

### Newsletter of the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society February, 2012

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

February 9 IPCAS Presentation Meeting, 7PM, R.A. Varney, Topic: Radiocarbon Dating: The Background Information Many Archaeologists Never Get

> Archaeologists are among the most frequent users of radiocarbon dates, but many of them never encounter the hard science behind getting a date. In this lecture we will explore the chemistry, physics, and astronomy behind the scenes in radiocarbon dating, as well as some matters to consider in the regular archaeological world. We'll cover, briefly, the history of radiocarbon dating paying attention to the technological differences between the different types of radiocarbon dates, and some aspects of carbon dating that are just now emerging. We go from the sub-atomic world of the quark to the stars and leave you with a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes in radiocarbon dating.

> R.A. Varney has been working in archaeology and the allied sciences since 1989. He has experience in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona archaeology especially Paleoindian and Geoarchaeology. His academic career began at the University of Northern Colorado, and then transferred to the University of Arizona, where he completed his BA, then continued at the U of A for his graduate work. He has had the honor of working at the Dent Site, Hell Gap, Black Mountain Folsom Site, and Caribou Lake sites, among many others. At some point he discovered that "pure" archaeology was not his primary interest and he began to focus on the sciences supporting archaeology. His graduate work was focused on pollen studies, which led to his current posting at Paleoresearch Institute in Golden Colorado. There since 2003, he has been privileged to be involved in pollen studies, helping to get the molecular spectroscopy operation developed, and helping to establish and run the AMS radiocarbon operation. His particular interests include; climate change, especially at the end of the Pleistocene; scientific method development, archaeological chemistry, and climate modeling of the past.

March 8 IPCAS Presentation Meeting, 7PM, Steve Lekson. Topic: Yellow Jacket - the Largest Mesa Verde Town. The University of Colorado has a long history of research at the Yellow Jacket site, the largest Mesa Verde site, located about 20 miles northwest of Mesa Verde National Park. Joe Ben Wheat's excavations from 1954 to 1991, more recent analysis of Wheat's collections, and now a new project looking at Basketmaker III at Yellow Jacket complement excavations by Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in the early 1990s. This program will review research at Yellow Jacket, discuss on-going research, and suggest possible future projects with IPCAS members.

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# **PAAC Events**

PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) Classes are a great way to learn more about archaeology at a reasonable cost. Here are some upcoming classes. Also there are opportunities for Lab training in December and January.

#### Historical Archaeology Class

Date: February 10-12 - All Day Location: Pike Peak Chapter, Fountain Colorado <u>Click here for more information on the class</u> Sign up with Pamela Owens at the Pikes Peak chapter. <u>Click here for contact information</u>

# CAS quarterly meeting held in Denver on January 21, 2012.

Some highlights

- History Colorado Center opens on April 28. CAS will participate in weekend opening events scheduled for May 5-6. Committees are being formed now and more details will be provided at the March quarterly meeting. CAS would like volunteers from all chapters for these events. Some of the activities talked about include a rock art and other presentations, poster presentations, flintnapping, and games. A new CAS brochure was also talked about. Details to come on all of this.
- Institutional membership is up this year.
- The Rock Art group (CRAA) held an organizational/re-energizing meeting in Colorado Springs on January 7 to nominate and elect officers and brainstorm about programs for this year and next. Bev Goering is President, Bonnie Moser, VP, Donna Morgan, Secretary, and Bob Tipton, Treasurer.
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# **Upcoming Local Events**

### Mahaffy Cache: Stone Age Tools Unearthed

Dr. Douglas Bamforth will speak about the Mahaffy Cache, a collection of more than 80 artifacts discovered in 2008 beneath Patrick Mahaffy's front yard in Boulder, Colorado during a landscaping project. Dr. Bamforth teaches anthropology at the University of Colorado and is an archeologist working primarily in the mountains of Colorado and on the Great Plains. Bamforth will discuss the 13,000-year-old tools and the significance of the discovery. No reservations necessary. Free.

