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WANTED:

Member Stories

Now that summer has nearly come to an end, we want to hear about your summer vacation. Send stories and photos of your summer archaeology adventures to the Editor by email at:

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From the President

By Rosi Dennett

Welcome back! Where did the summer go? We hope you at least managed to find some time to explore some of those archaeological sites you've had on your to-do list for a while. We want to hear what you did this summer (hiking, surveying, researching, documenting, and/or excavating), so send your stories and photographs to Chris Kerns for future newsletter articles. Chris has agreed to be our new Calumet editor taking over for Joan Prebish. Thank you, Joan, for all your hard work in setting up the new format for our newsletter.

Our monthly lectures at the CU Museum this fall have been scheduled (thank you Rich Wilshusen), and you don't want to miss any of them. Dr. Doug Bamforth will be presenting on September 8 a comparison of the cultural American Southwest with the much smaller area perceived today as the Southwest. Dr. Chris Zier's presentation on Trincheria Cave is on October 13, and Kevin Black will share his insights of 40 years in archaeology on November 10.

Please take note of the upcoming PAAC class schedule and particularly the Archaeological Dating Methods class starting on September 19 at the Gunbarrel Fire Station. Let Delane Mechling know if you are interested in attending. This is a great opportunity to get to know Chris Johnston, the new PAAC instructor, who also recently joined IPCAS.

Don't forget to send in that registration form for the CAS Annual Meeting in Grand Junction October 7 - 10. They've got a lot of interesting speakers lined up and some great field trips planned! And if you would like to help Dr. Scott Ortman with lab sorting and cataloguing of pottery sherds from the Northern New Mexico Pueblo of Pojoaque, the Monday afternoon labs at CU from 3 to 6 have begun. If you're interested in this fascinating project, please contact me. We also still have some openings left for the Mesa Verde field trip September 10 - 18, if you are up for an action-packed behind-the-scenes exploration of the vast archaeological resources of that area. Again, if interested, please contact me as soon as possible.



Doug Bamforth with the Mahaffy Cache. Courtesy of Doug Bamforth.

About Doug Bamforth

Doug Bamforth earned his BA at the University of Pennsylvania and his MA and PhD at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He taught at the University of Nebraska for three years before coming to CU, where he is now a professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology. On the Plains, he has worked in Nebraska, Colorado, and Texas and investigated sites ranging in age from Clovis to the 12th century. Off the Plains, he has worked in California, Nevada, Georgia, and Ireland. Dr. Bamforth grew up in New Jersey and graduated from a high school in New York City.

IPCAS Lectures

When: Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm
Where: CU Museum, Dinosaur Room
Cost: Free and Open to the Public

Doug Bamforth

Department Chair, Professor - University of Colorado at Boulder

Where is the American Southwest and Why Isn't it There Anymore?

Most people, including most archaeologists, have a very clear image of where the American Southwest is and what it looks like. It is about where Coronado said it was in the mid-16th century, it is generally not too far from fine dining and high end art galleries, and it has pueblos and deserts, mesas and canyons. If we define the Southwest in terms of indigenous identity and try to look at that identity using archaeological data, though, Coronado's (and R.C. Gorman's) Southwest is problematic. The cultural Southwest was once much larger than it is on the maps in our textbooks, and knowing this fundamentally changes what we often think we know about topics like Plains/Pueblo interaction.

Next Month...

On Thursday, October 13th

Dr. Chris Zier from Centennial Archaeology

The Archaeology of Archaeology: Reconstructing Trinchera Cave

In 2014 Centennial Archaeology, Inc. took a fresh look at an old site with a long, and in some ways tortured, history of research. Trinchera Cave, 28 miles east of Trinidad, was professionally excavated on four separate occasions between 1949 and 2001. Dr. Zier will piece together that history in his upcoming lecture.

Education and Outreach

CU Ceramics Lab: Sorting and documenting Pojoaque/Cuyamungue Ceramic sherds RETURNS....

