

Newsletter of the Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society November 2012

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**

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| | 7: 00 pm. Denver Museum of Nature and Science – Lepi | ino Atrium entrance | | | | | |
| | 5:00 pm – Meet at Chilis (585 McCaslin) in Louisville for a bite and then carpool to museum. | | | | | | |
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| Nov 13 | 3 Site Stewardship Orientation Meeting- Join Sue Struthers from the forest service to receive | | | | | | |
| | stewardship assignments. Contact Anne Robinson if you are interested in becoming a site | | | | | | |
| | steward. 7:00 pm. Location TBD. | 8 | | | | | |
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| Nov 15 | Reading and Discussion Group: Neanderthals, 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. | | | | | | |
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| Dec 16 | | | | | | | |
| | 16 IPCAS Annual Christmas Party – December 2012 5:00 pm at Community UCC, 2650 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, Colorado 80305. | | | | | | |
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| Jan 10 | Presentation: Topic TBA | | | | | | |
| | Speaker: Mark Mitchell, | | | | | | |
| | January 10 at 7:00 pm. Dinosaur Room, CU Museum. | | | | | | |
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| Jan 24 | Reading and Discussion Group: Folsom People and Sites, 7PM, Reynolds Library Meeting | | | | | | |
| | Room (3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305), Real | | | | | | |
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| Feb 8 | Presentation: Topic TBA | | | | | | |

Speaker: Rich Wilshusen

7:00 pm. Dinosaur Room, CU Museum.

November Topic

"New Research at Woodrow Ruin: Preliminary Data from 2012 Excavations"

Preliminary Archaeological Research at Woodrow Ruin (SW New Mexico) Prehistoric Mimbres Culture: Woodrow Ruin. located just north of Cliff, NM on the Gila River, is one of the most unique sites in the Mimbres region. Not only is Woodrow Ruin a large, multi-component site that has numerous pithouses, 2 great kivas, and many room blocks, but it may also contain a ballcourt (similar to those found in the Hohokam Region). which would be the furthest east one has ever been found. While this makes Woodrow Ruin a very interesting site, what is most important about the site is its state of preservation. Unlike most other Mimbres sites, Woodrow Ruin has been spared from extensive looting. Surprisingly, no archaeological research has been conducted at Woodrow. This summer, Jakob carried out initial dissertation research at Woodrow ruin. This included high-contour GPS mapping and an analysis of surface ceramics. Once analyzed, the data he collected will provide valuable information on the occupation history of the site, and guide future excavations at the site.

During the summer of 2012 Jakob Sedig directed the first professional archaeological excavations at Woodrow Ruin as part of his dissertation research. Excavations at the site helped to confirm that Woodrow Ruin, located on the Upper Gila of southwest New Mexico, is not a typical Mimbres site. Although only a very small portion of the site was excavated, numerous exciting discoveries were made, including evidence for the long-disputed "Mangas" phase of Mimbres archaeology. In this talk Jakob will discuss the excavations conducted during the summer of 2012, and the preliminary results from analysis of the site's artifacts.

Bio:

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. dissertation Jakob's 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.

Exhibit -Chief Niwot: Legend & Legacy Friday, May 25, 2012 - Friday, January 04, 2013

Event Location: 1st Floor Galleries of

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Chief Niwot struggled to find peace during the most fateful years in Southern Arapaho history. His life and legacy are revealed in this exhibit along with the Arapahos' place in Boulder's history.

The Boulder History Museum is excited to present the powerful story Chief Niwot, one of the most notable Indians of the plains, a man about whom legends were made. Niwot's story is one of honor and deceit, hope and despair. When hoards of white men began migrating to the central plains in the mid-nineteenth century. they moved into the land that was home to the Arapaho and Cheyenne Indians. In 1858, the Arapaho Chief Niwot (translated in English as Left Hand) astonished the early gold-seekers in Colorado by greeting them in their own language. He and his tribe hoped to make peace with the newcomers to allow the two cultures to share the same land and coexist peacefully. Niwot devoted his life to this struggle but his efforts ultimately failed. He was mortally wounded at the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864. This exhibit is the first to reveal the story of Chief Niwot and the complexity his struggle to find peace during the most fateful years in the history of the Southern Arapaho Indians.

