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Greetings from IPCAS! We're entering month four of the COVID-19 pandemic, even if it feels like month 72. While the pandemic has shifted our activities online, there's still lots going on. IPCAS will have chapter meetings on June 11, July 9 and August 14 to make up for the missed March and April meetings and in lieu of a September meeting. Keep up with IPCAS emails, social media and [website for up-to-date information](#).

On June 11, Amelia Brackett will present findings on historical apple plantings and trees in Boulder from the Boulder Apple Tree Project. Amelia and her undergraduate class were slated to give this presentation in April. I'd also like to extend gratitude to Christian Driver for his presentation about the history of Settler's Park at May's meeting. Unfortunately, we weren't able to record the presentation, but I expect that he'll be able to provide updates as tribal consultation and renaming continues.

Planning for the annual meeting in September is coming together. IPCAS will host the first virtual Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, including conference papers, poster session, raffle, and keynote address. Similarly, state CAS activities are coming back

and online. We don't yet have an active CAS website or new edition of The Surveyor, the quarterly CAS newsletter, to share as of publication of this newsletter. The next CAS quarterly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 18 via Google Meet. Please let me or our CAS Representative, [Delane Mechling](#), know if you have concerns to be presented to the CAS Board. You can also contact [Larry Beidle](#), CAS Executive Secretary, with items for the board.

The IPCAS Board voted on June 4 to propose to the CAS Board that the organization draft and adopt an anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policy. Our chapter has pushed this initiative for nearly a year, but recent political unrest has made it clear that CAS needs to be a safe space for members. This initiative does not detract from the mission of protecting cultural resources.

Don't hesitate to reach out. It's more important than ever that we stay connected while we're apart. IPCAS may be focused on archaeology and stewardship, but it's the relationships we share that keep us together.

Stay safe out there!

Katy Waechter, Chapter President

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Upcoming Lecture



The Boulder Apple Tree Project

June 11 at 7 p.m.

[Click to join with Google Meet](#)

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What We're Reading

- **WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FAIL THIS TIME:** Nicki Gonzales, Associated Professor of History and member of History Colorado's State Historian's Council, [recounted over 50 years of riots reacting to systemic racism and what we need to learn.](#)
 - **VANDALISM AT DENVER MUSEUMS:** History Colorado was among several cultural [institutions in Denver that were vandalized last week](#) during protests.
 - **WHEN BUREAUCRACY FAILS:** Rock shelters in the Juukan Gorge in Australia, one of the earliest known sites occupied by Indigenous Australians, were [destroyed by a mining company after complying with antiquated heritage laws.](#)
 - **MONEY PIT IS A MONEY PIT:** A geologist thinks that the [famous Oak Island "Money Pit" is actually a sinkhole.](#) But the real treasure is in the cultural items the TV show keeps finding.
 - **THIS OLD GARDEN:** A new paper comparing isotope compositions found that [maize consumption increased dramatically in Maya populations 4,700 years ago,](#) pushing back the date of maize reliance about three millennia.
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Feature Article



Walking, talking and showing off -- a history of Roman gardens

By Annalisa Marzano

In ancient Rome, you could tell a lot about a person from the look of their garden. Ancient gardens were spaces used for many activities, such as dining, intellectual practice, and religious rituals. They also offered the opportunity to flaunt horticultural skills as well as travels. As such, gardens were taken rather seriously by Romans. Walking had an important role here, as there is no better way to show off your garden than to take people on walks through it.

The role of horticulture in the construction of elite identity in ancient Rome is one of the topics I am investigating, while the excavation of an ancient Pompeian garden I co-direct is revealing tangible information on settings for horticultural displays.

For wealthy Romans, gardens were a place to exercise the mind, for instance by strolling while conversing about philosophy or literature. The orator and philosopher Cicero famously wrote that if you have a garden and a library you have everything you need.

The type of plants chosen could reveal much about how cultured the owner was. From the writings of Roman authors, we can see that plane trees (which nowadays commonly line streets and walkways in parks) were a good choice. They offered shade in summer and were a way to show that one was versed in Greek philosophy: Aristotle and Plato's famed philosophical schools were held in garden's shaded by [plane trees](#), as Plato referred to in his *Phaedrus*.

[Read the rest of the article here](#)

Annalisa Marzano is a Professor of Ancient History at University of Reading.

Upcoming Events

[Illegal to Be You: Gay History Beyond
Stonewall](#)

5-6 p.m., June 11

[IPCAS Lecture: The Boulder Apple Tree
Project](#)

7-8 p.m., June 11

[Join via Google Meet](#)

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[The State Historian's Address: Immigration
to the Centennial State: What's True and
What's New](#)

1-2 p.m., June 15

Email [kelsey.voskam
p@state.co.us](mailto:kelsey.voskam
p@state.co.us) to
register.

[Using Oral History to Strengthen
Communities](#)

2-3 p.m., June 16

[Pioneer Jews of Leadville](#)

1-2 p.m., June 22

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