
The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society



Historic Archaeological Sites of Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

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January 23 (Wednesday). Business Meeting and Program. 7:00 p.m. Fort Collins Main Library, 201 Peterson St., Ben Delatour Room. NOTE DIFFERENT DATE THIS MONTH ONLY- 4th Wednesday!

Although the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area is probably most notably recognized archaeologically for its prehistoric component, including the Lindenmeier Folsom site, the property also contains some interesting historic archaeological sites as well. During the summer field season of 2007, six historic foundations and one historic railroad grade were located and recorded. Along with these features there were also diagnostic historic artifacts including sun-colored amethyst glass, a harmonica cover, bullet casings, railroad spikes, utensils, crockery, and maker's marks. Historically the land was used for sheep herding as well as cattle grazing. A rail line was built, but soon removed in the late 1800s. Determining function and dating these features and artifacts will help further establish historic occupation and use of the area.

Erin Parks graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from Colorado State University. She is currently in her second year of graduate school pursuing a Master of Arts in anthropology, specializing in archaeology. Erin has participated in archaeological field work for the past three summers, the last two with Dr. LaBelle of Colorado State surveying the Soapstone Prairie Natural



Area and Red Mountain Open Space. Erin is now beginning work on her thesis, which will focus on assessing public interpretation of archaeology, specifically relating to the Lindenmeier site.

Please join us for Erin's informative program on historic archaeological sites in our own neighborhood!

(More pictures on Page 2.)

Special points of interest:

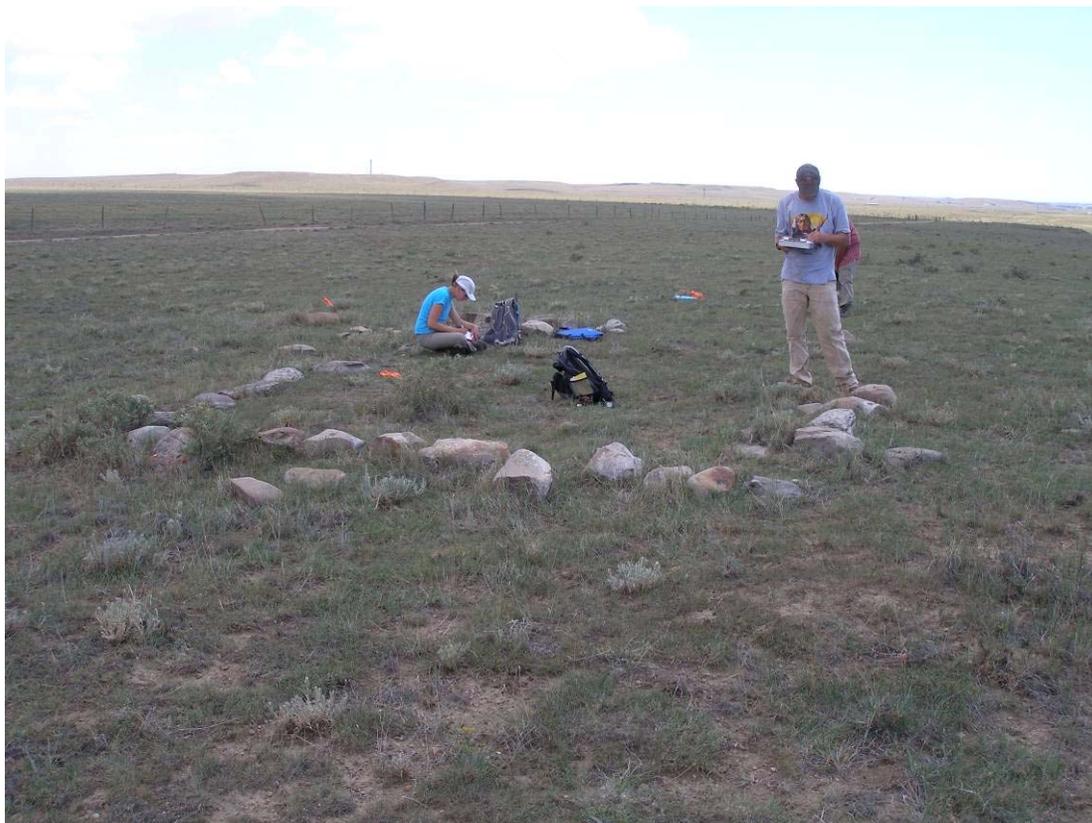
- January 23—CAS/NCC Program
- January 26—CAS Quarterly Board Meeting, Colorado Springs
- February 6-8—Saving Places 2008: Promoting Colorado's Heritage, Denver
- April 10-13 Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Annual Meeting, Fort Collins
- April 12—CAS Quarterly Board Meeting, Fort Collins

Note: Your 2008 CAS/NCC membership dues are due January 1. Please send in the membership renewal form on Page 9, along with the survey on Page 8!





