In Case You Missed It—Another Well-Attended Annual Meeting in Montrose

By Jason LaBelle, CAS President

The Chipeta Chapter hosted the CAS Annual Meeting in Montrose from September 26-28. The weather was fantastic, with fall colors evident along the many pathways leading to the Western Slope.

On Friday night, the CAS quarterly board meeting was held at the Museum of the Mountain West, including musical entertainment as well as a dinner. The following day, the meeting shifted to the conference hotel. A fine day of papers and posters were presented, many of which were topics related to the study of Native American Architecture (see Page 4 for titles). Intermixed with the talks were chances to bid on items donated for the Silent Auction, for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship. Following the paper session, the Annual Meeting was held, informing the membership of the activities of the society, as well as electing the leadership of CAS for 2009. Dinner was served, and while dessert set in, several awards were presented. These included Chapter Service Awards (Mini-Trowel/Corn God Pins) to Judy and Bob Kilgore (Pikes Peak), Kay Miller (Denver) Bev Goering (Northern Colorado), and Joel Hurmence (Northern Colorado). The Ivol Hagar Award was presented to Monte Joe Sanburg, for his years of dedication to CAS at the state level as well as the Chipeta chapter. Monte Joe’s contributions will be detailed in a future issue of Southwestern Lore. Finally, Dr. Allen West presented the latest evidence for the possibility of a comet exploding over North America during the late Pleistocene, perhaps leading to the extinction of mammoths during Clovis times and the onset of a very cold glacial environment, the Younger Dryas, which corresponds to the Folsom period. Sunday saw a variety of field trips, including tours of the Ute Museum in Montrose as well as field visits to Flint Cave and the Shavano Valley Rock Art site.

All together, it was an excellent weekend in Montrose, and if you weren’t able to attend – well then, get ready for the next Annual CAS Meeting, to be held in Pueblo in 2009! Thanks to all involved in planning the meeting, especially to the program chair Kris Holien, as well as meeting organizers Chuck Richey, Bill and Linda Manske, and other Chipeta chapter volunteers.

See inside for more summaries and pictures of the 2008 CAS Annual Meeting in Montrose.
CAS Board Meeting Highlights

Sept 26 - 27, 2008 – Montrose, Colorado

1. Chapter representatives need to contact Tom Hoff, Executive Secretary, regarding the IRS status report to determine if the report contains correct information for each chapter.

2. Draft of 3rd Quarter financials were presented.

3. The CAS treasurer is waiting for the CAS tax return prepared by Grothe Financial. It was also reported that a raffle savings account has been closed. A raffle checking account has been opened to meet raffle requirements.

4. Bev Goering, Membership Chair, reported on a downward trend in memberships. For the 3rd quarter, CAS has 753 memberships (986 members).

5. CAS is making great progress on fixing the incorrect email addresses. We will continue switching members to US mail until we are assured of having a correct email address. Please continue to forward correct email addresses to Bev.

6. Each year the Alice Hamilton Scholarship winners are asked if they are willing to make a presentation to the CAS Annual meeting, or make a poster. This year, of 12 scholarship winners, 3 gave presentations and 4 provided posters. One winner will give a presentation to the Indian Peaks Chapter.

7. Kevin Black gave a comprehensive PAAC report. Three PAAC classes were completed during the 3rd quarter. Work has been completed on the final technical report for the 07 PAAC Summer Training Survey at Hermit Park. The PAC survey at Antelope Gulch was the initial, and quite productive, session for that project. Listed on the CAS website are 15 dates for the PAAC lab project for the analysis of Antelope Gulch artifacts and older CHS collections.

8. Advisory Committee reports were received and reported on from 6 of 12 chapters. CAS Reps/Advisory Reps are reminded of their responsibility to provide quarterly reports of chapter activities for the Advisory Committee’s report to the State Archaeologist.

9. Terry Murphy, Awards Chair, presented the new designs for chapter achievement awards and Ivol Hagar award plaques. The new designs are less costly than previous designs, and look great!

10. Susan Collins, State Archaeologist, gave a monthly summary of OAHP activities. The new Colorado History Museum is on a fast-track for completion. Susan reported that a meeting was held on the Sand Creek National Historic Site to develop a comprehensive management plan.

11. The Anti-Vandalism Task Force is looking for new ideas for the 2009 Awareness Month Poster. Give your ideas to Terry Murphy.

12. The Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA) is looking to CAS to possibly sponsor the reprinting of the Arkansas, Rio Grande, Platte and Northern Colorado prehistoric context documents. This is not a loan but a 40/60 split of costs and profit. The Board approved a motion to approve the request using Tessman Publication funds and a percentage of the volumes available to CAS for student archaeologists.

