

The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society



Edible Wild Plants of Colorado: What to Eat When Safeway is Closed

Jan 19 (Wednesday) - No-host dinner from **6:00-7:00 pm** in the basement room of Wild Boar Coffee, 1501 S. College, Fort Collins. Program begins after a short business meeting at **7:00 pm**. Program: **Meg Van Ness, USFWS Region 6**, presents **Edible Wild Plants of Colorado: What to Eat When Safeway is Closed**. With some knowledge and a good digging stick we can find plenty to eat among the wild plants of Colorado. While this virtual cornucopia of seeds, berries, and roots would never be mistaken for a Big Mac, it did provide a year-around supply of nutrients and calories to sustain the native populations for thousands of years. Some of these plants, such as wild plums and piñon nuts, require only a slight mental stretch to be considered for tonight's dinner. Others, such as the

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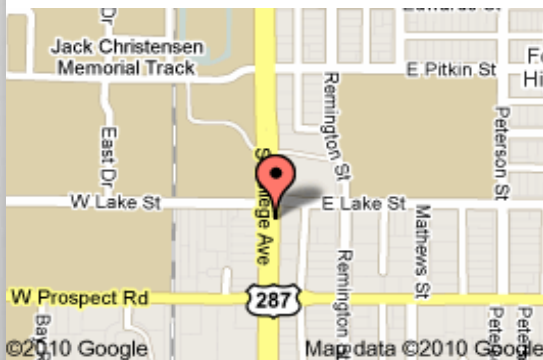


COLORADO PIÑON PINE (*Pinus edulis*)

Member Notice
2011 NCC-CAS membership dues are payable in January. Include the membership form at the back of this newsletter with your payment.

Your dues help us support great speakers at the monthly meetings.

slime covered cattail root, stinking gourds, nauseous rabbit brush, and pincushion cactus, take a bit more thought. The collection and preparation of these plants is often described in highly readable ethnographic accounts from the late 1800s and early 1900s that provide valuable analogies for the interpretation of plant remains from archaeological contexts. This presentation covers the excavation and extraction of botanical remains from archaeological sites, the interpretation of the remains, and a review of some of the plants and their uses. Many of the (cont. on p. 2)



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Next Meeting: Feb 16
Program TBA

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 **6:00 pm** downstairs at Wild Boar Coffee, Fort Collins.

Our meetings are free and open to the public!

* Please tell the cashier you are with CAS to save us a room charge.

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PAAC Spring Class Announcement

Submitted by Dave Swinehart



Mark your calendars! The Spring 2011 Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification class will be **Archaeological Dating Methods** and run from **February 22 - March 22, 2011, Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:30**, location to be announced. This class was last offered by NCC-CAS almost 10 years ago, so don't miss it this time.

Overview: This class introduces students to many of the more common dating methods used or found in related literature. Most of the summarized dating methods may not be used with regularity in the field, but individuals should

be informed about their existence, usefulness, and sample collection methods. The class will include past and present trends in the use of dating methods, plus current strategies and methods.

See the PAAC website for a more details class outline:

<http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/classinfo/dating.htm>

Watch for registration information in upcoming newsletters.

Edible Wild Plants (cont)

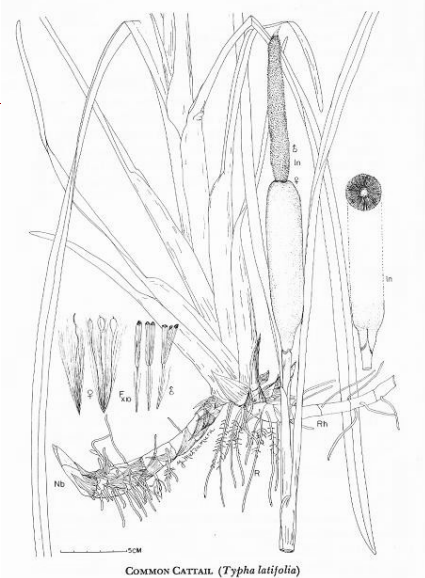
plants discussed are common in yards and wilderness areas of Colorado, either as treasured flowers or nasty weeds.

