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CALENDAR OF FALL EVENTS

- Sept 20 **Business Meeting - 7:00 pm - NOTE - New Location**
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Rd., Room A-235
Program: Dr. Mary Van Buren, CSU Professor
“Inka & Spanish Silver Mining in Southern Bolivia.”
- Sept 22-24 **Fieldwork weekend at Fort Collins Waterworks Site**
- Sept 23-24 **2000 Stone Age Fair, Loveland, CO**
Sponsored by Loveland Archaeological Society
- Oct 4 **Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct 6-8 **CAS Annual Meeting, Cortez, CO**
- Oct 6-8 **Fieldwork weekend at Fort Collins Waterworks Site**
- Oct 14-15 **Fieldwork weekend at Pawnee National Grasslands (to be confirmed)**
- Oct 18 **Business Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Program: Professor Sarah Nelson, DU
“A Novel Way to Learn Archaeology - Fictionalizing Archaeology.”
- Oct 20-22 **Fieldwork weekend at Fort Collins Waterworks Site**
- Oct 24 **PAAC Class starts - "Colorado Archaeology"**
- Nov 15 **Business Meeting - 7:00 pm**
Curt Buchholtz, Rocky Mountain Nature Association
“The History of Rocky Mountain National Park.”
- Dec 13 **Annual Holiday Party**

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September Meeting New Meeting Location

Starting with the **September 20** meeting, our Chapter's new meeting location will be in the CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W. Drake Road, Room A-235. Enter at the main entrance. If you need the elevator, there will be information there to direct you. This location will provide ample parking, eliminate the need for someone to arrive early and serve as door person, and we will not have to rush our programs to be out by 9:00 p.m. Our thanks for securing the new location go to Dr. Lynne Kesel and Marian Wemple. The September program will be presented by Dr. Mary Van Buren of CSU on "Inka and Spanish Silver Mining in Southern Bolivia." **Mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Joel Hurmence - 9/8/00

Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 105.49	
Savings Account	\$ 2354.55	
Total:		\$ 2,460.04

Individual Funds:

General Fund	\$ 501.60	
CHS Grant Fund	\$ 264.22	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$ 1694.22	
Total:		\$ 2,460.04

September Board Meeting

Attending the Board Meeting for the Fort Collins Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society, Wednesday, September 6, 2000, were: Donn DeCoursey, Marian Wemple, Joel Hurmence, Susan Omori, Ulli Limpitlaw, Mary Jo Zeidler, and Bev Goering.

Revised By-Laws

Susan reported that she is putting the final touches on the By-Laws and she plans to have them ready for distribution at the September meeting.

Update on Chapter Library

Susan reported that the Library is progressing nicely. She is pursuing forming a group that would be interested in meeting periodically and discussing archaeological topics, checking out material and reviewing the Library materials. If you are interested, please contact her.

New Chapter Brochure

Joel and Bev reported that they are still working on the design of a new Chapter brochure.

New Grant Proposal

Mary Jo reported that she is currently completing the grant application to the State Historical Fund for \$10,000. The project proposes to design and fabricate a trail wayside exhibit on the Kaplan-Hoover site, and a traveling exhibit on the same site for various local public facilities.

PAAC Class

The next PAAC Class in Fort Collins is "Colorado Archaeology" and is scheduled to start on Tuesday, October 24. Classes are held at the Forest Service Building on West Prospect and run from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$12. If you are interested, give Reith a call at 498-2711.

Greenacre Scholarship Awards

The Greenacre Scholarship Fund Committee has reviewed the applications submitted by two CSU archaeology students, Erik Gantt and Scott Slessman, and is pleased to announce that each will be awarded \$150. Both applicants will be presenting papers at the Plains Anthropological Conference in Minneapolis in November.

Scholarship Fund Re-Investment

The Board has reviewed the status of the scholarship CD and decided that it would be in the best interest of the Chapter to invest the remaining funds in a Zurich Money Market Fund through Kemper Service Co. rather than continue with the Norlarco CD. Joel will continue with the procedures.

Web Site

Bev reported the Web Site is working nicely and is being updated regularly. The Chapter now has a link to Amazon.com. If you are thinking about ordering any books, videos or CDs, visit our site first, click on the Amazon icon and then place your order. Our Chapter will receive 5% of the purchase price.

