

The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society

The Archaeology of a Victorian Resort in Lake County, Colorado

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November 2008

November 19 (Wednesday) - Social Time, Business Meeting and Program. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and program is at 7:00 p.m. at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins (see map on Page 3). Sam Richings-Germain will present **The Archaeology of a Victorian Resort in Lake County, Colorado**. The Interlaken resort was an activity-oriented recreational destination that existed to meet the needs of a Victorian society. The location of the Interlaken, at the base of Mt. Elbert, near Leadville, Colorado provided clean, beautiful decorated accommodations that met the Victorian standards of

consumerism, efficiency, and sanitation. In 1980 and 1981 archaeological investigations at the resort produced over 50,000 artifacts, the majority of which were recovered from around the perimeter of the hotel structure. In addition, to the hotel, the billiard parlor and blacksmith shop were the focus of the investigations. Once considered a "dead assemblage" the Interlaken Resort assemblage has been revived and has proved to be valuable as an example of a Victorian hostelry with a purely recreational theme. A description of the archaeological investigations and cultural significance of material remains will be the focus of the presentation.

Sam Richings-Germain is currently working for Dr. Jason LaBelle at the Laboratory of Public Archaeology (LOPA) as a research associate. In addition, she teaches online anthropology courses at Front Range Community College, Larimer Campus. Ms. Richings-Germain received her BA in anthropology in 1995 from

Special points of interest:

- November 19—CAS/NCC Program
- January 24—CAS Quarterly Meeting in Fort Collins
- March 9—Loveland Historical Society program—Preservation of Mariano Medina family cemetery Loveland Museum and Gallery
- April 3-5—Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Alamosa
- April 4—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Alamosa
- August 18-22—Oregon-California Trails Association Convention, Loveland



Photo courtesy of Laboratory of Public Archaeology

Welcome New Member!

- Michael Troyer

CSU and MA in anthropology in 2002. In addition to having a passion for archaeology, she enjoys getting outside and recreating with her family, as much as possible.

Join Us for Social Time Before the CAS/NCC Meeting!

All are invited to join us for dinner, appetizers, or drinks starting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 19 in our meeting room at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Please RSVP to Joel at 970-481-2124 or jhurmenca@hotmail.com.

November PAAC News



We just completed our Fall class - Colorado Archaeology - with 22 students, 7 of which took the final exam. Thanks again to the Veterinary Specialty Center in Loveland for letting us use their conference room. And thanks too, to Dr. Jason LaBelle and the CSU Laboratory for Public Archaeology for letting us use their white board.

Twenty-five people submitted preferences for classes in 2009. In order of most votes they are: #1 Prehistoric Ceramic Analysis and Description, #2 (tie) Principles of Archaeological Excavation and Prehistoric Lithic Description and Analysis, and #3 Historical Archaeology. I have submitted this list to Kevin and asked that the spring class start after MLK Day (1/20) and finish before the first week in May (5/5). He'll decide which class to

offer and when based on balancing interests and dates with Boulder and Denver. Watch the Folsom Point and the NCC-CAS web site for class information and registration details.

Due to other commitments I need to step down as PAAC coordinator effective the first of the year. I am still looking for a replacement. Contact me for details of the job (or see the September Folsom Point). The job can be held by co-coordinators so consider signing up with a buddy. Thank you everyone for their support of the PAAC program for the last 3 years. The task has been made easier due to everyone's enthusiasm, interest, and cooperation.

Lucy Burris

Late Fall PAAC Schedule		
Class	Chapter / Location	Days of Week / Dates
Archaeological Dating Methods	San Luis Valley Archaeology Network / Alamosa	S/S: Nov 8-9
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*
* Contact Kevin Black for details		

