



The Folsom Point

Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society



Saving Skwaasutek: Protecting the Petroglyphs of Coastal Maine

September 17 (Wednesday). Business Meeting and Program. 7:00 p.m. Poudre Fire Station #10, 2067 Vermont Drive (Timberline and Vermont). **Note different meeting location this month.** Dr. Michael Kimball, University of Northern Colorado will present a multi-media presentation.

"Skwaasutek," a Native American word for "the place of watching and waiting" is home to coastal Maine's 3,000 year old rock

art. These mysterious designs, or petroglyphs –human, animal, and geometric figures pecked into shale outcrops by the ancestors of today's Waponaki (People of the Dawn) – are endangered by global warming. As the sea-level rises, these fragile markers of an ancient world are eroding into the sea. Through a unique, cross-cultural collaboration among archaeologists, artists, and Waponaki tribal members, we are documenting the petroglyphs, studying their relations to cultural geography and climate change, and preserving the traditional cultural properties to which they belong. Please join us! (Note: This program was rescheduled from April.)



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Special points of interest:

- Sept 9 PAAC Class Starts, Colorado Archaeology. Class Full!
- Sept 17 CAS/NCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Poudre Fire Station #10, 2067 Vermont Dr.
- Sept 26 CAS Board Meeting, Montrose (See pages 6-9)
- Sept 26-28 CAS Annual Meeting, Montrose
- Sept 27-28 Loveland Stone Age Fair, Loveland
- October 1-4 Plains Anthropological Conference, Laramie, Wyoming
- October 10-13 Utah Rock Art Research Association Symposium, Escalante, Utah

September PAAC News



submitted by Lucy Burris, PAAC Coordinator

Hope everyone had a great summer. Our Fall PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) class program got underway September 9 with 22 people participating in Colorado Archaeology. My apologies to those of you that I had to turn away due to lack of space. Many thanks to Don Piermattei for letting us use his conference room at the Veterinary Specialty Center on Highway 287; with this larger room we are able to accommodate 6 more people than in our previous location.

This is the 7th PAAC class I have coordinated and my 3rd year as coordinator. If anyone is interested in this position, I am looking for a replacement as my school commitments continue to increase. The job is fun and rewarding since almost everyone really enjoys their PAAC class experience and appreciates the opportunity to participate. Working with Kevin Black, the assistant state archaeologist, is a real treat since he's well organized and I

learn something (or more correctly - many somethings!) with every class I take from him. The position of coordinator involves promoting the PAAC program to the chapter, making recommendations to Kevin about the chapter's class preferences, spreading the word about classes and other PAAC programs, and taking registrations and coordinating logistics for the class (getting a location, helping Kevin setup and clean up after each class). The coordinator needs to have email access and be able to respond to inquiries from the public about classes and class content. The PAAC program is an important outreach activity for non-CAS members.

Watch for a survey in the October newsletter for preferences for the Spring class. In the meantime, evening classes are still getting started in Denver and Boulder and Kevin has several weekend classes lined up around the state. See the statewide fall schedule below. Use the link on the NCC-CAS page to get more information on the PAAC Program.

Class	Chapter / Location	Days of Week / Dates
Archaeological Dating Methods	San Luis Valley Archaeology Network /	S/S: Nov 8-9
Colorado Archaeology	Roaring Fork / Glenwood Springs	F/S/S: Oct 17-19
Field and Lab Photography	Chipeta / Montrose	S/S: Nov 22-23
Historical Archaeology	CRAA & Vermillion / Craig	F/S/S: Dec 5-7
Introduction to Laboratory Techniques	Pueblo / Pueblo	S/S: Nov 15-16
PAAC Laboratory Project	Denver	Dec 2-17*
Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis	Indian Peaks / Boulder	W: Oct 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19
Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis	Pikes Peak / Colorado Springs	F/S/S: Sept 12-14
Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis	Grand Junction / Grand Junction	F/S/S: Oct 24-26
Principles of Archaeological Excavation	Denver / Denver	R: Oct 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4, 11, 18
Research Design & Report Writing	Hisatsinom / Cortez	S/S: Oct 11-12

* Contact Kevin Black for details

2008 CAS Annual Meeting Sept 26-28 in Montrose

The Friday night CAS working meeting will be held at the Museum of the Mountain West, a sensational historical museum run and developed by archaeologist Rich Fike and his wife Carol. In addition to the 6:30 p.m. CAS dinner meeting, there will be entertainment and tours starting at 5:30 p.m.

