

# Newsletter of the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society November 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

#### Nov 14 November Presentation Meeting

Three Years of Research at Woodrow Ruin: Uncovering an "Atypical" Mimbres Site

Speaker: Jakob Sedig

7:00 pm. Dinosaur room, CU Museum

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#### Nov 21 Reading and Discussion Group:

Early Agriculture: Corn, squash & beans

7PM, Location TBD. (Our usual location, the Reynolds library is still closed due to flood issues.) Contact <a href="mailto:indianpeaksarchaeology@gmail.com">indianpeaksarchaeology@gmail.com</a> if you wish to participate this month. Read anything you want on the topic & be prepared to discuss it or just come and listen to others speak on the topic

- **Dec 3 Field Trip: Behind the scenes tour of Denver Museum of Nature and Science**3PM, Tour the Anthropology Collection with Michelle Koons. IPCAS and CAS members only. Details and sign up information to come.
- Dec 15 IPCAS Holiday Party 5:00 pm 8:00 pm. Bring two dishes to share and a "White Mammoth" Gift for the gift exchange. Community UCC Church, 2650 Table Mesa, Boulder.
- Jan 2 IPCAS Board Meeting 7:00 pm. We welcome IPCAS members.

  Contact IndianPeaksArchaeolog@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.
- Jan 9 January Presentation Meeting

**TBD- Sand Island**Speaker: Ann Phillips

7:00 pm. Dinosaur room, CU Museum

#### Jan 23 Reading and Discussion Group:

Cannibalism in the Southwest

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

# IPCAS Presentation Meetings November 2013 Presentation Meeting



# Three Years of Research at Woodrow Ruin: Uncovering an "Atypical" Mimbres Site

<u>Meeting details:</u> Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm. Dinosaur room, University of Colorado Museum of Natural History. **Presentation by Jakob Sedig.** The public is welcome to attend.

Since 2011, Jakob Sedig has been conducting dissertation research at Woodrow Ruin. In the summer of 2013, Sedig and the University of Colorado completed excavation at Woodrow Ruin. This presentation discusses the final summer of research at Woodrow, and the preliminary results from research at the site. Although analysis of data from research at Woodrow Ruin is ongoing, it is already apparent that Woodrow Ruin is an "atypical" Mimbres site. Not only is Woodrow one of the largest and best-preserved sites in the Mimbres region, but Sedig's research has also found that Woodrow had one of the largest Mimbres Late Pithouse period occupations, and that Woodrow Ruin had several features that distinguish it from other sites in the Mimbres River Valley. Sedig's presentation will focus on these features, which include of a prehistoric road, evidence of occupation during the AD 900-1000 pithouse-to-pueblo transition, and the decommissioning and remodeling of a great kiva at the site.

Jakob Sedig is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at University of Colorado, Boulder. After spending the early part of his career working in the northern U.S. Southwest at places such as Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and Chimney Rock, Jakob now works in the Mimbres region of the southern Southwest. Jakob's dissertation research examines environmental and social change through the framework of resilience theory. Jakob has directed research at Woodrow Ruin, a large, multi-component Mimbres site on the Upper Gila since 2011.

# **IPCAS** members assist Jakob Sedig sorting the Woodrow Ruin Pottery Photos by Gretchen Acharya







## **Mimbres in Context**

## A Brief Chronology of the Mimbres Region

(from Mimbres Lives and Landscapes, Nelson and Hegmon, 2010)

Shaded areas represent time periods that the Woodrow Ruin was known to have been occupied.

200-550	Early Pithouse period: Cumbre phase, great Mogollon area
550-650	Late Pithouse period: Georgetown phase, greater Mogollon area
650-750	Late Pithouse period: San Francisco phase; greater Mogollon area
750-1000	Late Pithouse period: Three Circle phase, greater Mogollon area
1000-1130	Classic period: Classic Mimbres Phase
1130- late 1100s	Early Postclassic period: Terminal Classic Mimbres phase, southern Mimbres valley
1130- early 1200s	Early Postclassic period: Mimbres Reorganization phase
1200 -1300/1400	Early Postclassic period: Black Mountain, El Paso, and Animas phases, souther part of Mimbres region, linked to various southern traditions, Tularosa phase, northern part of Mimbres region, linked to northern traditions
1300-1450	Late Postclassic period: Cliff phase, western part of Mimbres region, linked to Salado culture farther west
1500-1900	Apache period; Apaches fighting to retain their homeland in the mountains
1800s-early 1900s	Historic period; primarily mining in uplands throughout the Mimbres Region

