair, Janice Sheftel. The Program Chair secures speakers for regular membership meetings and works with other SJBAS members to organize other lectures, such as the John W. Sanders Lecture. This is a Board position. Please contact Janice at janicesheftel@gmail.com for more information.

Membership Chair Co-Chair: The co-chair will work with Tish and, eventually, move into the chair position. The Membership Chair is responsible for organizing recruitment of new SJBAS members and supporting Board members in encouraging active participation by members. Please contact Tish Varney (tishvarney@att.net) for more information.

Webmaster: We are still looking for a Webmaster - If you have some computer skills, please consider volunteering. The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining and updating the SJBAS website, www.sjbas.org. The Webmaster does not need a working knowledge of HTML code, but they should know their way around a computer and understand website design principles. Training will be provided. Please contact Lyle Hancock for more information, lylehancock54@gmail.com

SJBAS Launches Year with Trip to Edge of the Cedars

SJBAS began its 2022 Field Trip season with a behind-the-scenes tour of Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum and the nearby partially restored Ancestral Puebloan village. Our guide was staff archaeologist and curator, Jonathan Till. Nine SJBAS members trekked to Blanding, Utah for a morning of masked learning.



The tour began with a discussion of locally looted artifacts that the BLM had returned to San Juan County in the care of Edge of the Cedars. He said the Museum was also entrusted with some ceramics from distant areas such as Southern Arizona but he called these “touchstone pots” that show how various cultures were connected.

Jonathan then pulled open a few drawers of perishables and other rare items. These included Clovis points found nearby and an early Hopi pot sherd (see picture to the right) that was dated to around 1300.

We also viewed an 8,000-year-old sandal fragment (picture below) and some early cotton textiles. With the remarkable



collection of yucca sandals at hand the talk turned to the evolution of footwear toward moccasins. Was it the style-setting Fremont to the north who were using animal hide footwear long before the Ancestral Puebloans? Jonathan said there is new thinking that maybe sandals were abandoned in favor of moccasins because the former reminded people of times or a culture that they wanted to forget.



Next stop was the museum itself which had recently had a facelift [Actually it was a floor lift with all-new carpeting]. Prominently displayed was a dog hair rope (see right), 14 feet long, found at Comb Ridge.



After the museum walkabout we headed outside to view the partially reconstructed village. The highlight was descending into the re-built kiva. Jonathan reminded us of the kiva misconception that began with Jesse Fewkes over 100 years ago. Fewkes said back then that kivas were mostly ceremonial; now it's believed they were also for daily



activities. He also pointed out the differences between pit houses and kivas which mostly revolve around roof construction and fireplace venting.

SJBAS members participating in the tour were Mark and Michelle McKibben, Tish and Pete Varney, Lorie Hansen and Ron Liljedahl, Mary Moorehead, and Lorraine and Hunter McCleary. [Thanks to Michelle for the great photos and especially Lorie Hansen for putting this trip together.]

Drive Back in Time along Montezuma Canyon, Utah on a Forthcoming Trip

On April 9-10 members will take two days to drive the 40-mile length of Montezuma Canyon in Utah, stopping to see dozens of Ancestral Puebloan sites, petroglyphs and amazing vistas. This is an overnight trip but you can camp nearby at Hovenweep NM (real restrooms), dispersed camp in Montezuma Canyon or motel-it in Blanding or Monticello and drive back up the canyon half-way for the second part of the trip. [Picture above is from an earlier visit to Three Kivas.] For more information contact Erica Tucker at etucker72@yahoo.com. It is rated easy-active.



Calendar of Field Trips, Speakers and Events for 2022

See SJBAS.org for details on each of these field trips or events. You must be a SJBAS member to participate in field trips. All are welcome to attend speaking events.

