

# The CAS Surveyor



## Newsletter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

### From the President

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I begin my tenure as president of the Colorado Archaeological Society. Over the coming months, I hope to address some of the issues and challenges which I see facing the organization.

One of the more immediate problems is the CAS Web site. The site was attacked by a virus prior to the last meeting. Our webmaster, Terri Hoff, has been trying to work with the host service to get the problem corrected. She was getting less than satisfactory assistance from the host organization so she has elected to move our site to a new host service. CAS is also purchasing some new software which will hopefully make the web site less susceptible to virus attack. If all of the above sounds a bit vague, it is because I am challenged to operate a push button phone and do not fully understand all that I have been told about the problem or the solution.

A second problem which was addressed in detail at the quarterly meeting was *Southwestern Lore*. We have been behind in getting the quarterly publication out. There have been a number of problems, including lack of articles suitable for publication. I and the publication committee met at length with Judi Halasi, *Southwestern Lore* Editor. She has one issue ready for the printer and a second issue ready to send to the printer within two weeks. As one of these issues is larger than normal, we are going to designate it a double issue. That will have *Southwestern Lore* on schedule by April 2010 with the publication of the Spring 2010 issue.



For the longer term, my number one priority will be public education. The Pikes Peak Chapter has a very good program reaching out to 3rd & 4th grade students. Its only drawback is the limitations on number of students they can reach in any one year. The Denver Chapter is developing a similar program. Eileen Gose of the Pueblo Chapter developed 3 different education trunks to assist in public education. There is a trunk for archaeology, historic archaeology, and rock art. The state CAS has funds available in the form of matching grants to assist the chapters in building those trunks. Since those funds were made available in 2004, only two requests for money have been received. There are also funds available in the form of grants from CAS for public education events.

Again, there have been no requests for these monies.

Our Public Education Committee Chairman, Tom Sholes, related a story to me which has motivated him to aggressively move forward in reaching out to the Boy Scouts. He was recently in Canyonlands National Park. He was requesting some information about the requirements to bring a group of Boy Scouts to the park. He was told "Boy Scouts are no longer welcome in Canyonlands National Park. They cause too much damage to the archaeology sites." Upon further discussion, it appears that nobody has taught the scouts or their leaders how to treat archaeology sites. Tom is now in the process of developing a presentation to give to scout leaders and to scout troops. He has approached the district councils with the idea and they are very receptive. He is also putting together a program for the scouts to help them get their Archae-

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#### Special points of interest:

- March 27—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Montrose
- March 26-28—CCPA Annual Meeting, Montrose
- June 22-28—CAS Trip to Easter Island
- June 29-July 11—CAS Trip to Northern Peru and the Sacred Valley
- July 24—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Cortez
- Date TBD—CAS Quarterly Meeting and Annual Meeting, Gunnison

ology Merit Badge. It is planned that these programs will be available to the chapters to present to the scout organizations in their area.

To recap, Public Education is my number one priority for CAS. There are monies available to assist the chapters in their programs. I plan on going on the road to the chapters over the next year to discuss in person the chapter programs and how the state organization can assist them. Tom and I both welcome any ideas and suggestions to further public education about archaeology.

Larry Evans

## CCPA Annual Meeting March 26-28 in Montrose

The Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologist's annual meeting for 2010 will be held in Montrose, Colorado on March 26 and 27, at the Holiday Inn Express hotel. As shown on the schedule below, the business meeting will be Friday morning (March 26) and papers and posters will be presented that afternoon and on Saturday (March 27). The CAS Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 27 in conjunction with this meeting, and CAS members are encouraged to attend the CCPA meeting.

### Summary of Schedule

#### Thursday, March 25

Early Bird Party— 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

#### Friday, March 26

Business meeting— 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Executive Board lunch— 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Papers— 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Cocktail hour/Banquet— 6:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 27

Papers— 8:00 a.m. to noon

Posters— 10:00 a.m. to noon

Papers— 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Museum of the Mountain West Tour and Reception— 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 28

Field trip to Ute Indian Museum and Shavano Rock Art site— 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The conference hotel is

Holiday Inn Express

1391 South Townsend Ave.

Montrose, CO 81401

Hotel Front Desk: 1-970-240-1800

Hotel Fax: 1-970-240-909

The registration form is included in this newsletter. Note that advance registration must be submitted by March 8, 2010. Registration at the meeting, costs an additional \$10.00. Credit cards (VISA or MasterCard only) will be accepted. Please note that you must preregister to attend the banquet because the caterer needs to have a head count days before the meeting begins.

