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Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., Baldrige Hall, Montrose United Methodist Church, South 1st St. and Park Avenue.

Program: *"New Discovery at the Gunnison River Rock Art Site" presented by Glade Hadden*

Concealed in the rocky overhangs of the Gunnison River a natural shelter area has been the focus of excavation for BLM archaeologists Glade Hadden and Carol Patterson. A natural river crossing, the best for miles, provides an ideal hunting location and deer and elk are heavily illustrated on nearby rock art. While BLM Archaeologists have been aware of the site they believed it had been heavily looted. Hosting a field school from Western Wyoming College sparked new interest and a wealth of new finds. Initially the excavation site had been disturbed by looters and pack rats but each subsequent layer revealed older hearths and artifacts. Among the new items discovered are Fremont-style basketry, projectile points, beads and bones which served as tools and a hearth dating back more than 8000 years.



Glade Hadden received a Master of Science degree in Archaeology from the University of Utah in 1992. He has been with the Bureau of Land Management since 1998, moving to the Uncompahgre Field office in 2006. Glade is heavily involved with the Chipeta Chapter and has provided guidance and training for members in the area of site stewardship.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

"Prehistoric Quarries in Northwestern Colorado"

Presented by Matthew Landt

Archaeology sometimes mixes itself up with geology. Archaeologist Matthew Landt helped Chipeta members sort things out at his presentation September 21, 2011. Landt has been with Alpine Archaeological Consultants of Montrose since 2007. Landt described his recent survey project near Maybell and Highway 318 in northwest Colorado. His program was titled: Understanding Landscapes in Sand Wash Basin, Moffat County, Colorado.

Landt is a self-described generalist who also happens to like statistics. The Sand Wash Basin project was funded by the Bureau of Land Management and by Vermillion Chapter of Colorado Archaeological Society. BLM personnel had previously identified prehistoric quarries on the land. A cultural resources survey was required before the area could be considered for OHV trails. Landt was the Principal Investigator.

Sand Wash Basin is mostly sage and greasewood-covered terrain, with several deep drainages oriented to the southeast. Within the Basin, exposed chert beds have been mined for thousands of years by prehistoric peoples. Landt and his

crew surveyed 2000 acres of a larger 8000 acre parcel. Landt described “a ton of debitage” scattered across the entire area, from 10 to 100 fragments per square meter. He noted that variable surface erosion has moved and rearranged debitage over thousands of years. Even so, the survey revealed seven sites with well-defined lithic concentrations, and nine distinct stone quarries.

Landt said the land forms and terrain define where types of prehistoric activities took place. Tools of production, like cores, cobbles and hammerstones, were mostly found at the quarry sites. Landt reported “lots of early-phase bifaces.” Processing tools like scrapers and manos/metates were more frequently found in the southwest quadrant, the only area with trees and grasses. That area also contained projectile points, hearths, middens, and wikiup remains. From this more hospitable landscape to the south, “they went to the quarries just to get raw materials and then leave,” explained Landt.

Landt recommends further studies of these quarry sites. For example, a geochemistry analysis of chert quarries of the greater southwest might help determine whether Bridger Formation chert found at Sand Wash Basin is distinct from cherts of other areas.

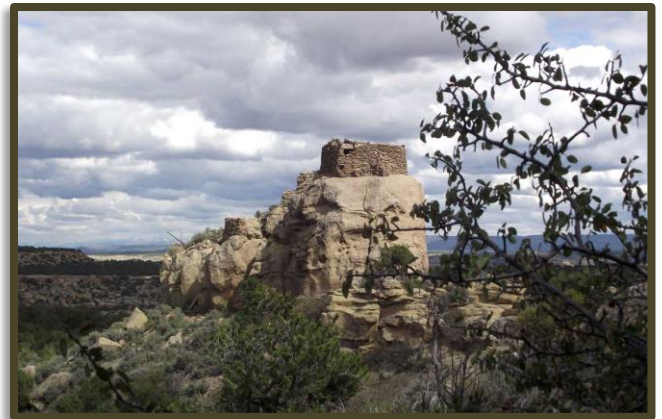
We wish to thank Matthew Landt for sharing with Chipeta members the findings from Sand Wash Basin. Thanks also to Chuck Richey and Tricia Winslow, Chipeta Chapter program co-coordinators. For those interested in more of the geologic story, this reporter Laurie Labak recommends the award-winning book *Messages in Stone: Colorado's Colorful Geology*. 2003. Colorado Geological Survey, edited by Vincent Matthews. ~Laurie Labak

FIELD TRIPS

October 2011

Chipeta chapter members traveled to northern New Mexico for another matchless tour with David Casey, visiting sites of waves of cultural immigrants from early Basketmaker and Navajo through Pueblo times. Once again rain came primarily at night, with David orchestrating the trips in drier directions.

