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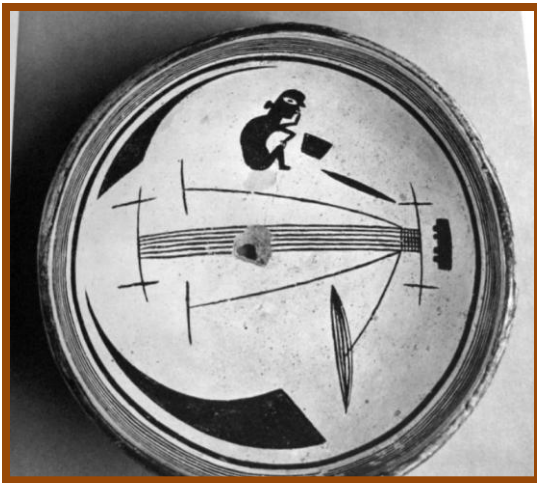
Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Baldrige Hall, Montrose United Methodist Church, South 1st St. and Park Avenue.

Program: "Mimbres Pottery"

By Sharon Manhart

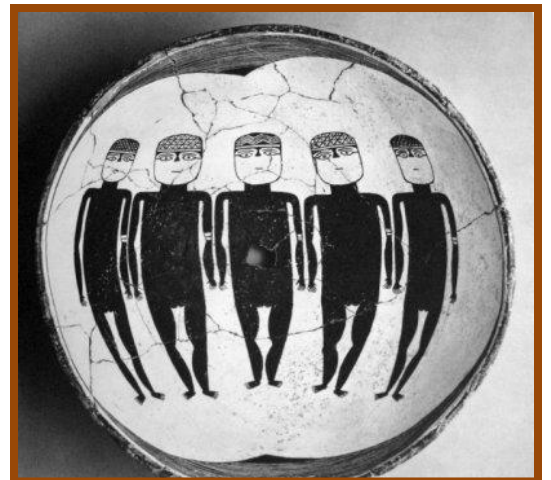
Chipeta member Sharon Manhart will present a program on Mimbres pottery, a black on white pottery tradition. Many of the photos that will be used are from the collection of a couple who lived and worked in Silver City from the 1920's through the early 1980's. Their fascination with the Mimbres pottery led them to become noted restorers and their collection is now in the University of New Mexico museum in Albuquerque.



The Mimbres culture, which was centered in and named for the Mimbres River area in southwestern New Mexico, thrived for almost 1000 years. Archaeologists speculate that they evolved from the Mogollon culture because of early similarities in pottery and building traditions. Their early pottery consisted of plain brown pots that developed into red burnished bowls and jars by 500 A.D. The first painted bowls appeared around 550 A.D. These bowls evolved into the Classic Mimbres pottery, roughly 825 to 1000 A.D., black on white with geometric and pictorial designs. There were a variety of motifs used on the pottery including triangles, circles, diamonds, squares, crosses, and spirals used with in

conjunction with fine lines and stylized images of animals and humans.

Mimbres pottery was often included as grave goods in burials. The body was frequently buried under the floor inside the dwelling in an upright flexed position with a "killed" vessel placed over the head. The vessel was "killed" by punching a hole through the bottom. The Mimbres culture disappeared from the area by 1130 A.D.



PRESIDENTS CORNER

February, 2010

Calamity Trail Site Survey

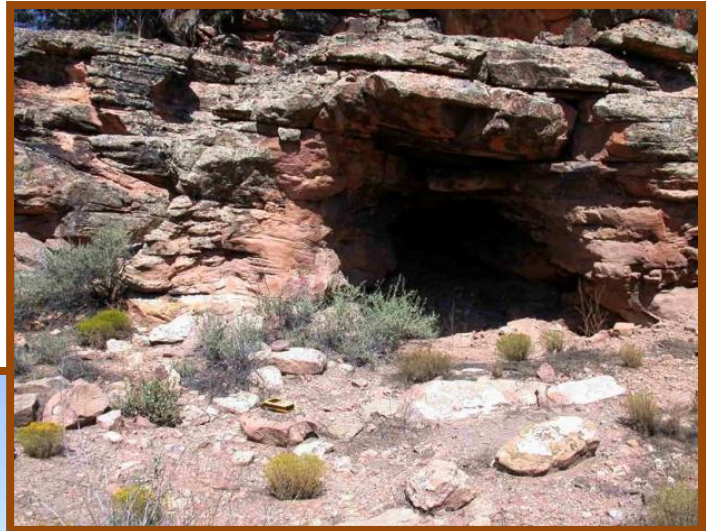
The Off Road Jeep club has donated \$1500 to the Chipeta Chapter to administer the money for volunteers to survey and map the entire site on the Calamity trail and the BLM will match with \$1500. BLM archaeologist, Glade Hadden will oversee the project, but an archaeologist is still needed to supervise the field surveys.

