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Newsletter of the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society
August 2013

INDIAN PEAKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Presentation (lecture) meetings are held in the University of Colorado Museum (CU Museum), Dinosaur Room on the Second Thursday of most Months, at 7:00 PM. **The public is always welcome.**

Web Site: WWW.INDIANPEAKSARCHAEOLOGY.ORG

Aug 10-11 Allenspark Field Project 2013: Survey
Aug 17-18 and Excavation on the Alonzo Allen
Cabin Site.

Archaeological project sponsored by IPCAS. Join us for one or all days. Sign up by contacting Kris Holien at kjholien@aol.com or 970-586-8982.

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August 22 An Evening with Jean Kindig
Join us for an evening of socializing, discussion, eating and fun at Jean Kindig's cabin in Eldora. Please contact Karen Kinnear to sign up at 303-917-1528 or klkinnear@hollandhart.com.

Sept 12 September Presentation Meeting
Exploring Western Basketmaker II Social Identity and Interactions Through Material Culture and Headdress Designs.
Speaker: Lynda McNeil
7:00 pm. Dinosaur room, CU Museum

Alice Hamilton Raffle tickets will be for sale at the meeting.
See page 5 for details

May 23 Reading and Discussion Group:
Solutrean Culture
7PM, Reynolds Library Meeting Room (3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305), Read anything you want on the topic & be prepared to discuss it or just come and listen to others speak on the topic

Oct 2-6 Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting
in conjunction with the Plains Anthropological Conference.
See page 6 for details.

Sept 12 October Presentation Meeting
Camp Amache
Speaker: Dr Bonnie Clark
7:00 pm. Dinosaur room, CU Museum

IPCAS Participation at the Champagne Spring Ruins Excavation

By Karen Kinnear

For the last several years, members from the Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society have been helping Dave Dove excavate the site known as Champagne Spring Ruin near Dove Creek, Colorado. In 2012, participation was opened to CAS members. We believed that there would be limited interest because of its location in SW Colorado, so Tom Hoff and Dave Dove decided to offer space to 5 CAS members at each of the three sessions last summer. After word went out to all CAS members, 30 members responded saying they were interested in participating. Tom decided to make room for all 30 volunteers, spread out over three sessions. This year, participation was again offered to CAS members and we've participated in three sessions in May and July and will participate in an August session.

Last summer, after driving through a thunderstorm/downpour just a few miles from Dove Creek, I wondered if tenting it was a good idea. Little did I know that the weather made life difficult for several campers during the first session in May 2012 - the winds were so strong in May, that the porta-potty was blown over, and a tent belonging to a couple from the Fort Collins chapter blew away, never to be found. This summer, I signed up for the excavation and came down with Anne Winslow from the Denver CAS chapter and we decided to stay at the motel in town, a good decision except for one fateful rainy afternoon.

The first morning, Dave Dove provided a short history of the site to those who were new participants. Sitting around the "administration" tent, where crew chiefs met with Diane to open and close out PDs, obtain specimen numbers, and conduct other administrative duties, Dave explained that the site is believed to contain approximately 200 rooms and 50 kivas and was occupied during the early to mid-Pueblo II period, and possibly going back to late Pueblo I. Several kivas and room blocks had been opened up and participants were helping excavate them.



Dave Dove in the white cowboy hat facing the camera, Tom Hoff in the blue t-shirt to Dave's right.

Last summer I was assigned to Terri Hoff's team taking 3 2x2 meter squares down from the surface, which had been cleared of the sage plants covering the site (hence the reference to the area as the "great sage plain"). After 4 days of digging through the first layers of dirt – years of the sun baking the dirt, with little rainfall to keep it from becoming hard as cement – we were disappointed with our progress. Participants digging in the kivas or other sites made exciting finds and were encouraged to walk their "treasures" around to show other participants. We had very little to show for all our work. This year, all our efforts were worth the "agony" from last year.



Terri Hoff's site in July 2012 (photo courtesy of Karen Kinnear)



Same site in July 2013 (photo courtesy of Gretchen Acharya)

This year, several features were found in Terri's work site – a warming hearth and the feature shown above on the right – its purpose is still a mystery to us. We found several pieces of turquoise and a projectile point made from chalcedony, along with lots of flakes, a couple of scrapers, and plenty of pottery sherds.



One of the pieces of turquoise found (photo courtesy of Karen Kinnear)

Kris Holien and Gretchen Acharya from IPCAS also participated this year (the week before I was there) and also had a blast (see following pictures). Kris is helping Tom Hoff screen bucket after bucket of dirt coming from a kiva they were excavating (most often with a shovel) and Gretchen is taking a break – notice she’s in the shade, which is really appreciated whenever and wherever it can be found.