Meg Van Ness has a BA in anthropology from the University of Missouri and an MA from Northern Arizona University (also anthropology). Her primary research interests are the archaeological remains of prehistoric plant use and Depression-era buildings and structures. She's been doing archaeology for 37 years with the first 16 years working with

universities and as a consultant, followed by sixteen years at the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation within the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office. For the past five years she has been the Regional Historic Preservation Officer for Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service / National Wildlife Refuge System

This program is **free and open to the public**. Please join us!

Illustration courtesy of Harrington. p.10.



News

submitted by Bruce Wahle

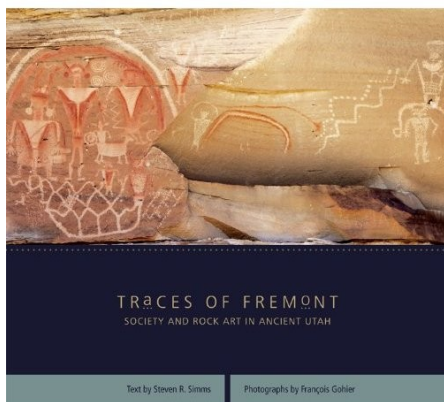
- Allegations of Artifact Dealing by Public Employees and Archaeologists Featured in Durango Herald** A federal informant named Ted Dan Gardiner visited a house in Fort Collins on July 17, 2008, hoping to secretly tape evidence of illegal dealings in ancient artifacts. He came back with hints that public employees - archaeologists and rangers for land-management agencies are involved in artifacts dealing, in violation of federal law. The suggestion has rattled practitioners of the profession, who fear such allegations could cast a pall over the field.

<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20101205/NEWS01/712059913/0/s/Illicit-gains>
- Southwest May Be on Verge of Another Great Drought** An unprecedented combination of heat plus decades of drought could be in store for the Southwest sometime this century, suggests new research from a University of Arizona-led team. A 60-year drought like that of the 12th century could be in our future.

[cdarc.us2.list-manage1.com/track/lick?u=325da4675407ecc40a85a9db0&id=0b05413136&e=ce9487beb9](http://cdarc.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=325da4675407ecc40a85a9db0&id=0b05413136&e=ce9487beb9)

Book Review

submitted by Lucy Burris



Traces of Fremont: Society and Rock Art in Ancient Utah by Steve Simms and Francois Gohier. The University of Utah Press, 2010, softcover, 133 pages, 9 in. x 10 in.

Here we get to two books for the price of one. Every page contains Gohier's stunning photography of Fremont artifacts and rock art in Utah and Colorado while Simms' narrative about Fremont organization provides a new perspective on integration in the prehistoric Intermountain West. Gohier has been taking photographs of Fremont rock art for twenty years and Simms is one of the leading scholars in Fremont research. This collaboration takes rock beyond simple art and brings relevance to research. This book will be a beautiful addition to the library (and coffee table) of anyone interested in rock art.

Upcoming Conferences

- January 5-9, 2011 **Society for Historical Archaeology**, Austin, TX. <http://www.sha.org/>
- February 2-4, **Saving Places Conference**, sponsored by **Colorado Preservation, Inc.**, Denver, CO. www.coloradopreservation.org
- March 24-27, **Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Annual Conference**, La Junta, CO. <http://www.coloradoarchaeologists.org>
- March 30-April 3, **Society for American Archaeology**, Sacramento, CA. <http://www.saa.org/> Preliminary program available at <http://bit.ly/76Prelim!>
- April 25-27, **Wyoming Archaeological Society Annual Meeting**, Sheridan, WY. <http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/home.html>
- April 29-May 1 **Chimney Rock in the Chacoan World Conference**, Pagosa Springs, CO. <http://www.chimneyrockco.org/mainnew.htm>
- June 16-18, **2nd Biennial Conference on Archaeoastronomy of the American Southwest**, Albuquerque, NM. <http://www.caasw.org>
- October 6-8, **Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference**, Missoula, MT.

