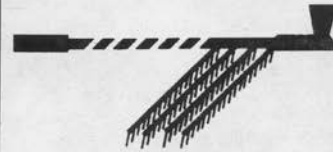


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Newsletter for the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8 - 10 / CAS 58th annual Meeting in Telluride. (See Sept CALUMET for more details.)

Tuesday, Oct. 19 / IPCAS Executive Bd. Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Boulder Police Bureau, 805 53rd Street, Community Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th / 1st PAAC class, Colorado Archaeology taught by Kevin Black, meets 6:30 pm at Foothills Nature Center, 4201 N Broadway. (Call Anita McHugh for details -449-6127.)

Oct 21 - 24 / FIFTH OCCASIONAL ANASAZI SYMPOSIUM, Farmington NM. (See Sept CALUMET for more details.)

Tuesday, Oct. 26 / IPCAS Regular Meeting 7:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 1600 28th St. Speaker, Vince Spero, Rio Grande Forest Archaeologist, will speak on "The Archaeology of the San Juan Mountains, from Paleo to Historic".

Tuesday, Nov. 16 / IPCAS Executive Bd. Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Boulder Police Bureau, 805 33rd St, Community Room.

Tuesday, Nov. 23 / IPCAS Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm at The Meeting Place. Sculptor Janet Lever will give an illustrated talk on new methods of rock art documentation.

OCT IPCAS MEETING

Tuesday, October 26, 1993, 7:30 pm at the Meeting Place, 1600 28th St., SE Parking Lot, Crossroads Mall. Vince Spero, Rio Grand Forest Archaeologist, will give a slide presentation on **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS: FROM PALEO TO HISTORIC.**

The San Juan Mountains of Southern Colorado contain a complex record of cultural history and have recently become the subject of increasing archaeological attention.

The mountain and foothill environments have been exploited since the early Paleo Indian period (as excavations at a high altitude Folsom site have shown). The presence of Archaic cultures is apparent, but our knowledge of the "mountain tradition" and its evolution, and of the althermal use of San Juans, is still limited. The mountains were a cultural boundary and crossroads between the later Ute tribes who lived there and Anasazi to the West and Plains tribes to the East. The Rio Grande River, which flows East from the San Juans, was a corridor for European traders and settlers in the region.

Vince Spero was involved in the Folsom excavation mentioned above and numerous other prehistoric and historic archaeological projects in the Rio Grande Forest, including some interesting rock art sites. He will discuss these known sites and will take questions about this still enigmatic region of our state.

ROCK CREEK THANKS

Commendations are in order to all who participated in the Rock Creek Project. To Pete Gleichman and the staff of Native Cultural Services, Bob Mutaw, Sandy Kahru, and Dave Tucker, for their leadership and dedication, and especially for their patience in working with volunteers. To Pete Gleichman and Rick Lippincott for nominating the Rock Creek site to the State Register of historic places and for collaborating on the proposal that won the Colorado Historic Fund grant. To Edna Devai and Sue Lippincott for scheduling the volunteers who excavated at Rock Creek. To Dock Teegarden (who put in many hours) and to 36 other volunteers who came out to dig: Maureen Arthur, Pam Baker, Alice Bardsley, Yardley Beers, Francis Black,

CONSERVATION PRESERVATION EDUCATION EXPLORATION

Norma Boslough, Chris Cree, Tom Cree, Cheryl Damon, Edna Devai, Peter Finfrock, Frank Gose, Leah Gose, Sandy Gose, Ed Grefrath, Jeannie Hamilton, Frank Hauke, Tom Harrold, Ann Hayes, Karen Hershberg, Kris Holien, Ken Larson, Bob Lindsay, Marie Mayer, Joe Marquez, Anita McHugh, Ellen Meehan, Steve Montgomery, Ann Mutaw, Hilary Reynolds, Richard Owens, Russell Smith, Mary Sucke, Dave Trumbo, Laura Viola and Eden Welker. Finally to Rich Koopmans who supported and supervised the dig on behalf of Boulder County Open Space.

