
The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society

On the Buffalo Trail...

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April 15 (Wednesday) - Social Time, Business Meeting and Program. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and program is at 7:00 p.m. at Pappy's Corner Pub, 1027 W. Horsetooth Rd, Fort Collins. Program: *On the Buffalo Trail: Late Holocene Archaeology and Arapaho Ethnogeography in Northern Colorado* by Ryan Byerly.

The Coffin Bison Kill (5JA7) is a purported Late Prehistoric/Protohistoric mass kill-butchery located between North Park and the Laramie Plains in north-central Jackson County. Surface collections and subsurface excavations conducted by Lynn Coffin in the early 20th century yielded numerous Late Holocene projectiles and an array of fauna including bison, deer, and antelope. The site area also plays a prominent role in historic Euro-American expedition records as well as Native American ethnohistory. As such, the locality has the potential to reveal significant information regarding long-term trends in cultural dynamics throughout the Rocky Mountains. However, materials from Coffin's excavations do not exist, and further site investigations were never pursued. This presentation summarizes available historic

and prehistoric data for the region, and outlines a proposal for future work at 5JA7 geared towards illuminating the site's significance to northern Colorado archaeology

Ryan Byerly received his B.A. in Anthropology from Colorado State University in 2002 and will graduate with a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University this spring. Ryan participated in excavations throughout the North American Great Plains and Rocky Mountains, as well as the Western Egyptian Desert. He has also conducted analyses of Paleoindian- through Historic-aged North American archaeofaunas, and assisted in the study of Paleolithic European and North African Neolithic assemblages. He is currently an archaeologist for SWCA Environmental Consultants in Denver.

This program is free and open to the public.

Special points of interest:

- April 15—CAS/NCC Program, Pappy's Corner Pub
- May 11—Berthoud Senior Center, Mariano Medina, a Legend in His Own Time
- May 15-17—CRAA Annual Symposium, Cortez (Page 5)
- May 20—CAS/NCC Program by Robin Roberts, Pappy's Corner Pub
- May 22-25—An Archaeologists Tour of Mesa Verde (P. 5)
- May 29—Loveland Historical Society, Mariano Medina, a Legend in His Own Time
- June 12-14—CAS Canoe Trip on the Colorado River
- June 16-23—PAAC Summer Training Survey
- July 25—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Durango
- October 2-4—CAS Annual Meeting in Pueblo, hosted by Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society
- October 8-10—Ninth Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Gunnison.



PAAC Class Schedule



Class	Location	Dates
Basic Site Surveying Techniques	Denver	Apr 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 30, Jun 4 TH
Basic Site Surveying Techniques	Montrose	Apr 17-20 F/S/S/M
Field and Laboratory Photography	Alamosa	Apr 25-26 S/S
Field and Laboratory Photography	Craig	June 6-7 S/S
Perishable Materials	Grand Junction	May 15-17 F/S/S
Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis	Colorado Springs	May 8-10 F/S/S
Summer Training Survey	Antelope Gulch	Jun *16-23
* Sign up with Kevin Black by May 4, 2009 .		

