



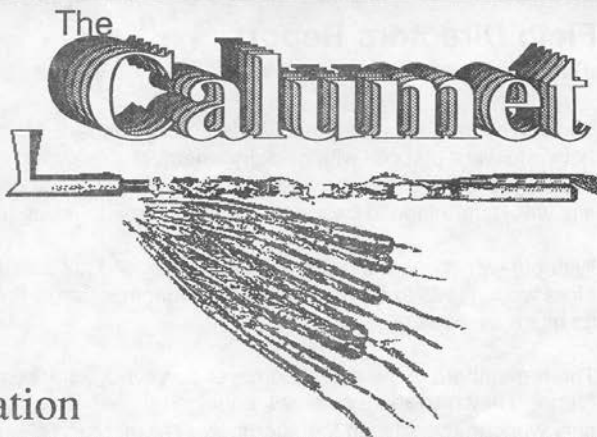
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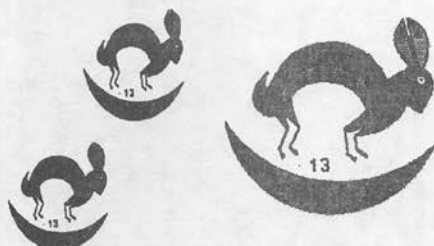
Education

Exploration



Calendar of Events

- July 11, 1987** It's a Party for Leni & Hallie. The party will be at the Root's Farm 8191 N. 81st at 2:00pm.
- July 19, 1987** Field Day, survey of Indian Mountain. Call Robin Farrington for more information (449-1582).
- Aug. 18, 1987** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 pm at Pat Hatfields, 1951 Vista Dr. Boulder. 449-1906.
- Aug. 25, 1987** Lyons Chapter regular meeting. The speaker will be Marcia Tate.
- Sept. 22, 1987** Executive Board Meeting, the location will be announced.
- Sept., 1987** Lyons Chapter regular meeting. Jane Day of the Denver Museum will be our speaker.
- October 18 1987** "Ramses II, The Great Pahaoh and His Time" exhibit opens at the Denver Museum of Natural History.



Native Seeds is back! See page 4

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Field Directors Report

-Robin Farrington

The survey at Indian Mountain has begun. Four CAS members took to the field on June 20th and were blessed with mild dry weather. Several possible new sites were discovered. We visited many of the known sites on the property and upon re-surveying one stone circle site was determined to be much larger than previously thought.

With our wet spring the ground cover is thick and not ideal for picking out stone circle sites. More work needs to be done later in the summer and in the fall to make sure we are finding as much as we can.

Three members of the crew had never surveyed, mapped a site or filled out the State forms. They proved themselves equal to the task with little instruction and did the necessary work on two sites in the afternoon. We recorded a very interesting stone structure and a 65m rock wall. Both sites are thought to be prehistoric at this time.

We need more CAS members to become involved in this project. The land seems to grow larger with each visit and the possibility of new sites is increasing with it. This is a good survey for new members to become familiar with the rich variety of site types in our area as well as learning the basics of surveying and recording them in a professional manner.

The next day in the field is set for Sunday, July 19th. Everyone interested in this or future Indian Mountain work is urged to call Robin Farrington at 449-1582 and get your name on the crew list. It is a fun and different way to spend one day a month doing something in the support of archaeology.

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Don't be afraid to submit articles, stories, clippings, cartoons or anything else you might feel could be included in the Calumet. It makes my job of editor that much easier and I would rather have too much to use than not enough.

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Bits & Pieces

The T-shirt sales are going well, mostly due to Bill Boyle who seems to be a salesman extraordinary! As you know it is the T-shirts which are financing the publication of our newsletter, as well as raising money for the projector for our education program. We have just received the last shipment, and will be sending a new order in soon. If you want a new t-shirt (there are lots & lots of designs) or want to see a catalog just call Jodi Struthers, (776 -8907) she will get your order in!



Our Education Program seems to have come to a grinding halt! Only two people have returned their information cards to me. I know that it is summer and there are lots of fun activities going on, but if we don't prepare our program this summer it won't be ready to present this fall. So please take the time to fill out the form so that our education program will be strong and varied.

The mapping workshop was held on the morning of the picnic. We had six members at this workshop. One of our new members Al Payne was able to bring a transit so that the members of the workshop were able to learn how to map with a transit as well as a compass. There were many members who had expressed an interest in taking the workshop. But because of the extreme difficulty we had in rescheduling the workshop after it was rained out many of these people were unable to attend the workshop. So if there are enough people who are interested in a new workshop I will be willing to schedule (if the weather gods are smiling that is) a new workshop.

Congratulations to our PAAC Coordinator Ann Pipkins. She has recently received her certification as Lab Trainee, Lab Tech., and Surveyor I & II. I hope her success will encourage others to enter into the PAAC Program.

