

# The Folsom Point



Northern Colorado Chapter / Colorado Archaeological Society

## The Earliest Mountaineers of the Rockies

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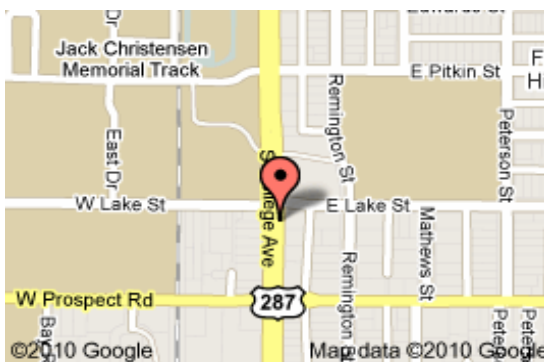
October 2011

**Oct 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: **Dr. Marcel Kornfeld**, University of Wyoming presents **The Earliest Mountaineers of the Rockies**. Abstract: The first Americans arrived on the continent at or before 14,000 calendar years ago. Yet archeological evidence shows that immediately they occupied nearly all areas of North and South America, including the high Rocky Mountains. This presentation is about Paleoindians of the Southern Rocky Mountains, their lifeways, adjustment to the high altitudes, and the role they may have played in the peopling of the continents.

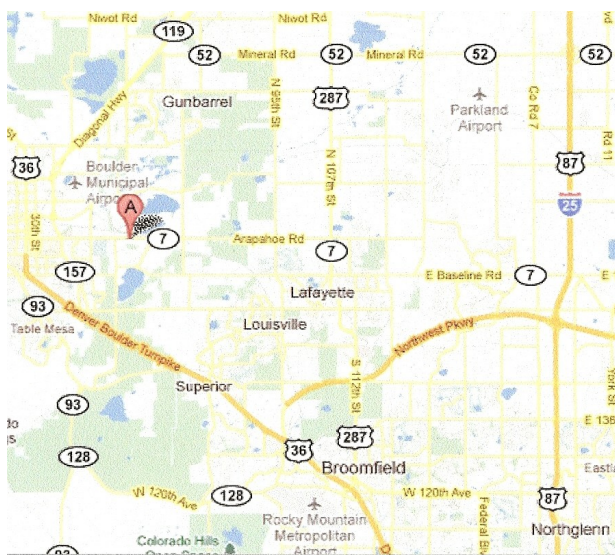
Marcel Kornfeld, Professor of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, has

nearly 40 years of archaeological experience in the Plains and Rockies. His investigations include historic ranches, sheepherder camps and Euroamerican rural communities, as well as the spectrum of prehistoric occupations. His most recent research has focused on High-altitude, Paleoindian occupations of the Rocky Mountains, as well as, human use of rockshelters.

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



**Reminder:**  
**CAS Annual Meeting**  
**Oct 14-16**  
**Spice of Life,**  
**5706 Arapahoe**  
**Road, Boulder**  
[http://](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/)  
[www.coloradoarchaeology.org/](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/)



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**Next meeting**  
**Nov 16, Greg Williams**  
**talks about Trading Posts.**

**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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## Upcoming Conferences

- October 14-16, **Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting**, Boulder, CO. <http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/> See details in this newsletter. Preregister by Oct 5.
  - October 26-29, **Plains Anthropology Conference**, Tucson, AZ. <http://www.pac69.com/>
  - April 18-22, 2012, **Society for American Archaeology**, Memphis, TN. Call for paper submissions due Sept 15, 2011. <http://www.saa.org/call>
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## Statewide PAAC Schedule, Sept-Dec submitted by Dave Swinehart

### October

21–23 ..... Pueblo ..... Principles of Archaeological Excavation

### November

5–6 ..... Cortez ..... Research Design & Report Writing

19–20 ..... Denver ..... Introduction to Laboratory Techniques

### December

\*2–16 ..... Denver ..... PAAC Laboratory Project

Course descriptions on the PAAC web site <http://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/paac-class-schedule>

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## Ceramics Class Offered, CSU-Spring 2011 submitted by Lucy Burris