For more information on the Woodrow Ruin Excavation project go to http://woodrowruinarchaeology.wordpress.com/



IPCAS Member Karol Stoker collecting archaeomagnetic samples at the Woodrow Wilson ruin excavation





## Sign up now for PAAC Lab - December & January

Every winter Kevin Black from the Office of Archaeology and Historic preservation offers lab training sessions. PAAC Lab participants learn laboratory skills using real artifacts from uncatalogued OHAP collects. This free training is a great way to learn more about archaeology when it's too cold to be outside.

#### **Lab Dates:**

The lab work is held at History Colorado's off-site facility in central Denver, on intermittent days in December and January, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

#### 2013

Tuesday, December 3 Wednesday, December 4 Friday, December 13 Saturday, December 14 Tuesday, December 17 Wednesday, December 18 Friday, December 20 Saturday, December 21

#### 2014

Friday, January 10 Saturday, January 11 Tuesday, January 14 Wednesday, January 15 Wednesday, January 22 Thursday, January 23 Monday, January 27

### What will you work on?

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) has archaeological collections that have yet to be completely processed for permanent curation. PAAC volunteers may receive credit toward certification at either the Laboratory Trainee or Laboratory Technician level by helping the State Training Coordinator in the cataloging and analysis of these materials.

#### Why sign up?

PAAC Lab training is a great way to learn about and practice analyzing and cataloging artifacts. This is great training for anyone interested in archaeology. In addition, volunteers may receive credit toward certification at either the PAAC Laboratory Trainee or Laboratory Technician level.

#### What are the prerequisites?

**In General, no prior experience is required.** However, lab space and equipment for volunteers is limited, so if too many PAAC participants wish to volunteer on a scheduled lab day, preference will be given to those volunteers who have already earned the Lab Trainee certificate and are working toward the Lab Technician certificate, and others who have completed one or more of the following courses:

- a. Introduction to Archaeology, CAS & PAAC
- b. Introduction to Laboratory Techniques

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#### c. Prehistoric Lithics Description and Analysis

#### **How to sign up for the PAAC LAB?**

Prospective volunteers must complete the PAAC Candidate Application Form (PDF), and should be prepared to participate on a minimum of two days. Contact the State PAAC Coordinator at <u>303-866-4671</u> or <u>kevin.black@state.co.us</u>. There is no fee for this PAAC activity.



#### Curator's Statement

This is not your grandmother's Southwest. Her Southwest was crafted by Santa Fe civic leaders and culture-brokers around the time of World War I: serene, spiritual, communal – and eternal, unchanging. That spin on modern Pueblo Indians resonated in the aftermath of the Great War. It was comforting: we liked it. And today it sells by the quart in Santa Fe and Sedona, accompanied by endless, noodling flute music. The ancient Southwest was not like that. It had rises and falls, triumphs and tragedies, kings and commoners, war and peace – in short, the ancient Southwest had history, like every other part of the human world. I wrote a first draft of that history in a book, A History of the Ancient Southwest. A History of the Ancient Southwest builds on a century of Southwestern archaeology. Acre for acre, the Southwest has seen a greater investment of archaeological energy, effort, brains, and money than any comparable region of North America. We know a lot about the Southwest. And Native traditions: over several decades, I've greatly enjoyed long, thoughtful, critical conversations with many Native Americans. Their ideas and insights shaped my narrative – although, of course, none would agree with all my ideas! A Pueblo statesman once remarked: "Lekson hasn't got it right, but he's close." That's good enough for me.

- Stephen H. Lekson Curator of Archaeology

University of Colorado Museum of Natural History

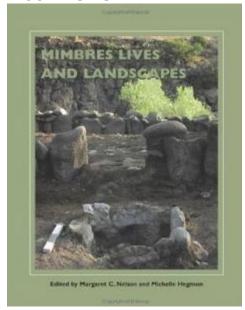
http://cumuseum-archive.colorado.edu/Exhibits/AncientSouthwest/index.html

#### **Mimbres Images**





#### **Book Review**



**Mimbres Lives and Landscapes**Edited by Margaret C. Nelson and Michelle Hegmon; School for Advanced Research Press, 2010

