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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

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Next SJBAS Meeting: May 11th at the FLC Lyceum & Zoom

On Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM MST Dr. Edward Jolie of the Arizona State Museum will talk about “Ancient Basketry Shields of the Northern Southwest.” This will be our first hybrid meeting at the Ft Lewis College Lyceum. Please join us at 6:30 for a get-reacquainted social.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 857 8070 6701

Passcode: 578820

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85780706701?pwd=NIJxbUx3L09BU1Y0NCs0WWTN1T0lmUT09>

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President’s Message

Dear SJBAS Members:

Good news! Our first in-person meeting will be held at the Center of Southwest Studies

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Lyceum on May 11th. We are going to try a Hybrid approach - the meeting will be available in-person and on Zoom. We thank the Ft. Lewis College Technology Department for their support.

Be sure to reserve June 8, 2022 (2nd Wednesday) for the SJBAS picnic and semi-annual meeting to be held at the Junction Creek Campground Picnic Area starting at 5:00 pm. Heads up regarding the article in this Moki including requested potluck contributions by initial letter of your last name.

Lorie Hansen has volunteered to become our Membership Co-Chair. She will work with Tish Varney to welcome members and visitors to our monthly meetings, welcome and orient new members, and keep track of our membership. Thank you, Lorie, for volunteering and we look forward to working with you!

Another date to save - we have a special program planned for our September 14th monthly meeting. It will feature Anna Sofaer, Rob Weiner and Rich Friedman who will present: "Update on the Chaco Solstice Project." They spoke to us about four years ago and drew a large crowd. We are planning to hold this event in the Ft. Lewis College Ballroom and it will be co-sponsored by the FLC Anthropology Department.

Thank you to all of the SJBAS volunteers and members!

Sincerely,
Susan Hicks
SJBAS President

Montezuma Canyon Trip, April 9-10

Bison and sheep petroglyphs, hand-print pictographs, descending into a kiva and exploring a large Chacoan outlier with trained site stewards and archaeologists: These were just a few experiences we shared in Montezuma Canyon last month. New members Russell and Evan Davies, Dorothy Baumann, Mike Mays, and Kyle Loehler, joined long-term members Tish and



Pete Varney, Harriet Stratton, Christine Quinlan, Thomas Polich and trip leader Erica Tucker for a two-day exploration of this culturally rich canyon in southeast Utah. We saw Ancestral Puebloan sites ranging from an 800-year-old village to granaries tucked into cliffs. There was also a Pueblo that was tragically looted decades ago using a bulldozer. We also saw Ute and Navajo petroglyphs, free ranging cattle and ingenious hay storage bays carved into sandstone alcoves.

The group met at Hovenweep National Monument on a Saturday morning under warm blue skies. We then spent hours meandering up the canyon with many stops to view rock imagery and ended the day at Three Kivas Pueblo to explore a reconstructed kiva large enough to fit our entire group.

That evening half the group camped at Hovenweep and reported wind that flapped tents but beautiful views that made up for it. The others enjoyed lodging in Bluff and Blanding.



On the second day we met Wanda Raschkow, Friends of Cedar Mesa's Site Stewardship Coordinator. She was joined by the site stewards for Coal Bed Village, Susan and Lou. These three experts shared insights about this expansive site with features including standing rocks, a perimeter wall, a tower, and three tiers of dwellings. Cattle grazing has seriously impacted the area as denuded soil and trampling drastically eroded the area. Thirty feet of soil has eroded in the last 150 years, along with part of the site.

SJBAS extends a big thanks to Wanda, Lou, and Susan for their tireless work protecting "the lands between," as some are calling the area between Bears Ears and Canyon of the Ancients. Our straight state lines and random designations of public land boundaries do not translate well to how this land was and is culturally connected for all the humans that have traveled and lived on this landscape. Our group is grateful to be some of the latest travelers. --Erica Tucker/Tish Varney

SJBAS Annual Picnic, June 8

Save the date. The annual SJBAS picnic is a go for June 8 from 5-8 PM at the Junction Creek Group Picnic Area just outside Durango. The site has a capacity of 65 people so we will send out an RSVP email by mid-May. As in the past, SJBAS will provide brats, vegetarian brats, buns, condiments, ice tea, lemonade, and water and members will be asked to bring salads, sides, and desserts and their plates and utensils. The mid-May email will divide the members by alphabet as to what they will be asked to bring and will also ask for volunteers to assist with grilling, setup, and cleanup. If you have questions, please email Michelle or Mark McKibben (michellemckibben56@gmail.com, maypo1054@gmail.com). As with all SJBAS events, attendees must be vaccinated and sorry, no pets.

Please plan on joining us and look for the May email to RSVP, get directions, and volunteer if you can.

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.

Sample FLC Field School on two dates this summer

SJBAS will hold two short field trips in conjunction with the FLC summer 2022 archaeology field school.

The first FLC Field School tour will be June 7, in Bondad, time TBD, where the field school students will be surveying the San Juan Mountain Association's Nature Center property. There will be a short walking tour of some of the property to learn about the students' survey work.

From June 13-July 1 the students will be working in the collections curated by the Anthropology Department. In the afternoon, on June 21, SJBAS will meet on campus and talk with the students, about all of the things they are working on.

It would be appreciated if even those who have already expressed an interest in a field school field trip would email me as to which of the tours or both, they would wish to attend. Groups limited to 15. Janice Sheftel, janicesheftel@gmail.com

Trip Date Changes

The trip to Keet Seel has been canceled as the back country at Navajo National Monument still had not opened to visitors as of late April. We will try again next spring.