More pictures from Erin's program scheduled for January 23...



PAAC News: Perishable Materials Starts Feb. 5



By Lucy Burris, PAAC Coordinator

The spring PAAC (Program for Avocation Archaeological Certification) class, "Perishable Materials" has room for 6 more participants. Its been 10 years since we were last able to offer this class in Fort Collins. The class starts Tues, Feb 5 and runs Tuesday evenings through March 18, 6:30-9:30 pm at LOPA 3136 S. Timberline Road. See the December Folsom Point p.3 for class details. Registrations need to be received by Jan. 21. Send a check for \$12 made out to "Colorado Historical Society" to NCC-CAS/PAAC, P.O. 270738, Fort Collins, CO, 80527 include an email address to which registration confirmation can be sent.

The schedule for classes around the state is posted on the NCC-CAS web site, click on the PAAC Schedule link. The Indian Peaks Chapter (Boulder) is offering Archaeological Dating Methods in April. We haven't offered this class in Fort Collins since 2003.

Perishable Materials is an introduction to an often overlooked classification of artifacts. It provides individuals with basic information on the recognition of perishables, cultural usage and alteration, and preservation. Not all the material offered will be applicable to every field situation. It is important to maintain at least a marginal working knowledge for the field experience that does involve perishable materials. Perishable objects include modified bone, wood, leather work, basketry, textiles, and collected plant materials.

Topics include: Introduction to perishable materials - definition and importance of perishable materials, the role of paleoenvironments, subsistence, and cultural practice; Perishables as archaeological evidence; Types of non-tool

material - fauna, flora, and human remains; Culturally altered materials -methods of alteration, tools, and other manufactured material; and Deterioration, preservation and conservation of perishable materials.

The 20-hour course will be presented Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:30 pm, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4, 11, and 13 at the CSU Laboratory for Public Archaeology (LOPA) 3136 S. Timberline Road, Fort Collins. Instructor is Assistant State Archaeologist, Kevin Black. Cost for all 7 sessions is \$12 payable at the time of registration. The course fee includes all lecture and handout material. No additional text is required. For those wishing to apply this course to PAAC certification (Certified Surveyor I or Scholar), an optional exam will be given on the final evening.

To register, **send a check for \$12** made out to the "Colorado Historical Society" and mailed to NCC-CAS/PAAC, P.O. Box 270738, Fort Collins, CO 80527 by **Monday, January 21, 2008**. Include an email address and daytime phone number. Registration will be confirmed by email. Class size is limited to 16 and we need to have a minimum of 10 registrations to hold the class. The public is welcome; membership in the Colorado Archaeological Society is not required.

For more information about this class and the PAAC program go to the PAAC home page <http://www.coloradohistory-oap.org/programareas/paac>, use the PAAC link on the NCC-CAS home page, or contact NCC-CAS PAAC coordinator, Lucy Burris, at lburris@holly.colostate.edu.

See PAAC Schedule on Page 4!

Don't forget to renew your CAS/NCC membership!

See page 9!

PAAC Schedule January-July 2008

Archaeological Dating Methods	Boulder	Apr 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14
Basic Site Surveying Techniques	Cortez	May 16-19
Colorado Archaeology	Craig	May 30-31, June 1
Field and Lab Photography	Gunnison	Mar 1-2
Historical Archaeology	Grand Junction	Apr 25-27
Introduction to Archaeology, CAS & PAAC	Durango	Apr 5-6
Introduction to Archaeology, CAS & PAAC	Fort Collins	Apr 13
Introduction to Laboratory Techniques	Glenwood Springs	Apr 19-20
Perishable Materials	Fort Collins	Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 4, 11, 18
Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis	Montrose	Feb 22-25
Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis	Alamosa	Mar 14-16
Research Design & Report Writing	Colorado Springs	May 3-4
Rock Art Studies	Pueblo	Feb 8-10
Rock Art Studies	Denver	Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 3
PAAC Laboratory Project	Denver	Jan 11-29*
Summer Training Survey	TBD	July 9-16†

