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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

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Next SJBAS Meeting: March 9th

On Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM MST we will use Zoom for a brief business meeting and then Dr. Ryan Harrod will present: “The use of Social Control in the Chaco Phenomenon during a Time of Change: A Bio-Archaeological perspective.”

Before Dr. Harrod became the Dean of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Garrett College in McHenry, Maryland he worked as an anthropologist with a specialty in bio-archaeology.

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 857 8070 6701
Passcode: 578820

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85780706701?pwd=NIJxbUx3L09BU1Y0NCs0WTN1T0lmUT09>

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President's Message

Dear SJBAS Members:

It's March! I'm looking forward to crocuses and daffodils blooming and getting out to explore the Four Corners area and beyond. I hope you are all well.

Please join me in welcoming our new Education/Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification Program (PAAC) Coordinator, Betsy Moore. She will keep you informed about and coordinate upcoming PAAC classes and other educational opportunities. Tish Varney has been the PAAC Coordinator for 7 years and has now moved into the Membership Chair position. We thank Tish for her service as Education/PAAC Coordinator and we look forward to working with Betsy. Thank you, Betsy.

If you are thinking that you would like to volunteer to help out, we have openings for Membership Co-Chair and Program Co-Chair. More information can be found below in this newsletter and at sjbas.org.

Membership dues for 2022 were due on January 31st. During March we will begin working through our membership list and will need to delete those who have not renewed. We hope you will renew your membership if you haven't already. To renew or join SJBAS, please go to sjbas.org and click on Membership. We appreciate your support!

If you have missed some of our excellent programs, you're in luck. You may view our previous programs by going to sjbas.org, scroll down the home page and you will find links for many interesting talks.

Sincerely,
Susan Hicks
SJBAS President

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.

Trip Date Changes

Please note these trip date changes. The day-trip to **Sand Canyon** honcho'd by Rusty has been changed from Sept 18 to September 11. Contact Rusty if you have questions. The trip to **Tsiping Ruins near Abiquiu** organized by Tish is now one week earlier, 16-18 September. Contact Tish if you have questions. Their e-mail addresses are in the staff directory at the end of the newsletter.

Tentative Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2022

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.
Postponed	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 – Dr Alexis O’Donnell, a biological anthropologist at the University of Mississippi, will speak on “Our Teeth Tell Tales: Living and Moving during the AD 1000-1200s in New Mexico.”
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 llhancock1@outlook.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 – Robert Weiner is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado Boulder. He will present on Chacoan Roads: How Were They Used, and Why Does It Matter?
September 11	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 16 – 18	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 – Update on the Chaco Solstice Project
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 - “The Pre-Hispanic Parrot Trade: Scarlet Macaws in the US Southwest & Mexican Northwest” Christopher Schwartz will present:

November 9	SJBAS meeting - “Ann Axtell Morris and the Amazing Story of Early 20th Century Women Archaeologists in the Southwest” by Kelley Hays-Gilpin is Professor of Anthropology at Northern Arizona University and Curator of Anthropology at the Museum of Northern Arizona.
December	SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch

Volunteer Opportunities

SJBAS is an all-volunteer organization and we are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and contribute to SJBAS.

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 Co-Chair: The co-chair will work with Tish Varney 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. This is a Board position. Please contact Tish Varney (tishvarney@att.net) for more information.

We look forward to working with you!

Member Profile: Mary Moorehead

Mary is our recently elected SJBAS Treasurer, a responsibility she knows well as she is also treasurer for Durango’s *Seniors Outdoors*.

Mary’s interest in archaeology began in college where she majored in anthropology but it quickly morphed into a world-wide fascination with cultures of all kinds. She joined SJBAS for the field trips but none of these compare with her first big “field trip.” Almost on a whim she and a friend decided to **drive** from Austria to Nepal. Their trip took them through Eastern Europe, Turkey (her favorite), Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. Want to know how “adventurous” this was? Google maps cannot even calculate a driving route between these two destinations. One highlight was climbing the giant Buddha in Afghanistan; the one that has since been blown up by the Taliban. They considered driving on to the United States but could not get a visa for Burma.

Mary said her wanderlust was most influenced by her step-grandmother, Olga. Back in the 1920s Olga and her husband decided to drive across Mongolia in a Packard automobile. Olga also traveled extensively in Africa, Nepal and China.



A more recent trip highlight for Mary was the SJBAS venture to Tavaputs and Range Creek. She's looking forward to someday doing the trip to Casas Grandes in Mexico and maybe a day-trip to Lowry Pueblo.

Mary's favorite reads are anything by David Roberts or Craig Childs. She most recently read Robert's *Limits of the Known*. This book documents adventurers' various quests to be the first to some extreme destination-- first ascents, first rivers run, etc. and explores the question, "why do they feel compelled to do this?"

When asked what she would like the general public should know about archaeology she said they should keep their hands off artifacts in the field to preserve them for discovery and appreciation by future visitors.

Briefs

La Plata County Historical Society (aka Animas Museum) launches online access to collection images. Members of the Society may now view the first batch of their collection that has been digitized and placed online. This sample image to the right shows a historic Zuni Pueblo jar with a white slip that is worn down in some areas exposing light brownish gray underneath. The pot is painted in mostly black (dark brown) designs with some red. Designs consist of hatching (some lines have dots between) and triangle steps. The red designs suggest plant and animal life. The year it was made has not been determined. For now, this online collection is accessible only to members. To join go to animasmuseum.org.



Time to update the phrase "rock art?" An [article in Oregon Arts Watch](#) says that petroglyphs and pictographs are not art. "They were created to teach, warn or record for those not yet born," says Jon Shellenberger, a member of the Yakama tribe. He bemoans the fact that many iconic

Native American images have ended up on t-shirts and mugs and that their true meaning has become commercialized. So, the question becomes, is there a line between celebrating and appreciating the meaning of these ancient messages and viewing them as something created “merely” for aesthetic purposes? Shellenberger himself is an artist, although his works do not seem to depict petroglyphs or pictographs. One replacement phrase might be “Rock Imagery” as is used by the Bears Ears Education Center.

Bookshelf

Noted Southwest author Craig Childs to appear at Rochester Secret Garden in Durango.

He will do a presentation about his new book, *Tracing Time: Seasons of Rock Art on the Colorado Plateau*. The date is April 5 at 5:30.

Local Ft Lewis College Historian and SJBAS member Andy Gulliford will Zoom about his book “*Shepherders, Sheep Families, and the Woolly West in Colorado and New Mexico*.” It will be presented by the Animas Valley Grange at 6:30 on March 14. For more information go [here](#).

New Book on the *First Peoples* examines the genetic history of Americas. Jennifer Raff’s *Origin* directly addresses the issue of genetic studies of Native American remains and how scientists have not handled this well in the past. She says any such studies must be done in cooperation with Native Americans. You can read the review [here](#).

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