September 2012 Reading and Discussion Group Mimbres Pottery Samples from the Woodrow Ruins

The IPCAS Reading and Discussion group gets together every other month to discuss topics selected by the group. In September, the topic was Mimbres Pottery and in addition to discussing our reading selections, archaeology student and IPCAS member Jakob Sedig brought in Mimbres Pottery pieces from his recent excavation project at Woodrow Ruin in New Mexico.











Photos thanks to Gretchen Acharya

Volunteer Opportunities with Indian Peaks Chapter

We are have a number of open positions in the Indian Peaks Chapter. Please consider volunteering. Our volunteer positions allow for considerable latitude and creativity- you pretty much get to write your own job description. Contact us by email at indianpeaksarchaeology@gmail.com or contact Anne Robinson at 720-334-2782.

IPCAS Volunteer Opportunities Open Positions:

Newsletter EditorThe 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.

Other Volunteer Opportunities Lab Volunteer

Ceramic Analysis, CU Lab- Jakob Sedig (November speaker) would be interested in finding IPCAS members who would be interested in helping out with the ceramic analysis for Woodrow Ruin. Woodrow Ruin is a Mimbres site in New Mexico. Jakob would love to have some volunteers work with him to sort through the Mimbres Ceramics. This would include things like sorting the sherds by size, weighing them, counting them, and sorting them by design (red slip, white slip, corrugated, etc). If you think there may be a group of people interested in this I could reserve a time to meet 00once or twice in the archaeology lab at CU. Let me know what you think! Contact Jakob Sedig at Jakob.Sedig@Colorado.EDU for more information.

Lab Work, CSU Lab- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, would like to work with volunteers on lab work. Time frame would be on a weekday. Exact arrangements and focus of interest would need to be worked out. Volunteers would be paired with a graduate student as the mentor. Contact Anne Robinson.



Did Mimbres people Vote?

Nine of the men and women in this Mimbres pottery design appear to be voting. They have either their right or left hand held aloft and their other hand on their hip. The male figure at the bottom of the illustration appears to be counting the vote. He is painted with his hands in the air and his fingers in counting posture. To his right there is a woman contained in what may be a large basket. Is the vote deciding her fate?

(From Mimbres Mythology: Tales from the Painted Clay by James R. Cunkle, Primer Publishers (AZ), November 2001)

"Pompeii: What nature destroyed, it also preserved. Hundreds of exceptional artifacts offer an insider's glimpse into the daily life – and tragic end – of this ancient Roman city that was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79"

A Day in Pompeii - Exhibit

Exhibit at Denver Museum of Nature and Science September 14, 2012 through January 13, 2013 Hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Daily except for December 25. Purchase tickets in Advance

IPCAS Field Trip: A Day in Pompeii

Let's do a field trip to visit the Pompeii exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science! Saturday, November 17

Purchase tickets on your own for 9:30 start time

8:15 Meet to carpool (or meet us at the exhibit)

9:30 go to the exhibit/ visit the gift shop/ etc

11:30 Depart museum - Have a modern Italian lunch at Mici's Handcrafted Italian Restaurant Each person would be responsible for purchasing their own timed ticket to the exhibit in advance.

Pompeii: A Typical Day in a Typical Roman Town" - Lecture

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An Archaeological Institute of America lecture

Presented by

Cultural Resource Management Archeologist

Shelly Martin



Shelly Martin

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 7

<u>University of Colorado Museum of Natural History</u>

Paleontology Hall

1. Purpose: An IPCAS Executive Board meeting was conducted on Thursday, 10/4/12, at 7pm at Basil Flats in Longmont. Attendees included: Kris Holien, Karen Kinnear, Joan Prebish, and Anne Robinson.

2. Reports:

- a Secretary's Report (Joan Prebish): Approved September 2012 minutes.
- b Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Camell-Coppin): Balance of \$3,483.23 as of 9/30/12.
- c Membership Report (Carolyn Camell-Coppin): not available.