Tentative Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2022

May 11	SJBAS meeting – “Ancient Basketry Shields of the Northern Southwest” by Dr. Edward Jolie, Arizona State Museum.
Early June	Keet Seel Backpack -- Cancelled as the Monument has not opened to back country visitors. Hope to resurrect this next year.
June 8	SJBAS Annual Picnic. See Moki page 3.
June 7	Fort Lewis College Field School - Day trip to learn how a prospective site is set up for an archaeological survey. With Jessie Tune in Bondad. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at janicesheftel@gmail.com .
June 21	Fort Lewis College Field School – Learn how collections are curated at the Anthropology Center. 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 11-14	Pecos Conference – 2022 – One to three-day trip at Rowe Mesa 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 14	SJBAS meeting – Update on the Chaco Solstice Project
September 16 – 18	Tsiping Ruins near Abiquiu, NM – Two-day camping trip or motel stay. Archaeologist-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.
October 7 – 9	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 12	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
November 9	SJBAS meeting - “The Pre-Hispanic Parrot Trade: Scarlet Macaws in the US Southwest & Mexican Northwest” Christopher Schwartz will present.

December	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

Member Profile: Mary and Art Rieke

Mary, an Iowa transplant, and Art Rieke, an actual Durango native, joined SJBAS 2020. Within the year Mary had joined the board as secretary. When asked what attracted them to archaeology Mary said, “it’s just all around; you can’t help but want to be involved.”

Mary said the premier experience for her was visiting Chaco Culture National Historic Park. Art added that they visited during a lunar minimum and they went on a dark sky tour of Pueblo Bonito. They were also there during a solar eclipse.

Mary also got on-the-job exposure to the wonders of Mesa Verde NP. One of her careers was as a wildland firefighter. Several years ago, she was deployed to Mesa Verde along with 200 firefighters and equipment. They had the park to themselves. Each unit had an archaeologist assigned to it and there was a ready flow of questions about Mesa Verde.



One of Art's favorite pastimes is making walls inspired by the Ancestral Puebloans.

Mary said that the person who influenced her most was Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It was mind-opening, she said, to read about other cultures. For Art the influential person was former Animas Fire Protection chief, Don Bixler, who guided him after Art’s father died. Respect was the most valued character trait he learned from him.

The respect theme persisted in the conversation as both Mary and Art hope that respect for ancient cultures can be nurtured among the general public. “When people find an artifact, they think it’s theirs when actually it is best if people leave it in place” for others to discover and appreciate.

Volunteer Opportunities

SJBAS is an all-volunteer organization and we are looking for volunteers to fill the following position. 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.

We look forward to working with you!

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board had a regular meeting on April 14, 2022.

The SJBAS John W. Sanders Educational and Internship Fund Budget was approved for 2022. We will donate \$1000 to be used for scholarships for the Ft. Lewis College Summer Field School. The Center of Southwest Studies was given \$1,000 in 2021 which will be used for internships in Fall, 2022 and Spring, 2023. If you would like to see a copy of the budget, please email Susan Hicks, sc53hicks@gmail.com.

SJBAS will begin in-person monthly meetings on May 11th in the Center of Southwest Studies Lyceum. These meetings will also be available on Zoom.

The Board approved sending a letter that urges the Biden administration to move forward with the 20-year mineral withdrawal of the area surrounding Chaco Canyon to protect the Chacoan landscape from oil and gas development. This letter, from SJBAS, will be sent to the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Interior.

The next SJBAS Board Meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, 2022. All SJBAS members are invited to attend. If you would like more information and/or a copy of the agenda, please contact Susan Hicks, sc53hicks@gmail.com.

Briefs

Manitou Springs *faux* Pueblo draws more criticism. According to an article in [High Country News](#), members of the Pikes Peak Indigenous Women's Alliance say the century-old tourist attraction should be closed until inaccuracies and racist materials are updated. It perpetuates stereotypes of Natives as "primitive, dirty, and diseased," they said in the article. Two members of the Alliance had recently toured the site. A spokesman for Manitou Springs said his site is "praised by many professors, teachers, educators, and Indigenous Tribes over the years for our preservation, educational efforts, and school tours." The article also raises the issue of whether Manitou Springs is out of compliance with NAGPRA since they received Federal "covid funds" from the Paycheck Protection Program.

Profile of the Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps. The National Parks Conservation Association magazine has a nice piece about an organization (the ALCC) whose mission is to give indigenous youth and young adults work that re-connects them with their ancestral lands. The ALCC, which began in 2008, is modeled after the CCC of the 1930s but offers much more.

The organization seeks to expand the role that Native Americans play in protecting and managing ancestral lands. Their work at one site in Bears Ears is highlighted. The article appears in the [Spring 2022 issue](#).

Indigenous Field Guide (IFG) connects Native American guides with those interested in outdoor experiences. The guide educates people and organizations on how to prevent damage to non-renewable cultural resources. As an example, one Native American guide offers a women's only backpacking trip to the Chuska Mountains. You can learn more [here](#).

Historical drama bio-pic about Ann Axtell Morris closer to release. While Ann’s husband, noted archaeologist Earl H Morris, may have made it to the big screen first as part of a composite forming Indiana Jones, she will be the headliner of the new film “Canyon del Muerto.” This, according to an article in [National Geographic online](#). The film is on post-production with no announced release date yet. And no, Harrison Ford does not star as her husband.

Learn about “Birds of the Sun: Macaws, Parrots, and People” through an *Archaeology Southwest* episode of Science Café. It will be held May 3, 7-8 PM. You can learn more and register [here](#).

Forthcoming Regional Museum Events

May 11, Museum of Indian arts and Culture, Santa Fe, **Native Pottery Demonstration Series**, For [more information](#).

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