By Rosi Dennett

Dr. Scott Ortman's pottery lab started up again last Monday and we look forward to what this semester will bring for our IPCAS volunteers. The lab is Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Hale. This year Dr. Ortman is hoping to finish up the Pojoaque Pueblo collection and is already scheming for future labs. The primary goal for this project is to reconstruct the role of Pojoaque Pueblo in the history of Tewa Pueblo society and to develop methods for reconstructing the population histories of currently-occupied villages for application to other pueblos in the area. The volunteers are learning lab techniques and typology while enjoying the camaraderie of a great group of volunteers. Interested? Contact Dr. Scott Ortman at: Scott.Ortman@colorado.edu.



Dr. Scott Ortman, lab director and CU anthropology professor, assisting participants with sherd identification. Photo courtesy of Gretchen Acharya.

Conversation on Collecting: IPCAS at the Boulder Creek Festival

By Allison M. Kerns

Over the Memorial Day long weekend this past May IPCAS hosted a booth at the Boulder Creek Festival. We talked to a lot of people about archaeology in Boulder County, Colorado, and beyond. We also heard a lot of archaeology stories from members of the public... many of them started with collecting. To find out how many people we talked to, and what we learned through our conversation over the weekend visit [Conversation onCollecting: IPCAS at the Boulder Creek Festival](#) on the IPCAS Facebook Page.

Education and Outreach... continued

Fall PAAC Class in Boulder... Archaeological Dating Methods

By *Delane Mechling*

The fall PAAC class held in Boulder will be archaeological dating methods. Students will learn both relative and absolute dating techniques as well as sample collection, preservation, and care of datable materials. This class is being held Monday evenings (except for one class on Wednesday) on September 19th, 21st, October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If you are interested in taking the course, please contact Delane Mechling at mechlings@hotmail.com or 303-319-0420.

BVSD Lifelong Learning Courses

By *Chris Kerns*

This fall I'll be teaching two separate archaeology courses for BVSD Lifelong Learning open to the public. The courses will be introductory in nature and should be a lot of fun.

The first class is: ***Dismissing Aliens, Atlantians and Other Pseudo-Archaeological Delusions***. The class will be held Wednesday Evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm from September 28th thru October 19th, 2016 at the Arapahoe Campus. The class introduces the nature of modern archaeology and the wide variety of methodologies and intellectual stances that form its core. In the class we'll use and discuss both modern and historical pseudo-archaeologies as case studies in order to uncover how archaeologists use science to learn about the past.

The second class is: ***Resurrecting the Dead: An Archaeological Approach to Death***. This class will be held Wednesday Evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm from October 26th thru November 16th, 2016 at the Arapahoe Campus. This class explores how humans have disposed of and commemorated the dead throughout history and how archaeologists discover the attitudes and practices of people in the past. Case studies will focus on the interpretation of rank and status, ritual and symbolism, territory, and the ethical and legal aspects of exhumation and reburial. Studies will range from the Lower Paleolithic to Stonehenge and even the present day. If either of these classes sound interesting to you or you want to find out more about BVSD Lifelong Learning, visit the BVSD Lifelong Learning page (<http://www.bvsd.org/lll/Pages/default.aspx>) to register and explore more classes.



Guest Feature

Excavations at Tintagel, Cornwall, United Kingdom

By Win Scutt

Assistant Properties Curator (West), English Heritage

BBC Radio Archaeology Correspondent

Tintagel really is an extraordinary site. It's certainly dramatic – a rocky headland on the beautiful north coast of Cornwall. But while thousands of visitors come to see the 13th century castle, with its connections to the legend of King Arthur, what many do not realize is that there is a much older – another 800 years older - archaeological site underneath.

When the archaeologist C.A. Raleigh Radford surveyed the site in the 1930s, he identified the grassy ruins of dozens of rectangular buildings scattered across the headland. On excavation they proved to be associated with large quantities of pottery of the 5th - 8th centuries AD, imported from the eastern Mediterranean. Radford interpreted the settlement as a monastery, but subsequent archaeologists have argued that Tintagel was an important royal stronghold of the Kingdom of Dumnonia.