ANTH 692,. Seminar: Approaches to Ceramic Analysis, 3 credits, M 3:30-6:30pm, will explore various approaches to the analysis and interpretation of ceramics in archaeology, including stylistic analyses, materials studies, and advanced techniques in typology and seriation. We will also explore the application of those

techniques to interpreting past behavior, including craft specialization, exchange, technological change, gender, and social interaction. Non-students can enroll as "Guest" students at CSU, [seehttp://admissions.colostate.edu/apply/guestregistration](http://admissions.colostate.edu/apply/guestregistration)

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## Local and Regional Activities compiled by Lucy Burris

- **Fort Collins Natural Areas Program - What's So Special about Soapstone? Walk**  
Sat, Oct 8, 9 am, Meet at north parking lot, Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. A beautiful natural environment, archaeology, and history all combine to make Soapstone Prairie a truly unique place. 1/2 mile on paved sidewalk. No registration required. <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas>
- **CAS, Denver Chapter, Meeting and Speaker**  
Mon, Oct 10, 7 pm, Ricketson Auditorium in the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd. Dr. Steve Lekson presents "Southwest in the World: New News of the Ancient Southwest in Continental and Global Context". <http://www.cas-denver.org>.
- **Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Lecture**  
Wed, Oct 12, 2011 7 pm, Gates Planetarium, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver. Live from Chaco Canyon Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh, PhD, Ka Chun Yu, PhD, Steve Nash, PhD, and special guest Jim Enote discuss Ancestral Puebloans of the Southwest and their relationship to the sky. \$8 member, \$10 nonmember. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 303.370.6000.  
<http://www.dmns.org/learn/adults/after-hours/live-from-chaco-canyon>
- **International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management -8th Annual Indigenous Film and Arts Festival**  
Wed, Oct 12- Sun, Oct 16, 6 pm. Various Denver Venues. Film list and locations at <http://www.iiirm.org/>
- **CAS, Indian Peaks Chapter—Meeting and Speaker**  
Thurs, Oct 13, 7 pm, Dinosaur Room, University of Colorado Museum, Henderson Building, 15th and Broadway, Boulder.
- **Wyoming State Museum - Lecture**  
Thurs, Oct 13, 7 pm, Barrett Building, 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne. "Cow Town Victoriana" by Melanie O'Hara, Centennial, WY. More info at <http://wyomuseum.state.wy.us/Events/index.asp>
- **Wyoming Archaeological Society, Cheyenne Chapter - meeting and speaker**  
Thurs, Oct 20, 7 pm, Laramie County Community College, Room 111, Health Science Building. Kevin Malloy', graduate student at University of Wyoming, will talk on his research in the Scottish highlands during the spring and summer of 2010, on Medieval Park landscapes that were usually associated with royal residences.  
<http://www.wyomingarchaeology.org/waswaschapterinfo/cheyennechapter.html>
- **Poudre River Library District - History Comes Alive - Isabella Bird**  
Fri, Oct 21, 7 - 8:30 pm, Long's Peak Student Center on the Front Range Community College Campus, Fort Collins. Lynne Swanson, an accomplished Chautauqua presenter, will portray Isabella Bird. In 1854 Isabella journeyed to America. The trip was a great success and invigorated by her experiences, she published *An Englishwoman in America* (1856).  
<http://www.poudrelibraries.org/calendar/>
- **Archaeological Institute of America - National Archaeology Day, PRI Open House**  
Sat, Oct 22, 10 am - 2 pm, Paleoresearch Institute Inc. Open House, 2675 Youngfield Street, Golden, CO. Other activities nationwide. See details at <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD/>
- **Archaeological Institute of America, Denver - Lecture**  
Sun, Oct 23, 2 pm, Tattered Cover Bookstore, 16th and Wynkoop, Denver. Nancy de Grummond presents "Etruscan Human Sacrifice in Myth and Ritual." Free and open to the public.  
<http://www.archaeological.org/events/5513>
- **University of Colorado, Norlin Library & Dept of Anthropology —Lecture**  
Wed, Oct 26, 7 pm. Norlin Library, 5th Floor, University of Colorado, Boulder. Dr. Deward Walker and Dr. Steve Lekson will give their perspectives on two founding professors of CU Anthropology at "Southwestern Anthropology Lives



## Local and Regional Activities (cont.)

compiled by Lucy Burris

and Legacies: Omer Stewart and Joe Ben Wheat." This event is sponsored by Norlin Library and is cosponsored by the CU Department of Anthropology and the Museum of Natural History.

