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# The Folsom Point



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## Archaeology and Oral History of the Old Roach Logging Camp

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September 20 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. Ben Delatour Room, Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Petersen.

*Surge Dams, Slop Pits, and What to Do If You Chop Off Your Toe With a Broadaxe: Archaeology and Oral History of the Old Roach Logging Camp*, presented by Nicole Branton, Archaeologist, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland.

The Old Roach Logging Camp was the headquarters of the Otto Lumber Company and home to many tie hacks in the last years of railroad logging ("tie hacking") in northern Colorado. Occupied between at least 1923 and 1938, Old Roach was a "real town" with a post office, school, and indoor plumbing in many homes. Yet little is known about this camp, which was destroyed at the termination of the Company's timber contract. The first season of archaeological investigations and oral history at the Old Roach Logging Camp solved many mysteries, including where the camp's trash went, how the Stuck Creek dam worked, how the family and bachelor buildings were constructed, and where the barn and water sources were located. Using historical maps, photos, and oral history testimony to interpret the archaeological remains of the camp, the Passport in Time volunteers also began mapping the extensive archaeological landscape of tie hacking camps, water

control features, and logging remains that testify to the thriving tie hack community that once occupied this remote area of the Roosevelt National Forest. Join CAS on September 20 to learn about historical archaeology, the technology of tie hacking, and one of the lost cities of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. Then, see these sites yourself on September 30 when CAS takes a field trip to Old Roach and the Stuck Creek Dam (see page 2).

— Nicole Branton



### Special points of interest:

- *Alice Hamilton Scholarship 2006 Raffle Tickets for Sale. See Page 4. These will be available at our September 20 program meeting.*
- *September 20—Program Meeting: Archaeology and Oral History of the Old Roach Logging Camp, presented by Nicole Branton, Archaeologist, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland*
- *September 26—PAAC Class: Prehistoric Ceramic Analysis begins. Late sign-ups until noon Sept. 15. See Page 3.*
- *September 23—Stone Age Fair in Loveland*
- *September 30—Field Trip to Old Roach site. See Page 2.*
- *October 6-8—CAS Annual Meeting, Cortez*
- *October 18—Program Meeting: Topic and Location to be announced.*

**CAS 2006 Annual Meeting** information and registration form are available in the Fall 2006 issue of *The CAS Surveyor*, now posted online. Visit [www.coloradoarchaeology.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org)

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### Welcome New Members!

- Katy Carpenter
  - Cody Newton
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## Field Trip to Old Roach Logging Camp Sept. 30

By Robin M. Roberts, CAS/NCC Field Trip Coordinator

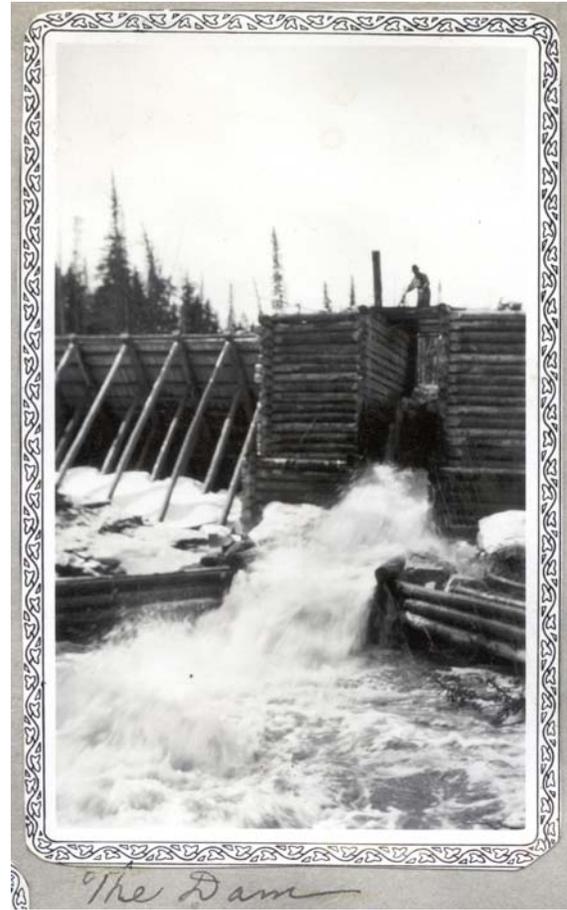
See for yourself the sites described by Nicole Branton in our September program! Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the CSU parking lot on the corner of Lake Street and College Avenue (it is between College and Mason and Pitkin and Lake, south of the track). Plan to carpool – just about any type of car can handle the well-developed dirt road to the site. We will return by 3 or 4 p.m. Bring lunch, water, hiking shoes of some sort, camera, **LAYERS** for ANY TYPE of weather. (Be prepared for rain, snow, warm weather, cold weather, etc.). Site elevation: ~10,000 feet. We will drive to the actual camp, and hike to the Stuck Creek Dam and the flume. The hikes are short and moderate – nothing too serious but there is a slight slope navigation involved and folks might get a little out of breath. Children age 18 and under are okay with a parent or guardian. Directions and a handout will be passed out after Nicole's program on September 20th.