Electronic Newsletter

Bev reported that a number of members are receptive to receiving an electronic copy of the Folsom Point newsletter instead of the hardcopy. This will save the Chapter a significant amount in printing and postage costs. If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive an electronic copy, please contact Bev at bevtracy@excite.com and let her know.

Nominating Committee for 2001 Officers

A nominating committee to seek officers for the Chapter for the year 2001 has been appointed. Agnes Dix has agreed to serve as the chairperson for the committee. President Donn DeCoursey, Vice-President Marian Wemple, and Secretary Susan Omori have announced they will not be continuing for another term. If you are interested in an office, please contact Agnes at 484-2114.

Community Service Awards 2000

The Board has elected to apply for an award from the Group Publishing Inc. that is made to Civic Community Services in Northern Colorado. The application for \$1000 must be submitted by the end of September. Donn is preparing the application.

December Holiday Party

LesLee and Ron Heusinkveld have graciously agreed to host our annual holiday party on Dec 13.

2001 CAS Annual Meeting

Joel reported that our Chapter has been selected to host the 2001 CAS Annual Meeting. A committee is being formed to start working on this. Members volunteering are Joel, Bev and Susan.

Wray Field Trip "Spirits of Beecher Island"

*Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Trip
Coordinator*

Our Chapter's summer outing was a fun, educational and interesting trip. Members from the Indian Peaks (Boulder), the Denver and the Fort Collins Chapters enjoyed the hospitality and expertise of Tom Westfall and his wife. Avid collectors for many years, they have accumulated a wealth of artifacts, ranging from Folsom to historic. Although they never buy nor sell any artifacts, their prized agatized wood point for which Tom has been offered \$15,000, got everybody's attention. These folks share their collections with archaeologists, show them in different schools and colleges. They are currently working with universities on a Folsom project, the Westfall's themselves discovered.

Patti gave us a tour of the Wray Museum. Hundreds of projectile points, Mammoth teeth, bison then and now, Smithsonian exhibits and historic displays in this big museum were admired by visitors. How can a small town like Wray (pop. 3,000) have such a big museum? A time ago, a rich benefactor bequeathed 6 million dollars to the town in the form of a trust. The stipulation was that the earned interest had to be spent every year for the good of the town. This wealth can be seen in a new hospital, new playgrounds etc.

A few members opted to drive back home after the Wray tour, but the other half drove to Beecher Island to set up camp and explore the old battlefield. Harry Eckberg, a resident of the area for nearly 80 years filled us in on the details of this landmark and the gruesome facts of the battle that was fought here. We hiked the trail along Roman Nose Ridge and came to the place where the actual battle was fought.

Are there still sprits hanging out, voices to be heard? After we settled in for the night, a huge storm moved in. It rattled our tents, tore off rain flies, broke off branches and got all of us wondering about those spirits...The morning was quiet and peaceful again.

A comment from several folks was how nice it felt to have different Chapters doing things together and people from other towns getting to know each other. We will have to do such outings again.

Field Work Schedule

For more information and to sign up for projects, please contact: Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work & Field Trip Coordinator, e-mail DIAMSPIR@AOL.com, 970-356-5134.

Waterworks Project

For the local historical archaeology enthusiasts we have an opportunity to help excavate the 1882 Waterworks building. Nine 1x1 units have been established. These need to be dug and sifted, in the hopes to define the configuration of the machinery which once was operating in the room, to find signs of cultural activities of that era and to discover other 'treasures' which may be hiding in the fill dirt.

We will be working Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays on 4 different weekends. Put these dates on your calendar:

September 8, 9, 10

September 22, 23, 24

October 6, 7, 8,

October 20, 21 and 22

Richard Carillo, the project archaeologist needs 6-8 folks for each of these days. This activity is managed by the Poudre Landmark Foundation. David Budge is the project manager. Since we need so many people for the Waterworks project, we are encouraging non-members, friends and family members to join us too. We hope to have a little intro in the mornings for the newcomers. This is a great way for locals to get involved in their city's history and contribute to preserving it. And best of all, it is right in their backyard.

Pawnee National Grasslands Project

For the Pawnee fans we have another weekend with over night stay at the Briggsdale workcenter scheduled. Jeff Overturf, Forest Service archaeologist, needs help with surveying and mapping Indian sites on the Grasslands. This weekend is **October 14 and 15** although we are still waiting for the final plans to be confirmed. We hope to have a repeat of last year's fun.