<http://www.colorado.edu/Anthropology/news/lecturers.html>

- **Fort Collins Museum - History Archive Closes**  
Mon, Oct 31- Late Summer 2012, 200 Matthews Street, Fort Collins. Info about services available while the archive relocates available at <http://history.poudrelibraries.org/>



- **American Institute of Archaeology, Boulder - Lecture**  
Wed, Nov 9, 7 pm. Palenotology Hall, University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, 1030 North Broadway Street, Boulder. Professor Diane

A. Conlin, Ph.D., Co-Director of the CU/Commune di Roma Archaeological Excavations at the Villa of Maxentius on the Via Appia Antica, Rome, Italy, will discuss and illustrate the results of the teams most recent research campaigns and share strategies for the 2012 project. She will focus on the team's hypothesis concerning the portico of a second century CE villa that has been discovered and partially excavated just to the east of the great Maxentian apsidal hall in the early fourth century villa complex. Free and open to the public.

<http://cumuseum.colorado.edu/Calendar/eventsdetail.php?eventID=553>.

- **CAS, Indian Peaks Chapter—Meeting and Speaker**  
Thurs, Nov 10, 7 pm, University of Colorado Museum, Dinosaur Room, 1030 North Broadway Street, Boulder.
- **CAS, Denver Chapter, Meeting and Speaker**  
Mon, Nov 14, 7:00 pm., Ricketson Auditorium in the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd. Ken Wright, Wright Water Engineers. Topic TBD <http://www.cas-denver.org>

## Roper's Walk Targeted for Protection

compiled by Lucy Burris

Many of you may remember NCC-CAS member and CSU Anthropology graduate student Chaz Evans' presentations to NCC-CAS about his field work along the Saint Charles River in southern Colorado. The Archaeological Conservancy is working with the land owner, Red Creek Land Company, Pueblo, to protect these important Apishapa sites from development—see the article from **American Archaeology**, Fall 2011, page 45 on the following page. Kudos to Chaz for initiating this effort. Find out more about supporting this project—the Conservancy needs to raise ~\$62,000 by January- and the Archaeological Conservancy at

<http://www.americanarchaeology.com>



Photo courtesy of CSU Anthropology web site, <http://anthropology.colostate.edu/pages/cultural/RopersWalk.aspx>.



## Roper's Walk Targeted for Protection (cont.)

### Learning About The Apishapa

*Roper's Walk offers insights into a little-known culture.*

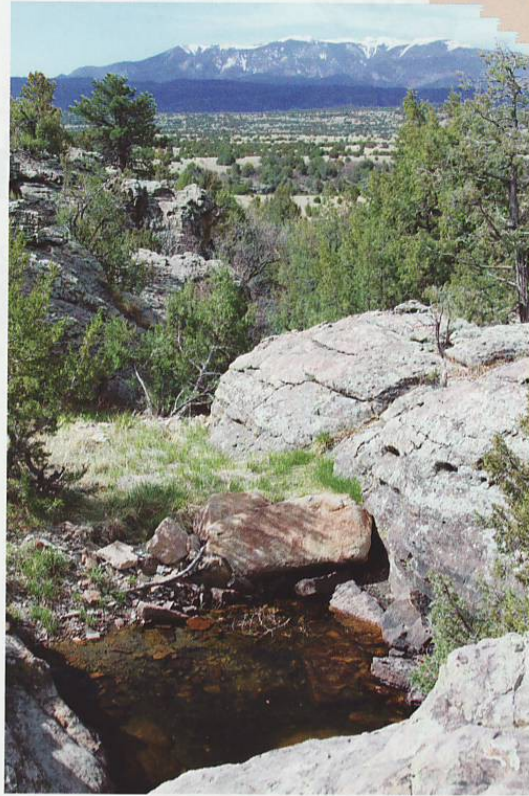
MUCH OF SOUTHEAST COLORADO consists of dry mesas marked by deep canyons cut through sedimentary rocks by tributaries of the Arkansas River. Beginning in the 1930s, archaeologists recorded a number of prehistoric sites in the region that were usually located on elevated areas of the landscape near water sources. The sites often featured a cluster of rock slabs and pillars arranged in circles that appeared to be the bases of houses. The house walls and roof could have been made of perishable brush that was plastered with mud. Side-notched projectile points were commonly found there. Radiocarbon dates suggest these sites were occupied from A.D. 1100 to 1450.

