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Monthly Meeting

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

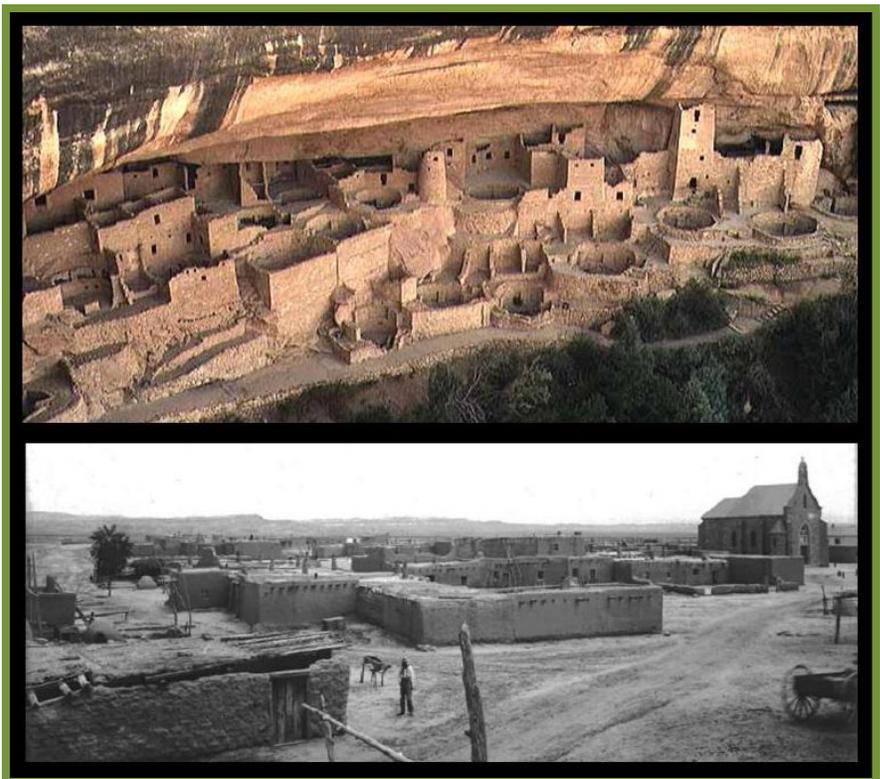
Program: "THE ORIGINAL PUEBLO REVOLT: MESA VERDE, A.D. 1280."

By Scott Ortman



Scott Ortman focuses on two of the longest-running debates in North American archaeology: the famous abandonment of the Mesa Verde region in the 13th century, and the relationship between ancient Mesa Verde peoples and the present-day Pueblo peoples of New Mexico. Researchers agree that present-day Pueblo groups were in place in the Rio Grande region of New Mexico by the early 14th century, and they also agree that the diverse languages spoken in these villages reflect diverse origins for these peoples. However, there is no consensus on how these present-day groups came to be. Some view them as local developments; others view them as amalgamations of diverse peoples; and still others as lineal descendants of earlier Pueblo societies, including Mesa Verde.

Scott Ortman will present the conclusions of his dissertation research on this topic, which began as an archaeological exercise but evolved into an exploration of Pueblo languages and oral traditions as well. Scott argues that the Tewa speaking pueblos of New Mexico formed in the 13th century as the result of a mass migration from the Mesa Verde region. This migration brought the ancestral Tewa language and population to the Rio Grande. However, as these people moved down, they essentially left Mesa Verde material culture behind and adopted a new material culture that was a hybrid of existing Rio Grande

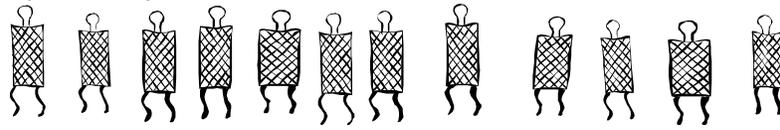


traditions and re-invented older Mesa Verde traditions upon their arrival.

To make sense of the cultural transformation involved in this migration, Ortman delved into Tewa oral traditions, especially as they are reflected in early Spanish documents, and found that Tewa people of the 17th century actually remembered this event, and viewed it as the defining moment in their history when they became the people they were. Based on these accounts and the archaeological evidence, it appears that the depopulation of the Mesa Verde region around A.D. 1280 was due to a religious revolution. Further, it appears that social memories of this legendary episode provided a model for the much later Pueblo Revolt of 1680 when the Tewas banded together with other Tewa people to drive the Spanish from New Mexico.

Scott Ortman came to Crow Canyon 1993 to participate in the Research Internship program. He followed that experience by becoming a seasonal researcher, lab analyst, database manager, and lab director and Director of Research in 2007 and Director of Education in 2009.

