

# THE FOLSOM POINT



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COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 17      **Business Meeting - 7:00 pm**  
**Home State Bank - 303 East Mountain Avenue**  
**Program: Peter Faris, Denver CAS member.**  
**"Petroglyph Chronology in Southeastern Colorado," work**  
**that he reported on in the Spring 1995, *Southwestern Lore*.**
- May 13-21    **Colorado Archaeological and Historic Preservation Week**
- May 20      **"Field Day at the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site in Windsor"**  
**Event sponsored by Fort Collins CAS - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**
- June 17-18    **Field work at Pawnee National Grasslands**
- Aug 26-27    **Field Trip to Beecher Island, 15 miles south of Wray, CO**

## Happy Spring



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## May Meeting

The **May 17** meeting of the Ft. Collins Chapter of CAS will include a program by Peter Faris who is a Denver CAS member. Mr. Faris will present a program on "Petroglyph Chronology in Southeastern Colorado." **Mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

## Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Joel Hurmence - 5/7/00

### Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 440.97	
Savings Account	\$ 1006.82	
CD (GSF)	\$ 1487.48	
Total:		\$ 2,935.27

### Individual Funds:

General Fund	\$ 811.35	
Colo. Historical Society Grant Fund	\$ 264.22	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$ 1667.70	
Colo. Arch. Hist. Pres. Week 2000 Grant	\$ 192.00	
Total:		\$ 2,935.27

## May Board Meeting

Attending the Board Meeting for the Fort Collins Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society, Wednesday May 3, 2000, were: Donn DeCoursey, Ulli Limpitlaw, Joel Hurmence, Mary Jo Zeidler, Marian Wemple and Bev Goering.

Mary Jo expressed a concern for the sensitivity of the residents of "River West Subdivision," the housing development that surrounds the Windsor Bison Kill Site. She encouraged that a letter be sent to residents of the River West Subdivision to inform them of the event and at the same time, extend a special invitation. This will assure residents of the care being taken to manage the Event to a positive end. Donn will draft a letter immediately and consult with Dr. Todd of CSU for distribution.

Mary Jo is currently working on a "hand out" brochure for the Event that will be ready to hand out at the Bison Kill Site. The brochures will give an overview of the site and scientific information pertaining to the dig.

Mary Jo and Donn are reviewing the sign-up sheets for the day of the Event on May 20. They will be available to the Chapter Membership at the May 17 general meeting. Chapter Members are encouraged to participate in the Event. Any amount of their time they can donate to the Event will be greatly appreciated!

Update on the Progressive Planning of the Event - Donn and Shirley DeCoursey have made personal deliveries to 8 school districts, (130 schools) and 10 private schools, including the Cities of Windsor, Greeley, Loveland, and as far away as Ault. They mailed 10 letters to Historic Societies in the same area, inviting participation from their membership. Television crews from Channel 4 were filming at the Bison Kill Site on Saturday, May 6. The filming is for the TV show, "Colorado Getaways," that will air on Saturday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Larry Todd and the CSU students working on the site, were the stars of the moment, and the film will showcase the work that is being done by them at the site.

The "Water Works Discovery Dig" is back on the docket of events to take place in the future. Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work and Field Trip Coordinator, will reinstate the sign-up sheets for the Chapter Membership at the May 17 meeting. Field work dates for the project are planned for June 22-24.

Ulli announced that the Pawnee Grassland Event is on for membership participation on June 17-18. The Potluck Cookout will be on Saturday night, June 17. She noted, "It was a hoot last year and the joy will surely be repeated again this year!"

The Wray, Colorado Field Trip is heating up. Ulli says that Tom Westfall has about 7-8 thousand personal artifacts that he is more than willing to have the FC/CAS view. It is an option open to the Chapter Membership. Tom is the President of the Wray Archaeology Society and could serve as a resource for future events.

Bev Goering, Newsletter Editor, is looking for input from the membership regarding receiving the monthly newsletter electronically. She will be sending the May edition of *The Folsom Point* out to all members with an E-mail address. She will send an introduction letter that will request Chapter Members to provide input on the good and not so good points of the "electronic version." If you receive the "Electronic Newsletter," please take a few moments to give your opinions to Bev via return E-mail to bevtracy@excite.com. She is looking for a way to provide the newsletter at a lower cost to the Chapter while retaining the continued quality of the hard copy newsletter. Please respond.