Left: Kris Holien (photo courtesy of Gretchen Acharya)

Right: Gretchen Acharya finding some shade (photo courtesy of Gretchen Acharya)

Oh yes, about that fateful rainy day – it taught us a lesson: once it starts raining, do not attempt to drive out over the red dirt that expands, turns into slippery muck, and sticks to your car tires and anything else that comes into contact with it. It makes it virtually impossible to control your car – it’s worse than driving on ice because your tires become encased in it and are as smooth as a baby’s bottom. Lesson two: if you aren’t camping at the site, bring your toothbrush, something to eat for dinner and the next day’s breakfast, a change of clothes, and something soft to sleep on in case you have to stay overnight.



Right: (photo courtesy of Karen Kinnear)



Left: Tracks through the field (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Ames)

Maybe next year I’ll camp again – I won’t have to worry about getting back to the motel and I’ll get to see great sunsets as well as the Milky Way – a wonderful sight that we don’t often get to see here.

Raffle tickets will be available at the September presentation meeting.



COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2013 RAFFLE

This raffle is a fund-raiser for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fun -- making annual awards to qualifying Colorado archaeology students.



RAFFLE TICKET PRICES

\$3 EACH OR 4 FOR \$10

For additional info, contact Terri Hoff, 970-882-2191, tthoff@hotmail.com
or www.coloradoarchaeology.org

COLOR YOUR WORLD TEEC NOS POS

This bold, exciting Navajo rug is made in the Teec Nos Pos tradition. Surrounded by a wide border containing a lightning path, it is filled with an exuberant variety of stylized feathers, arrows, diamonds, hooks and more. The harmonious color combination of red, cream, gray and black is often considered a Red Mesa variation.

Our gratitude to Linda Sand (Denver Chapter) for this generous donation!

Retail value estimated by Notah Dineh Trading at \$700-900.

*The drawing will be held
Noon, OCTOBER 5, 2013
CAS Annual Meeting
Embassy Suites Conference
Center in Loveland, CO.
The winner need not be present.*

Annual Meeting -Colorado Archaeological Society and the Plains Anthropological Conference in Loveland, Colorado

The 2013 Annual meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) will be held in conjunction with the 71st annual Plains Anthropological Conference. IPCAS members are encouraged to attend the conference and field trips. This is a great opportunity to hear some great speakers in nearby Loveland, Colorado.

Conference Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, October 2: Afternoon Field Trip and Early Bird Reception

Thursday, October 3: Full Day, paper and poster sessions

Thursday, October 3: Evening reception at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

Friday, October 4: Full Day, paper and poster sessions

Friday, October 4: Banquet and Keynote speaker

Saturday, October 5: Full Day, paper and poster sessions & CAS Annual meeting

Sunday, October 6: Afternoon Field Trip

Costs*:

Regular Registration \$85 (Students \$60)– includes Conference attendance (Thursday, Friday, Saturday talks), Early Bird Party (Wednesday night) and Ft Collins Museum of Discovery reception (Thursday night).

Saturday Registration \$25 – includes Saturday attendance only. (For CAS members wishing to participate in Saturday session only)

Add-on events:

If you sign up for the either the Regular Registration or the Saturday Registration you can also sign up for the following field trips and events

Friday, October 4 -- Banquet and Keynote speaker \$42

Wednesday, October 2nd Field Trip -- Paleoindian sites of the Kersey Terrace

The tour will run from 10am-4pm. Sign up is required in advance, and all participants will be contacted prior to field trip. Each ticket is \$15. Space is limited.

Sunday, October 6th Field Trip -- 19th Century Trading Posts of the South Platte River

The tour will run from 9am-2pm. Sign up is required in advance, and all participants will be contacted prior to field trip. Each ticket is \$15. Space is limited.

Plains Conference Baseball cap (\$20)

Plains Conference T-Shirt Short Sleeve (\$15)

Plains Conference T-Shirt Long Sleeve (\$20)

*IPCAS members are welcome to sign up for the Regular registration or the Saturday Registration. Costs will increase after September 16, 2013. Online registration will be available through September 23. Registration is also available at the door at late registration rates.