PAAC Lab Training Scheduled



Submitted by Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist

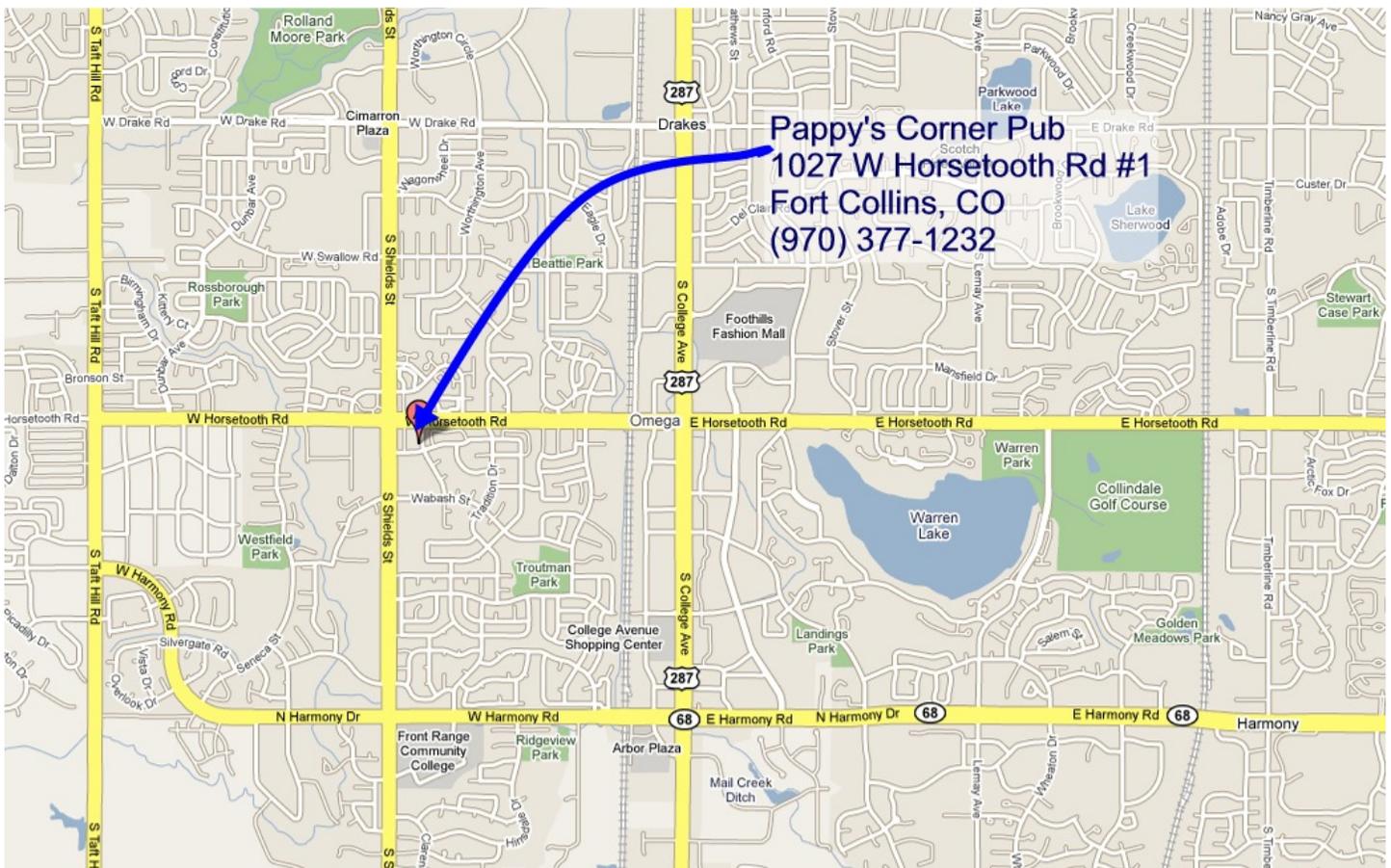
I will be resuming the PAAC lab training at our Lowry facility in east Denver again this winter, and the 15 dates listed below have now been posted on the Colorado Historical Society web site [<http://coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/certreq/labcreditb.htm>] where one can find pertinent information on the project and instructions for participation. Interested volunteers must attend at least **two** of the 15 sessions, which take place from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day. **Dates for the PAAC lab training are:**

Tuesday December 2, 2008
 Wednesday December 3,
 Wednesday December 10,
 Friday December 12,
 Saturday December 13,
 Tuesday December 16,

Wednesday December 17, 2008,
 Friday January 9, 2009
 Saturday January 10,
 Tuesday January 13,
 Wednesday January 14,
 Wednesday January 21,
 Thursday January 22,
 Tuesday January 27, and
 Wednesday January 28, 2009.

There is no formal deadline or application process, but prospective volunteers should contact Kevin Black by November 7. Contact information:

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OCTA 2009 Convention in Loveland in August

The Colorado-Cherokee Trail Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) will host the 2009 Convention on August 18-22 in Loveland, Colorado. Many trail pioneers passed through the area that is now Loveland, including '49ers bound for the California gold fields, Utah Mormons and converts, cattle drives west, and '59ers coming to the Pikes Peak gold rush. The event includes several pre-conference field trips, knowledgeable speakers, workshops, and a film premiere. Topics include

- 1849 and 1859 Gold rushes through and to Colorado

and Wyoming

- Mountain Men and Trading Forts in the Rocky Mountains
- Military and Indian Activity along the Emigrant Trails
- Emigrant and Stage Coach travel over the Cherokee, Overland, and Smoky Hill Trails
- South Platte River Route, Lodge Pole Trail, and Arkansas River Route

Online Registration will be available after March 31, 2009.