Varied rock art included a Hopi figure, historical work, Rosa representational Basketmaker phase, Dine-tah Yei-i's and rare transitional katchina cult figures. Defensive pueblito sites were pointed out on remote headlands and perched on house sized boulders and we were able to visit several of them. The largest, Three Corn Ruin, had 25 rooms with a mud-dam in the cap rock on the peninsula nearby holding 55,000 gal of water.



We are much indebted to David's entertaining and educational tales, particularly the wide-ranging study and toil in preparation of his fine Salmon museum presentation: "[Buffalo, Bats, Stars and Armor: A Summary of Dr. Rogers Publications About Subjects Of Rock Art In DineTah.](#)" Rogers collection of more than 8,000 slides has recently been added to the museum archives, with many otherwise unknown sites to be studied and visited. David's generosity with the Chipeta chapter continues as an extraordinary resource, and we are looking forward to having his presence and latest presentation with us again. ~Ed Horton

PRESIDENTS CORNER

October 2011



Dear Members,

The October meeting will be a call for volunteers for the nominations committee to consider. The November meeting will be a vote. Please consider running for one of our important offices or committees. Our Chapter has a large membership and provides interesting and educational presentations from a wealth of speakers and projects on the Western Slope. We have unique opportunities to be in on cutting edge of archaeological discoveries and research (see October speaker). We offer field trips to a variety of new sites and revisit spectacular known sites. Nowhere in the state is so much offered to members for so little time or money. So please join with us in volunteering your free time and expertise to help this Chapter continue to be vital. ~*Carol Patterson*

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LETTER TO CHAPTER

October 2011

Dear Chipeta Chapter Members,

Each fall, as is our custom, we seek officers for the upcoming year. The process is pretty straightforward. Nominees are sought in October and then elected in November. Our current group of officers won't seek another year of service. They have served multiple years, some as long as 8 years. They have served above and beyond, and we appreciate their efforts on behalf of Chipeta, CAS. So far, we have had no one to step forward to serve as an officer, and many of the committee chairperson positions are unfilled for 2012.

Chipeta chapter has an illustrious 76-year history of supporting the study of archaeology and anthropology. Chipeta is one of the original CAS chapters formed in 1935. We have a membership of 165, which is one of the largest chapters in the state, and extraordinary, given the modest population base we have. Although we aren't as high profile as some of the Front Range chapters, we are highly respected statewide. Several members have served at the state level or have been recognized for their contributions to CAS and Colorado archaeology.

The chapter provides quality programs at our monthly meetings, interesting field trips, access to interesting projects, a great library, PAAC classes and fun social events, all at little or no charge. All of our activities are well attended. It would be a real tragedy to see all our heritage, contributions and activities disappear, but that's a real possibility.

We need members to step forward to serve as officers and committee chairpersons. You don't have to have any special knowledge of archaeology to serve, just some basic organizational skills and a collaborative, positive attitude. If our elected positions aren't filled by November, our chapter will be disbanded at the end of the year. It is a shame that a

group as large and active as the Chipeta Chapter cannot gain the support and commitment from its members to carry on the traditions and goals of this organization.

Listed below are the positions we need filled. Please consider serving. If you are currently serving in a position and want to continue please let me know. I can be contacted at 249-8055 or trlgpa@skybeam.com.

Best Regards,

Bill Harris, Nominations Committee

CHIPETA CHAPTER POSITIONS

Elected positions:	Committees and appointed positions:
President – conduct monthly and executive meetings, oversee chapter business. Secretary – take minutes at monthly and executive meetings. Treasurer – keep track of accounts, taxes, finances and annual budget, write checks. CAS Representative – represent chapter at CAS quarterly meetings.	Membership – track and update memberships, email list and notices. PAAC Coordinator – schedule and arrange PAAC classes – usually 2 a year. Refreshments Coordinator – organize snacks and drinks for meetings. IT Assistant – assist with audio-visual needs at meetings. Field Trip - Coordinator – coordinates field trips.

