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Mark Your Calendar

Mar 5: Hisatsinom Chapter monthly meeting, Kate Magargal discussing the use of wood fuel in the Four Corners. Methodist Church, 515 Park Street, Cortez, 7 pm.

Mar 6: [Montrose Historical Society](#) monthly meeting with Paul Gottlieb giving an overview of the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. Pioneer Room, Montrose Fairgrounds, 7 pm.

Mar 11: [CAS-GJ](#) monthly meeting with Sonny Shelton talking about pre-historic bison hunting in Colorado. Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way, GJ, 6:30 pm.

Mar 13: [San Juan Basin](#) Archaeological Society monthly meeting, with Andrew Carroll talking about infant mortality at the Italian (Tuscan) site of Poggio Civitate. Lyceum, Fort Lewis College, Durango, 7 pm.

Mar 20: Chipeta Chapter monthly meeting with Dan Simplicio discussing the Pueblo of Zuni (*right*). United Methodist Church, Park Avenue and South 1st Street, Montrose, 7 pm.

Mar 21: [Museums of Western](#) Colorado Oral History Program, with Eileen O'Toole speaking about the old Grand Junction Country Club. Whitman Educational Center, 248 S 4th St., GJ, 12 pm.



Our March Presentation

The Zuni Kiva Project and The Zuni World

Zuni archaeologist and tribal elder Dan Simplicio will discuss the significance and challenges of maintaining the Zuni Pueblo's six religious kivas, along with other adaptations faced by the community in maintaining its traditional culture and language in the modern age.

Mr. Simplicio (B.A. University of New Mexico) has been a cultural specialist with Crow Canyon Archaeological Center since 2014. His past experience has been in archaeological field work throughout the Southwest for over 15 years and he has worked as a Cultural Resource Specialist for the Zuni Historic Preservation Office in Zuni, New Mexico. While in Zuni he taught at Twin Buttes High School, teaching Zuni Language and Culture to 9th through 12th grade students. His experiences are in lithic and ceramic analysis and NAGPRA Repatriation and Consultations; he also served on the committee for the United Nations assisting in the development of the Draft Declaration of Human Rights for Indigenous Peoples.



Site Stewardship, Field Trips, and Other Random Notes



Photo by Bill Harris

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Site Stewardship

Shane is back at work at the BLM, and we'll be talking soon about filing last year's data and coming up with a date for the stewards' refresher course we do each spring. We're looking at April 6th for the course and we should have that date set soon.

Harris Site Field Trip

We will visit the Harris Site on March 13, 2019. The site entails a hike in and out of a small canyon,

west of Olathe, CO, and is just under a mile round-trip. The trip will be led by site stewards Randy Patton and Bill Harris. The chapter has conducted several archaeological studies on the site, documenting archaic and historic Ute occupations. The field trip will be about 4 hours long, so bring a lunch and water. Meet at downtown City Market at 9 am. No dogs please. Limited to 12 participants. Sign up by emailing Bill Harris at trlgpa48@gmail.com. There are still a few spaces available.



President's Corner

by Sally Johnson

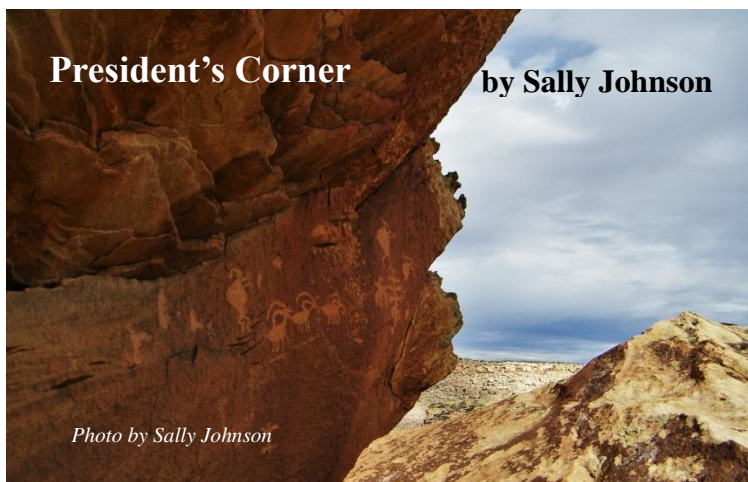


Photo by Sally Johnson

Well, Spring might be around the corner and there are many trips planned. Be sure to check your email for the sign-up information. Remember, we can't sign you up until the email notice is released. I want to thank all trip leaders for their dedication to leading and planning the trips. Also, we will be sending out some information on membership renewals via the state website in the next newsletter. At this time Teri Hauser has sent out renewal notices through emails. (If you want to renew at the next Chipeta meeting we would be glad to help you with that).