***Congratulations to Susan East and Cyndi Pointer for winning
"Best Poster" at the CCPA meeting in Alamosa!***

Some News Briefs

Submitted by Bruce Wahle

- Colorado "Underground Mystery Room" is a Fantastic Find for Historical Archaeologists: A Colorado Springs man finds what appears to be a hidden underground room in his back-yard and it's filled with all kinds of old artifacts. A UCCS archaeologist tells 11 News the hidden room is actually an old water cistern. It's believed the old underground water tank was abandoned more than 100 years ago, around the year 1900, when the house that is now on the property was built.
<http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/41245532.html>
- New Study Points to Ways to Date Rock Art: A new dating method finally is allowing archaeologists to incorporate rock paintings - some of the most mysterious and personalized remnants of ancient cultures - into the tapestry of evidence used to study life in prehistoric times. That's the conclusion of a new report in ACS' Analytical Chemistry.
<http://www.physorg.com/news156017586.html>
- Owls "Move In" at Casa Grande National Monument: Visitors are always welcome at the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument and their enjoyment and experience is always the staff's No. 1 priority. But what happens when they decide they like it so much that they move in? Believe it or not, it isn't an uncommon thing for the Ruins - but it's not the kind of visitors one would expect. A family of great horned owls has taken refuge atop the west wall of the "Great House." <http://news.ktar.com/?nid=6&sid=1098513>
- Field School Announcement: 2009 UNM Southwestern Archaeology Field School at the Valles Caldera National Preserve, June 8 to July 10, 2009. This year's UNM Southwestern Archaeology Field School will investigate high altitude hunter-gatherer adaptations and land use in the Valles Caldera National Preserve in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico. Join us as we investigate the archaeological record of its prehistoric use through survey, excavation and geoarchaeological field research.
http://www.anthropologyunm.org/field_schools.html
- Field School Announcement: Field Methods in Rock Art (May 11-29, 2009) SHUMLA and Texas State University are once again offering Field Methods in Rock Art. This three-week course gives students the opportunity to earn 3-6 hours of undergraduate- or 3 hours of graduate-level credit while studying with one of the leading rock art researchers in the world. Taught at the SHUMLA campus, located 50 miles west of Del Rio, Texas, the Lower Pecos River region is the home of hundreds of rock shelters, many of which contain some of the finest examples of prehistoric rock art in the world, dating to over 4,000 years old.
<http://www.shumla.org>

PAAC Classes for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010



By Bruce Wahle, Interim NCC/PAAC Coordinator and Lucy Burris NCC/CAS PAAC liaison.

If you think you might want to take a PAAC class next fall or spring (same Tuesday/6:30-9:30 format), look through the list below and on the back and let us know which would be your 3 most preferred classes. The date is the last time the class was taught in Fort Collins. Just like American Idol - the classes with the most votes win and we will work with Kevin to schedule them. Return your ballot to Bruce during PAAC class, to either Bruce or Lucy at a CAS meeting or email at lburris@rams.colostate.edu by **May 1**. Go to the PAAC website for more class details: <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/classinfo/classdescription.htm>. An expression of preference is not a commitment to attend a class. Thanks!

Research Design and Report Writing (15 hrs, Spr '99) - Importance of archaeological research designs and reports, essential elements of research design, and guidelines for archaeological reports.

Field and Laboratory Photography (12 hrs, Spr '00) - Equipment and methods of archaeological photography, both in the course of fieldwork and in controlled lab situations.

Introduction to Laboratory Techniques (15 hrs, Spr '02) - Overview of the purpose of an archaeological laboratory and the processing sequence for artifacts and other collected materials through a laboratory including receiving, sorting, routing, cleaning, cataloguing, conservation, analysis, reporting and storage.

Prehistoric Lithic Description and Analysis (20 hrs, Fall '05) - Stone tool technology, methods of manufacture, morphological/functional analyses, and common tool classes in Colorado.

Archaeological Dating Methods (12 hrs, Spr '03) - Relative and absolute dating techniques, sample collection, preservation and care of datable material.

Rock Art Studies (20 hrs, Spr '06) - History of Colorado research, terminology, recording and conservation methods, ethics, interpretive approaches, dating methods and overview of styles found in Colorado.

Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis (20 hrs, Fall '06) - Ceramic technology, methods of manufacture, physical/stylistic analyses, and basic Colorado ceramic characteristics.

Historical Archaeology (20 hrs, Spr '07) - Importance of historical archaeology, types of sites, sources of historical information, key historic artifacts, Colorado history vs. archaeology.

Basic Site Surveying Techniques (25 hrs, Fall '07) - History of archaeological survey, site identification, formation processes, survey methods, recording procedures, basic equipment usage, reading USGS topographic maps, goals and problems of archaeological survey. A field trip to identify and record a site. Curation of archaeological remains and necessity for final reports.

Perishable Materials (20 hrs, Spr '08) - Value of perishable materials, information on preservation, varieties of materials, tool classes.

Introduction to Archaeology CAS & PAAC (8-10 hrs, Spr '08) - Basic summary of the field of archaeology, common terminology, and Colorado's place in North American prehistory. Also describes the PAAC program in detail, and the functions of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) including interactions with the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado. State & federal laws protecting archaeological resources and codes-of-ethics also are covered.

