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*"Archaeology is a way
of life."*

*"Who controls the
past controls the
future: who
controls the present
controls the past."
George Orwell*

Welcome to The New Year!

MEET THE NEW 2016 BOARD OFFICERS

President – Susan Omori

Susan and is a long time Fort Collins resident and a former NCC member some time back. She has recently rejoined and anxious to get involved with archaeology once again.

Susan is degreed in several areas from a Land-Grant College in Oregon. She has worked and studied Jurisprudence in Washington DC. She is a retired Legal Researcher and Grant Proposal Writer. Her main hobby is making furniture. She is happily married with one daughter and dog named, Aster. She has some wonderful ideas on projects for our NCC chapter. Welcome Susan!!

Vice-President – Carrie Graves

Carrie is a long time Colorado resident. She was born in Iowa, went east, grew up in north-central Ohio between Columbus and Lake Erie. She earned a BS and MA at Ohio State University and has taken 100+ additional hours at CSU. She came to Colorado in 1972 after a 2-year amazing life in the Arizona desert. Interesting as it may be – Carrie used to show her high school students the museum display of some personal possessions of Col. William O. Collins. Little did she know that she would end up in a city bearing his name!

Archaeological interests: Carrie has studied Archaeoastronomy and Epigraphy with various scholars, spent time in the field with them, presented programs to non-profit groups, studied Forensic science with Dr. Mike Charny at CSU along with doing lab work.

Carrie has a radio show at KRFC call "Easy Writers." Carrie, along with a co-host and guest writers share original short stories, poetry, essays and songs.

Carrie has found the people here in the Larimer County High Plains to be as interesting as the ancestors who inhabited it first. How wonderful to be among the people who want to study, preserve and discover! Welcome Carrie!!

Secretary – Lisa Voelker

Lisa has volunteered to be our meeting Scribe. Welcome Lisa!!

“My husband and I have been fortunate to travel to archaeology sites in Spain, England and France. We love hiking ancient Roman Roads, visiting Iron Age Hill Forts, viewing Cave Paintings in southern France and touring Stonehenge and Avebury. My husband is part of several digs and I love hearing about his experiences.

I look forward to getting to know the other CAS members and learning more about archaeology from our rich local resources.”

Treasurer – Ron Wemple

Ron has agreed to continue as our Treasurer. Thank you Ron!!

PAAC Coordinator - Dave Swinehart

Dave will continue to coordinate and schedule the PAAC classes. Thank you Dave!!

CAS Chapter Advisory Rep – Dale Agger

Dale will be collecting information relating to volunteer archaeological services provided by members. Info is submitted quarterly to the CAS Coordinator to present to the State Archaeologist. Thank you Dale!!

Hospitality – Margaret Grant

Margaret will continue to provide hospitality services when needed. A special thank you to Margaret for providing tea, coffee and light refreshments at our meetings.

Membership Chair – Bev Goering

Bev will track memberships and file reports to CAS.

Webmaster – Heidi Short & Joel Hurmence

Heidi will be updating our website (www.casncc.org). & Joel will be her back up. Heidi Short has worked in the Computer industry for over 25 years but recently went back to school to attain a BA in History and Anthropology/Archaeology. She works with a number of Professors in the area. Heidi works in Historic Rock Art, Buildings and Archaeology and NAGPRA.

Professional Advisor – Dr. Jason LaBelle

Jason will continue to serve as our Professional Advisor. For those of you that don't know Jason. “Dr. LaBelle is an archaeologist interested in Native American foragers inhabiting the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains of North America, with research spanning several periods over the last 12,000 years. His current work involves landscape level survey and testing of prehistoric and protohistoric sites surrounding the Lindenmeier Folsom site, a National Historic Landmark. This project will serve as home to the CSU Archaeology Summer Field School beginning in 2009. His research interests include grassland/foothills/mountain ecology, playa lakes, hunter-gatherer site structure, hearth cooking technology, lithic technology, and the history of archaeology. Past fieldwork has taken him across the Plains of Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Montana, New Mexico, Texas, and Wyoming. In addition to teaching and research, he is also the Director of the Laboratory of Public Archaeology (LOPA), which houses archaeological collections and associated

data from academic and contract projects located within the Platte and Colorado River Basins. Dr. LaBelle is currently President of the Colorado Archaeological Society (1000+ members) and has actively worked with avocational archaeologists throughout the Plains in documenting their collections. He has published articles in *American Antiquity*, *Archaeometry*, *Current Research in the Pleistocene*, *Geoarchaeology*, *Plains Anthropologist*, in addition to book chapters and technical reports in the academic and contract realms.” Provided By CSU.

