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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOTE:** PAAC Class scheduled to start Sept. 17 has been canceled
- Sept 18** Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Film "In the Light of Reverence"
Guest: Jhon Goes In Center
- Sept 27-29** CAS Annual Meeting, Gunnison
- Oct 2** Executive Board Meeting
- Oct 16** Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Dr. Brenda Martin, NAGPRA Coordinator,
Fort Collins Museum
(Native American Graves Protection and Restoration Act)
- Oct 9-12** Great Basin Anthropological Conference in Elko, NV
- Oct 23-26** Plains Anthropological Conference in Norman, OK
- Nov 20** Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road
Program: Mary Lee Birmingham, NCC/CAS member
"Elden Pueblo, a Hopi Ancestral Site in Flagstaff, Arizona"
- Dec 2-18** PAAC Laboratory Project, Denver
- Dec** Holiday Party

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Dues Due Notice

Following is a list of members whose dues are due. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter and mail with your check so that your membership remains current.

Susan & Alan Omori - October - family
Rieth Miller - December - individual
Lisa Hanson - March - individual
Sharon Geveden - June - individual
Michael & Peggy Burns - July - family
Lorri & Jeff Tyler - August - family
Maryel Lewis - September - individual

Mary Welch - November - individual
Craig Russell - February - individual
Donn & Shirley DeCoursey - June - family
Steve & Virginia Main - June - family
Bruce Wahle - July - individual
LesLee Heusinkveld - August - individual
Ulli Limpitlaw - September - individual

September Meeting & Program

Our **September 18th** guest speaker will be Jhon Goes In Center. The program will include a showing of the film, ***In the Light of Reverence***. The film, narrated by Peter Coyote and Tantoo Cardinal, documents Native American struggles to protect communities and landscapes of spiritual significance: the Lakota at Devils Tower, the Hopi in the Four Corners area of the Southwest, and the Wintu at Mt. Shasta in California.

Brenda Martin, Fort Collins Museum NAGPRA Coordinator, has supplied the following biography: Jhon Goes in Center is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation, and has been actively involved with issues surrounding NAGPRA both regionally and nationally since the law's inception. Serving on many local, national, and international boards, Jhon has served on the Denver Art Museum Board for almost ten years, helping them to work towards compliance. He is the founder and former president of Innovative GIS Solutions, Inc., a Colorado company dedicated to the responsible assessment, implementation, and application of Geographic Information Systems technology to a wide range of disciplines. Presently, Jhon consults for Sinte Gleska University in Rosebud, South Dakota, as an industry liaison for the development of critical resources for the education and implementation of geo-spatial technologies. An accomplished artist, he has won the Metal Arts Division of the prestigious Northern Plains Tribal Art Show and has had an exhibition at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C. Jhon lives in Loveland with his wife, Kate, and has a daughter attending the CU and a son at CSU.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

July Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board met on July 12 at Betty Herrmann's. Those present were LesLee Heusinkveld, Betty Herrmann, Bev Goering and Mary Jo Zeidler.

Discussion entailed scheduling programs throughout the remainder of the year. Betty has taken over this responsibility due to the shortage of officers. The chapter is still in need of a vice-president and secretary. Discussion also focused on selecting a nominating committee for seeking potential new officers for the coming year. It was suggested that the president serve a 2 year term, but other officers such as secretary, field trip and field work coordinator may serve in a 6 month capacity to encourage interest.

Betty reported on the status of the treasury.

Mary Jo reported on the status of the Kaplan-Hoover Grant Project.

Fall PAAC Class Canceled

The Fall PAAC class scheduled to start on September 17 has been canceled. There was not enough response to meet the required 10 registrations. We'll try again next Spring.

T-Shirts Available

Another order of T-shirts have been printed and are now available for purchase. Contact LesLee at 669-6135 or email: heus@aol.com for more information.

Interpretive Program for the Kaplan-Hoover Site Seeks Evaluation by NCC Members

Submitted by Mary Jo Zeidler

Over the summer months, efforts on this CAS sponsored project were focused on developing draft text for the three project deliverables of this interpretive program. A proposal for the layout and text of the first project deliverable, a wayside exhibit commemorating the Kaplan-Hoover site for the Cache LaPoudre Trail, is currently under review by the principal researcher of the site, Dr. Larry Todd (CSU) and colleague, Dr. Jeff Eighmy (CSU), past president of our chapter. Currently, we are also seeking interested members of the NCC chapter to review and critique the proposed text for this signage, as well as upcoming draft proposals for the 2nd and 3rd deliverable of this project, a traveling exhibit and site brochure. Given the familiarity and interest in Colorado archaeology held by our members, we hope you will consider this request as an opportune moment to participate in the completion of this interpretive program. Copies of the proposed drafts for the deliverables trail will be available at the September meeting. If you are not able to attend, please contact Mary Jo Zeidler (Project Manager) to receive these proposed drafts. Mary Jo can be reached at (970)224-3609 or jmzeidler@msn.com. Whether you prefer to remain anonymous or not, rest assure, your comments are needed and will be most appreciated!

Folsom Discovery

The following is taken from an article that appeared in the Coloradoan newspaper on September 2. The Associated Press reported that archaeological finds on a mountainside overseeing Gunnison are throwing doubt on the long held beliefs about the ancient Folsom society. A primitive camp found above a white-washed rock "W," has yielded unusual stone weapon points made more than 10,000 years ago, or 5,000 years before the cliff houses were erected at Mesa Verde. The 24,000 stone points, engravers, notches, bits of weapons, bone and stone fragments found at the site indicate the camp was a long-term, ancient weapon-making operation.

The find is raising numerous questions. Archaeologists say the Folsom Period people who worked and hunted at the site were not living where commonly held anthropological theory says they should have been. They were thought to have been mainly plains hunters and gatherers.

One of the points recovered from the site has a carbon daing of about 7,000 years old. This is 3,000 years later than any prior points. More carbon dating is expected to show points being as much as 11,000 years old.

Most Folsom points previously found in Colorado have come from ancient campsites north of Fort Collins and in the San Luis Valley.

Chapter Library

The chapter library is now at Bev Goering's, thanks to Susan Omori and her family for moving the contents. If anyone is interested in looking through the materials and helping with the organizing, please email Bev at bgoering@attbi.com.

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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