Tentative Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2022

February 9	SJBAS meeting – “Before Yellowstone: 11,000 Years of Native Americans in the National Park” by Prof Douglas Macdonald, University of Montana
March 9	SJBAS meeting – “The use of Social Control in the Chaco Phenomenon during a Time of Change: A Bioarchaeological Perspective” by Dr. Harold Ryan, Garret College, Maryland.
March	Tour of Signatures at Aztec National Monument – Tour of historic signatures on the beams of Aztec N.M. led by Fred Blackburn. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com .
April 9 – 10	Montezuma Canyon – Two-day camping trip to visit Puebloan sites and petroglyphs in Montezuma Canyon, Utah. Trip participation limit is 15. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. For more information or to sign up, contact Erica Tucker at etucker72@yahoo.com .
April 13	SJBAS meeting – Topic TBA, speaker Dr Alexis O’Donnell, University of Mississippi.

April 13 – 15	Cedar Mesa Backcountry Sites – Three-day camping trip. Camp 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. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyle Hancock at lylehancock54@gmail.com .
May 11	SJBAS meeting – “Ancient Basketry Shields of the Northern Southwest” by Dr. Edward Jolie, Arizona State Museum.
Early June	Keet Seel Backpack (Depends on monument opening) – Three or four-day camping trip to Navajo National Monument that includes an overnight backpacking trip (8.5 miles each way) to Keet Seel, one of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings in the Southwest. For those who want to stay for a fourth day there is a guided five-mile round trip hike to Betatakin. Limit of 10 backpackers, but others are welcome to camp. Difficulty Rating: Hard. For more information or to sign up, contact Hunter McCleary at hunter.mccleary@gmail.com . Trip is Full . Contact Hunter to be put on a wait-list.
June 8	SJBAS Annual Picnic
June	Fort Lewis College Field School - Day trip to visit archeology dig with Jessie Tune. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com .
June 23 - 26	Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day - Four-day motel/camping trip to Santa Fe. Combine colorful feast day dances at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo with other sites such as El Rancho de las Golondrinas, Bandelier National Monument, Pecos National Historic Park, etc. Trip participation limit is 15. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at chambrke@aol.com . Trip is Full . Contact Rusty about a wait list.
July 13	SJBAS meeting – “Hard Times and Mobility in the Thirteenth-Century Bears Ears National Monument area, SE Utah: A Chronometric Study” by Thomas C Windes.
July 19 – 20	Arborglyphs 2 – Two-day camping trip at San Juan National Forest Burro Bridge Campground. We will look at glyphs along Groundhog Stock Driveway and around Lone Cone. Trip participation limit is 14. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at andy@agulliford.com .
August 5 – 7	Pecos Conference – 2022 – One to three-day trip near Pecos National Historic Park just east of Santa Fe. Archaeologists gather under open skies

	to discuss recent research, problems of the field, and the challenges of the profession. Most participants camp at the conference site. No trip limit. Difficulty Rating: Easy. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at chambrke@aol.com .
August 10	SJBAS meeting – Speaker TBA
September 9 – 11	Tsiping Ruins near Abiquiu, NM – Two-day camping trip or motel stay. Ranger-led tour of Tsiping Ruins, a Tewa Puebloan Ruin of 1250 AD. Second day visit Ruth Hall Paleontology Museum at Ghost Ranch. Trip participation limit is 15. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at tishvarney@att.net . Trip is Full . Contact Tish about a wait list.
September 14	SJBAS meeting – Speaker TBA
September 18	Sand Canyon in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument – Visit Sand Canyon Pueblo at the head of Sand Canyon then hike down into the canyon to view other sites. Trip participation limit is 12. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Rusty Chamberlain at chambrke@aol.com .
September 24 – 25	Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park – Two-day, one-night camping trip at the Tribal Park Campground. On the first day, volunteers maintain trails and facilities; on the second day a Ute guide will lead a tour of several cliff dwellings. Participants must be fit and ready to work all day. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Thomas Polich at thomas.polich@gmail.com .
October 7 – 9	Bear’s Ears National Monument Backcountry Sites – Three-day camping at BLM’s Comb Wash Campground. We will explore various Ancestral Puebloan sites and conclude the trip at Andy’s house in Bluff with a gathering at dusk. Trip participation limit is 10. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at andy@agulliford.com
October 12	SJBAS meeting - Speaker TBA
November 9	SJBAS meeting - Speaker TBA
December	SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch

Modified Field Trip Covid Policy

The SJBAS field trip policy remains the same as published in the [June Moki](#).