For more information, visit [www.coloradoarchaeologists.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeologists.org).

## A Further Incentive to Travel...

Last April, I made a long-postponed trip to England to visit Neolithic and Bronze Age henges and stone circles. An article about some of my adventures appeared in last summer's issue.

In late October, I received an email from Bev Goering, our Membership Chair. A package from England, addressed to me, had been sent to her PO Box address. The customs declaration said that it contained a book.

Was I expecting one? Did I know Jane Stanley, whose address appeared on the large envelope? I replied in the negative to both questions and asked Bev to open the package.

Wonder of wonders!

Inside, in addition to a book, was a most cordial letter from Ms. Stanley. She had been visiting her daughter in Colorado and had gone on-line in search of an archaeologist friend's address. In the process, she somehow discovered our Web site, our newsletter, and my article, which she found "very interesting."

Ms. Stanley is an avocational archaeologist. (She's a member of "CAS," too: the Cornwall Archaeological Society!) She is also a gifted artist. Combining her interest in archaeology with her gift for illustration, she has produced dozens of paintings of the pre-historic people of Cornwall engaged in a variety of activities, ceremonies and situations. These representations are based on conversations she has had with a number of professional archaeologists – with a bit of "artistic license." (For example, as an expression of appreciation for information provided, she often includes the archaeologist in the picture!)

She has incorporated many of her paintings into a self-published volume, "A Brush with the Past." This was the book she sent me.

I have written to Ms. Stanley to thank her for her very generous gift and to suggest that, next time she "crosses the pond," we might meet. Just one more incentive to walking on The Road Less Traveled!

Dick Sundstrom, Past President



**Advance Registration Form -- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express, Montrose, Colorado  
March 25-28, 2010

Please print

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # (Visa or MasterCard only): \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am a student and would like to volunteer to work at the meeting

| <b>Advance Registration (valid until March 1, 2010 only)</b><br><i>On-site registration fees will be an additional \$10.00 in each category.</i>       | <b>Advance Rate</b>   | <b>#</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
| CCPA Member                                                                                                                                            | \$35.00               |          |              |
| Student (registration fees will be waived for volunteers)                                                                                              | \$15.00               |          |              |
| Non-Member/Non-Student                                                                                                                                 | \$40.00               |          |              |
| CAS & Other Invited Organization Member (including tribes)                                                                                             | \$20.00               |          |              |
| <b>Friday Evening Banquet and Silent Auction</b>                                                                                                       |                       |          |              |
| Buffet catered by Daily Bread (selection of beef, chicken, and vegetarian), Friday, March 26, 2010, Holiday Inn Express (Jordan Room). <b>Cash Bar</b> | \$24.00               |          |              |
| <b>Saturday Evening Happy Hour Reception and Tour, Museum of the Mountain West</b>                                                                     |                       |          |              |
| Reception and tour, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday March 27, 2010<br>68169 E. Miami Rd (2 miles east of Montrose, off of U.S. Hwy 50)                      | \$10.00               |          |              |
| <b>Sunday Morning Field Trip to Shavano Valley Rock Art Site</b>                                                                                       |                       |          |              |
| Meet at Ute Indian Museum at 9 a.m. for museum tour; field trip will leave from the Ute Indian Museum parking lot at 10 a.m. and return at noon        | \$5.00                |          |              |
| <b>Conference T-shirts (please complete attached order form)</b>                                                                                       |                       |          |              |
| Single T-shirt                                                                                                                                         | \$13.00<br>(\$15 XXL) |          |              |
| Two or more T-shirts                                                                                                                                   | \$12.50<br>(\$14 XXL) |          |              |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                           |                       |          |              |

Advanced registration forms must be received by **March 8, 2010 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**. Please note that advance registration fees are NOT refundable unless your cancellation is received prior to 3/8/10. Please make checks payable to Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists and mail to

Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.  
PO Box 2075  
Montrose, CO 81402-2075

Credit card payments can be faxed to 970-249-8482. For questions or to register by phone, please call Debby Edwards at 970-249-6761 ext. 11 or debby@alpinearchaeology.com