People have called the mountains, rolling hills, wide valleys, and broad desert plains of

southwestern New Mexico home for at least ten thousand years. When they began to farm a little more than two thousand years ago, they settled near the rich soils in the river floodplains. Then, around 900 CE, the people of this region burned all of their kivas and started gathering in large villages with small ritual spaces and open plazas. Between about 900 and 1100 CE, they also made the intricately painted geometric and figurative bowls in a style that is today called Mimbres, their best-known legacy. In the 1130s they stopped making this kind of pottery and drifted out of villages to more dispersed settlements. These dramatic changes frame the story told in Mimbres Lives and Landscapes. The well-illustrated essays in this book offer the latest archaeological research to explain what we know and what questions still remain about this ancient people. Beginning with an overview of the abrupt change in lifestyle that launched the distinctive Mimbres culture, the book explores the lives of men and women, their sustenance, the changing nature of leadership, and the possible meanings of their dramatic pottery designs.

### Reminder - 2014 IPCAS Membership Dues are due January 1

2014 memberships will not increase in price for members who opt to receive newsletters via email. For members who receive mailed newsletters there will be a price increase by \$10.00 per year to partially cover mailing costs.

#### IPCAS Volunteer Opportunities Open Positions:

**Newsletter Editor**– The Calumet is traditionally published 10 times per year at the beginning of the month. This is a great opportunity to communicate with other IPCAS members.

**Outreach Coordinator-** Help promote archaeology in the community. This position has a lot of possibilities for outreach with adults and/or children with and without help from other IPCAS members.

**Membership Chair-** The Indian Peaks chapter is interested in retaining existing members and recruiting new members. Help make a difference with membership in our chapter.

**PAAC Coordinator** – Work with state archaeologist Kevin Black setting up the PAAC class offered in the Boulder Area in the Spring and Fall.

# IPCAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 2013 INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER, COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

#### 1. Purpose

An IPCAS Executive Board meeting was conducted on Saturday, 10/5/13, in Loveland, CO. Attendees

included: Gretchen Acharya, Rosi Dennett, Kris Holien, Karen Kinnear, Joan Prebish, Anne Robinson,

Heidi Short, and Joanne Turner.

#### 2. Reports

- a. Secretary's Report (Joan Prebish): Approved September 2013 minutes.
- b. Treasurer's Report (Rosi Dennett): \$3,155.00
- c. Membership Report (Rosi Dennett): 60 members (no new memberships).

#### 3. Speaker Scorecard (Karen Kinnear)

- a. October: Dr. Bonnie Clark, The Archaeology of Amache, Colorado's Japanese Internment Camp
- b. November: Jakob Sedig, Three Years of Research at Woodrow Ruin: Uncovering an "Atypical"

Mimbres Site

- c. January: To be determined
- d. February: To be determined
- e. March: Heidi Short, Alonzo Allen Excavation
- f. April: Dean Saitta, Excavating and Remembering Ludlow

#### 4. PAAC Class - Fall 2013 (Gretchen Acharya)

Fifteen people have signed up for the *Ceramic Description and Analysis* class, which will meet for

seven Wednesday evenings (Oct 9, Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20). Classes will be

held at the Boulder Rural Fire Station at 6230 Lookout Road in Boulder from 6-9pm.

#### 5. CAS Quarterly Meeting/CAS Annual Meeting (Karen Kinnear)

The 2013 CAS Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 71st Annual Plains Anthropological Conference in Loveland on Oct. 2-6.

#### 6. Field Trips

- a. Wickiup Site at Rocky Mountain National Park, to be determined
- b. Behind the Scenes at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, December 3
- c. Denver Art Museum

#### 7. Old Business

a. Site Stewardship: Volunteers who have been assigned sites at Pawnee Buttes National Grasslands

will plan a day trip.

b. Visioning Follow-up:

Goal #1: More field trips

Goal #2: More archaeology projects

Goal #3: Recruit and retain more members

- c. The IPCAS Chapter nominated a member for a Chapter Service Award.
- d. The Holiday Party will be held at the Community United Church of Christ at 2650 Table Mesa), if

it is available. Anne will follow up with Sandy and investigate date options and cost (last year we

donated \$100).

#### 2013 IPCAS Officers, Board Members, and major functions

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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER

Quarterly new member enrol	lment 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	
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Yes No disclose pho	one numbers to other CAS me	mbers		
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#### 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:

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#### **CALUMET**

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