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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 20** **Business Meeting and Program - 7:00 pm**
Ft Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson St, Ben Delatour Room
Program: film - "Coming Into America"
- Nov 17** **Business Meeting and Program - 7:00 pm**
Program: Kelly Derr. 2004 Greenacre Scholarship Recipient.
"Temperature and Trees: Utilizing Thermal Landscapes and Fire Ecology
to Interpret the Archaeological Record in the Upper Greybull Watershed,
NW Wyoming."
- Dec 15** **Annual Holiday Party**



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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Betty Herrmann 10/7/04

Account Balances:

Checking (Gen)	\$ 1,041.86
Savings	759.58
Scudder MM	1,036.92
Kaplan Hoover Grant	-0-
Total:	\$2,838.36

Individual Funds:

General Fund CAS	\$ 1,734.58
Greenacre Scholarship:	
Scudder MM	1,036.92
Savings	66.86
Kaplan Hoover Grant	-0-
Total:	\$2,838.36

Dues Due Notice

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	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$22.50

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October 20th Meeting

Our program for the **October 20th** meeting will be a showing of the film titled “Coming Into America.” This is a great film sponsored by PBS, so some of you may have already seen it. The film features Alan Alda and Dr. Dennis Stanford.

“Who were the first Americans? New discoveries and techniques for dating them have archaeologists rethinking what we know – and rewriting history!”

Segments in this film feature:

- Who was Arlington Springs Woman?
- Clovis: A Primer
- Clovis First?
- Were the First Americans European?
- By Land or By Sea?

Please mark next Wednesday evening, Oct 20th, on your calendar and plan to come to the Ft Collins Public Library at 7 pm. Note the change of meeting location.

Soapstone Ranch

This project will be of particular interest to the Northern Colorado Chapter as the ranch was recently purchased by the City of Fort Collins. The Lindenmeier Site is situated in the middle of the ranch. The City’s intent is to open the ranch as a natural area with bike trails. There is concern regarding the protection of the Site. Our Chapter is making plans to schedule a field trip to the ranch.

CAS Annual Meeting

The CAS Annual Meeting was in Durango this past weekend. The scenery was beautiful and the weather made for a perfect trip. The meeting was hosted by the San Juan Basin Chapter and held at the Ft Lewis College Center of Southwest Studies. The evening dinner speaker was Ken Wright. There were two field trips offered on Sunday: 1) Aztec Ruins and 2) Ridges Basin - soon to be under water as part of the Animas - La Plata Project (see photo to right).

Joel Hurmence of our Chapter presented a paper on the progress of a project he is working on with Mark Stiger of Western State College. "Tags to Riches: A Wealth of insight gained from an experimental study of artifact movement at the Mountaineer site (5GN2477) near Gunnison." In the spring of 2001, two hundred aluminum tags were scattered in the vicinity of Mountaineer site (5GN2477). The initial tag locations were recorded using an EDM total station. In the following three years, the tags were discovered and point located eight times. Patterns of tag movement in this short-term study may give insight into long-term site-formation processes at this locality, interpretation of artifact provenience, and appropriate excavation methods at the Mountaineer Folsom site.



Contact information and brochures about "Awakening Stories of Ancient Bison Hunting", a traveling exhibit developed by our member Mary Jo Zeidler, was on display for attendees.

Numerous topics were discussed at the annual meeting. You may visit the website at www.coloradoarchaeology.org to review past meeting minutes in detail.

No PAAC Class

Our Fall PAAC Class was canceled. We are required to have a minimum of 10 people, but we could only secure 8. Special thanks to Rick Lippincott, our new PAAC Coordinator, for his efforts in acquiring a class room in the UNC Anthropology Department. Kevin Black informed us that he received strong support and appreciation from the Greeley folks interested in taking the class. The Lithics class will be offered again next spring.

Officers For Next Year

It's time to start seriously thinking about your role as a CAS member. Do you have talents and interests that you would be willing to contribute to the organization? We are in dire need of new officers and coordinators! Please let us know what you would like to glean from the organization and how you can help.

Amazon Link on Our Web Site

If you are ordering books or music etc. from Amazon.com remember to go to our Web Site first and then click on the Amazon icon. Amazon donates 5% of your order to our Chapter. Proceeds go to the Greenacre Scholarship Fund.

Fort St Vrain Grant

Earlier this spring, our Chapter agreed to 'bank' the Grant money for an assessment survey of the Fort St Vrain Site. We have recently learned that Heather Mrzlack, staff archaeologist for RMC Consultants in Lakewood, has been awarded a State Historical Fund grant in the amount of \$9,994. The project will entail using ground penetrating radar (GPR) to survey the Fort St Vrain site.

In return for assisting with the grant, our Chapter members have been invited to observe/participate in the GPR aspect of the project. A kick off meeting with the Platteville Museum is being scheduled for sometime this fall.

The purpose of the survey will be to reveal cultural features such as the fort's foundation, possible well, privy, fireplaces, and possible burials. The study is important because it will provide more insight into the history of the fort that, archaeologically, is little known because the site was completely leveled in 1951 for farming and ranching purposes.

Fort St Vrain was the largest and most famous of the South Platte trading posts. Although leveled, potential for further interpretation exists through state-of-the-art archaeological investigative techniques, such as GPR. Information obtained through this potential analysis may be used to direct further investigations, including shovel or test excavations.

Fort St Vrain was constructed in 1837 and operated as an important trading post, a post office, a source of food and lodging for travelers, and a center of community government and social life until 1846. The fort was one of four competing trading posts located on the South Platte River. The other three trading posts, Fort Vasquez, Fort Lupton, and Fort Jackson, were located only 10 miles from each other. Fort St Vrain, which measured 127 feet by 106 feet, was a smaller version of Bent's Fort located 250 miles southeast of Fort St Vrain on the Arkansas River. Many important visitors stopped at Fort St Vrain during its period of operation, including legendary trappers, hunters, and mountain men such as Wm. and Andrew Sublette, Jim Bridger, and Kit Carson. Richard Wootton visited the fort on a regular basis as he carried mail between it and Bent's Fort. John C. Fremont reorganized his exploratory expedition there in 1842 and 1843.

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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