Colorado Archaeological Society - Grand Junction Chapter

August 2017 Newsletter

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CAS - GJ exists to provide education, training, community service opportunities, field trips and camaraderie for people to share their interests in the many local and regional aspects of the field of archaeology. Our chapter is a volunteer-run organization.

Questions? Call Ike Rakiecki at 970 - 219 - 0884 or send an email to casgjinfo@gmail.com or shockwaviar@gmail.com

Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

- Uphold local, State and Federal antiquities laws.
- Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
- Accept the responsibility, if serving as Principal Investigator, to publish the results of the investigation and to make the collection available for further scientific study.
- Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities. Members will not condone the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
- Respect the property rights of landowners.
- Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
- Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.

CAS-GJ members attended a great potluck meeting in July. Atlatl throwing was a main attraction in addition to the delicious food. Thanks to Laney for hosting and to the GJ BLM archaeologists and Janice for helping out with the atlatls.

Photo by Katherine Lopez

SEE PAGES 2 AND 3 FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND THE CAS-GJ MEMBER OF THE MONTH. FIND OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM ON PAGES 4 AND 5
To attend any of our field trip or volunteer opportunities you must be a dues-paid member of CAS-GJ or CAS. Membership is not required to attend our meetings.

Questions about becoming a member?
Email us at casgjinfo@gmail.com or shockwaviar@gmail.com

To register for field trips you must sign up on our event calendar at www.cas-gj.org

Building at the Last Chance Mine near the Uncompahgre National Forest.

Photo by Janice Shepherd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 PM - Local Historian Zebulon Miracle Speaking about the Historic Buildings in Mesa County**
  Location: Central Library (443 N. 6th St, Grand Junction, CO)

- **Monday, August 14 at 6:00 PM - CAS-GJ Monthly Meeting: Social Potluck**
  Location: Devils Canyon Picnic Area in the Colorado National Monument

- **Tuesday, September 5 at 5:30 PM - CAS-GJ Board Meeting (volunteers are welcome)**
  Location: Central Library (443 N. 6th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501)

- **Monday, September 11 at 6:30 PM - History Colorado Archaeologist Todd McMahon speaking about Formative Period archaeological sites in Colorado**
  Location: Redlands United Methodist Church
  (527 Village Way, Grand Junction, CO)
For me archaeology is not a source of illustrations for written texts, but an independent source of historical information, with no less value and importance, sometimes more importance, than the written sources.

Michael I. Rostovtzeff

Janice is one of the founding members of CAS-GJ and she is a long-time volunteer for the GJ Bureau of Land Management office and a variety of other local organizations. In 2016 she was named Volunteer of the Year by the BLM. She was born in Montreal, Quebec and moved to Grand Junction with her husband in 2002. Volunteering is her biggest hobby, she assists BLM archaeologists with surveying sites and she also surveys and documents sites of her own. She likes living in western Colorado because of the sunny weather and the vast amounts of public land. Her favorite finds in the field are historical artifacts that can contain diagnostic properties. She once found a broken stove pipe at a mining that can be linked to an iron workers strike in the late 1880s. Janice’s favorite quote is “Not all who wander are lost” J.R.R. Tolkien.
Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) - Grand Junction Chapter
Membership Application  □ New  □ Renewal (Check one)

Date: ____________
Name(s): ___________________ ___________________
Street or PO Box: _________________________________
City: ____________________ State: _______ Zip: __________
Email (s): ______________________ / ______________________
Telephone: _____________________________ 2nd phone ______________________

☐ I want to become a member or am a renewing member of the GJ chapter of CAS. (Check this box or box to the right.)
Enclosed are dues for the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Grand Junction Chapter.*
  __ Individual $32.00
  __ Family $40.00 (Two or more members/same household)
  __ Student $16.00

☐ I am a member of another CAS chapter and have paid my state CAS dues.
Chapter Name: __________________________
Enclosed are dues for the Grand Junction Chapter.
  __ Individual $16.00
  __ Family $20.00 (Two or more members/same household)
  __ Student $8.00
  __ Senior $16.00 (65+) (Does not include Southwestern Lore)

Make checks payable to “Grand Junction Chapter CAS”. Mail to P.O. Box 4853, Grand Junction, CO 81502

I would like to make an additional (possibly) tax deductible donation to CAS-GJ $ ______________. CAS is a 501c3.

*Annual payment includes state and local chapter dues. Members will receive the Colorado Archaeological Society publications: "Southwestern Lore" quarterly journal and "The Surveyor" newsletter (email version).

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My signature below certifies my understanding and agreement of the above Code of Ethics.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Visit our website. Register there to be able to RSVP for field trips, meetings and get full activity information

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Thanks for having the interest to join or renew your membership in CAS-GJ and thanks for taking the time to reply to these questions.

What is your level of archaeology experience?

_____ Amateur (rank beginner)  _____ Avocational (have at least a few field trips &/or training under my soles)
_____ Professional  Years _____ Employer(s) __________________________________________________________

Tell a little about your archaeology interest &/or experience
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

I can help our local chapter by (check as many as may apply):

_____ Being a member  _____ Organizing a field trip  _____ Volunteering for a committee  ____________ Other
_____ Giving a talk on topics such as: __________________________________________________________

What are you most interested in doing as a member of CAS-GJ (check all that apply):  _____ Attend lectures
_____ Participate in field trips: _____ 2-4 hours total time  _____ ½-full day  _____ overnight field trips
_____ Organize a field trip  _____ Train and serve as a site steward  _____ Take classes to further my knowledge

What is your preference to attend field trips?  _____ Weekday  _____ Weekend  _____ Evening  _____ It varies
Pleae share your ideas for local/ regional field trip locations &/or formats you might like to participate in:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

If you have been on field trips previously that CAS-GJ might want to do, please suggest those:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

What archaeology lecture topics or workshops would you like to have at our monthly meetings or other CAS-GJ gatherings?
________________________________________________________________________________________
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Please share any skills, training, expertise or interests you have not already described that may be relevant to your membership in CAS-GJ:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

May one of our board members call &/or email you to ask more about your interest in being actively involved in CAS-GJ?  _____ Of course  _____ I would rather you not  _____ I’ll let you know when I’m ready

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