**\*\*\*Please do not send membership dues with your meeting registration!\*\*\***

2010 membership dues and the renewal form should be mailed to **Chris Bevilacqua, CCPA Treasurer, 12345 W. Alameda Parkway, Suite 205, Lakewood, CO 80228.**

## CAS Advisory Board to the State Archaeologist

### Archaeology Activity Summary Reports— 1st Quarter 2010 SCIENTIFIC (SURVEY, TESTING, EXCAVATION, LAB):

**Chipeta** – Some survey was done on the Uncompahgre Plateau (ca. 90 acres).

**Denver** – Work continues at W. Bijou doing survey. Several sites show promise for further testing and at least one appears to have been utilized from at least late Paleo-Indian to post contact. Due to lack of volunteers only 3 work days occurred at W. Bijou in 2009. The CAS effort will likely be combined with the work being done by Dr. Kent from Metro State to ensure large enough crews to accomplish the desired work. A research plan is being developed to help focus future work and one or two testing projects may be started in 2010. Transect surveys will also be started in 2010.

Work also continues at Blackfoot Cave site. Excavation occurs in the summer and curation of the materials occurs at the Douglas County Curation Facility in the winter. At present excavation is on going in 6 grids. A great deal of historic material was found in 2009 since two grids were excavated in what had been a trash pile, however, prehistoric materials, i.e. points, pottery, and tools, continued to be uncovered as well. It is anticipated that 2-4 more grids will be opened in 2010 and 2-3 grids will be backfilled. While the testing has informed both the prehistoric and historic utilization of the site, we are still trying to identify locations where good stratification may occur, i.e. not disturbed by the historic use, to allow chronology of the site utilization to be determined.

The burial remains from Ken Caryl excavations in 1970's by the Denver Chapter were retrieved from Kansas State University, repatriated and reburied by the Utes at a location on Ken Caryl Ranch. NAGPRA rules were followed. Project was coordinated by Bill Hammond. The reburial occurred on December 1, 2009, and was attended by Denver Chapter members Bill Hammond and Bob Rushforth.

**Hisatsinom** – The Mitchell Springs report is complete and received at CHS. Dendro samples were prepped and sent to the lab. Planning is underway for survey of the surrounding watersheds. The 2009 Larson Survey report has been written, and an article version was submitted to SWL for publication. The Seed Jar Site (private) is having serious erosion issues. Plans for damage inspection and a stabilization project are being developed.

**Pikes Peak** – The chapter is planning for the spring survey of Barr Camp Trail on Pikes Peak.

**Vermillion** – On 11/21/09 four members met with Kristin Bowen and Geoff Haymes, archaeologists from White River

BLM, and conducted rock art surveys and recordings of three sites in Canyon Pintado. These sites were not adequately documented in previous surveys.

### PUBLICATIONS / REPORTS:

**Denver** – Work on the Swallow Site report is progressing slowly.

### CURATION ISSUES: NONE

**Colorado Rock Art Association** – CRAA continues to support the rock art archives at CSU.

**San Juan Basin** – A few members volunteer at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College.

### SITE STEWARDSHIPS:

**Chipeta** – 18 people that took Site Stewardship training – 13 are currently Site Stewards. Another training is planned for the spring.

**Hisatsinom** – There are members as the new Sand Canyon Trail Info Specialists (San Juan Mtn Assn Steward Program). Additional fencing and gate work was done at the Archaeology Conservancy's Lancaster Site by stewards. CAS members also participated at the Archaeology Conservancy's new Gillota-Johnson site and sat in on site management planning session.

**San Juan Basin** – 12-15 members are cultural site stewards in the program managed by the San Juan Mountains Assoc. This program is directed by Ruth Lambert, a contract Archaeologist with the San Juan Mountains Assoc. Stewards monitor their sites at least one per quarter. Some sites are monitored monthly during the summer, depending on expected site impact. A few other members assist the National Park Service at Mesa Verde.

**Vermillion** – Working with White River BLM in surveying rock art sites. In addition, surveys may be conducted on sites which are the subject of present grazing leases which are coming up for renewal.

### VANDALISM AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

**Chipeta** – Roc Creek vandalism of 2008-09 was conserved and restored. New reports of vandalism and graffiti have been reported by the site steward for Roc Creek petroglyph site. Chapter members are attempting to view the site when weather conditions permit.