I would like to invite someone to consider becoming the PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) coordinator. At this time there is no coordinator for this program and we would hate to see it dropped from our area. History Colorado provides all the training for these wonderful classes. The PAAC Coordinator just organizes the meeting place and announces the class information in the newsletter or at the general meeting. At this time we have no classes scheduled in our area, but I would like to have a poll of any classes that the membership would like to have offered. For more information please check out the History Colorado website and go to the Archaeology and Preservation tab. Let me or another board member know if you would like to become the PAAC coordinator.

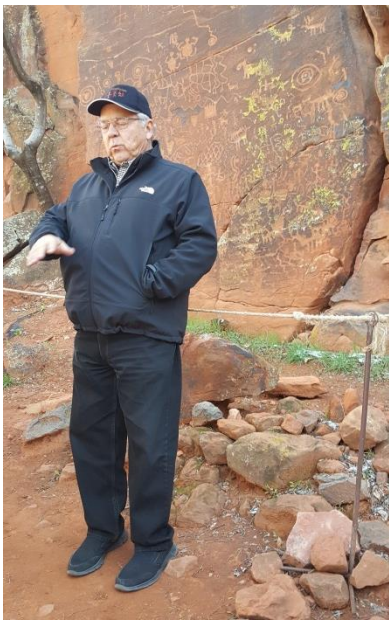
See you at the meeting or on the trail.

February Rock Art Trip

by Dea Jacobson

All photos by the author

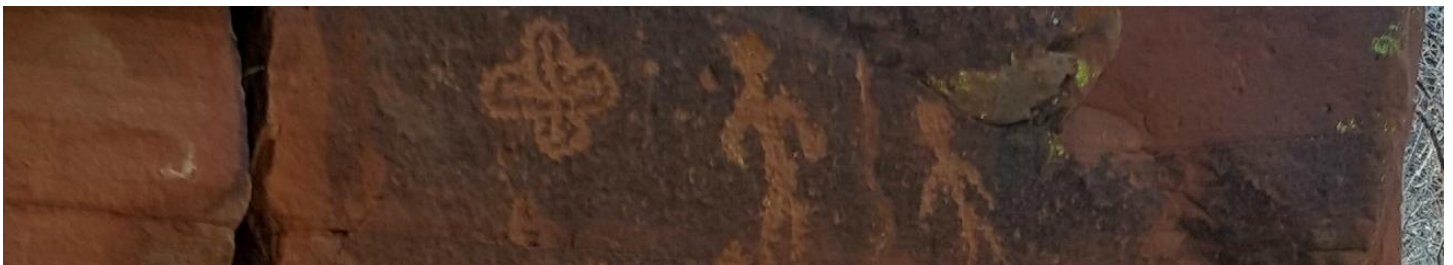
Early Sunday morning, February 10, Alma Evans and I loaded up and headed to Camp Verde, Arizona, for my first multi day trip with the Chipeta Chapter of the CAS. Driving through Grand Junction and south through the spectacular Utah desert set the stage for a 3 day tour that just got better as the days passed.



Ever since moving to Colorado in the 70's I've been drawn to petroglyph panels and love the mystery behind them, stories of the people who populated the Colorado Plateau for centuries, and the clues of who they were left in the ruins of their dwellings and strange characters and art on sandstone walls.