13. CAS members present approved the slate of candidates to be the 2009 Officers as follows:
   - President: Jason LaBelle
   - Vice President: Kris Holien
   - Treasurer: Michele Giometti
   - Recording Secretary: Linda Seyfert

14. 2009 meetings: The January Quarterly meeting will be held in Fort Collins (date to be determined). For the spring and summer meetings, location and dates to be determined. The fall Quarterly Board and Annual Meeting will be sponsored by the Pueblo Chapter, dates to be determined.

15. Available committee chair positions on the CAS Board – Chairs of Education, Long Range Planning, Ways and Means, and Awards. Positions are open to any CAS member. If you have questions or interest, please contact Jason LaBelle, CAS President.

16. Discussion was held on an issue between the City of Montrose and the local archaeologists. The city wants to demolish a remaining wall of a collapsed building which is the earliest structure in Montrose. The building is eligible for the National Historic Register, however there is controversy over whether there is enough of the building to save. A motion was made for CAS to request a standstill from the State Preservation Officer while CAS appoints a committee to review the situation and prepares a nomination for NHR status for the building. Vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Linda Seyfert
Recording Secretary
The 2008 CAS Annual Meeting Summary

By Bill Manske  President, Chipeta Chapter

The 2008 CAS Annual Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, CO, Saturday, Sept. 28th with field trips on Sunday, Sept. 29th. Saturday’s meeting, with it’s collection of stimulating papers, a lively meeting, silent auction, and lots of socializing, was enjoyed by all. After a delicious meal, Monte Sanburg, Chipeta Chapter member, was presented the Hagar Award by his long-time associate, Steve Baker. The evening was capped off with a thought-provoking and entertaining presentation by Dr. Allen West titled Diamonds, Mammoths, and Comets. Sunday’s field trips went off without a hitch with some lucky members able to visit the Shavano Valley Rock Art site and also attend a presentation on the “Telluride Blanket” at the Ute Museum. All trekkers to the Flint Cave and the Moore Site returned from the wilds safely. It’s on to Pueblo for 2009!
2008 Annual Meeting Presentations and Posters

Presentations

Mark Stiger
Folsom Artifact Assemblages from Two Structures at the Mountaineer Site - Variation as an Indicator of the Occupant's Roles.

George Dombrowski, Greg Meldrum, Mandy Rae, Collin Smith, and Brett Soderberg
5GN2477: The Mountaineer Folsom Site: A report on site disturbances caused by cement truck use in the construction of a telecommunications tower

Erin Parks*
Ice Age Sites and Their Interpretation: Preliminary Research for Archaeological Interpretation for the Public, the Lindenmeier Folsom Site in Northern Colorado

Neil Hauser
Flint Cave Quarry: An Analysis

Jakob Sedig*
Projectile Points as Ritual Objects (Northern San Juan region PII-PIII)

Steve Baker, Jeffrey Dean and Ronald Towner
The Old Wood Calibration Project, Western Colorado: or Where Did Ute Prehistory Go?

Lucy Burris
Fremont Granaries: A Preliminary Look at Patterns and Purpose in Northwestern Colorado

Abe Thompson*
Investigating the Relationship Between Wildland Fires and Peoples of the Present and the Past (Wyoming)

Steve Baker
Historic Stockade Architecture on Colorado's Western Slope

Jason LaBelle and Ashleigh Knapp
75 Years of the Sporadic Study of Stone Circle Sites in Northern Colorado

Kevin Black
First Season Results: the PAAC Survey at Antelope Gulch, Fremont County, Colorado

Terri Hoff
A Newly Discovered Human Effigy Vessel from Southwest Colorado

Allen West
Diamonds, Mammoths, and Comets

Posters

Katherine Arntzen*
Ocosta-by-the-Sea: A Boomtown in Three Narratives

Lucy Burris
Western Harvester Ants: Little Helpers on a Big Landscape

Emily Calhoun*
Shell Artifacts in Eastern Colorado, a Synthesis of Location and Quantity

Stephen Matt*
A Pedestrian Survey of the Eastern-most Mesa Top at Chimney Rock Archaeological Area

Sarah Stugart*
Darkmold Site, 2008 Fort Lewis Archaeological Field School

* 2008 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Recipient

Terri Hoff Presenting at Saturday Paper Symposium. Photo courtesy of Bill Manske.
Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fundraiser A Success!

Congratulations to Tamara Fairbanks, Fort Collins, for winning the Alice Hamilton Scholarship raffle! Her prize was the a traditional Acoma pot made by award winning Acoma potter Mildred Antonio. The hand-painted polychrome olla was generously donated by Larry and Iris Evans, Denver Chapter. The 2008 raffle proved so popular that the Scholarship Committee ran out of raffle tickets (more will printed for next year). The total proceeds for the 2008 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Raffle was $1622. Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets in support of the scholarship fund.