Ortman's primary areas of interest include migration studies, cognitive and evolutionary archaeology, and the integration of archaeology with linguistics, biology, and oral tradition. He is a past fellow of the National Science Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. His dissertation research was supported by all of these, as well as Arizona State University and Crow Canyon. He just finished his Ph.D. at Arizona State University.



PRESIDENTS CORNER

March 2010

Our Chapter brings in very interesting guest speakers as well as attracting new members who all enjoy the refreshments. We need someone to step up and coordinate this effort. It doesn't take much time to call the name from the signup sheet and make sure they remember to bring one or the other, perhaps only once a year. Also we need a CAS Representative to travel to the quarterly State meetings. It is lots of fun and a great learning experience.

Our Chapter is fortunate to have a broad survey of archaeological and ethnographic books in their library located at Alpine Archaeological Consultants. They have contributed space for our collection and I encourage members to stop by and check out some of the material. Alpine has also contributed their new publication "Digging into the Past" for sale at our meetings. March is the beginning of a busy season with Alpine hosting the upcoming Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists here in Montrose, March 26th through the 28th. Field trips to the west end may swing into gear at short notice if the weather permits. Ed Horton may send out a mass mailing to gather the troops for an open-air cultural heritage adventure.

See you there.
Carol Patterson

FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORT

"Mimbres Pottery"

By Sharon Manhart

Chipeta member Sharon Manhart quotes, "They were the wrong people in the wrong place to have developed this pottery." Members and visitors were treated to a slides and lecture discussing the characteristics of Mimbres pottery.

Mimbres pottery is considered by many to be the most artistic and beautifully crafted in the southwest. The Mimbres culture, which was centered in and named for the Mimbres River area in southwestern New Mexico, thrived for almost 1000 years. Their pottery developed in three phases: plain brown ware, later decorated with a slip and geometric designs and ultimately the most famous, geometric and pictorial designs. The majority of the pottery consists of beautifully decorated bowls around 10 inches diameter. The bowls are usually black on white ceramic but there are also some polychrome. The potters used a variety of motifs including triangles, circles, diamonds, squares, crosses, and spirals in conjunction with fine lines and stylized images of animals and humans. Manhart pointed out how the potters used perspective on a curved surface and the division of design into segments to create extraordinary designs.



The Manharts first became fascinated with the Mimbres after meeting John and Mary King in Silver City. The Kings, curators of an extensive collection, moved to the area in the 1920's and ultimately became noted restores. Sharon and Hal had an opportunity to photograph the collection in the 1980's. When parts of the collection were stolen those photographs became invaluable in helping with recovery. Currently, the King collection is now in the New Mexico Museum in Albuquerque.

The Mimbres culture disappeared by 1130 A.D. While many of the Mimbres sites have been extensively looted, destroying valuable information, research continues.

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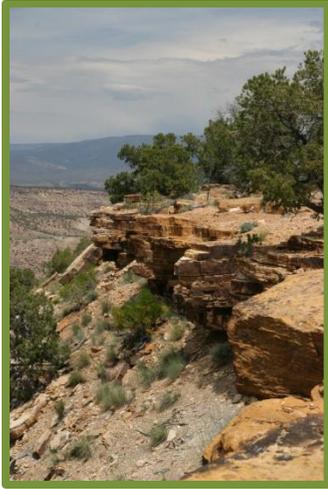
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FIELD TRIPS

BY ED HORTON

Spring field trips are in the planning stages and depend on weather conditions. If you wish to be notified of trips either by email or phone call please make sure your information is current. Still in the works are a trip to the Craig area, Escalante Canyon and the Three Canyon Ranch.



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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.

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Membership /Renewal Form

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Annual dues include membership in Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS).

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

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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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Aztec National Monument Seeks Public Opinion on the Future of the Monument:

Officials from Aztec Ruins National Monument plan to host a series of informational meetings to gather community input as they update the existing general management plan, which dates back to 1989. The public comment period runs through April 8. Residents can comment in person, mail suggestions, or call the national monument. "I'm really giving people enough time to thoroughly engage in the process," Aztec Ruins National Monument Supervisor Dennis Carruth said.

http://www.daily-times.com/farmington-news/ci_14443047?source=rss

State Parks Across the Southwest Facing Closure:

As Utah lawmakers look to reduce spending even more in the future, they have some state parks on a possible chopping block as they explore the idea of privatizing them. A list of six possible candidates will be drafted by an internal audit committee and presented to lawmakers this summer for potential consideration. The step is similar, but not as drastic, as those being taken by other states around the country where bleeding budgets are forcing unpopular decisions. Last month, the largest closure of state parks in the nation began in Arizona, and in California, 278 parks face being shut down.

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