How to Register:

Online conference registration

<https://regstg.com/Registration/Introduction.aspx?rid=ef672435-1990-4150-bd9d-7eb9bd0bf06b>

CAS Website link with conference information

<http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/BULLETINBOARD/bulletinboard.htm>

IPCAS PAAC Class: Ceramic Description and Analysis

Our next PAAC class, Ceramic Description and Analysis will meet on seven Wednesday evenings (Oct 9, Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20). This class will be in Boulder, Colorado at the Fire Station on Lookout Rd. in Gunbarrel from 6-9 PM.

To Register: send two checks - one for \$12 payable to CHS, and one for \$13 payable to IPCAS, to Gretchen Acharya, IPCAS PAAC Coordinator, 214 Arroyo Chico, Boulder, CO 80302. Cost includes all materials. Include name, address, and, for receipt confirmation and coordination, email address.

Cancellations: Once registered, the PAAC statewide policy is not to allow refunds unless the course is cancelled, but in lieu of a refund, the full handout packet for that course is mailed. Please note that the handout packets for most PAAC courses are quite voluminous.

Questions: Contact Gretchen Acharya, 303-443-1416, gacharyafinearts@gmail.com or gretchenwise@hotmail.com. For other information about PAAC classes and the PAAC program, go to Colorado's PAAC home page <http://coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/paacindex.htm>

Windy Ridge Bristlecone Project Public Tour

Archaeologist Mark Mitchell will be giving a tour of the culturally modified (scarred) bristlecone pines that he has been studying on Windy Ridge this Sunday, August 11 at 10:30. A.M. in Fairplay, CO, The tour begins with a presentation at the Fairgrounds Building and then moves up to the grove on Windy Ridge. If you attend this program and are interested in the work, there may be opportunities for you to volunteer with the project in future summer.

When: Sunday, August 11, 2013, 10:30 AM

Where: Fairplay, Colorado Meet at the Quonset building on the Park County Fairgrounds. The building is about 500 ft. west of the Sinclair station on the west side of US 285, north of the HWY 9 (Main Street)—US 285 intersection. You can access the building from the corner of 8th and Bogue St. or from Bullet Rd. (on thenorth). Here's a Google Maps link showing the location; the Quonset is the one labeled "Park County Extension Services." A Google Earth image of this scene is included below.

<https://maps.google.com/maps/myplaces?ll=39.225226,-105.994071&spn=0.00347,0.006968&ctz=360&t=h&z=18>

What to Bring: A sack lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, sturdy walking shoes, rain gear, a camera. Remember, the project area is right at timberline and above 11,000 ft.

What to Expect: We will begin the tour with a short presentation at the Fairgrounds, then carpool to the project area above Alma, about 6 miles west of Fairplay. High-clearance 4WD vehicles will be needed to access the project area. We will try to fit into the fewest number of vehicles possible, as the parking is a bit tight in the project area. When we get to the bristlecone stand we will connect with the research team to learn more about what they're doing. You'll have time to talk to the field crew, look around, and have lunch. The tour likely will wrap up around 2 PM, though you're welcome to stay as long as you like.

Who: The tour will be led by Dr. Mark Mitchell, PCRG Research Director.

Questions? You can contact Mark at Mark.Mitchell@Paleocultural.org

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER

Quarterly new member enrollment	Individual	Family	Student
January-March	\$28.50	\$33.00	\$14.25
April-June	\$21.50	\$24.75	\$10.75
July-September	\$14.25	\$16.50	\$7.25
October-December	\$7.25	\$8.25	\$3.75
___ New ___ Renewal	Tax-Exempt Donation ___ \$10, ___ \$25, ___ \$50, Other _____		

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Please make check payable to: Indian Peaks Chapter, CAS. Mail to: PO Box 18301, Boulder, Colorado 80308-1301

(We) give CAS permission to :

Yes ___ No ___ disclose phone numbers to other CAS members

Yes ___ No ___ publish name/contact information in chapter directory

Yes ___ No ___ publish name in newsletter (which may be sent to other chapters, published on the internet, etc.)

CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge: To uphold state and federal antiquities laws. To support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our state's antiquities. To encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources. To encourage the study and recording of Colorado's archaeology and cultural history. To take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work for the purpose of developing new and significant information about the past. To respect the property rights of landowners. To assist whenever possible in locating, mapping and recording archaeological sites within Colorado, using State Site Survey forms. To respect the dignity of peoples whose cultural histories and spiritual practices are the subject of any investigation. To support only scientifically conducted activities and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation about archaeological matters. To report vandalism. To remember that cultural resources are non-renewable and do not belong to you or me, but are ours to respect, to study and to enjoy.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

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