

# The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society

## Re-Evaluation of Castle Gardens Petroglyphs Site, Wyoming

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March 17 (Wednesday) - Social Time, Business Meeting and Program. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and program is at 7:00 p.m. at **Perkins Restaurant** (note different location this month only!), 310 S. College Ave, Fort Collins. Program: **Re-evaluation of Castle Gardens Petroglyphs Site, Wyoming.** The petroglyphs at the Castle Gardens Petroglyphs site in central Wyoming were re-evaluated with the purpose of photographing and mapping with a GPS all previously recorded rock art panels. A total of 73 petroglyph panels or portions of panels have been previously recorded at Castle Gardens, of which 59 were relocated and recorded during this inventory. In addition to the previously recorded petroglyphs, 53 rock art panels were newly recorded (2009-01 through

2009-53), some of which are considered to be authentic, while others are of questionable authenticity or are probably not authentic. The history of research at Castle Gardens will be reviewed, and the findings from our 2009 season will be discussed.

John Williams is an archaeologist with over fifteen years of research and consultancy spanning the Rocky Mountain region, High Plains, Great Basin, Four Corners, Middle East and Europe. His academic background focused on the Paleolithic of the Near East and Europe, and his is currently owner of Atlatl Industries LLC, an archaeological consulting firm focusing on the prehistory and history of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain west.

This program is free and open to the public.

### Special points of interest:

- *March 17—CAS/NCC Program—Perkins Restaurant, 301 S. College, Fort Collins*
- *March 27—Loveland Archaeological Society Fair, Poudre Valley REA building, Windsor, Colorado*
- *March 27—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Montrose*
- *March 26-28—CCPA Annual Meeting, Montrose*
- *May 8—OCTA Program: Finding Your Ancestors Underground, Loveland Museum.*



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

All are invited to join us for dinner, appetizers, drinks (on your own tab) starting at 5:30 pm at

**Perkins Restaurant**  
310 S. College, Fort Collins.

Our meetings are free and open to the public!



**Renewals Due!**

## PAAC News



By Lucy Burris

Just a reminder that the NCC-PAAC Program is on hiatus until next fall due to construction of the new Colorado History Center.

## OCTA Program—Finding Your Ancestors Underground

The local Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) Chapter will present a program by Duane and Susan Kniebes on "Finding Your Ancestors Underground" at the Loveland Museum and Gallery May 8, 1- 3PM, followed by a trip to Lakeside Burial Ground to demonstrate the art and science of grave dowsing. LHS and BHS members and the public are invited. The

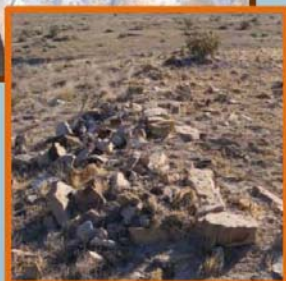
talk will be on the Kniebes grave-search efforts in Larimer County with emphasis on their use of dowser rods, using many of the examples of graves that were found by this method and later confirmed by old photos, recollections of individuals, etc.

# USDA Forest Service, Comanche National Grassland and SECORHT Cultural Site Stewardship Program Registration and Training Workshop

March 13, 2010  
9:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

Koshare Museum  
115 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
La Junta, CO

RSVP by March 11, 2010  
[secorht@gmail.com](mailto:secorht@gmail.com)  
719.688.5026



## News Briefs and New Books

Submitted by Bruce Wahle

- Loveland Archaeological Society Spring into Archaeology Fair is March 27.

<http://stoneagefair.com/pdf/2010-Spring-into-Archaeology-Poster.pdf>

- Utah Rock Art Digital Archives: The Earthwatch/BLM Rock Art Project digital image archives are available for research at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, 660 West 400 North, Blanding, UT. The collection features more than 1,500 digital images of southeastern Utah rock art ranging from pre-Basketmaker through the historic period. Digitization was funded through a grant from the Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board. The digital archives represent about half the sites documented by the Earthwatch/BLM project (1993-2001) in areas including Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, and the San Juan River corridor. The museum also houses the complete project records including some 3,000 drawings, 11,000 color slides, and 5,000 prints, negatives, and transparencies. Both the original documentation and the digital archives are available for research by appointment; contact 435-678-2238.
- C14 Calibration Curve Refined: Researchers have designed a new archaeological tool which could answer key questions in human evolution. The new calibration curve, which extends back 50,000 years, is a major landmark in radiocarbon dating, the method used by archaeologists and geoscientists to establish the age of carbon-based materials. It could also help determine the effect of climate change on human adaptation. The curve called INTCAL09 not only extends radiocarbon calibration but also considerably improves earlier parts of the curve.  
  