The people who inhabited these sites are known as the Panhandle Aspect culture. This culture, which was defined by archaeologist Alex Krieger in 1946, also occupied sites in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The Panhandle Aspect has three regional variations known as Antelope Creek, Optima, and Apishapa. Due to the limited amount of archaeological research in the region, little is known about these variants.

For the past eight years, archaeological student Chaz Evans has been hiking southeast Colorado's canyons and mesas and recording archaeological sites. In a 2003 he found Roper's Walk, an Apishapa village built above a tributary of the Arkansas River. The site takes its name from the Ropers, a pioneer ranching family that lived nearby.

Roper's Walk contains nine intact architectural features with 16 rooms, together with numerous exterior hearths, and a possible quarry area. A number of surface artifacts including stone flakes, grinding slabs, and manos were also noted, as were exotic materials such as chert from Texas' northern panhandle, obsidian from both northern New Mexico and southern Idaho, and a Catlinite pipe fragment from a Minnesota quarry. There is also a natural pool that is capable of holding up to 4,000 gallons of runoff water at the base of a cliff.

Evans conducted a region-wide survey that ultimately



The site's natural pool can hold up to 4,000 gallons of runoff water.

identified five rock shelters, open-air lithic scatters, and over 50 architectural rooms near the town of Beulah, which he used as the basis of his master's thesis at Colorado State University. His work represents the first extensive look at Apishapa sites in decades.

Roper's Walk is situated on a five-acre residential lot within a gated subdivision of custom homes. The Conservancy will fence the preserve, develop a management plan, and establish a volunteer site steward program to protect it. Red Creek Land Company, the developer of the subdivision, has generously agreed to donate \$15,000 of the value of the Roper's Walk lot in a bargain-sale-to-charity.

### CONSERVANCY Plan of Action

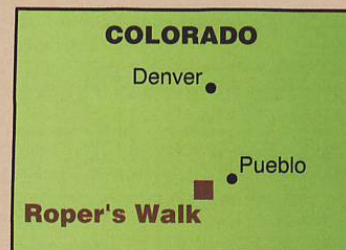
**SITE:** Roper's Walk

**CULTURE AND TIME PERIOD:** Apishapa (A.D. 1100-1450)

**STATUS:** The site is threatened by development.

**ACQUISITION:** The Conservancy needs to raise \$61,930 by January 2012.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Please send contributions to: The Archaeological Conservancy, Attn: Roper's Walk, 5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 902, Albuquerque, NM 87108-1530.



## Treasurer's Report

submitted by Ron Wemple

October 6, 2011

### Account Balances

Checking Account	\$2,229.48
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Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$2,013.60
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Savings Account	\$54.16
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Total	\$2,283.64
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### Individual Funds

General - Checking and Savings	\$270.04
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Greenacre Scholarship Fund	\$2,013.60
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Total	\$2,283.64
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## Folsom Point Submission Guidelines

compiled by Lucy Burris

The Folsom Point is published monthly September through May for the purpose of sharing information with members and friends of the Colorado Archaeological Society, Northern Colorado Chapter. Submissions are welcome and are used at the editor's discretion and may be edited for content, length, and format. Common submissions include book reviews, event announcements, volunteer help requests, activity reports, and local news items. Please follow the guidelines below. Contact the editor with any questions.