*Lab project occurs on intermittent dates at the Museum Support Center in east Denver; call or e-mail Kevin Black for information

†Dates for the summer survey are tentative; see www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/summersurvey2.htm

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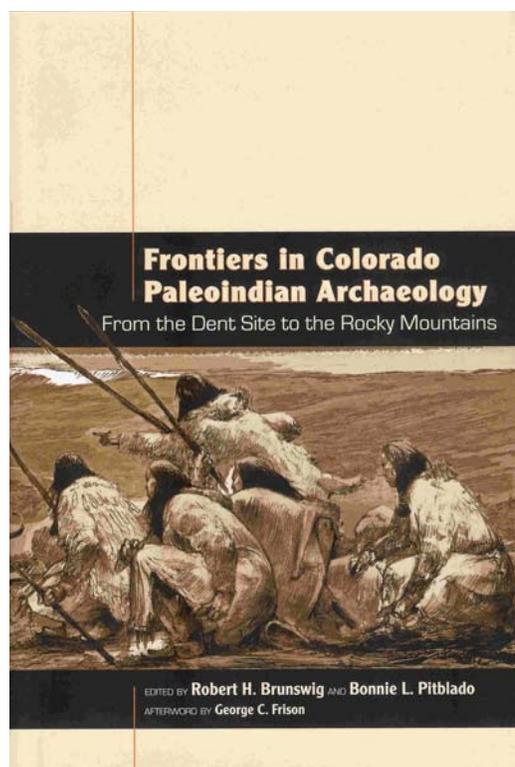
Book Review

Frontiers in Colorado Archaeology: From the Dent Site to the Rocky Mountains edited by Robert Brunswig and Bonnie Pitblado. University Press of Colorado, Boulder, 2007. ISBN 978-0-87081-890-5. 364 pages.

This volume was compiled based on papers originally presented at a 1995 Society for American Archaeology annual meeting symposium "Current Research on Paleoindian Archaeology and Geoarchaeology of the Central High Plains and Rocky Mountains." Although some of the symposium papers have been published elsewhere in the intervening years, the papers included in this volume include updated information since 1995. Of particular interest to those of us on the Front Range are several chapters on the Dent mammoth kill site (on the South Platte River south of Greeley) including a new interpretation of site formation processes, season of death, evaluation of processing marks, and dental phytolith analysis. Chapters on Colorado's paleoclimate and recent research by the University of Wyoming (Todd Surovell) at Barger Gulch, Middle Park, and University of Northern Colorado (Robert Brunswig) at North and South Park should also interest readers.

The book is written for a technical audience but it is highly readable with good use of illustrations. On Amazon.com the book is listed as written by George Frison who provides an interesting retrospective of Colorado and Wyoming archaeology in his afterword.

Submitted by Lucy Burriss



Recommended Website

CAS/NCC member Bruce Wahle recommends the following website: **Journey of Mankind - An interactive time line of human migration.**

<http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/journey>

From the website:

The Bradshaw Foundation, in association with Stephen Oppenheimer, presents a virtual global

journey of modern man over the last 160,000 years. Based on a synthesis of mtDNA and Y-chromosome evidence with archaeology, climatology and fossil study, Stephen Oppenheimer has tracked the routes and timing of migration, placing it in context with ancient rock art around the world.

Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunity

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project

Session 1: 2-27 June, 2008

Session 2: 7 July to 1 August 2008 (2-week sessions also available)

Session I: June 2-13, 2008

Session II: July 7-18, 2008



The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project announces its archaeological investigations for the summer of 2008!

In 2008 BVAR will continue excavations at the important ancient Maya center of Baking Pot. The site is situated in the Belize River Valley near the modern town of San Ignacio in the Cayo District of Belize, Central America. Despite many investigations, large portions of Baking Pot's monumental site core remain unexcavated and it stands out as one of the few remaining unlooted sites in the area. Through these excavations we hope to gain a better understanding of the physical and functional properties of Baking Pot's ancient royal court. In addition, we plan to continue the settlement survey in Baking Pot's eastern periphery. The investigations will include extensive stratigraphic excavations, testing of architecture by means of trenching, as well as mapping of the archaeological features and architectural remains uncovered.