<http://tinyurl.com/yd69a6o> - *Queen's University*
- Archaeoastronomy and Arborglyphs: Though local lore held that the so-called "scorpion tree" had been the work of cowboys, paleontologist Rex Saint Onge immediately knew that the tree was carved by Indians when he stumbled upon it in the fall of 2006. Located in a shady grove atop the

Santa Lucia Mountains in San Luis Obispo County, the centuries-old gnarled oak had the image of a six-legged, lizard-like being meticulously scrawled into its trunk, the nearly three-foot-tall beast topped with a rectangular crown and two large spheres. "I was really the first one to come across it who understood that it was a Chumash motif," says Saint Onge, referring to the native people who painted similar designs on rock formations from San Luis Obispo south through Santa Barbara and into Malibu.

<http://tinyurl.com/yhsocat> - *Time Magazine*

- European Scholars Hope to Create Digital Archive of Archaeological Sites, Monuments, and Artifacts: Berlin - Just as US internet giant Google has made great strides in preserving digital versions of great literature and books with its Google Books project, European scientists hope they can create an online repository of culture and archaeology. The system planned for the undertaking is dubbed 3D-COFORM. It should provide the platform into which humanity's most important treasures, reflecting thousands of years of cultural development, can be gathered in one online archive for easy access.  
  
<http://tinyurl.com/y8lbdmp> - *Earthtimes.org*
- The classic May 1958 GSA Bulletin article, "Chemical data on desert varnish," by C.G. Engel and R.P. Sharp, was cited in a 12 Feb. New Scientist article titled "Martian sheen." *New Scientist article:*  
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20527471.200-martian-sheen-life-on-the-rocks.html?full=true>
- Interesting Series of Southwestern Archaeology Photo Galleries Now Online Galleries include places like the Anasazi Heritage Center, Aztec National Monument, Chaco Canyon and the Maxwell Museum.

<http://jqjacobs.net/blog/index.html>

## Volunteers Needed for Fort Laramie Project

The presenter at our February program, Dr. Danny Walker, has indicated he will have a need for volunteers for his work at Fort Laramie this summer. Details will be available in time for our

April newsletter. For more information, contact Danny N. Walker, PhD, RPA, Wyoming Assistant State Archaeologist, Phone (307) 766-5565 or 721-0882.

# 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.

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

Membership type (check one):

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

Please choose your membership category (check one):

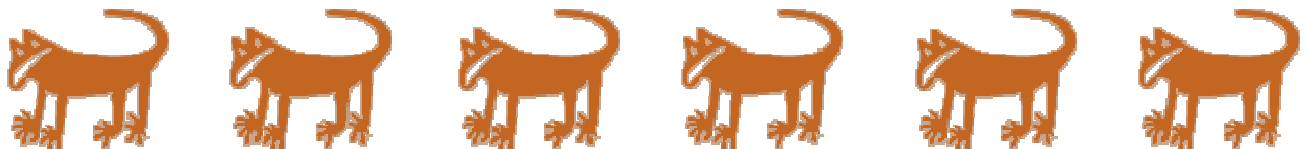
- \$26.00 Individual
- \$32.50 Family
- \$18.00 Student (includes *Southwestern Lore*, must be currently enrolled)
- \$18.00 Senior (does **not** include *Southwestern Lore*)
- \$22.50 Senior Family (does **not** include *Southwestern Lore*)

Donation to the James and Doris Greenacre Scholarship Fund: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS. Send to:

**Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS**  
**P.O. Box 270738**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80527-0738**

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.

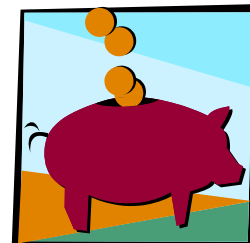


## Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS Treasurer's Report

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### Account Balances

Checking Account		\$2,192.68	
Includes:	Kaplan-Hoover Funds		
	Interperative Exhibit	\$879.08	
	Exhibit Cases	\$3.75	
	Greenacre Fund Cash	\$615.00	
	Coffin Site Grant	\$126.68	
Savings Account		\$54.06	
Scudder Money Market Fund		\$1,214.68	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,461.42</b>
Individual	Individual Funds		
	General - Checking and Savings	\$622.23	
	Less Kaplan-Hoover Funds and GF Cash and Coffin site Grant		
	Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$1,829.68	
	MMF + GF		
	Kaplan-Hoover Funds	\$882.83	
	Coffin Site Grant Coffin Site	\$126.68	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,461.42</b>



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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.