*Robin Roberts standing in the flume in 2006*

*The flume as it appeared in the 1920's*





## PAAC Class in Ceramics Begins September 26

The Program for Avocational Archeological Certification (PAAC) class Prehistoric Ceramic Description & Analysis will be offered in Fort Collins on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 26.

This course is an introduction to a major artifact class found in Colorado: ceramics. The course covers the technology of ceramic manufacture, basic description and analysis, and an introduction to some American Indian ceramic wares found in the state. The course is not a study of ceramic typology; types will be described on a limited basis, and non-Indian wares are not discussed. The course is of value to those individuals interested in the Late Prehistoric to Protohistoric period occupations (AD 150-1800) of Colorado.

Class location: CSU Laboratory of Public Archaeology (LOPA), 3136 S. Timberline Rd., Fort Collins. Assistant State Archaeologist Kevin Black will travel to Fort Collins to teach this class. This class consists of seven sessions



(20 hours), meeting on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m., September 26 to November 14 (no class on October 3).

We have met the minimum enrollment for this class, and there are still a few openings. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact our PAAC Coordinator Lucy Burris at [lburris@holly.colostate.edu](mailto:lburris@holly.colostate.edu) by **noon on Sept. 15**, and then send your check for \$12, made out to the Colorado Historical Society to NCC/CAS, attn. PAAC, P.O. Box 270738, Fort Collins, CO 80527.

For more information on this course, visit <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/classinfo/ceramics.htm>. For more information on the PACC program, visit <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/paacindex.htm>.

## 2006 AHS Raffle Tickets Now Being Sold!




**COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**2006 RAFFLE**

*For the Benefit of the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund*



*CAS is proud to announce the offering of "Peñasco Blanco"  
an oil painting by noted Alamosa artist David Montgomery*

The well-known ruin depicted is located in Chaco Canyon National Historic Park in NW New Mexico. Peñasco Blanco is an unexcavated great house, built concurrently with Pueblo Bonito and Una Vida, unique in design (oval), and connected to several Chacoan roads to the west. This light-filled work measures 11"x14", mounted in a gold leaf carved frame. Mr. Montgomery is a well-known artist of the San Luis Valley and Southwest open air spaces, landscapes, ruins and rock art. His bio sketch is attached.

This work of art is generously donated by Gayle Andresen, Denver. The value is estimated at \$800

As in the past several years, raffle tickets are sold by CAS Chapters to Members and to the general public as a fund-raising effort for CAS's Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund. CAS makes annual awards to qualifying Colorado archaeology students.

The raffle drawing will be held at 7:00 pm on October 7, 2006 during the CAS annual meeting at Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant in Cortez, CO. The winner need not be present.

***Raffle ticket prices are \$3 each or 4 for \$10.***

For additional information, contact Terri Hoff at 720-384-3017 or [www.coloradoarchaeology.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org)

## Volunteer Opportunity: Survey of Pueblo Reservoir

Cultural Resource Analysts is going to conduct a re-survey of the Pueblo Reservoir for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Ted Hofer and Robert Burton of the BOR are inviting CAS members and those with PAAC certification to join us for the survey.

The project is in the planning stage. We anticipate going

to the field beginning no later than the 3rd week of October. If you are interested, please contact Ted Hofer, Vice President of Operations, Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc., 421 21st Ave. Suite 8, Longmont, CO 80501, Phone 303-772-8881, [thofer@crai-ky.com](mailto:thofer@crai-ky.com).

## Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

September 11, 2006

### Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$1046.25	
Includes:		
Kaplan-Hoover:		
Interpretive Exhibit \$	701.00	
Exhibit Cases \$	3.75	
Savings Account	\$ 852.68	
Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1102.80	
Total:		\$3001.73

### Individual Funds:

General - Checking and Savings	\$1145.18	
Less \$49.00 in GFS		
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1151.80	
MMF plus \$49.00		
Kaplan-Hoover	\$ 704.75	
Total:		\$3001.73

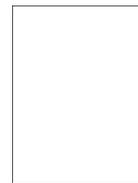
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## Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- 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.