For the first 2 days we based out of the town of Camp Verde. Our CAS group of 32 spent the first morning getting oriented. The docents at the Archeological Center Museum provided a museum tour and a slide show with the archeological background of the region before we departed for the V Bar V Ranch. Ken Zolle, the executive director of the Archaeological Center, guided the hike, giving us the history and perspective of the panels and their meaning, which was key to our understanding of what we were experiencing. As an "archeo-astronomer," he spent years observing the symbols on the panels and was able to explain how the people of that time, without any sophisticated tools, could gauge season change, among other things. We were also guided to a panel not open to the public which was said to be an area where the women gathered to give birth.

The second day we were able to see the Honanki and Palatki Ruins, again with Ken, our expert guide, explaining what had been learned about the people who once lived there. Again we were guided, by previous arrangement, to panels not open to the general public. Pretty special, I thought!



Rock Art Trip (continued)

On Wednesday, the final day of our tour, we traveled to the Rock Art Ranch outside of Winslow. This ranch was spread over a huge area and our tour was led by the ranch owner, Brantley Baird, a colorful

cowboy with a sincere interest in the preservation of the wealth of archeological treasures on his property. Several universities and museums had participated in digs and we were able to see first-hand the work they had done to expose and study the many pit houses on the land. The shifting sands of the Arizona desert cover and uncover, then cover again ancient sites and artifacts we were able to view. But the grand finale was the trip down a canyon to see some of the most outstanding rock art of the trip. Baird had a covered viewing platform that looked down into the canyon with a rudimentary bridge spanning it. Several members of the group, led by Joe Ogelsby, cleared the bridge of debris left by flash floods and put up side rails. Several adventuresome members of the group ventured into the canyon and were richly rewarded. I felt the power of the people who left these images behind all around me and for many days afterward.



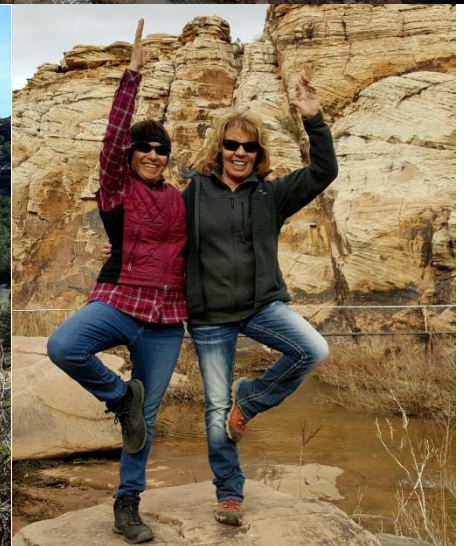
Thanks so much to Leigh Ann Hunt for making the arrangements for this trip. As a totally amateur member of the group I felt a camaraderie with everyone and can't wait for my next opportunity to enjoy touring more of the hidden treasures of the Colorado Plateau.



More photos from the February Rock Art Trip

Top left and middle right photos by Dea Jacobson

All others are by Leigh Ann Hunt



Report on the First Quarterly CAS Meeting, 2019

by Nick Ard

I was able to call in to the meeting in Boulder for about an hour and a half in the afternoon of January 26, but could never establish a reliable connection. From that connection, I was able to glean a little bit of information, but this report is regrettably sketchy. I can convey the following comments or reports.

Karen Kinnear reported that the Moab and White River offices of BLM, like the Monticello office, were considering requiring permits for CAS to visit archaeological sites. She also stated that Kris Holien was resigning as Recording Secretary and a replacement from other than the Denver Chapter was needed, since that chapter accounts for most of the officers.

Treasurer Michele Giometti reported that a CAS CD was maturing that day (01/26/19) and would be reinvested.

It was announced that the annual meeting would be on October 11th through the 13th at Pueblo Community College. April's meeting will be in Salida. Since July's meeting was originally to be hosted by the San Juan Chapter, which is leaving CAS, the Denver Chapter stepped forward to host the event. All 2019 meetings will be east of the divide.