- Submit materials by the 1st of the month. The newsletter is published during the first week of the month so events or activities which occur early in the month should be submitted for publication in the prior month.
- Include contact information in the form of a name, email address, web site, and/or phone number.
- Illustrations can be used but they may be reduced in size and/or resolution to reduce file size.
- Event announcements should include specific time and location information, remember not all members live in Fort Collins or even Colorado.
- Clearly distinguish your own content from that created by others so that proper credit can be given.
- Submit all material electronically. Acceptable document formats include Microsoft Word documents and plain ASCII text files, as well as plain text in the body of email. Acceptable image formats include .jpg, .tif, and .bmp. Adobe PDF files also can be used. Tables can be sent using Microsoft Excel or embedded in a Word document.

The next Folsom Point will be published in September 2011.

## CAS Annual Meeting - Schedule



### 2011 CAS ANNUAL MEETING

### OCTOBER 14-16, BOULDER, COLORADO

Hosted by INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER

PO Box 18301, Boulder, CO 80308-1301

Conference Coordinator: KAREN KINNEAR, 303-516-9260, 720-206-7490,  
[kinnearkaren@hotmail.com](mailto:kinnearkaren@hotmail.com)

<i>Friday, October 14</i>	<i>Saturday, October 15</i>	<i>Sunday, October 16</i>
<p><b><u>CAS BOARD MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>6:00 - 9:00 pm</b>  Happy Hour &amp;  Dinner  Includes five entrees to choose from; \$19 includes non-alcoholic beverages, tax and tip  You must pre-register for Dinner</p> <p>Meeting after Dinner  At: The Olive Garden Restaurant - Boulder  2685 Pearl Street  303-546-6506</p>	<p><b><u>REGISTRATION</u></b>  <i>Begins at 8:00 am</i></p> <p>Location: A SPICE OF LIFE  3706 Arapahoe Av, Boulder  (Located on Flatirons Golf Course)</p> <p><b><u>PAPER &amp; POSTER PRESENTATIONS</u></b>  <i>Morning and Afternoon</i></p> <p><b><u>LUNCH 12:00-1:30</u></b>  <i>On-Your-Own</i></p> <p><b><u>SILENT AUCTION &amp; RAFFLE TICKET SALES</u></b>  <i>All Day</i></p> <p><b><u>CAS ANNUAL MEETING</u></b>  <i>(following Speaker presentations)</i>  <b>4:00 to 5:00 pm</b></p> <p><b><u>6:00 Social Hour</u></b>  <i>Cash Bar</i></p> <p><b><u>6:45 BANQUET</u></b>  <i>(You must pre-register)</i></p> <p><b><u>7:15 RAFFLE DRAWING and SILENT AUCTION</u></b>  <i>(see below)</i></p> <p><b><u>7:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u></b>  <b>DOUGLAS D. SCOTT</b>  <i>"Sand Creek Massacre of 1864:  Finding the Site and Resolving the Issues"</i></p>	<p><b><u>FIELD TRIPS</u></b></p> <p>(Details at the meeting)</p>

## 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.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership type (check one): Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Renewal or New Member	New Member Joining Jul-	Category
<input type="checkbox"/> \$26.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.00	Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> \$32.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$16.25	Family
<input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 9.00	Student (includes <i>Southwestern Lore</i> , must be currently enrolled)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 9.00	Senior (does <b>not</b> include <i>Southwestern Lore</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11.25	Senior Family (does <b>not</b> 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:

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Fort Collins, CO 80527

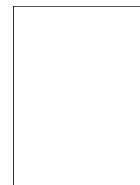
Note: Your dues include concurrent membership in the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Northern Colorado Chapter, a subscription to the Chapter newsletter, the [Folsom Point](#), four issues of the journal *Southwestern Lore*, and four issues of the CAS newsletter, the *Surveyor*. The Colorado Archaeological Society is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.



**To Join CAS/NCC or Renew Your Membership,  
Use the Form Above or  
Visit [www.fortnet.org/casncc/membership/](http://www.fortnet.org/casncc/membership/)**







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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.