Saturday, February 4,2 - 3pm,Location: Estes Park Museum. Estes Park, CO

#### Longevity and its Consequences: Insights from an Experimental Insect Biology Program Thursday,

February 2 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm in the IBS Conference Room 155 B Sponsored by IBS - CU Population Center Professor James R. Carey Professor, Department of Entomology, UC Davis and Senior Scholar at the Center for the Economics and Demography of Aging, UC Berkeley My overarching goal is to explore and discuss the conceptual, technical and analytical complementary of biological (non-human species) and classical (human) demography. Contact: Rajshree Shrestha <u>303.492.5548</u>

### Ice Age Death Trap—Anthropology on the tube

Wednesday evening, February 1 on PBS: In a race against developers in the Rocky Mountains, archeologists [including one of our graduate students] uncover a unique fossil site packed with astonishingly well-preserved bones of mammoths, mastodons, and other giant extinct beasts. The discovery opens a highly focused window on the vanished world of the Ice Age in North America. 9:00pm ET. Check local listings. http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/airdates.html

### **Global Seminar in Bolivia this summer 2012**

Interest meeting this week, Wednesday, February 1 at 3:00pm in C4C 341. The course is ANTH 4020 Democracy and Development in Bolivia (3 credits), and there are no language prerequisites. The program cost is \$2700, plus airfare and estimated personal expenses. We will meet in Boulder in April for a series of pre-departure classes, and then spend two weeks in-country 21 July - 5 August, 2012. If you think you would be interested in knowing about this great new Study Abroad opportunity and cannot attend the Wednesday event, contact: Carole.Conzelman@colorado.edu

### Carthaginian "child" sacrifice: evidence, -isms, and the personal in archaeological knowledge

The Department of Classics presents a public lecture by Matthew McCarty of the Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University on Friday, February 3 at 5:00pm in HUMN 250.

Since its discovery in 1921, interpretation of the archaeological finds from the tophet of Salammbô at Carthage (and at other, related sites) has focused almost exclusively on answering the question of whether or not child sacrifice occurred in the Punic world. Historiographic analysis of the interpretation of the site not only offers a case-study for how archaeological and historical knowledge is produced, but has important ramifications for how we interrogate data and model the ancient world. Contact: <a href="mailto:peter.hunt@colorado.edu">peter.hunt@colorado.edu</a>

### Observing Changing Ecological Diversity in the Anthropocene; the Science of Observation

Monday, February 6 in the CIRES Auditorium from 3:30-5:30pm David Schimel, National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Refreshments starting at 3:30pm. Talk/panels begin at 4:00pm. Free and open to the public. Undergraduates welcome! For more information go to: <u>http://envs.colorado.edu/about/</u>

#### Defining Economic Regionalism: An Archaeology of Maritime Networks in the Roman East

The Department of Classics presents a public lecture by Justin Leidwanger of the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, NYU Monday, February 6, at 5:00pm in HUMN 250

What do Facebook and the Roman wine trade have in common? The archaeological record of shipwrecks provides evidence for seaborne communication and the links that connected producers, traders, and consumers around the ancient Mediterranean. Viewed through a lens of landscape theory and network science, Roman shipwrecks allow us not only to explain French wine in rural Cyprus, but also to define regional maritime economies, gauge integration among them, and determine how economic relationships intersected with broader political and sociocultural trends. Contact: <a href="mailto:peter.hunt@colorado.edu">peter.hunt@colorado.edu</a>

#### Plants and Consciousness—Anthropology Conference and Grad Panel

The Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness will hold their 32nd Annual Conference Feb 9-12 in Boulder. The first panel of the conference on Thursday will be one organized and with papers by graduate students from this department: Levi Jacobs, Ben Joffe, and Willi Lempert. It would be great if members of our department could attend and support! Complete details at <a href="http://www.sacaaa.org">www.sacaaa.org</a>

#### When it's Hot, it's Hot: Changing Climates and Shifting Pre-historic Populations in Western Colorado

AIA Denver - Lecture Sun, Feb 26, 2 pm, Tattered Cover Bookstore, 1668 16th Street, Downtown Denver at 16th and Wynkoop. James C. Miller, Research Director, Dominguez Archaeological Research Group, Grand Junction, Colorado, "When it's Hot, it's Hot: Changing Climates and Shifting Pre-historic Populations in Western Colorado". Recent excavations and environmental studies at the Jeanne Site (5GF741), a rock shelter near Loma, Colorado, have provided a record of periodic use by hunter-gatherers as well as a detailed account of past climates from about 10,000 years ago to present. The small northwest-facing overhang was a satellite site for sheltering groups involved in hunting as well as seed and other plant gathering. Features used for cooking and producing heat and others used for plant food processing and storage are prevalent. Past climate reconstructions using pollen and geo-climatic interpretations of aeolian and alluvial deposits suggest heavier use of the area by prehistoric inhabitants during cooler, con-comitantly moister climatic conditions. Similar to human use of the area, accumulated data on bison in the archaeological record over a wider region suggest a pattern of bison population reduction during long term droughts. Free and open to the public. http://www.archaeological.org/events/5513