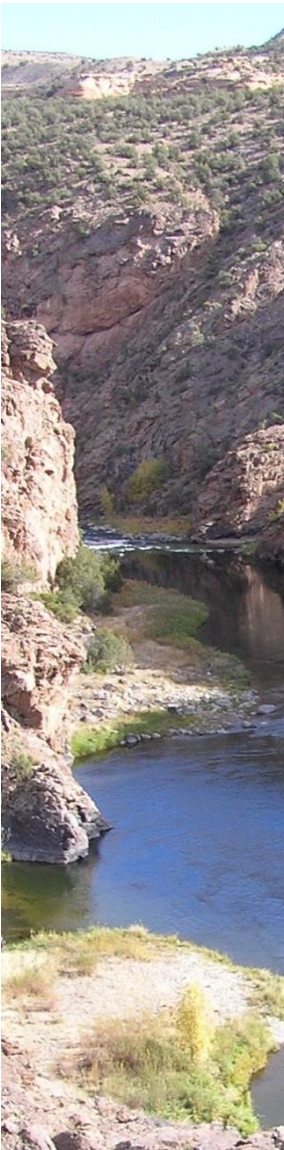
Karen Kinnear was appointed to serve another year as executive secretary. She reported that CAS had 1122 memberships representing 803 members. I brought up the subject that we had discussed in our board meeting about not being able to use Member365 for blast emails. Karen brought up the limitation to 1500 emails before extra charges are added. She said she was having an I.T. person evaluate our software to see if it was really suitable for CAS. She also said that automatic renewal notices should be in effect or soon will be. Karen requested that each chapter assess the usefulness of Member365 and to report the results, probably in April. Karen indicated she needed help monitoring the software.

The Alice Hamilton Scholarship Committee reported \$13,000 in the account. They are looking for a raffle prize worth \$700 - \$800 with wide appeal. There is discussion in the committee to increase the upper prize to \$1,000 for outstanding proposals. Applications have been sent out to universities and clubs with a March 29th deadline. The awards will be decided upon April 27th in Salida.

Linda Sand with Education and Outreach requested that all Chapters report to CAS who their program speakers are and what the topics covered are. She requested that this information be provided by the middle of April.

It was further requested that speakers at the annual meeting presentations focus upon all regions of the state. She stated they were looking for speakers from Eastern and Northwest Colorado.

At that point in the meeting I lost the audio and could not re-establish it. Eventually there will be comprehensive minutes available. Let me know if there are any questions.



From the Editor



Last month I presented what I perceive as a dramatic contrast between the actions of top scientists of American prehistory and those of one of the world's top scientists investigating ancient human DNA. American scientists had just won a protracted legal battle against several "Claimant Tribes," who sought to have the Kennewick Man, known to them as the Ancient One, repatriated for reburial. The scientists fought for the right to conduct research on the Kennewick Man's remains. Here was a rare opportunity to study the well-preserved skeleton of an individual who had lived over 9,000 years ago. Science could learn much from the specimen. However, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Washington, didn't consider the Ancient One to be a specimen. Rather, he was a relative who should be reburied as quickly as possible. The scientists won the right to study the man, partly on the basis of their argument that the skull resembled populations from the western Pacific rather than modern Native Americans. Though the Kennewick Man was a wonderful study specimen, the fight did a lot of damage to the relationship between archaeologists and Native Americans, a relationship that has often been tenuous at best.

As part of the Kennewick analysis, small bone samples were sent to Eske Willerslev, a DNA researcher from Denmark. After some preliminary work, Willerslev went to Washington and Oregon to talk to the Claimant Tribes. He discussed with them the preliminary results of the DNA analysis, which presumably already indicated Native American ancestry for the Ancient One. Claimant Tribe representatives in turn traveled to Copenhagen to visit Willerslev's labs at the Centre for GeoGenetics. Ultimately, the Colville Tribes agreed to contribute modern DNA to the study, under the condition that they collect the samples themselves (cheek swabs).

In retrospect, this was an unfortunate episode in American archaeology, but I think we learned a lot from the debacle. Archaeologists as a whole are spending a lot more time and energy thinking about ethics, and about the nature of our relationships with descendant communities. The Society for American Archaeology (under the leadership of Chipeta member Susan Chandler, by the way) strongly advocates for ethical behavior by professional archaeologists. The society is currently in the middle of a multi-year process to update its document on ethical principles, and to develop processes to keep ethics in the forefront of members' minds.