Statewide PAAC Schedule, Jan—June submitted by Dave Swinehart

January

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| *11–26..... | Denver | PAAC Laboratory Project |
| 22 | Pueblo | PAAC Board meeting |
| 23 | Pueblo | Introduction to Archaeology, CAS, and PAAC |

February

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| 3, 10 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (sessions 1–2 of 7) |
| 11–14..... | Cortez | Historical Archaeology |
| 17 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (continued, session 3) |
| 22 | Ft. Collins/Loveland | Archaeological Dating Methods (session 1 of 5) |
| 24 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (continued, session 4) |
| 25–28..... | Montrose | Colorado Archaeology |

March

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| 1 | Ft. Collins/Loveland | Archaeological Dating Methods (continued, session 2) |
| 3 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (continued, session 5) |
| 4–6 | Pueblo | Prehistoric Lithics Description & Analysis |
| 8 | Ft. Collins/Loveland | Archaeological Dating Methods (continued, session 3) |
| 10 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (continued, session 6) |
| 15 | Ft. Collins/Loveland | Archaeological Dating Methods (continued, session 4) |
| 17 | Denver | Ceramics Description & Analysis (end, session 7) |
| 18–20..... | Alamosa | Principles of Archaeological Excavation |
| 22 | Ft. Collins/Loveland | Archaeological Dating Methods (end, session 5) |

April

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| 6 | Boulder | Basic Site Surveying Techniques (session 1 of 8) |
| 9–10 | Gunnison | Archaeological Dating Methods |
| 13 | Boulder | Basic Site Surveying Techniques (continued, session 2) |
| 16–17..... | Grand Junction | Introduction to Archaeology, CAS, and PAAC |
| 20, 27..... | Boulder | Basic Site Surveying Techniques (continued, sessions 3–4) |
| 29–30..... | Durango | Colorado Archaeology (sessions 1–2 of 3) |

May

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| 1 | Durango | Colorado Archaeology (end, session 3) |
| 4 | Boulder | Basic Site Surveying Techniques (continued, session 5) |
| 7–8 | Colo. Springs/Fountain | Field and Lab Photography |
| 11, 14, 18..... | Boulder | Basic Site Surveying Techniques (end, sessions 6–8) |
| 20–22..... | Glenwood Springs | Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis |

June

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| 3–5 | Craig | Prehistoric Ceramics Description & Analysis |
| TBD | near Salida | PAAC Summer Training Survey at Antelope Gulch |

*Lab project occurs on intermittent dates at the Museum Support Center in east Denver; call or e-mail for information. For course descriptions see the PAAC web site <http://www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/>. For course registration contact the hosting Chapter PAAC coordinator (contact info on the PAAC website).