In April of this year English Heritage commissioned a five year research project



Tintagel, post-Roman Era aerial view. Image courtesy of Win Scutt



Excavations at Tintagel Castle, 2016. Photo Courtesy of Win Scutt.

designed to find out more about these enigmatic buildings – to date them more accurately and to understand their architecture and function. The first phase of the project, comprising desk-based research, geophysical survey and a fortnight’s excavation drew to a close last month. The excavations took place on terraces on the southern and eastern sides of the headland where the stratigraphy was likely to be deep and well-preserved.

We soon uncovered walls up to one-meter thick with areas of paving – and even a flight of steps - which may well have belonged to high status buildings. More than 200 finds were made, dating from the 5th to the 8th centuries, including sherds of imported Late-Roman amphorae, fragments of fine glass, and an impressive rim of Phocaeen red-slip ware. Sherds of B1 amphorae are particularly distinctive with their globular profile and grooved shoulders, and imply the importation of wine or olive oil. The Phocaeen dishes came from the west coast of Turkey and suggest the inhabitants of Tintagel were living the high life – as do the fragments of fine Merovingian glass cups. Tintagel is exceptional in so many ways: the dense concentration of post-Roman buildings; the remote location; the defended coastal promontory; the sheer quantity of Mediterranean imports (more than those from all the excavated sites of the period in Britain).

Was it really a royal site? Or was it simply a commercial port? Were metals such as tin, silver and copper being exported? Were the buildings largely residential, or are some workshops and storerooms? These are questions that we can start to answer in the years to come.

But there are other questions we may never be able to answer. Is the later association with Arthur purely a fanciful fabrication? Was there really a person such as Arthur who had a connection with Tintagel?

This year was just an evaluation – to see if the archaeology on our chosen sites deserve further exploration. It certainly does! So, next year, the second phase of the project will see the opening up of a larger area on one of the terraces. Our specialists are busy analyzing the finds and samples.



Excavations at Tintagel Castle, 2016. Photo courtesy of Win Scutt.

By January, we hope to have some of the results back, and we shall be in a position to decide where we shall be digging next summer. I suspect it will be on the southern terrace, where we have well- preserved walls and paving. Wherever we excavate, next year's results are likely to be even more stunning.

ABOUT WIN SCUTT



Diving in the Caesarea Sea. Courtesy of Win Scutt.

Win Scutt is a British archaeologist who has actively supported community archaeology groups for nearly 40 years. Win has regularly been seen and heard on TV and Radio in the UK with weekly features on BBC Radio. Win was the chairman of the Plymouth and District Archaeological Society from 1979 to 1989. Currently, Win works for English Heritage as an assistant properties curator having previously been the Education Manager for the Southwest. He was also appointed the Community

Engagement Officer for the Drake's Place Project which received £600,000 in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Over the course of his career Win has had the opportunity to work on many amazing archaeology projects including Phylakopi (Melos, Greece), Hambledon Hill (Dorset), Bayard's Castle (London), and the Stonehenge Riverside Project. Win's research interests include Landscape Archaeology, the History of Plymouth, and Place-names and language in Britain.

Spotlight: Cheryl Damon

By Cheryl Damon



Cheryl Damon on Arapaho Pass. Photo courtesy of Cheryl Damon.

I have been interested in archaeology since I was a child when I would seek out books about archaeology in the library. It was 1992, however, before I accidentally found my way to IPCAS via Dock Teegarten – a wonderful man who was a long term member of IPCAS. After reading in Longmont’s newspaper about a field trip to view stone circles, I called to sign up. Dock let me know that the trip really wasn’t open to the general public (wasn’t supposed to be in the paper), but if I wanted to join IPCAS..... He extolled the virtues of the organization, all of which were and still are true! Inexpensive membership, monthly programs, great PAAC classes taught by the Assistant State Archaeologist, field trips, and great people. I was hooked. I am now at twenty four years with IPCAS.