**MUSEUM
MOUNTAIN WEST**



The main meeting, social hour, and dinner will be at the Holliday Inn Express, a super facility. A block of 14 queen and 15 king rooms are reserved for CAS members discounted from \$139 to \$119 (plus tax). To reserve, identify as "CAS". These are available for the Sep 26-28.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS; 1391 South Townsend, 970 240-1800 King and Double rooms available to CAS members for \$119 + Tax - tell them "CAS" when booking...rates for suites start at \$149

The general paper topic is American Indian Architecture for papers presented Saturday. The annual silent auction will be held for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund. This year's raffle item is an Acoma polychrome olla.

The Saturday night banquet program is "Diamonds, Mammoths, and Comets," by Dr. Allen West. Dr. West is an author, inventor, and retired geophysical consultant.

West has appeared in television documentaries by National Geographic, the Discovery Channel, and the History Channel. His talk presents the story of 26 scientists from 18 institutions who followed multiple trails of evidence to uncover one of the greatest catastrophes of the human race. Researchers propose that an enormous space object, likely a fragmented comet, exploded over the Northern Hemisphere 12,900 years ago, dusting the earth with comet particles, pushing large animal species to extinction, and bringing about a major reorganization of the Clovis culture.

Sunday field trips include Museum of the Mountain, Ute Indian Museum, Flint Cave and Moore Site, and the Shavano Rock Art site. Sign up early to reserve your space.

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For full details and registration information , visit www.coloradoarchaeology.org and click on "News and Announcements" and follow the links for details on the 2008 CAS Annual Meeting, or visit: www.coloradoarchaeology.org/2008AnnualMtg/GenlDetails.htm

Book Reviews

Submitted by Lucy Burris

Over the past few months two books have crossed my reading list that others might find interesting. I found them connected although the relationship isn't immediately obvious. *Frauds, Myths and Mysteries* by Kenneth L. Feder is now in its 6th edition and asks the question of how we know what we know in archaeology while debunking commonly held (or once held) views and hoaxes of prehistory. *1491* by Charles C. Mann challenges the history of the Americas which many of us learned in school that essentially started in 1492. He extends our understanding of the important cultures in the Americas and the interactions with their environments that existed before European contact and offers explanations about their disappearance. Both books

challenged my understanding and perspectives of American prehistory with new information in engaging ways. Both are readable by anyone with an interest in archaeology. Don't let the 500+ pages of *1491* be a deterrent to reading; it is well illustrated and compelling. *1491* is available at the Fort Collins library (and through Prospector loan). Previous editions of *Frauds, Myths ...* are also available through Prospector loan.

K.L. Feder. 2008. *Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries*. McGraw-Hill Higher Education, New York.

C.C. Mann. 2006. *1491*, New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus. Vintage Books, New York.

2008 RAFFLE COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CAS is proud to announce the offering of a
TRADITIONAL ACOMA POT

by award winning Acoma potter Mildred Antonio



This hand-coiled polychrome olla measures 13.25 inches high and 14 inches in diameter.



This work of art is generously donated by
Larry and Iris Evans, Denver Chapter.
The value is \$1000 (2007).

Raffle tickets are sold by CAS Chapters to Members and to the general public
as a fund-raising event 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 September 27, 2008
during the CAS Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, CO.
The winner need not be present to win.

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

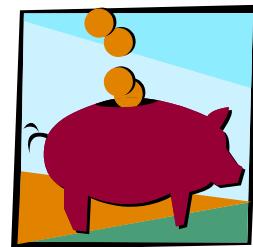
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or your local CAS Chapter Rep

Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

September 8, 2008

Account Balances:

Checking Account	\$1477.68
Includes:	
Kaplan-Hoover:	
Interpretative Exhibit	\$879.08
Exhibit Cases	\$ 3.75
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$401.00
Savings Account	\$ 53.81
Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1198.96
Total:	\$2730.45



Individual Funds:

General - Checking and Savings	\$ 247.66
Less \$ 401.00 in GFS and Kaplan-Hoover funds	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1599.81
MMF plus \$ 401.00	
Kaplan-Hoover	\$ 882.83
Total:	\$2730.45

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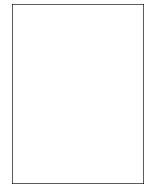
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Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- 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.