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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 18Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road - Rm A235
Program: Peter Faris, President of the Rock Art Chapter
"Native American Paleontology: Fossils, Myth and Imagery"

Feb 10,17,24 PAAC Class - "Colorado Archaeology" (2nd-4th sessions)

Mar 2,9,16 PAAC Class (5th-7th sessions)

Mar 17 Business Meeting - 7:00 pm CSU Veterinary Hospital, 300 W Drake Road - Rm A235 Program: TBA



Happy Valentine's Day

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Please remember to pay your dues:

Membership Type	State - CAS	Chapter - NCC	Total
Individual	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$26.00
Family	\$20.00	\$12.50	\$32.50
Senior Individual	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$18.00
Senior Family	\$8.00	\$12.50	\$20.50

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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Betty Herrmann 2/9/04

Account Balances:		
Checking (Gen)	\$ 1,374.93	
Checking (K-H)	5,229.80	
Savings	749.08	
Scudder MM	1,631.18	
Total:		\$8,984.99
Individual Funds: General Fund CAS Greenacre Scholarship Kaplan Hoover Grant	\$ 2,124.01 1,631.18 5,229.80	
Total:		\$8,984.99

February Meeting

The speaker for the **February 18st** meeting will be member Peter Faris, president of the newly formed Rock Art Chapter. Peter Paris' presentation is titled, "Native American Paleontology: Fossils, Myth and Imagery." He will present various types of fossils that Indians would have seen and known and some of the mythology that they explained them with, illustrating it with examples of art and rock art that they created to illustrate them. This should appeal to anyone interested in Native Americans, Paleontology, or Mythology.

ABSTRACT:

When American scientists and naturalists began exploring and cataloging the American West in the late 1800s, among their discoveries were fossil shells and bones of extinct creatures relegated to the specialized field of study of the Anglo scientists known as paleontologists. Native Americans, however, had known of these all along, and had classified them according to their own worldview and historical beliefs. Their learned men who knew the secrets of nature, as well as the secrets of the spirit world, determined the significance of those fossils, and explained their origins in terms appropriate to their cultures. The giant bones, teeth, and tusks, which white men named dinosaur, mammoth, uintathere, and other prehistoric remains, had long before been classified as Unktehi, Unktegila, Tatanka, and Mishi-Peshu within the traditional belief cycles that defined and explained nature and the world. Knowledge of these wondrous creatures, their locations, and their ways, were passed down from generation to generation in tribal traditions that gave meaning to their fossilized remains, and helped the people understand the world on their own terms. They portrayed these creatures in their works of art, and sometimes left their images pecked and painted on the rocks that held the secrets of their physical remains.

CAS Quarterly Meeting - January 31, 2004

The Northern Colorado Chapter of CAS hosted the Quarterly Meeting on January 31st in Fort Collins. The meeting was held at the Elks Lodge, 140 E Oak. There were approximately 25 members in attendance. Following the meeting, members enjoyed a field trip to the Fort Collins Museum to view the Watts Clovis Cache.

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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