Field Trip Coordinator – OPEN

Newsletter editor – Heidi Short

CAS Rep – OPEN

Volunteer Opportunity For Members -----

The Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology (CSU) seeks volunteers to help organize archaeological collections from the Spring Gulch site (5LR252), near Livermore, Colorado

The site was excavated by CSU in the mid-1970s, and contains 18 boxes of materials. Tools and charcoal demonstrate the site was used from the late Paleoindian through the late prehistoric periods, some 10,000-500 years ago. No experience necessary, other than an attention to details and a willingness to learn. Gain hands-on experience examining and sorting chipped stone (tons of projectile points, bifaces, scrapers, cores, and debitage), ground stone (handstones and netherstones), animal bone, ceramics/pottery, and charcoal samples.

To sign up, please contact (email only) Dr. Jason LaBelle (jason.labelle@colostate.edu).

The lab supervisor will be Julia Kenyon (MA student, CMPA)

Location of work will be the Clark A26 (Basement of the Clark A building, northern hallway), CSU Campus

Work Sessions, Wednesday nights 6-9 pm

February 3, February 17, March 2, March 23, April 6, April 20, May 4

February Meeting Announcement

Thursday, February 11th

Place: Please note new change of location –

**Fort Collins Brewery
1020 E Lincoln Ave, Fort Collins**

Time: 6:00 PM

Dinner (on your own tab) and visiting (see NCC website for menu options)

**7:00 PM – business meeting, activities, discussions, raffle
Followed by program**

Speaker: Aaron Whittenburg (2015 Greenacre Scholarship Recipient)

Aaron Whittenburg received his Bachelor of Science in anthropology with a focus on archaeology from Montana State University – Bozeman in 2012. While at MSU, Aaron participated in several research projects related to lithic analysis of assemblages from Jordan and the northern Great Plains. During the summer of 2012, Aaron participated in the MSU Archaeological Field School under the direction of Dr. Michael Neeley at the Beaucoup bison kill site in northeastern Montana. Aaron is currently a third year graduate student at Colorado State University and is advised by Dr. Jason LaBelle. While at CSU, Aaron has worked for the Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology in both the lab and in the field. Most recent fieldwork has included archaeological survey in Eagle County, the Poudre Canyon, the Rollins Pass area, and Rocky Mountain National Park. Current research is directed towards a better understanding of the prehistoric use of the Colorado high country. Specifically, Aaron is interested in communal hunting at game drive sites above timberline near Rollins Pass. Thesis research is focused on combining numerous datasets to create a narrative of communal hunting at Rollins Pass.

Program: “High Altitude Game Trails” The talk will be an overview of my thesis research on three communal hunting sites above treeline near Rollins Pass. It will include such things as research into the spatial characteristics of site features and artifacts, protein residue analysis, use-wear analysis, raw material sourcing, and regional mobility patterns.

March Program Trail of the Motif

April Program Julia Kenyon (CSU Master’s Student) Early Ceramic Period

Spring 2016 Northern Colorado PAAC class to be on Perishable Materials

Perishable Materials is an introduction to an often overlooked classification of artifacts. It provides individuals basic information on the recognition of perishables, cultural usage and alterations, and preservation. Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist will be the instructor for the class and will bring reading packet handouts to the class. . It’s always good preparation to review the course description, bibliography and glossary before beginning the class. Please review the course outline at:

<http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/perishable-materials>.

- Dates: Starts April 5, for seven consecutive Tuesdays 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17
- Location: Medical Center of the Rockies - Loveland
- Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- Registration: Opens March 1st
- Cost: \$12
- Overview: Value of perishable materials, information on preservation, varieties of materials, tool classes.

Please contact our PAAC Coordinator:

Dave Swinehart

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*Archaeology is the search for fact. Not truth. If it's truth you're interested in, Doctor Tyree's Philosophy class is right down the hall. So forget any ideas you've got about lost cities, exotic travel, and digging up the world. We do not follow maps to buried treasure, and 'X' never, ever marks the spot. Seventy percent of all archaeology is done in the library. Research. Reading .
Indiana Jones*

If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter please email Heidi Short at heishort@gmail.com before the 20th of the month.

Heidi's World News Corner: Where I will be posting articles of interest.

Archaeologists in England Tackle Mystery of Prehistoric Village's Rapid Demise <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/28/world/europe/england-must-farm-archaeology.html>

Babylonian Astronomers Described Jupiter's Motion <http://www.archaeology.org/news/4108-160128-babylonian-astronomers-jupiter>

USC archaeologist discovers Maya royal burial site <http://www.heritagedaily.com/2016/01/usc-archaeologist-discovers-maya-royal-burial-site/109179>

Florida Archaeologists Condemn Proposed 'Citizen Archaeology' Permit <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinakillgrove/2016/01/13/florida-archaeologists-condemn-proposed-citizen-archaeology-permit/#6215ed4158fc>

Website of interest:

The Stonehenge Hidden Landscapes Project: <http://lbi-archpro.org/cs/stonehenge/index.html>

Welcome to all the new members who have joined us. We have 13 new members giving us a total of 47 members.

For those of you who would like to join please fill out this application and bring it to a meeting. <http://casncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/CASNCCMembershipForm.pdf>

For those of you who are not members yet please come to our program.