Students will be involved in all aspects of the archaeological investigations, from the setting of excavation units, to the production of site maps. The project also incorporates daily laboratory work where students participate in the processing and documentation of the artifacts recovered from the site (including a wide range of ceramic and lithic artifacts as well as human and animal remains). Weekly lectures will present an overview of Maya civilization and will provide introduction to other specific topics such as ceramic analysis, archaeological survey methods, human osteology, ancient Maya ritual, ideology, and hieroglyphic writing.

To apply, interested parties should contact Myka at:

archaeology@bvar.org

Check out our **Website** for more details. www.bvar.org

Cost:
4 weeks USD\$ 1950.00
2 weeks USD\$ 975.00

Includes lodging, weekday meals, transportation from the airport as well as to and from the excavation site. Airfare, school credit, optional trips and personal expenses not included.

Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

January 10 8, 2007

Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$1624.08
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Includes:

Kaplan-Hoover:

Interpretative Exhibit	\$879.08
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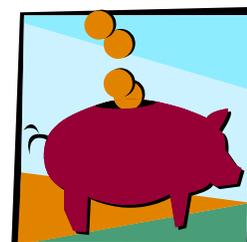
Exhibit Cases	\$ 3.75
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Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$339.00
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Savings Account	\$ 53.72
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Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1173.31
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Total:	\$2851.11
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Individual Funds:

General - Checking and Savings	\$ 455.97
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Less \$ 339.00 in GFS and Kaplan-Hoover funds

Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1512.31
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MMF plus \$ 339.00

Kaplan-Hoover	\$ 882.83
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Total:	\$2851.11
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CAS/NCC Summary 2007

- Donations to the Greenacre Scholarship Fund \$172.50
- From cartridges \$33.99
- From Amazon \$3.24
- 2007 membership 42

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- Bring your cartridges to the next CAS/NCC meeting, or contact Bev Goering at 484-3101 or bgoering@comcast.net. Feel free to pass the word along to anyone with cartridges to recycle!

- Send in your empty cartridges. CAS/NCC gets paid up to \$4.00 for each empty inkjet cartridge that has a print head, regardless of the brand or type.
- Accepted are any inkjet cartridges that have print heads, for all of the following brands of printers:

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- Lexmark
- Xerox
- Compaq
- Brother
- Dell
- Canon
- Apple



Note: No Epson print cartridges can be accepted, since they are just ink tanks without a print head.

CAS/NCC Member Survey

Please take a moment to tell us what you think!

1. What lectures did you enjoy this past year?
2. What people would you like to hear speak at a monthly meeting?
3. What museums or exhibits have you been wanting to see with CAS?
4. Are there any sites you know of that you would like to visit on a CAS field trip?
5. Would you be interested in volunteering for a site stewardship program (visit local sites and monitor their condition)?
6. Do you have other suggestions?

Please send in with your renewal form (Page 9), or email responses to Chrissy Burke at burkech3@gmail.com

Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society Membership Application and Renewal

I/We _____ (sign) do hereby agree to uphold and abide by the Code of Ethics as a condition of membership in the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) and the Northern Colorado Chapter.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ (H) _____ (W) E-MAIL _____

Membership type (check one):

New Renewal (**renewals are due each January**)

Please choose your membership category (check one):

- \$26.00 Individual
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- \$18.00 Student (includes *Southwestern Lore*, must be currently enrolled)
- \$18.00 Senior (does **not** include *Southwestern Lore*)
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Donation to the James and Doris Greenacre Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

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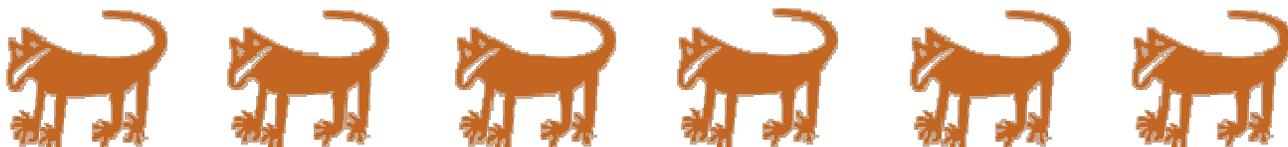
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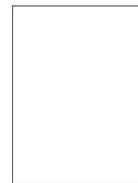
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Note: Your dues include concurrent membership in the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Northern Colorado Chapter, a subscription to the Chapter newsletter, the *Folsom Point*, four issues of the journal *Southwestern Lore*, and four issues of the CAS newsletter, the *Surveyor*. The Colorado Archaeological Society is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

Please take a moment to fill out our member survey on Page 8 and send in with your renewal!





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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.