Local and Regional Activities Compiled by Lucy Burris

- **CAS, Denver Chapter—Meeting and Presentation**
Monday, Jan 10, 7 pm. Ricketson Auditorium, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO. Dr. Julien Reil-Salvatore, University of Colorado - Denver presents *Neanderthal Innovation - New Insights from the Italian Peninsula*.
- **Four Mile Historic Park - Ute Indian Stories**
Thursday, Jan 13, 7-9 pm. FMHP Theater, 715 South Forest St., Denver, CO 80246. Kay Negash tells the Ute Creation Myth, the Legend of Grand Lake and the Story of the Spirit of Glenwood Springs. Admission: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors(65+)/youth 7-17, \$9 members of FMHP. Reservations encouraged at (720) 865-0815. <http://www.fourmilepark.org/>
- **Fort Collins Museum - Free Day**
Sunday, Jan 16, 12-5 pm. 200 Mathews St., Fort Collins, CO. Third Sunday each month is free (regularly \$4). <http://www.fcmdsc.org/index.php>.
- **Archaeological Institute of America, Denver Society - Public Lecture**
Sunday, Jan 16, 2 pm. Tattered Cover Bookstore, 1668 16th St., Downtown Denver, CO. **Kevin Black**, Acting State Archaeologist, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, presents *Colorado Mountain Archaeology*. Info at <http://www.aiadenver.org/>. Free and open to the public.
- **Colorado Historical Society, 2010-11 Lecture Series - Speaking of Colorado: This Land Through Time**
Tuesday Jan 18, 1 pm and 7 pm. Scottish Rite Masonic Center 1370 Grant St. (corner of 14th Ave. and Grant St.), Denver, CO. *Life in a Colorado Mountain Town at the End of the Ice Age*. Ongoing excavations of the Mountaineer site in Gunnison County have yielded one of the oldest communities in North America. On top of “W” Mountain, archaeologists have discovered substantial houses of Folsom hunters who lived in the Colorado mountains 10,400 years ago. Remains of the ancient architecture, stone tools, and animal bones bear witness to a lifeway and social organization once thought to be nomadic and austere, but seen at this site to be more settled and secure. Join **Dr. Mark Stiger** of Western State College in Gunnison as he reveals his analyses into how these Folsom pioneers conducted their daily lives. Individual lecture tickets are \$7 for members; \$8.50 for nonmembers. Info: call 303/866-4686 or http://www.coloradohistory.org/programs/current_lectures/legends.htm.
- **Loveland Museum and Gallery - Exhibit Opening**
Jan 25 – March 6, Green Room, 503 N. Lincoln Ave. Loveland, CO. Explore historic Chinese artifacts, including elaborate silk robes, tiny lotus slippers and intricately embroidered cloth in this exhibit featuring Chinese objects from the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising at Colorado State University. http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/Cultural_Services/011Spring%20Newsletter.pdf
- **Loveland Archaeological Society - Lecture**
Tuesday, Feb 1, 7 pm. Pulliam Community Building, 545 N. Cleveland St., Loveland, CO. Beth and Bill Sagstetter present *The Cliff Dwellings*. <http://www.stoneagefair.com/index.html>.
- **Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Lecture**
Wednesday, Feb 2, 12:15. Ricketson Auditorium, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO. Dr. Steve Holen and Gannon Kashiwa, present *The Evolution of Transformative Technologies: From Stone Tools to Nanobots* Lecture is free with paid museum admission. <http://www.dmns.org>.
- **Boulder History Museum - Free Day**
Sunday, Feb 6, 12-4 pm. 1206 Euclid Ave., Boulder, CO 80302. No admission on the first Sunday of the month (regularly \$6). See the *Colorado Takes Off! Celebrating 100 Years of Flight in Colorado* exhibit before it ends on Feb 6. <http://boulderhistory.org/calendar.asp>
- **Four Mile Historic Park - In the Dead of Winter: Victorian Mourning**
Sunday Feb 13, 12-4 pm. FMHP, 715 S. Forest St, Denver, CO. Experience the customs of Victorian sick-



Photo courtesy of Western State College.