For more information, visit www.octa-colorado.org.

Preservation of the Mariano Medina Family Cemetery

By Sharon Danhauer

Who was Mariano Medina? Jesus Garcia Mariano Medina was of Castilian Spanish decent, born in Taos, New Mexico, in 1812, when that region was still part of Spain. He was a trapper, trader, bounty hunter, interpreter, guide, a legend in his own time and as well known as any of the famous mountain men we remember. By modern times Mariano was generally forgotten, even by most of the locals in the Big Thompson Valley (called The Big Pipe by the Arapaho), where he called home for his last 20 years. As a young man Mariano became a trapper under the tutelage of Charles Autobees, a French-Canadian transplant to Taos. From the 1820s to 1840s Mariano ranged from New Mexico to Canada as both a free trapper and in the employ of the American Fur Trading Company. With the hay-day of the fur trade in swift decline after a short 20 years, Mariano like many mountain men, hired on to the Army as aide, interpreter, runner and/or guide. He was with John C. Fremont's 1840s expeditions, and helped save Capt. Randolph Marcy's battalion from sure death in the Rockies during the Mormon War of 1857. While in the northwest he traded some of his fine horses to a French trapper for his pregnant Flathead woman, whom he called "John" because he had trouble with "Tacanessee", her given Flathead name. He raised her son, Louis Papa, alongside their own who followed, Antonio, Martin and Marcellina, and later Rosita and Rafaelito. In 1858 Mariano brought



Mariano Media

his family and several Spanish-speaking followers to settle on the Big Thompson along an old trappers' trail he had used many times. His was the first permanent settlement in the valley; his ferry, subsequent toll bridge and mercantile were the first business ventures; he built the first school, post office, church, and cemetery in the area. The 1860 census counted 45 families in 22 cabins or tepees; it excluded Indians, although friendly Arapaho Chief Niwot often camped nearby. His complex was a swing station on the Overland Stage route from Ft. Laramie to Denver City and later the Wells Fargo route. As the wealthiest man in Larimer County in 1870, he paid the highest tax of \$29.14. When Mariano died in 1878 he had outlived his wife and most of his children.



Reburial Site at Namaqua Park (Photo by Joel Hurmence)

The settlement's population had dwindled. However his stepson, Louis Papa, kept the buildings and the cemetery walls neat and whitewashed until his own death in 1935. In 1960 a small but forceful movement quietly moved the seemingly abandoned cemetery to a new park across the road, Namaqua, and the county coroner declared the Medina family plot defunct. Portentously, it still is the only piece of Mariano's settlement that has never been developed. Loveland historians have raised awareness of the need to save Mariano's heritage, but inexplicably, mostly in vain. In 2007 Bill Meirath started a new campaign, giving out binders of information he had painstakingly researched and complied to whoever would listen. Several did, and Mariano's story appeared in area newspapers and aired on 9/NEWS. He asked Alfred Vigil and Sharon Danhauer to join the fight to save the



Site of Medina Family Cemetery (Photo by Joel Hurmence)

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cemetery and the group gave their first presentation at the Loveland Museum and Gallery during May History Month, 2008. Among attendees who offered their support was Dr. Jason LaBelle, Director of Archaeology, Colorado State University. The land is now slated for development by Spring of 2009. The Loveland City Planner's response to the proposal pointed out that questions had been raised regarding the old cemetery, a fact that effectively delays any development. A recently discovered photograph reveals the grave of Mariano was not actually moved, for one instance. On a recent driving tour of the west side of Loveland, your editor, Joel Hurmence, kindly offered to run Mariano's story, for which he has our great appreciation. We hope to use ground penetrating radar and archaeological methods in the near future. As we

gear up this preservation movement, people who want to help should first of all be added to our contact list for updates by contacting sdanhau@yahoo.com. Our fervent hope is that this latest effort to save the oldest cemetery on the Big Thompson will generate a large enough storm to carry it to ultimate success.