**San Juan Basin** – Members do not report vandalism directly. Cultural site stewards notify Ruth Lambert if they observe any vandalism. Those reports are not available to the Chapter. Vandalism of BLM archaeological signs during the winter – SJB volunteered to help replace the signs, but were informed that our help was not needed.

**CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL INTERACTIONS:**

**Chipeta** – BLM re: Site Stewardship. Visions program (see below).

**Hisatsinom** – A CAS member is now on the Cortez Historic Preservation Board. A volunteer member is working on a comparative ceramic collection at the Anasazi Heritage Center for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Members volunteered manpower and expertise in refurbishing the Cortez Cultural Center artifacts exhibits. Members will be in training on the Anasazi Heritage Center's curation database system.

Pikes Peak – Field trip taken to the Pioneers' Museum.

**Vermillion** – The chapter received a grant from Colorado Historical Society in the amount of \$89,503.00 for a study of Sand Wash quarry sites in cooperation with Little Snake River BLM. This project is expected to start in the spring.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION / OUTREACH:**

**Chipeta** – Monthly Chipeta meetings, 8 speakers per year. Field trips to Shavano Valley for Rotary, Kiwanis, Mesa State College and several grade schools as well as seasonal tourists. Power point presentation completed for public programs – Rock Art & Ruins. Ongoing contact with Delta County Visions program for coordination with home-schooled learners regarding archaeological issues. The Squint & Juanita Moore Scholarship Fund was adjusted to allow for a larger amount to be awarded in 2010.

**Colorado Rock Art Association** – The CRAA Board has approved a Rock Art Symposium and Annual Meeting date of May 14-16, 2010 during Archaeological Awareness Month. The meeting will be held in Trinidad, Colorado. Details to follow. The Board considered a report on Tom Shole's public education proposal for CAS to support the Boy Scouts of America archaeology merit badge program. The Board authorized enthusiastic support for the idea. The Board welcomed Laurie White as their new coordinator of the CRAA newsletter.

**Denver** – Denver CAS has developed an education program for children. At this point we are presenting a program for 3rd and 4th grade classrooms which gives information about Indian Rock Art. There is a major emphasis on protecting all artifacts. So far there have been presentations in 4 schools involving over 200 children and we will be going into another school in February. We begin by showing a slide show about what archaeology is and why archaeologists are interested in Indian history. The children do an activity and learn about preserving Indian artifacts as well as rock art. Our goal is to go into as many classrooms as possible as well as to expand the program to include other groups and ages. In the future we hope to offer a broader variety of programs. Volunteers are needed.

Chapter member Teresa Weedon, a long-time member of the Texas Archeological Society, contacted the TAS and Tejas Girl Scout Council to get the Texas Archeology Merit Badge requirements. The merit badge is approved by the TAS, the Texas Historical Commission, the Girl Scout Council, and Girl Scouts of America.

**Hisatsinom** – Still in the planning stage, the chapter hopes to sponsor noon brownbag workshops on topics related to the next chapter meeting talks.

**Pikes Peak** – Chapter member Pat Williams received the Ivoll Hagar Award from State CAS for her education and community outreach work.

**San Juan Basin** – 15 members continue to participate in the volunteer program at Mesa Verde. 3-5 members volunteer at the Anasazi Heritage Center on a regular basis. 3-5 members assist on a weekly basis with curation efforts for the artifact collections at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. Joint meetings are held with the Life Long Learning Program and Center of Southwest Studies several times a year. Our monthly meetings draw 40-60.

**OTHER:**

**Pikes Peak** – The chapter hosted the quarterly meeting of CAS at El Pomar, Colorado Springs. Field trips included a tour of the El Pomar home of Spencer and Julie Penrose as well as the Carriage Museum. There was a field trip to Picketwire Canyon on Sept 20th with a visit to the Lopez and Rourke ranches, a Spanish mission, rock art, dinosaur tracks and picnic lunch.

**San Juan Basin** – A few members have volunteered to assist with the Pecos Conference next summer. The Chapter naturally had fewer local trips during late fall and early winter. Three long trips were sponsored to Cedar Mesa in Utah, Tonto Basin in Arizona, and Galisteo Basin in New Mexico. As of January, 21 trips are scheduled for 2010.

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