2011 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President	Carol Patterson 252-8679	Vice President/Programs	Chuck Richey 249-1751
Secretary	Marcia Coman 249-3479	Treasurer	Linda Manske 209-6232
CAS Representative	Beverly Kolkman 835-4109	Appointed Members	Ed Horton
Standing Committees (Per By-Laws)			
Field Trips	Ed Horton 874-5142, Chuck Richey	Publicity	Trish Winslow
Newsletter	Carla & John Sanborn 874-8586	Nominating	(Appointed in the fall)
Library	Linda Manske, 209-6232	Professional Advisor	VACANT
Other committees and posts			
Refreshments	Trish Winslow	Scholarship	Hal Manhart, 249-2017; Jon Horn, Bill Harris
Membership/Hospitality	Bill & Linda Manske, 209-6232	PAAC	Connee Moffatt 243-8066

Membership Renewal Alert*

A gentle reminder, the following membership renewals are due or overdue. Please contact Linda Manske, chapter treasurer, at 209-6232, if you have any questions or corrections.

Norling & Lila Anderson

Arleen Friedmam & Duane Thaxton

Nick Neubaum

Barbara Brown

Martha Grewal

Diane Thompson

Marcia Coman

James & Connee Moffatt

Greg Wood & Helen Pederson



Membership /Renewal Form

Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

Payment of dues is considered affirmation of consent to abide by the Code of Ethics of CAS.

Date:_____.

Name(s):_____

Address:_____ City:_____ State:_____

Zip:_____ - _____ Phone:_____ E-mail:_____

(Used only by Chipeta & CAS)

____Renewal ____New Member Are you a member of another CAS chapter? Yes____ No____
Annual dues include membership in Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS).

____Individual* (\$23) ____Family* (\$30) *Receives Southwestern Lore, the CAS journal
____Individual--No SW Lore (\$15) ____Family--No SW Lore (\$20)

____Supporting Contribution - Amount_____

I want to receive the Chipeta monthly newsletter via: ____Email or ____US Mail

I want to receive The Surveyor, the state newsletter via: ____Email or ____US Mail

Contact information about our members is never disclosed unless approved in advance by members.

I(We) give CAS permission to :

Yes____No____ disclose my/our phone number(s) to other CAS members

Yes____No____ publish my/our name(s)/contact information in a chapter directory

Yes____No____ publish my/our name(s) in a newsletters (which may be sent to other chapters, etc.)

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge:

- To uphold state and federal antiquities laws.
- To support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our state's antiquities.
- To encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources.
- To encourage the study and recording of Colorado's archaeology and cultural history.
- To take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work for the purpose of developing new and significant information about the past.
- To respect the property rights of landowners.
- To assist whenever possible in locating, mapping, and recording archaeological sites within Colorado, using State Site Survey Forms.
- To respect the dignity of peoples whose cultural histories and spiritual practices are the subject of any investigation.
- To support only scientifically conducted activities and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.
- To report vandalism.
- To remember that cultural resources are non-renewable and do not belong to you or me, but are ours to respect, to study, and to enjoy.

Signature:_____ Signature:_____

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Reward Offered for the Identification of 9 Mile Canyon Vandals

Several companies and organizations interested in protecting the archaeology of Nine Mile Canyon against vandalism have pooled their resources to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for defacing the so-called First Site this summer. The site, named because it is the first marked stop tourists encounter traveling from Wellington, is among the oldest examples of Native American rock art in the canyon. It is Barrier Canyon style, and according to experts is probably at least 2,000 years old and perhaps even older.

http://www.sunad.com/index.php?tier=1&article_id=23118

Bandelier National Monument Reopens a Number of Ancient Places to Public Visitation

The prehistoric Native American archaeological sites that fill the heart of northern New Mexico's Bandelier National Monument have reopened to visitors, three months after the largest wildfire in the state's recorded history sent employees scrambling to save rare artifacts and irreplaceable artwork. The monument's visitor center and biggest concentration of prehistoric cultural sites survived the fire and a second threat — post-fire flooding that sent ash, sediment and charred debris into the heart of the monument.

http://www.thereporter.com/rss/ci_18985371?source=rss