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- ness, death, and grieving. Admission: \$7 adults, \$4 seniors (65+)/youth 7-17, free for 6 & under and members of FMHP. <http://www.fourmilepark.org/>
- American Institute of Archaeology, Denver Society - Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lecture**
Sunday, Feb 13, 2 pm. Tattered Cover Bookstore, 1668 16th St. (16th and Wynkoop), Denver, CO. Dr. Deborah Carlson (National Visiting Lecturer from Texas A&M) presents *The Tektas Burnu Shipwreck*. Free and open to the public. <http://www.aiadenver.org/>
- American Institute of Archaeology, Boulder Society - Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lecture**
Monday, Feb 14, 7 pm. University of Colorado Natural History Museum, Henderson Building, 15th and Broadway, Boulder, CO. Dr. Deborah Carlson (Texas A&M) presents *Monumental Cargo: The Roman Column Wreck at Kizilburun Turkey*. Free and open to the public. <http://aiablcr.colorado.edu/Lectures/Lectures.html>.
- Colorado History Museum 2010-11 Lecture Series - Speaking of Colorado: This Land Through Time**
Tuesday, Feb 15, 1 pm and 7 pm. Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant St. (corner of 14th Ave. and Grant St.), Denver, CO. *Lincoln, the Crisis Over Slavery, and the Creation of the Colorado Territory*. Dr. Susan Schulten of the University of Denver helps us reconsider the events, personalities, and crises that created the Colorado Territory, just as the nation descended into civil war. Though Abraham Lincoln never traveled to the far west, his political legacy—and that of the war itself—remains manifest in Colorado. Tickets \$8.5. Info: call 303/866-4686 or http://www.coloradohistory.org/programs/current_lectures/legends.htm.
- Wyoming Archaeological Society, Cheyenne Chapter - Meeting and Presentation**
Thursday, Feb 24, 7 pm. Health Science Building, Room 111, Laramie County Community College, 1400 E. College Dr., Cheyenne, WY. Dr. Mavis Greer. presents *The Painted Caves of Southern France*. <http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/waswaschapterinfo/cheyennechapter.html>.

On-Your-Own Activities

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View an on-line exhibit!

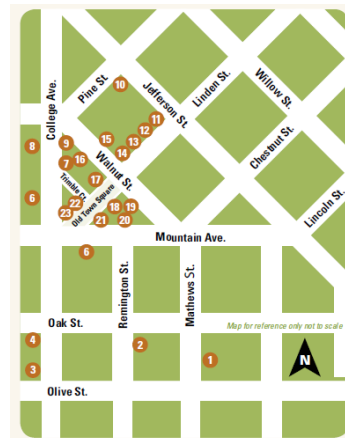
- Colorado History Museum**
Tribal Paths: Colorado's American Indians, 1500 to Today. "Many tribes call Colorado home. Thousands of enrolled members of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes live on the state's two reservations and other native people live throughout Colorado in urban and rural communities. Tribal Paths is their story." <http://exhibits.historycolorado.org/>
- Douglas County History Museum**
Douglas County: A View of the Past. An exhibit of items from the Douglas County Repository. This photo collection features prehistoric and historic artifacts, including projectile points discovered during the Denver CAS excavation at Blackfoot Cave. <http://www.douglas.co.us/historic/museum/>
- Boulder History Museum**
Revealing Our Routes: Women of Boulder County. This virtual museum exhibit explores the role of

women in the development of Boulder County. The exhibit includes history trail, maps, biographies, activities and resource guide.

http://boulderhistory.org/exhibits_virtual.asp gram.

Take a walking tour!

- Download a walking tour map of historic downtown Fort Collins. Tour starts at the Fort Collins Museum (200 Mathews St.) and highlights 23 stops within a few blocks of the Museum, taking about an hour. The 4-page map includes a brief description of the points of interest. <http://downtownfortcollins.com/pdf-gateway.php/documents/WalkingTour2008>.



Northern Colorado Chapter Colorado Archaeological Society Membership Application

I/We _____ 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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Membership type (check one): Today's Date: _____

Renewal New Member Joining Jan-Jun New Member Joining Jul-Dec

**Yearly
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$22.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$11.25 | Senior Family (does not include <i>Southwestern Lore</i>) |

Note: Renewals are due in January each year. New members joining after June 30 pay half the annual dues for the remainder of the year.

Donation to the [Greenacre Scholarship Fund](#): \$ _____

Please make your check payable to the Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS. Print this page, fill out the application, and send with your check to:

Northern Colorado Chapter/CAS
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Fort Collins, CO 80527

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.



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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.