INDIAN PEAKS HORIZONS

The Rock Creek dig was scheduled to begin on July 21st and end on August 27, but that's not quite the way it happened. The dig was running on schedule until we discovered that the Barn Owl inhabiting a burrow in the Rock Creek cut bank was raising a family! Wildlife specialists advised that further excavation in that area be terminated until the young had fledged, which meant that part of the archaic component will have to be excavated later this season.

A lot of earth was moved, by picks, shovels, trowels, and whisk brooms. Hundreds of pounds of dirt were wet screened and dry screened, daily. Myriad flakes, bone bits, and charcoal chunks were bagged and cataloged. We learned to map grid units, sketch soil profiles, remove hearths, and fill out those picky level forms. The work was done by 35 (mostly IPCAS) volunteers working along side the Native Cultural Services professional staff. Sometimes it was very hot but nobody complained. It was an exhilarating experience!

Lab analysis of the cultural materials removed this year will shed new light on ancient lifeways in the plains-foothills transition zone of the Colorado Front Range. Dates from the archaic hearths buried a meter deep in the cut bank may provide a reference that will enable geologists to date certain alluvial deposits for the first time. We have contributed to an important piece of scientific work.

Does anyone wish to nominate a candidate, or be a candidate for the 1994 IPCAS Executive Board? Let nominations chairman Edna Devai know about it by calling her at 494-4524. New officers will be elected at the November meeting, and officially installed at the January meeting. Time marches on!

Ann Hayes IPCAS President

ROCK CREEK EDUCATIONAL TOURS A SUCCESS

Rock Creek was more than a dig. As part of the interpretive program for the project, seven IPCAS volunteers led ten

educational tours through the site. Most of the participants were youngsters ages 6 through 10 who were enrolled in various summer programs throughout the county.

The hour-long tours began on the porch of the Rock Creek "White House", where the leader gave a brief introductory talk on the landscape and lifeways of early inhabitants, and explained archaeological methods in use at the dig. The children were encouraged to examine, hands-on, a display of artifacts similar to those found at the site, and to grind corn with a mano and matate. They were then led across the creek to observe work in progress at the site. At this point the professional staff took over, explaining the operations in more detail. Of course everyone was fascinated with the owl hole, which no one could get close to because of restrictions imposed by the Boulder County Division of Wildlife.

Here are some comments from letters written by 5th graders from Loma Linda Elementary.

"I liked seeing the artifacts and the diggers digging the artifacts. I learned that it is not that easy to dig artifacts up."

"I liked grinding corn with the mano and matate. I really liked it when Steve sprayed mud through the screen."

"Am I old enough to join your club?" Norman, age 7 years

"I liked touching the projectile points and shards."

"The owl hole was neat even though I didn't see a darn thing."

"Thank you for telling us how the Indians made things like projectile points, and for teaching us what nomadic means".

"I learned that you can't touch charcoal if you are picking it up to send to the lab because you might contaminate it".

"It was amazing that I was actually walking on a land where Indians used to live".

"Thank you for teaching us about the oxidized rock. It's neat walking where somebody lived 6,000 years ago".

"I found at Rock Creek that they have to make a map every five to ten centimeters, and it's a pretty hard job too".

"I learned you have to take time to find things".

The tours were organized by Boulder County Volunteer Coordinator Mary Jo Rosemayer in cooperation with Ann Hayes of IPCAS. Tour leaders were Richard Owens, Pam Baker, Alice Bardsley, Ken Larson, Russell Smith, Maureen Arthur, and Hilary Reynolds. Learning Alliance, Thorne Ecological Institute, Children's World, and Boy Scout Troop #72 sponsored groups. Loma Linda Elementary of Longmont brought two busloads of 50 children. Adult groups included Boulder County Volunteer Naturalists and the special IPCAS Tour.