The moral of this story, and one that many archaeologists—and geneticists—have taken to heart, is that ethical research requires consultation with descendant communities—people who are most likely descended from the communities that created the archaeological record. We shouldn't be surprised, given the history of mistreatment of Native Americans by

European colonists, that the former will be suspicious of the motives of non-native archaeologists in studying their ancestors, especially if we make it sound like we're contesting that ancestry. It is critical that the goals of archaeological research are clearly communicated, and that respect is shown for the materials found and information gained. We need to take a cue from Willerslev, explain our goals and methods, solicit collaboration, encourage participation in our studies, and be willing to accept rejection. If we do these things, and many of us are, perhaps we can avoid debacles like that of the Kennewick Man.

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Task Force on Revisions of the SAA Principles of Archaeological Ethics

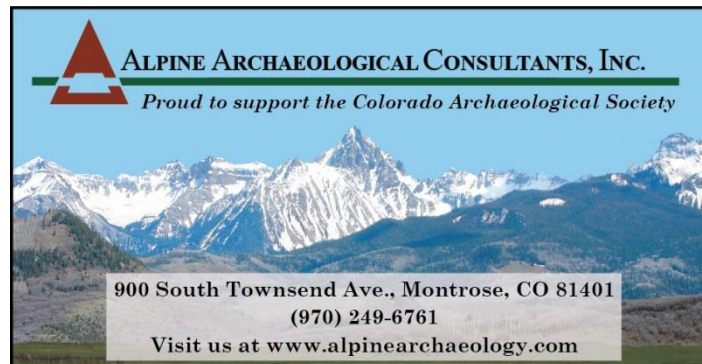
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Notice: Chipeta Chapter CAS has a new policy regarding the cost of secondary chapter memberships (i.e., if you already are a member of one chapter, but would like to have a secondary membership in the Chipeta Chapter). It will be \$10 per year for individuals and \$15 per year for families. It is the same for all classes of members (regular, student, senior/disabled).

The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle “Squint” Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program. Students can apply online at collegeXpress—and note that the deadline is April 1.

The scholarship is managed by the Montrose Community Foundation. If you wish to donate, please send your tax deductible donations to the Montrose Community Foundation, PO Box 3020, Montrose, CO 81402.



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

- Uphold local, state, and federal antiquities laws.
- Respect the property rights of landowners.
- Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
- Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities.
- Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
- Not condone the sale, exchange, or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
- Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.
- Accept the responsibility, if serving as principal investigator, to publish the results and make the collection available for further study.

Signature: _____ Other Family Signature: _____

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- Go to the Chipeta Chapter website and follow the membership links.

Want More?

[Archaeology Southwest](#) is a great link to find out about current issues and events relating to Southwest Archaeology.

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

There will be a PAAC Course on [Historic Archaeology](#) at Cortez/Dolores March 9-11

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Upcoming Chipeta Speakers

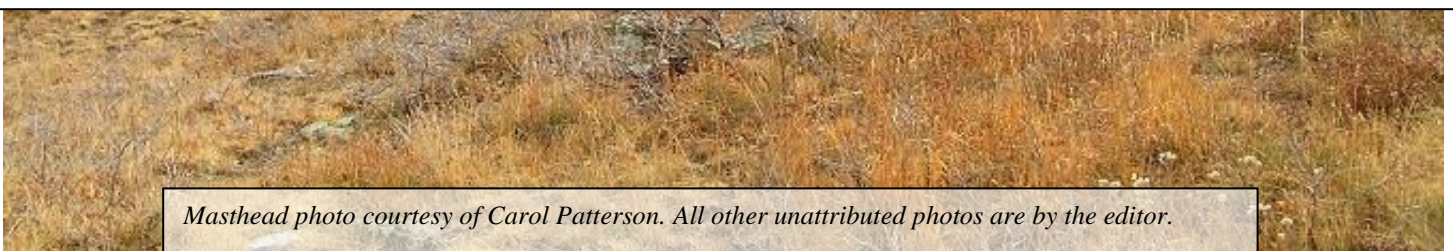
April, John Seebach, CMU professor

May, Larry Loendorf, rock art archaeologist

Field Trip Committee

Leigh Ann Hunt, Joe Oglesby, and George Decker

For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader



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