The Jeep Club \$1500 is money for a Principle Investigator and the Chipeta Chapter to administer the grant. The BLM is matching \$1500 for obtaining C14 dates on recovered material.

The announcement will come in March or April with a Press Release, photos of the check handover and ceremony.

We need 4- 5 volunteers who have had survey training with PAAC or otherwise, to carry out the survey, mapping, testing and collection of everything on the surface. If you are interested, contact Glade Hadden at the BLM office in Montrose.

Carol Patterson



INDIANA UNIVERSITY PRESS SALE

Douglas Kullen

Indiana University Press is having a one day only sale (on Feb. 17), 60% off everything. Of special interest, Noel Justice's three guidebooks to the projectile point styles of the Midcontinental and Eastern United States, the Great Basin, and the Southwest but there are many other fine publications. This is an internet sale only.

Here is the link: http://www.iupress.indiana.edu/catalog/index.php?cPath=1037_1126_1342

JANUARY PROGRAM REPORT

“Seasonal Movements of Prehistoric Peoples across the Northwestern Colorado Landscape”
By Alan D. Reed, M.A, RPA
Alpine Archaeological Consultants

During the January Chipeta meeting, Alan Reed of Alpine Archaeological Consultants spoke on the synthesis of archaeological data compiled for the Piceance Basin Expansion, Rockies Express Pipeline and Uinta Basin lateral project that took place in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties in Colorado and Sweetwater County in Wyoming.



An artist interpretation of a Basin house



Sand Wash tiger chert retouched flake knife from Long Knife site.

The topography in the area of study ranges from sagebrush to pinyon/juniper forest to mountain peak. The study indicated that the highest density of occupation was located between 5,550 feet to 8,500 feet elevation with seasonal movement to take advantage of flora and fauna. This movement may have included as many as 9 relocations a year covering an area up to 300 miles.

The survey revealed sites ranging from lithic material to basin houses and ages ranging from the early Archaic era to the Proto historic era, and samples from each eras were examined. Many sites had been covered and protected by deep wind deposits protecting the deposits.

The dwellings represented in this area are generally basin houses, characterized by the following attributes:

- Irregular perimeters
- Oval to elliptical floor plan
- Shallow basin-shaped floors
- Low, sloping walls below the superstructure
- Undulating floors
- Floor pit features
- Nearby extramural pit features

The project also conducted a paleo-environmental study of northwestern Colorado and adjacent sections of Wyoming -- collecting and analyzing pollen from high-elevation fen cores and collecting packrat middens from lower elevations to ascertain pollen and microfossil constituents. This work was directed by Drs. David Madsen and David Rhode of the Desert Research Institute.

As part of the project elementary school teachers were provided field experience at each site, thus giving them the skills to teach children about archaeology. The Chipeta Chapter wishes to thank Alan for sharing his time and talent.



Bone whistle from the Long Knife site. Photo shows both top and bottom views of the same artifact.

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FIELD TRIPS

BY ED HORTON

A spring trip to the Craig area is in the works depending on weather conditions. This trip will involve a volunteer group camping and surveying archaeological sites. Volunteers will be helping the BLM survey to determine any work that needs to be done to protect the sites prior to granting grazing permits. There will be some rock art sites including possible Barrier Canyon, Fremont, archaic and unusual historic. Stay tuned for further development.

Other plans in the works include a nearby day trip to Escalante canyon's unsurveyed sites and a trip to the bookcliff area Three Canyon Ranch. Meanwhile, chapter member Rich Cline is wintering in St George, UT, and is avidly collecting sites for a Field trip in that vicinity, perhaps in the fall.

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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.

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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.

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___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_____

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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.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN 4-CORNERS LOOTING CASE SEEKS INFORMANT'S

RECORDS: A defense attorney is seeking an address book, recordings and other information in an attempt to challenge the integrity of an undercover operative key to a multistate investigation into illegal artifact trafficking. Walter Bugden, a Salt Lake City lawyer, is representing Durango, Colo., antique dealers Carl Lavern Crites and Marie Crites and two other indicted co-defendants rounded up during a June 10 raid that federal agents coordinated across Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.
http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_14273748

PETROGLYPHS VANDALIZED

NEAR YUMA: Authorities are offering up to a \$1,500 reward for information leading to the identification and prosecution of those responsible for vandalism at the Sears Point archaeological site in Yuma County. Arizona Bureau of Land Management rangers discovered the vandalism late last year at the large rock art site located on BLM-administered lands. They say the damage includes rolled boulders and fractured petroglyphs.
<http://www.yumasun.com/news/point-55454-sears-cook.html>
<http://www.kgun9.com/Global/story.asp?S=1812292>