Colorado Archaeology (20 hrs, Fall '08) - Covers the major periods and cultures of Colorado's prehistory, concluding with a brief summary of historic period American Indian groups in Colorado.

Principles of Archaeological Excavation (20 hrs, Spr 09) - Covers the history of excavation in archaeology, developments in excavation techniques, importance of planning and research designs, field procedures, recording & documentation, lab duties and report writing responsibilities. A classroom experience, this course does not involve actual field training

Vote for Your PAAC Choices!

I would like to see at least two of the following PAAC classes offered by NCC/CAS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Return to Bruce Wahle by hand during PAAC class or to Lucy Burris NCC/CAS liaison by email at lburris@rams.colostate.edu



ARCHAEOLOGY DAY!



Saturday, April 18
CU-Boulder campus

Come celebrate Archaeology Day — lectures, lab tours, posters, presentations, family events, and more!

9:00-1:00 will see presentations on current research by archaeologists from along Colorado's Front Range, in HALE 270. Topics will range from Paleoindians in Boulder through Central American and Southwestern US archaeology to Rome, Africa, the Middle East, Kazakhstan, and even Fiji! We will explore issues ranging from the creation of stone tools to the propagation of ideology and the workings of mighty empires....

Lab tours, posters, flint-knapping and spinning demos, exhibits with information on archaeological work, and displays hosted by the Colorado State Archaeology Office, the Boulder Public Library, and more, will be part of this exciting morning at Hale Science on the CU-Boulder campus.

From 1:00-4:00, come participate in family-oriented events at the CU Museum of Natural History! Hands-on learning opportunities and real archaeological artifacts bring archaeology and past societies alive for all.

Archaeology Day is sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America - Boulder Society, the Archaeological Institute of America - Denver Society, and the CU Museum of Natural History.

For more information and a schedule, please see <http://www.colorado.edu/Classics/CAA/AIA/>

Questions? Contact Beth Dusingher: (303) 735-5550.

Ninth Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference

Hosted by *Western State College of Colorado*
OCTOBER 8 - 10 WITH FIELD TRIPS ON SUNDAY OCT 11

Call for Submissions

Registration Deadlines and Fees

Early Registration Sept. 1, 2009
Student \$35 Professional \$70

On-Site Registration
Student \$40 Professional \$85

Submission Deadlines

Symposia - August 21, 2009
Papers/Posters - September 1, 2009

Email abstracts to: DByers@MissouriState.edu

Conference Center

Aspinall- Wilson Center
Western State College of Colorado
909 Escalante Dr. Gunnison, CO 81231

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ENOS MILLS

Friday, April 17

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Program 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

3rd FRIDAY

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Soon after he arrived from Kansas as "an invalid boy" at age 14 in 1884, Enos Mills bonded with Colorado's wildlife, mountains, and wilderness. Growing strong and self-reliant, he roamed the American West summer and winter, experiencing numerous spine-chilling adventures, but always returned to his cabin at the foot of Longs Peak near Estes Park.

Famed explorer and nature writer John Muir inspired young Mills in his pursuits as naturalist, writer, speaker, and conservationist. Other titles aptly fit Mills, as well, including miner, nature guide, Colorado's Snowman, innkeeper, and most especially, the "father" of Rocky Mountain National Park. As boy and as man, Enos Mills lived a remarkable mountain life.

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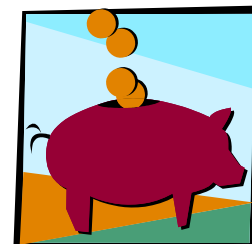
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Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

April 9, 2009

Account Balances

Checking Account	\$1,706.39
Kaplan-Hoover	
Includes: Funds	
Interperative Exhibit	\$879.08
Exhibit Cases	\$3.75
Greenacre Fund Cash	\$530.50
Savings Account	\$53.98
Scudder Money Market Fund	\$1,213.31



Total \$2,973.68

Individual Funds

General - Checking and Savings	\$347.04
Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF Cash	
Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1,743.81
MMF + GF Cash	
Kaplan-Hoover Funds	\$882.83

Total \$2,973.68

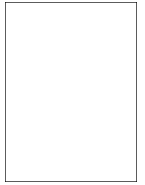
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Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- 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.