### The Lonely Pyramid on Sherman Hill

Wyoming State Museum - Lecture Thurs, Feb 9, 7 pm, 2301 Central Ave, Cheyenne. "The Lonely Pyramid on Sherman Hill" by Anna Lee Ames Frohlich. Free and open to the public. http://wyomuseum.state.wy.us/Events/Lecture.asp

### Niwot, Colorado: Birth of a Railroad Town

Boulder History Museum - Lecture Thurs, Jan 26, 7 pm, Carnegie Branch Library for Local History, 1125 Pine Street, Boulder. "Niwot, Colorado: Birth of a Railroad Town" is Anne Dyni's newest book. Join us for this presentation and slide show as Anne describes how Boulder County's only railroad town was settled in 1875, and the wide range of pioneers who called it home. In 1997, Dyni began writing about early life in Niwot and the Left Hand Valley in a history column for the Left Hand Valley Courier, where she still shares stories and photographs gleaned from interviews, genealogies, early newspapers and diaries. Seventy-six of these columns and sixty-five historic photos were selected for this new book. Free and open to the public. http://boulderhistory.org/calendar.asp

#### Investigating the Dune Murder In Carbon County

March 9, Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mark E. Miller, Wyoming State Archaeologist, and Adjunct Faculty Professor, University of Wyoming This 45 minute PowerPoint presentation explores the unsolved crime in early day Wyoming. Slides will cover an overview of the discovery, field investigation, lab analysis, media attention, and current interpretations of the historic site.

http://wyomuseum.state.wy.us/Events/Lecture.asp

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# Membership Renewal 2012 – Indian Peaks Chapter, CAS

It's time to renew your membership to the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society! Please print out the attached form and mail your check to the address on the form.

This past year we hosted the Colorado Archaeological Society Annual meeting, sponsored many wonderful speakers on a wide variety of archaeological topics, offered a PAAC class, sent out our newsletter, started a reading and discussion group and went on some great field trips. We hope you will join us in 2012.

Thanks everyone for your past support!

IPCAS renewal	Individual	Family	Student
January – December 2012	\$28.50	\$33.00	\$14.00

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

I(We) give CAS permission to :

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ disclose phone numbers to other CAS members

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### CODE OF ETHICS

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### Executive Board Meeting – January 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at the Cree residence in Longmont

Attendees: Camell-Coppin, Cree, Damon, Kinnear, Turner

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November meeting approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Camell-Coppin)**: \$3775.30 (balance as of Dec 31 2011). Primary expenditures were payments to the state for membership dues (\$388.00) and a donation to the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund for 2011, in memory of members who passed away during 2011, including Jim Benedict & John Slay. Final report on the CAS annual meeting shows a net profit of just over \$220.

January is the annual renewal month – still waiting for memberships from numerous people. Will send reminder if dues not received by end of month.

#### **Old Business**:

 Speaker scorecard November 10 - Nicole Branton January 12 - Marcy Riser February 9 – RA Varney March 8 – TBD April 19 – TBD May 10 – Kolleen Kralick, The Cherokee Trail

#### New Business:

- Discussed potential options for different venues for monthly Chapter meetings due to elimination of free parking and frequent prior issues with parking gate
- Karen Kinnear designed and presented a brochure for IPCAS; requested feedback as to modifications desired
- Kinnear presented request from Pete Gleichman for board to review a funding request for a C14 date. Kinnear to get more information.
- Initiated discussions of potential field trips for 2012

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012. Location: TBD

#### Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Cheryl Damon, IPCAS Board Member Secretary Pro Tem

#### 2011 IPCAS Officers, Board Members, and major functions

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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - INDIAN PEAKS CHAPTER

Quarterly new member enrollment		Individual		Family	Student
January-March		\$28.5	0	\$33.00	\$14.25
April-June		\$21.5	0	\$24.75	\$10.75
July-September		\$14.2	5	\$16.50	\$7.25
October-December		\$7.25	i	\$8.25	\$3.75
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