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A special thank you is extended to Ulli Limpitlaw for her great efforts in scheduling and organizing this summer's enjoyable field trips and fieldwork activities. Thank you Ulli!

Archaeological & Historic Preservation Week 2000

Mary Jo reported that she received the following e-mail from the SHS:

SHS Year End Report

From: Todd McMahon, State Historical Society
To: Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week (AHPW) Participants,

Colorado's AHPW for 2000 was extremely successful. Approximately 14,967 people attended events statewide this year. This was a dramatic 53% increase in attendance from 1999. Interest in the program was seen in the increased number of Internet web page hits (2,264) and requests for our award-winning poster. Generally Archaeology events this year had attendance figures of 4,745 while those having more of an historic preservation or history theme had attendance of 10,222. It is not totally clear what the full impact the increased advertising had on the week but clearly it had some impact as reflected in the increased attendance.

The three year multi-year grant that was awarded to the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to support AHPW is now coming to a close. The program can be viewed as a great success since the program started with very low statewide attendance figures (2,606) and grew 474%. The results show that having AHPW coordinated by central organization with fine tuning the program each successive year resulted in a very productive outcome. It is hoped that this program has given the public a greater appreciation and respect for Colorado's valued historic properties.

To carry out such a program successfully comes with high cost, however since it does entail a lot of extra work for those who work closely with the program. Because of this cost, OAHWP has elected not continue the program next year and instead has given its coordinating duties over to the Marketing Department of the Colorado Historical Society. The Marketing Department will oversee all coordinating and the event grant aspects of AHPW for 2001 and they have announced at least one major change which I endorse and recommended which is to make AHPW a month long celebration. So for 2001 AHPW will be held the entire month of May. While the Marketing Dept. will generally follow the same procedure as in previous years, it is entirely their responsibility to change or alter some or all aspects of the program. I will not have any input in these affairs for next year. Please contact Nina Johnson Director of Marketing 303-866-4680 for more information as the program becomes more developed. I would assume that grant applications and the calendar of events form will be available early next year. Please contact the Marketing Department if you have not received notice of these

announcements by early March. Another avenue to watch for more information is the Colorado Historical Society Web Site at www.coloradohistory.org.

Details on the results of AHPW 2000 have now been compiled in a comprehensive report. The document is a personal account of my tasks and actions as well as a document that reports on the results, successes and financial costs involved in the week. The report is more or less a cookbook on how the program ran in 2000 and can be used as a guide to anyone who would create a similar program in the future. You can download the report from the OAHWP web site at <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/whatsnew/ahpwreport.htm>. The report is in Adobe Acrobat format. Some of the image files are a little fuzzy, however the text is very clear. Please let me know of any comments or suggestions you may have on the program. I will be putting together one other small executive summary report by the end of September, so any additional comments would be appreciated.

Thank you all, again for your commitment and your efforts this year. Please mark your calendars now for next year. Even though I will not be coordinating the week next year, I hope that you will continue to participate. I think we have made great progress with this program and I think it would be a shame to lose all the momentum we now have gained. As I stated earlier, I am sure the general public has gained much from your efforts.

Thanks, Todd McMahon

Loveland Stone Age Fair

The Loveland Archaeological Society, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2000 Stone Age Fair. The Fair will be held on Sept. 23 (9 am - 8 pm) and Sept. 24 (9 am - 4 pm) at the Pulliam Community Building, 545 Cleveland Ave., Loveland. The Fair will include displays of prehistoric artifacts. Demonstrations will include Bob Patten - Flint Knapping; George Stewart - Indian Weaponry & Flint Knapping; and Stanley Honour - Historical Craftsman.

Speakers for the Saturday Program will include: Dr. C. Vance Haynes, Jr., Regent's Professor Emeritus, University of Arizona; Dr. Robson Bonnicksen, Director, Center for the Study of the First Americans, Oregon State University; Margaret A. (Pegi) Jodry, Dept. of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. George C. Frison, Professor Emeritus, University of Wyoming; and Dr. Dennis Stanford, Dept. of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution.

The Stone Age Fair is open to the public, admission is free, it is non-commercial, and there is no buying or selling of artifacts.

Colorado Archaeological Society

Code of Ethics

Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.

Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.

Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office on the State Site Report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.

Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.

Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.

Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.

Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.

Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.

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