As everyone knows, Sharon is in Utah and so the field hot line will not be working until after her return. Also, I must apologize for her article "Native Seeds" not appearing in the newsletter last month. We had a major computer glitch (a brown out here at the farm) just before we went to press and her article was lost. I'm sorry for the inconvenience, hopefully it won't happen again.





-by Sharon Pay

*This
months
featured
plant:*

Sage

Sage Brushes

An attractive plant, sage has been used through the ages for many different uses. From prehistoric times to present, the sages have been used for medicinal purposes as well as practical and spiritual purposes. Sage is found all over the plains of Colorado and does well on, porous, gravelly or sandy soils and shallow loams. It is resistant to drought and prefers fall sun. It is a perennial which reproduces by seed. There are many different varieties with many different colors of flowers, but most have the silvery green leaves.

The Indians would burn sage brush during religious ceremonies for its aromatic smoke. This they thought drove away bad spirits as well as purifying objects and people. Fasting was often done on a bed of sage. A sage leaf put in the nostril was supposed to relieve headaches. Other uses were to alleviate symptoms of stomach troubles, clods, fevers, rheumatism, bruises, sores, wounds and itching. They also chewed the roots as a love or hunting charm. It was also drunk as a tea to soothe menstrual disorders and promote sleep. The pioneers tied the seed stalks together to make a sweet smelling broom.

This recipe is dedicated to a very special person who showed me the exquisite beauty of purple sage and took me to see the cabin where Zane Grey wrote "Riders of the Purple Sage"

Riders of the Purple Sage Stuffing

4 cups	dry bread crumbs
2 cups	shelled piñon nuts
1	medium onion, chopped
1	egg
1/3 cup	melted butter
1 tsp	salt
1/2 tsp	pepper
1/2 tsp	wild sage leaves (or to taste)

Use this to stuff any bird or wild game. We will not be providing seeds for sale as there are many different varieties of sage available in the wild throughout Colorado.



Desert Wind

-by Leni Clubb

It is amazing what you have to do to get ready to be gone away from home for two and one half months!! Besides checking to determine if the automatic watering system will operate to keep your trees and oleanders alive; storing all canned and bottled goods in the refrigerator; putting the foods that are alive (beans, lentils, etc.) in the freezer; covering the windows with reflective curtains; pulling the plugs on the appliances and the T.V. and microwave; covering the V. W. with a tent and boards to keep the sun off the tires; attaching the Neighborhood Watch signs on the gate and porch door..... we will also have to fill large buckets with water and place them in every room to keep some moisture in the air. We are told that this is necessary as the water even evaporates out of the toilet and tank bowl!! And to think, once we just locked the door, picked up the packs and left.

By the time you have read this, we will have been on the Honeymoon Ruin Dig, the Second Annual CAS Encampment will be history and we will be back in Boulder for several weeks. Hope to see many of you then to regale you with tall tales of our life in the desert.

The name of our community, Ocotillo, means "little pine". The long sticks of the plant were used to build shelters with mud daubed roofs by prehistoric people - according to the legends. Modern people also use the long slender wands for fences. Just stick them in the ground, water a little, and you have a "living fence" or so they say. We haven't tried it yet.

We are on the west edge of what was once - thousands of years ago - a fresh water lake, Lake Cahuilla. It was there long enough to develop well marked strand features as berms or beaches. Our area has lots of evidence of occupation - lithic scatters, stone knives, pottery sherds, petroglyphs, and intaglios or geoglyphs, one of which will be featured on the grounds of our new museum when it is built. How is that - choosing a new life style and being lucky enough to land in the dead middle of what you like best - Archaeology?

Next month, I'll tell you about my "new career" to start in October.

-Leni

COME TO A PARTY!

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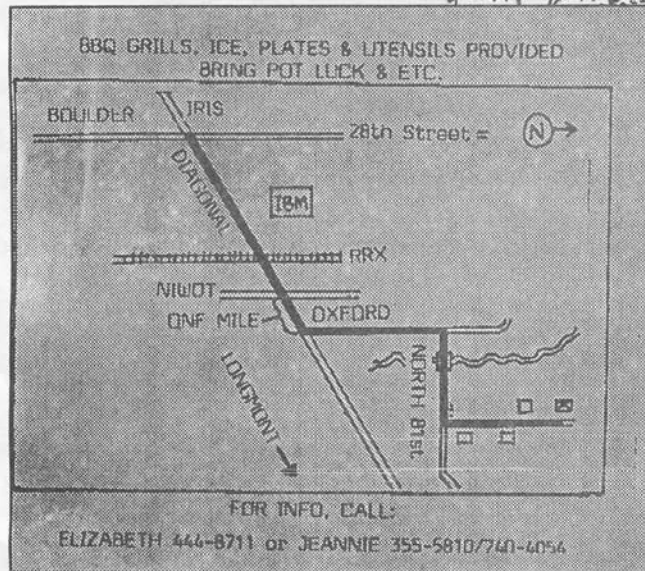
Saturday, July 11, 1987

2:00 to ???

Vearl & Nancy Root's Farm
8191 North 81st
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Bring something for the grill and a
dish to share.



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