New Business - Joel Hurmence reported that he attended the meeting of the Fort Collins Historical Society. An announcement was made that they have found a larger meeting room for their Chapter Meetings at the Old Fort Collins High School. The cost of renting the facility is \$25 a month. Marian will check into the availability of this space for future general meetings for FC/CAS.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Omori  
Recording Secretary

## Field Day at Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site

**We are going to need everyone's help ! ! ! ! !** Mary Jo Zeidler, our new member and Education Coordinator, has gone to great lengths to organize this event for our Chapter in recognition of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week. May 20th is coming up quickly and there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. And, on the day of the event, we will need a sufficient number of people to assist with each aspect of the event. Mary Jo will have a signup sheet at the meeting next week and present an outline of the tasks at hand. Following is the news release:

### News Release

The Week of May 13-21, 2000 has been designated as Colorado's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week. During the week all of the local chapters of the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Colorado Historical Society are going to be conducting a variety of different events to emphasize our historic and archaeological heritage, and the need for preserving it. The Fort Collins Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society will conduct a visit to the archaeological Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site for the general public as our contribution to the week's activities. The site visit will provide the public an opportunity to learn more about archaeology and Colorado prehistory. We have three objectives:

- Convey the cultural significance of the bison kill site;
- Illustrate the proximity and impact that communities have on Colorado's prehistoric heritage, and suggest how the public can become more involved in the preservation of local archaeological sites; and
- Inquire how the general public perceives Colorado prehistory and what aspects they are interested in learning more about.

The visit will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM; there is no admission charge. Dr Lawrence Todd and a team of his students will conduct tours of the site and explain the field techniques in use; opportunity will be provided for questions from the public and the staff's response. Scientific posters prepared by Dr. Todd and his students will add visual information on the nature and scope of laboratory analyses conducted at the site. Three simulated dig sites will be used to show elementary school students what is involved in archaeological digs such as this. Demonstrations will show the use of replicated stone tools on a variety of materials. Finally, a questionnaire will be used to gauge the public's interest in archaeology, prehistory, and site preservation.

The site is located on River West Drive in Windsor, CO. Turn south off of Colorado hwy. 34 at the Larimer/Weld county line (at the bottom of the hill after passing the Ptarmigan Golf Course) and go to the first street to the west; this is River West Drive. The site is on the left at the white tent like structure near the end of the street where it turns north. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo Zeidler, the Chapter's Education Coordinator, at 970-224-3609.

## Summer Field Work

Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work & Field Trip Coordinator

Our major field work project this summer will be assisting at the **Willow Bunker Site on the Pawnee National Grasslands**. Our designated weekend is scheduled for June 17-18. Volunteers can also sign up for full weeks, June 12-16, 19-23, and 26-30. For more information, contact Ulli at 970-356-5134 and e-mail [diamspir@aol.com](mailto:diamspir@aol.com).

The **Waterworks Project** is happening after all. Initial work is scheduled from June 22-24. Three members, Susan Omori, Joel Hurmence and Rieth Miller have so far volunteered. People will help Richard Carrillo, historical archaeologist, director of Boggsville, lay out grid lines, do shallow

radar penetration and, depending on what is being found, start digging. On June 24, Waterworks is also having their Open House. The public will come out and visit. We hope to get more interest going for this project, when visitors can see the actual work in progress.

A second, ongoing project, connected with this one, is the cleaning of already collected artifacts. Most of them are metal. We need some members to help us with this too.

For more information contact David Budge, Director of Waterworks, 970-482-8936 or Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work Coordinator, [diamspir@aol.com](mailto:diamspir@aol.com), 970-356-5134.

## Summer Field Trip August 26-27

Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw, Field Work & Field Trip Coordinator

This year's trip takes us to the eastern border of Colorado. We will leave early in the morning of August 26 to drive to Wray, CO. This is a 3-½ hour drive from Fort Collins, 175 miles from Denver. Our first stop is Beecher Island, 15 miles south of Wray. Beecher is an old battlefield where one of the last battles between the Indian and the White Man was fought in September of 1868. Major George Forsyth and Lieutenant Fred Beecher led 50 scouts recruited by the US Army, in tracking a band of Dog Soldiers who had attacked some freighters east of Fort Wallace, Kansas. The soldiers, surprised at dawn by 500-1000 Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Sioux were forced to dig in behind make-shift breastworks of sand, dead horses, and pack mules. After several unsuccessful charges by the Indians, one of which witnessed the death of Roman Nose, a famous self-styled Chief, the Indians laid siege to the island and prepared to starve the soldiers out. The siege lasted nine days, when the men were rescued by "Buffalo Soldiers" from Fort Wallace, brought by volunteers who went for help. Two soldiers, three scouts, and approximately 75 Indians were killed, with 17

soldiers and an indeterminate amount of Indians injured.

Beecher is on the Arikaree River. A major flood has changed the island and washed much of it away. The site itself has a memorial with the names of the people who died, several buildings with water and restrooms, an interpretive trail, meandering through the hills, explaining the details of the battle and plenty room to camp.

In Wray, we will visit the museum. The Jones-Miller, and the Selby- Dutton Sites, together with a collection of around 800 paleo-archaic-woodland points, are displayed here. The two Smithsonian Exhibits (bison and mammoth) are permanent.

We plan to camp at the battlefield. Overnight stay is free, they do however ask a donation, to help keep up the facilities. Hopefully, we can have a potluck in the eve. Lunch is on your own. Bring it with you, since there are not many opportunities to get food.

Contact Ulli Limpitlaw at [diamspir@aol.com](mailto:diamspir@aol.com) or 970-356-5134 to sign up.

# 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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