Southwestern, tribal leaders hope to protect Dowe Flats sites

Lyons - Southwestern Portland Cement officials will meet this week with members of a Native American Indian tribal counsel to discuss strategies for protecting sacred sites in the Dowe Flats area.

Southwestern Portland has proposed a limestone quarry in the Dowe Flats area located north of the cement plant and Colorado Highway 66. The company owns about 2,600 acres in the area and intends to mine about 350 to 400 acres over a 25-year period, Southwestern plant manager John Lohr said. Some of the land includes areas that contain Indian artifacts, which member of the tribal counsel do not want disturbed, Lohr said.

Most of the sites in Dowe Flats do not fall within the planned mining area, so the company plans to leave those areas undisturbed, Lohr said. However, artifacts may be uncovered during the mining process. For that reason, Southwestern Portland officials are meeting with members of a tribal counsel, including representatives from 15 tribes, to receive advice on how to handle artifacts should they be found. "The odds are that there could be other areas that we have not seen," Lohr said.

Members of the tribal counsel include officials from the Sioux, Comanche, Pawnee and Ute tribes. Some already have toured the Dowe Flats sites, Lohr said. None of the sites hold religious significance, Lohr said he has been told. However, members of the tribal counsel have said they do not want any of the area's artifacts disturbed. "In their culture, they believe the past should be left alone," Lohr said.

Southwestern Portland was not required to meet with the tribal counsel, but chose to do so to ensure the situation was handled properly, according to Mary Jo Dennis, director of Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. "Southwestern Portland is setting a real precedent as a private company in consulting with the area tribes," Dennis said.

A reception and cocktail party with Southwestern Portland and members of the tribal counsel will be held Friday evening. Tours of Dowe Flats and a work session will take place Saturday. The meeting is closed to the public, Lohr said.

By Gabrielle Johnson, (Reprinted from the DAILY TIMES-CALL, Tuesday, Sept 28, 1993).

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Lara Maier, David Trumbo, Naomi Johnson, Steve Justman, Michael, Hal & Zack Landem, Linda and John Black, John Ellison, Ellen Meehan, Rhoda and Arthur Nozik.

SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS --- IPCAS EX BD MEETINGS

Sept 8, 1993

Motion was made, seconded and passed to change the interpretive budget in the Rock Creek grant from \$3300 to between \$1800-2100. Also passed was a motion to form a subcommittee to determine possible interpretive formats. Ann Hayes, Pete Gleichman, and Pamela Baker will serve on the subcommittee and solicit input from the general membership.

Press coverage of Rock Creek will be encouraged during the final work this fall.

Edna Devai will chair the IPCAS officers nominating committee.

The board endorsed the City of Boulder application for a grant to survey and interpret the Marshall coal mining area. A letter of support was sent to State Historic Fund.

Sept 21, 1993

Notion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Steve Montgomery to write the Regional Forester in Denver, Forest manager in Ft Collins, and the District Ranger in Boulder expressing concern about the impact of trail "improvements" near the Fourth of July Mine on the identified archaeological sites along the trail. The work appears to have been in violation of laws established by the Nation Historic Preservation Act.

The Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting which will discuss the Southwestern Portland Cement Company's proposed Dowe Flats limestone mining permit, will be held Oct 14. IPCAS will be represented at the meeting by Ann Hayes, Steve Montgomery, and Pamela Baker.

Submitted for the Secretary by Pam Baker.

THANK YOU LINDA PARKS

Graphic designer Linda Parks has done it again. You'll know it when you see our updated brochure and stationery with the new, stylized CALUMET logo in place of the former Lyons Chapter Mimbres lion logo. Thank you, Linda for donating your wonderful talents to our cause.

ROCK CREEK T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The design (representing artifacts collected at the site) is printed in silver and terra cotta on a black background. The first printing is sold out, however there will be a second printing on demand. The shirts, available in medium, large and extra-large, are \$15 each. To order, call Ann Hayes before October 20, at 494-3773.

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