I started attending IPCAS Executive Board meetings in 1993 when I somehow raised my hand when there was a request for someone to coordinate the CAS Silent Auction and Raffle for the CAS annual meeting that was held in Boulder that year. After being an at-large board member for a few years, I held several officer positions, including Secretary, Treasurer, a five year stint as Co-President (with Kris Holien) and President, and also

served as PAAC Coordinator. For the last 5 years, I have been an at-large board member again. (Executive Board meetings are a great venue to stay up to date with the happenings in the chapter, help set current and future plans, and is a great way to get to know others in the chapter. No experience necessary!!)

I began doing field work in 1993, with the Rock Creek excavation, and was fortunate to meet some wonderful fellow IPCAS members at that time, many of whom remain good friends to this day. I also learned that excavation did not always mean a trowel and a brush – sometimes a pick-axe is required in Colorado's heat-baked soil!! Since then, I have participated in numerous excavations and surveys within Colorado and several PIT projects within Colorado and Wyoming. I am very grateful for the opportunities that I have had to participate and continue to learn about archaeology, and for the friendships that I have developed over the years.

My most recent activities have been with the site stewardship program with Sue Struthers in Arapahoe/Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee Grasslands. This involves visiting sites specified by Sue, assessing the condition of the sites, and documenting changes that have occurred each year. I currently monitor one site in the Arapahoe Roosevelt National Forest, and will do the first monitoring of a site on the Pawnee Grasslands this fall. This is a great program and provides an opportunity to study and understand a site in detail.

I am very happily retired (class of 2015) and have no problem finding things to consume my time! In addition to archaeology, I am passionate about hiking, enjoy travel, history, genealogy, gardening, and have a number of other interests to pursue as time permits!

I have certainly enjoyed my time with IPCAS, and plan to be a member for a long time! It is an outstanding organization with dedicated people committed to keeping the chapter learning and growing, and a membership that is a committed, fun group to be with, whether in meetings, on field trips, or working on projects!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALANDER

Lectures			
09/08/2016 7:00pm	Where is the American Southwest and Why Isn't it There Anymore?	Dr. Doug Bamforth	University of Colorado Museum, Paleontology Hall
09/12/2016 7:00pm	The Magic of Social Networking, Past and Present	Dr. Scott Ortman	DMNS, Ricketson Auditorium
09/19/2016 1:00 & 7:00pm	Doc Holliday's Colorado Career	Victoria Wilcox	History Colorado, \$8.50 Members/ \$10 Non-members
Fall Classes/ Labs			
Mondays, 3:00 to 6:00pm (Hale Science)	IPCAS Pottery Lab - Pojoaque Pueblo Collection	Dr. Scott Ortman	Contact Rosi Dennett or Lynda McNeil if interested
Mondays (one class on a Wednesday), starting 9/19/2016	Archaeological Dating Methods	Fall PAAC Class	Contact Delane Mechling at mechlings@hotmail.com to sign up
Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm 9/28/2016 to 10/19/2016	Dismissing Aliens, Atlantians and other Pseudo-Archaeological Delusions (BVSD Lifelong Learning)	Course Tutor: Chris Kerns	Tuition: \$79 Register at: http://www.bvsd.org/III/Pages/default.aspx
Tours and Trips			
9/10/2016 to 9/18/2016	IPCAS Mesa Verde Trip	\$165 per person	Contact Karen Kinnear or Rosi Dennett to sign up.
9/8/2016 to 9/9/2016	Rocky's West Side Story: The Kawuneeche Valley	History Colorado	Sign up on History Colorado's website
9/14/2016 & 9/15/2016	Downtown Longmont History Walking Tour (\$5)	Longmont Museum	To register call 303-651-8374
9/17/2016	History Hounds: Mt. Falcon Hike	History Colorado	Sign up on History Colorado's website
Events			
9/10/2016	Culturally Modified Tree Training (Free Registration)	Boulder County Parks and Open Space	http://www.bouldercounty.org/jobs/vol/pages/posvolunteers.aspx
9/17/2016 12:00-4:00pm	Lowriders-Cars and Culture	Longmont Museum	Exhibit Opening
9/24/2016 & 9/25/2016	Loveland Stone Age Fair (Free Admission)	Loveland Archaeology Society	http://stoneagefair.com/2016_saf/index.htm

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The submission deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month for the next month's issue.

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