



# THE MOKI MESSENGER

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San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

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## SJBAS Meeting, October 11th: “No Place for a Lady: The Life Story of Archaeologist Marjorie F. Lambert.”

Dr. Shelby Tisdale, former Director, FLC Center of Southwest Studies, has written a biography about someone who was not only a well-regarded archaeologist but a friend. You may read a preview of this trailblazing woman on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marjorie_F._Lambert).

The meeting and speaker will be held in person and Zoomed at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College. The login link is available at [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org).

## President’s Letter

Dear SJBAS Members:

Hope you are enjoying our nice Fall weather!

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### **Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch**

Mark your calendars for the SJBAS annual meeting and holiday brunch in the Vallecito Room at Fort Lewis College Student Union on Saturday morning, December 2nd.

If you have any lightly used items you would like to **CONTRIBUTE TO A SILENT AUCTION** to benefit the John W. Sanders Education and Internship Fund, please plan to come a little early and bring the items and a pen or pencil to fill out a silent auction sheet with item description, value and opening bid. In addition, if you would like to contribute an item as a door prize, please bring it wrapped.

Be sure to bring cash or a check to pay for silent auction items and so that you can pay your 2024 SJBAS dues.

The slate of proposed officers for 2024 will be provided in the November or December Moki, and nominations from the floor can be made at the annual meeting.

### **Board Meeting**

The next SJBAS Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 12, 1:30PM-3:30PM, Center of Southwest Studies, Room 271. All SJBAS members are welcome to attend. Please email me at [sc53hicks@gmail.com](mailto:sc53hicks@gmail.com) for an agenda.

Sincerely,  
Susan Hicks  
SJBAS President

### **2024 Field Trip Planning Meeting: October 29**

SJBAS wants your ideas for next year's field trips. These field trips are a wonderful benefit of membership. What field trips would you like to take in 2024? Bring your ideas to the Trip Organizers meeting and pizza party at 3 PM on October 29. The meeting will be in Rusty and Kathy's patio or inside if the weather is not cooperative. Please RSVP to email or number below. Are you at a loss for ideas? Go to [The Field Trip archives page](#) on our website. There you will find reports from trips going back to 2010. Remember the field trip organizers are not on their own. We have resources and people to help you have a successful trip. Questions? Contact Rusty Chamberlain at [chambrke@aol.com](mailto:chambrke@aol.com), 970-903-3929.

## Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) Resumes Classes

Get certified or just learn for fun. Our PAAC coordinator, Betsy Moore, has just learned that History Colorado resumes archaeology classes online and in-person the end of October. More details are forthcoming from Betsy but mark your calendars for the following classes:

### **Site Stewardship Workshop**

This one-day workshop, offered in collaboration with South Park Site Stewards (SPSS), will provide an introduction to archaeological advocacy through site stewardship. Participants will learn about the principal mission of preservation and primary activities of a site steward including the observation, documentation and reporting of the condition of cultural resources in Colorado. Beth Parisi, co-director of SPSS, will lead this workshop.

Where: Hybrid - Denver & Online

When: Oct 28, 10 am - 4 pm MDT

### **State & National Register Nomination Workshop**

This one-day workshop, offered in collaboration with the State Historic Preservation Office, will walk participants through the process of preparing nominations for the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places. In the morning session, participants will learn about the State and National Registers and how to evaluate the eligibility of archaeological resources for nomination. In the afternoon, participants will practice their new skills hands-on with a mock-archaeological site and learn how to write up parts of a nomination. This course will be led by Eric Newcombe, one of our National and State Register Historians here at History Colorado.

Where: Hybrid - Denver & Online

When: Nov 18, 9 am - 4 pm MST

## SJBAS Board Openings

Two Board positions are open for the calendar year 2024 - Secretary and Vice-President. Please consider pitching in to help SJBAS continue to be an enjoyable and active organization.

Training and assistance will be provided for those volunteering for the open positions. There are usually five, two-hour, Board meetings per year. The Board uses email to conduct business between Board meetings, when necessary.

Contact Susan Hicks, [sc53hicks@gmail.com](mailto:sc53hicks@gmail.com), for more information about the open positions, detailed job descriptions and a copy of the SJBAS bylaws.



## Additional SJBAS Volunteer Opportunities

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tishvarney@att.net)) for more information.

**Webmaster Assistant:** If you know your way around a computer, please consider volunteering to assist our Webmaster, Lyle Hancock, when he is unable to access a computer. The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining and updating the SJBAS website- [www.sjbas.org](http://www.sjbas.org). Please contact Lyle for more information, [lylehancock99@gmail.com](mailto:lylehancock99@gmail.com). Training and support will be provided for all positions.

We look forward to working with you!

## SJBAS Elected Officers and Other Board Members

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| President                      | Susan Hicks       |
| Vice President                 | Paul Landrum      |
| Secretary                      | Mary Rieke        |
| Treasurer                      | Mary Moorehead    |
| Communications chair           | Byron Kellogg     |
| Membership chair               | Tish Varney       |
| Field Trip Program coordinator | Rusty Chamberlain |
| Education/PAAC representative  | Betsy Moore       |

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| <i>Moki Messenger</i> editor | Hunter McCleary               |
| Programming chair            | Janice Sheftel                |
| Publicity chair              | Rusty Chamberlain             |
| Social chair                 | Michelle and Mark<br>McKibben |
| Webmaster                    | Lyle Hancock                  |

SJBAS Membership renewals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Individual dues drop to \$15 after June 30. If you need to renew a lapsed membership or join SJBAS, please complete the [SJBAS Annual Membership Form](#), make your check for \$25 (\$50 family, \$10 student) payable to 'SJBAS' and mail with the Annual Membership Form to: SJBAS, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 3153, Durango, CO 81302.