3. Speaker Scorecard:

- a. October 11: "Colorado Fur Trade Forts" (William Butler)
- b. November 8: Jakob Sedig
- c. January 10: Mark Mitchell
- d. February 14: Rich Wilshusen
- **4. PAAC Class Fall 2012.** The Historical Archaeology class will be hosted by IPCAS at the 29th Street Mall Community Room. Thirteen people have registered to date.
 - Sessions 1 & 2: October 24 & 30
 - Sessions 3 & 4: November 7 & 14
 - Sessions 5 & 6: November 20 & 28
 - Session 7: December 5

5. Old Business:

- a. Meeting rooms for 2012/2013 season. Joan will reserve a library room for April and will schedule a meeting with REI about their Community Room within the next four weeks.
- b. Website: Karen is loading and linking newsletters and will update contact info.
- c. Site Stewardship: Anne will follow up with Sue Struthers to schedule an orientation meeting in November 2012. There are six participants.
- d. CAS Annual Meeting will be conducted in Boulder on October 5-7 at A Spice of Life located at 5706 Arapahoe Avenue. Approximately 88 people have registered to date.
- e. Elections for 2013. No new nominees have been submitted.
- f. National Archaeology Day is Saturday, October 20. IPCAS will participate with a slide show and handouts. Final preparations will be made on Friday, 10/26/12 at 6:30pm. Will need volunteers to staff the exhibit.
- g. Annual IPCAS Holiday Potluck Party will be held at 5pm on 12/16/12 at the Community Church of Christ.

6. New Business:

- a. Field Trips. Kris will check into a field trip to see the Chief Niwot exhibit at the Boulder History Museum. Anne will check into field trips to see the Pompeii Exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and a tour of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum.
- b. The renewal notice plan for 2013 will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Summary:

- a. Next meeting will be conducted on Thursday, November 1.
- b. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

"University of Colorado at Chimney Rock" Exhibition

A collaborative effort of CU students and faculty
Nov. 8, 2012 - April 2013
Anthropology Hall

The *University of Colorado at Chimney Rock* exhibition highlights the archaeoastronomy and archaeology of this beautiful southwestern Colorado site. Chimney Rock, thanks in part to efforts of CU students and faculty who have been performing research at this sight since the 1970's, was <u>designated</u> as our nation's 103rd and newest national monument, by President Obama, on Sept. 21, 2012.

A thousand years ago, Chimney Rock was home to Ancestral Pueblo People who built more than 200 homes and ceremonial buildings high above the valley floor. Many of the structures remain today, and are designed to perfectly align with lunar events such as seasonal solstices

"Broken Mammoth Bones, Experimental Archaeology, and the Early Peopling of North America" Lecture

Monday, November 12, 7:00 pm, Ricketson Auditorium, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd.

Speakers: Steven Holen and Kathleen Holen

Bios: Steven Holen has been Curator of Archaeology in the Department of Anthropology at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science (DMNS) since 2001. He has more than 40 years experience in Great Plains archaeology working for state and federal agencies, universities, and public museums. He has conducted research on all ages of sites rangingfrom historic Oregon Trail sites to Paleoindian sites. Most recently his research has focused on the Clovis people, the earliest well-known North American human culture. This research includes the manufacture and long-distancemovement of Clovis stone tools in the Central Great Plains. He has also excavated several pre-Clovis mammoth sites. Steven Holen has a Bachelor and a Masters Degree from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

Areas of Expertise: Paleo-Indian Occupation of the Western Great Plains; Public Education in Archaeology, Native American Archaeology of the Great Plains; Early Human Occupation of North America; geoarcheology and paleoecology; stone tool technology and long-distance movement of lithic materials across the Great Plains; and the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act.

Kathleen Holen has an MA in Archaeology from Exeter University, Devon, England, which she recently obtained after a long career as a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner and an avocational archaeologist. She is currently the Director of the Center for American Paleolithic Research and a Department Associate at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Her main research interests are evidence of human behavior seen in material culture, tool recognition and use, taphonomic evidence of human technology and the earliest dispersals of people into North America.

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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 |
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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.

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