Preservation of the original Mariano Medina family cemetery will be the presentation given at the Loveland Historical Society meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009, at the Loveland Museum and Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln Ave. at 7pm. Extensive research has been done in an attempt to unravel the sometimes mysterious and controversial history of the first permanent settlement in the Big Thompson Valley. Questions raised about whether the entire cemetery was actually moved to Namaqua Park in 1960 will be addressed. The public is invited to enjoy this free program. Donations and new LHS memberships will be gratefully accepted.

Tour of Historic West Loveland

By Lucy Burris

On Nov 1, 6 members of NCC-CAS joined an informal group of 30 lead by Sharon Danhauer on an historic driving tour of west Loveland. We saw Mariano Medina's settlement (Namaqua) and cemetery, the Langston graves, Cliff Cottage and various other highlights. Sharon and Al

Vigil are part of an effort to protect the Medina cemetery from development and are soliciting interest and support. Modina was an important first settler in the Big Thompson Valley and due to unfortunate circumstances his legacy has been poorly preserved.



Sharon explains the history of the 1874 Langston grave and grave stone. Langston was one of Medina's earliest neighbors and built a stone fort upstream of Medina on the Big Thompson River. The building was eventually torn down and some of the stones used to build the stone silo on Langston Road just south of Highway 34. (Photos by Lucy Burris)

Looking for Involvement With CAS/NCC?

It is November, and it is time to select the leadership of our organization for the coming year. We have a number of officer and committee positions that are vacant or have been held by the same person for several years.

The vitality of the CAS/Northern Colorado Chapter depends upon the participation of our membership, and the quality of our activities depends on the efforts they contribute to our group. Any members interested in

serving as an officer or committee chair, or otherwise offering their skills and time to CAS/NCC are invited to talk to our current leadership (see Page 7). Openings and opportunities anticipated for 2009 include Vice President (Programs Chair), PAAC Coordinator, and Field Trip Coordinator, Education Chair. We are always interested in ways to expand our activities, but we also need people to help keep things operating.

Minutes of October Meeting

Northern Colorado Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. Meeting Notes, 10/15/2008. Meeting held at Poudre Fire Station #10, 2067 Vermont Drive

Bev Goering called the meeting to order at 7pm

Jason LaBelle introduced the speaker, Abe Kvale Thompson

- Abe presented a lecture entitled "Archaeological lessons from a post fire landscape: overview of new data gathered after the burning of the Greybull River Drainage, Northwestern, Wyoming"

Following the lecture the business meeting continued, with Old Business:

- Lucy Burris gave an update on the PAAC class, Colorado Archaeology, they are wrapping up the class
- Abe Thompson gave an update on fieldtrips, so far no field trips are planned, however we discussed the following field trip options
 - Jason mentioned the possibility of a field trip to the Robert's Ranch
 - Jason also offered to lead a field trip around Loveland, focusing Historic sites in the city.
 - The possibility of a field trip to visit the Kaplan-Hoover wayside exhibit was also discussed.
- Jason LaBelle gave a recap on the CAS Annual Meeting, held in Montrose, Colorado October 26-28.

- Bev Goering and Joel Hurmence from our chapter were both recognized for their CAS service
- Bev briefly summarized the Loveland Stone Age Fair, held in Loveland on October 26-28.
- Bev then briefly outline our fundraising opportunities: empty ink cartridges and purchasing on amazon.com through Northern Colorado CAS
- Joel Hurmence outlined that entries for the newsletter must be submitted during the first week of November

Next we moved onto new business, which included:

- Officer positions open: Vice President and Education Chair. No one volunteered for either position
- We discussed the possibility of writing an education grant, suggestions for grants included:
 - An education "Antiques Road Show" type archaeology fair
 - Ground penetrating radar survey of the Medina graveyard in Loveland
- The November meeting will be held on November 19th, however the meeting location and meeting speaker are unknown
- No further new business was discussed

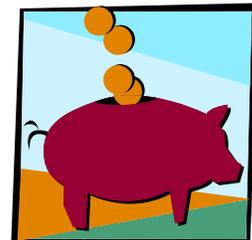
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

November 10, 2008

Account Balances

Checking Account	\$1,515.68
Includes: Kaplan-Hoover Funds	
Interpretive Exhibit	\$879.08
Exhibit Cases	\$3.75
Greenacre Fund Cash	\$402.00
Savings Account	\$53.84
Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1,203.70



Total \$2,773.22

Individual Funds

General - Checking and Savings	\$284.69
Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF Cash	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1,605.70
MMF + GF Cash	
Kaplan-Hoover Funds	\$882.83

Total \$2,773.22

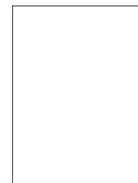
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Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- 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.