Rae Pimley Haynes: An Appreciation



Rae Pimley Haynes passed away on September 24, 2021, in Phoenix Ariz. from complications of Parkinson's Disease. She had fought Parkinson's bravely for several years and continued her activities with SJBAS trips in Arizona until about 3 years ago.

Rae Haynes and her husband Jim joined SJBAS in the mid-1980s. They were active in car camping and backpacking trips before Jim became too ill to continue. Rae was devastated by his death just as they were getting established in their new life together in Durango. She made a new life for herself in Durango by her very active participation in all SJBAS activities and also as a trip leader for the Durango Art Center. Rae loved the Pecos Conference and attended as frequently as she could. She was so well read and educated in the archaeology of the Southwest that she was always a great resource on our trips. Rae led two trips to Mexico with Becky Orozco of Geronimo Travel in the 1990s. We traveled to Mata Ortiz, Casas Grandes and to Copper Canyon. Rae's trips were always well-run and well-organized, but most of all a lot of fun. Rae continued hiking, backpacking, car camping, day trips and longer museum and archaeological tour trips for many years. She was a brave hiker and backpacker and an adventurous driver on 4-wheel drive trips throughout the Southwest. There was nothing that Rae was not game to try. Rae had a lot of contacts in Arizona and she enlisted them to lead us on her trips into the Superstitions, the White Tanks, Cave Creek, Besh Ba Gowah and the Amerind Museum to name a few.

Rae was a long-time member of the La Plata Quilters Guild and some of her quilts featured archaeological themes. She willingly shared her knowledge with her fellow guild members and was a good teacher.

We miss Rae and have so many fond memories of our adventures together. She was a special, classy lady who gave so much to SJBAS as a member, a trip leader, a volunteer and a friend for over 30 years. We honor her memory and see and hear her when we think about great experiences we shared. --Gail Schulz

Briefs

If Native Americans mapped America. It's become the preamble to most Zoom talks we hear these days. "We acknowledge that the ground beneath our feet is historically the home of Indigenous Peoples..." The Cherokee of North Carolina have moved this idea to the next step by creating a map of the heart of the Eastern Band of their tribe. The concept of *remapping* is described in a recent article in *The New Republic*. Remapping may help re-write a history dictated from the colonial perspective, help revive Native American cultures and even inject historical environmental knowledge into modern perspectives. You can read the entire article [here](#) and visit the Web site they created [here](#).

Zuni developing a responsible tourism model. You know the stereotype; the only way Native Americans can make money is to open a casino. The Zuni, whose economy is based on traditional arts and crafts, are expanding their base to foster tourism. Through the Zuni Visitor Center, you can now schedule tours of ancient villages, visit great Kivas and sit down to traditional Zuni meals. You can read the article in Travel & Leisure Magazine [here](#). Be aware that due to the pandemic tours may be suspended.



Grazing Back on the Front Burner at Canyons of the Ancients NM. After years of delay in issuing new grazing permits BLM now faces pressure from the Montezuma County Board and local ranchers to open portions of the Monument to grazing. BLM says the problem for them has been developing models that let them evaluate suitability for grazing and yet protect cultural sites. Environmental and Native groups question whether grazing is worth the risk to these sites. The original proclamation for the Monument stated that grazing would be allowed but not in areas that would threaten cultural resources. You can find more [here](#).

History Colorado Offers Three-Day Tour of Mesa Verde. Former park ranger Joe Sandilar leads the tour that takes you through mesa-top sites and cliff dwellings. June 3-5. For more information go to [History Colorado events site](#).

Mesa Verde Foundation is hosting the Webinar “What It Takes: Stabilizing Ancestral Pueblo Architecture at Mesa Verde National Park.” The presenter is Stephen Matt, Mesa Verde Park Ranger and preservation archaeologist. It will be February 8th at 4 PM MST. You can register [here](#).

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