The silent auction brought in $1303. The wonderful selection of items for the silent auction included donated artwork, photography, maps, books, handcrafts, wine and more.

The two Gunnison River trips offered in 2008 through Centennial Canoe Outfitters brought in an additional $1,750 for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund.

These events represented continued success for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund. This fund supports the student scholarships awarded each spring.

Tamara Fairbanks with her Alice Hamilton Scholarship Raffle prize.

Claudia Berner, Iris Evans, and Terri Hoff announced next year's raffle item—a quilt of Mimbres bowl designs that they themselves will make: Iris Evans showed a sample version to those at the meeting, and had several requests to buy tickets right then! Get your checkbooks ready to purchase these tickets next year!
The CAS Surveyor

Vermillion - Due to the past fires in Browns Park, some of the rock art at the Raftopoulos Rock Art site has been covered with soot. CAS should consider obtaining grants to provide restorative work at the site in order to preserve this excellent site.

Site Stewardships

Hisatsinom: Stewards continue to work on sites in the area via San Juan Mtn. Assoc., Archaeological Conservancy.

Indian Peaks – Conducted Site Stewardship visit to Lava Cliffs Rock Feature Complex, a high country pre-historic site (5LR7095) on August 10th. Site is located adjacent to Highway 34, Trail Ridge Road, within Rocky Mountain National Park.

Rock Art - CRAA has an ongoing discussion about making site location information available to the public. This problem seems to crop up every few years. We, CRAA, suggest a discussion between CAS, CRAA and the State Archaeologist to set access criteria for site locations.

Vermillion - In order to minimize vandalism to the site, the State Land Board has restricted access to the canyon. However, the site is being visited by people who have not received permission from the State Land Board. With the permission of the local administrator of the State Land Board, on August 26th and September 7, a member of the chapter journeyed into Vermillion Canyon to monitor the site. It does not appear that there has not been any additional vandalism of the site.

Vandalism and Compliance Issues – No report.

Cross-Organization Interactions

Pueblo - Pueblo continues to be involved in volunteer activities of the SE Colorado Heritage Center. Two members are on the Board.

Rock Art - CRAA has funded the intern position at the LOPA (CSU Ft. Collins) lab for the fall of 2007 and spring of 2008. The proceeds of the annual symposium go to this funding. The amount is $500 per semester.

Public Education / Outreach

Denver - Betsy Weitkamp is in the introductory stages of a program for schools similar to that underway at Colorado Springs.
PAAC Lab Training Scheduled

I will be resuming the PAAC lab training at our Lowry facility in east Denver again this winter, and the 15 dates listed below have now been posted on the Colorado Historical Society web site [http://coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/paac/certreq/labcreditb.htm] where one can find pertinent information on the project and instructions for participation. Interested volunteers must attend at least two of the 15 sessions, which take place from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day. Dates for the PAAC lab training are:

- Tuesday December 2, 2008
- Wednesday December 3, 2008
- Wednesday December 10, 2008
- Friday December 12, 2008
- Saturday December 13, 2008
- Tuesday December 16, 2008
- Wednesday December 17, 2008
- Friday January 9, 2009
- Saturday January 10, 2009
- Tuesday January 13, 2009
- Wednesday January 14, 2009
- Wednesday January 21, 2009
- Thursday January 22, 2009
- Tuesday January 27, 2009
- Wednesday January 28, 2009

There is no formal deadline or application process, but prospective volunteers should contact Kevin Black by November 7. Contact information:

Kevin Black, Assistant State Archaeologist, Colorado Historical Society-OAHP, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, ph 303-866-4671, fax 303-866-2711, kevin.black@chs.state.co.us

Colorado Rock Art Association 2009 - Cortez Call for Papers

The Colorado Rock Art Association (CRAA) is seeking speakers for its annual meeting in Cortez, Colorado, on May 15-17, 2009 (papers to be presented on Saturday, May 16). Paper length may be 10, 15, or 20 minutes (for short field reports to longer research discussions) and should focus on rock art of Colorado or surrounding areas, or related aspects of rock art study in general, ethnoarchaeology, educational programs, or conservation efforts. Particular attention is requested for integration of rock art into other aspects of archaeology, such as regional or site interpretations in which rock art is a part.

Please submit abstracts of 150 words or less by April 15, 2009, to Larry Loendorf LLL@Loendorf.net and John Greer jgreer@GreerServices.com. See http://www.coloradorockart.org for more information.

The CRAA Annual Meeting Committee is asking for volunteers from the Cortez area to help with the symposium planning and field trips. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynda McNeil Lynda.McNeil@colorado.edu or John Greer jgreer@GreerServices.com
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