



Colorado Archaeological Society - Grand Junction

NEWSLETTER

We are looking for one or more Newsletter volunteers. It could be you - please speak up!

See you at the monthly meeting Monday, November 13th -- 6:30 PM

We have been working really hard on creating and tuning our **new website** to make it easier to join, renew and keep track of your contact information, payments and more!

Please **log in** to our new **website** to view and edit your profile and keep track of your membership.



How To Log In

Visit our [home page](#) on our new website [here](#) and click on the "Login" button at the top left of the screen.

If you're already a member but have never logged in before or have and do not know your password click "[Forgot password.](#)" Otherwise Login.

You will receive an email with a new password you can then login with. You can change your password after you have logged in.

If you are new to the group click Join on the [home page](#) menu across the top or the Join Us button in the tan text box, fill in your information in the form.

If you need help see the [Help](#) page located in the menu at the top of the website home page.

When your membership is ready to be renewed you will receive reminder emails. To renew your membership [login](#) and follow the suggested actions on your profile screen.

New URL's

www.CAS-GJ.org - Takes you to our new website where you can login.

www.CAS-GJEvents.org - Takes you to our group page on Meetup.com.

Online Management

Once you have signed in/up on the new CAS-GJ Wild Apricot website at www.CAS-GJ.org you will be able to manage all of your contact information and privacy, payment method, membership plan, members in your Family Bundle Plan and more all in one easy place online.

Changes in Dues

We are changing from owing dues from the month you join to being like other CAS chapters having a fixed renewal month. Ours will be in July.

Members Only Content

As a registered member of our new website you will also have access to member only content. There is a discussion forum that needs to be explored and used, list of organization documents, info for purchasing CAS-GJ merchandise, member directory and more!

PayPal Online Payments

You can now pay your membership dues on our new website using PayPal. PayPal is the safest, most used and trusted way to make purchases on the internet today. It is easy and free to sign up for an account at PayPal.com account if you have not already.

Mail In Payments

You can still send us a trusty old check in the mail. Send your check to CAS-GJ Membership PO Box 4853 Grand Junction, CO 81502. In the memo field please include "CAS-GJ Dues until July of [fill in the next year here]."

MeetUp Calendar

We continue to use **Meetup.com** for our calendar of events. You can now access our Meetup page directly at **www.CAS-GJEvents.org**. If you have not signed up on Meetup please do so. It is free, quick and simple and will give you access to view and join all upcoming events, trips and group meetings.



It has been noticed that many of our dues paying members are not signed up on **www.cas-gjEvents.org**. You need to be signed up on this site to see field trip and meeting details; and to RSVP for our many field trips.

Go today to sign up at **www.cas-gjEvents.org** so you can then RSVP for field trips.

November 13th Monthly Meeting/ Lecture

We are meeting at **[Redlands United Methodist Church](#)**



and **doors will open at 6:30 PM**. Between then and 7 PM we encourage members to come socialize, get to know each other and more about our chapter.

During that pre-meeting time we'll have a few tables marked with signs for

- Membership-- want to renew online? Time to join? Benefits of membership?
- Field Trips-- please fill out the survey sheet seeking info about your interest in field trips
- Volunteers-- would you like to volunteer at the Museum? With BLM or CO Natl Monument? Other suggestions &/or opportunities?
- Show & Tell—Do you have items, collections, other things you think may interest our members? Please bring them to share.

You will be encouraged to visit the tables and chat about your interests, wants and needs related to each table topic. When it's time for the meeting to begin you may sit at any table you would like.

Hopefully a few members will bring snacky, desserty, finger food.



Feel welcome to be one of those bringing and definitely one eating what may show up. Let's see if we can make simple refreshments a habit at future meetings?

We will continue the practice of passing around a collection jar, asking for a small donation (\$2-10?) to help defer cost of the room rental and costs related to bringing in speakers.



At 7 PM the 'meeting' will begin. We will take care of election of chapter officers, announce plans for the December holiday season event December 11th then have our lecture



We have one nomination for each chapter officer position so expect to make it a voice vote to approve

- President - Doug Van Etten
- Vice President - Geoff Peterson
- Secretary - Gayle Smith
- Treasurer - Janice Shepperd
- CAS Representative - Erin Schmidt

As our speaker this evening we welcome. . .

Charmaine Thompson talking about . . .

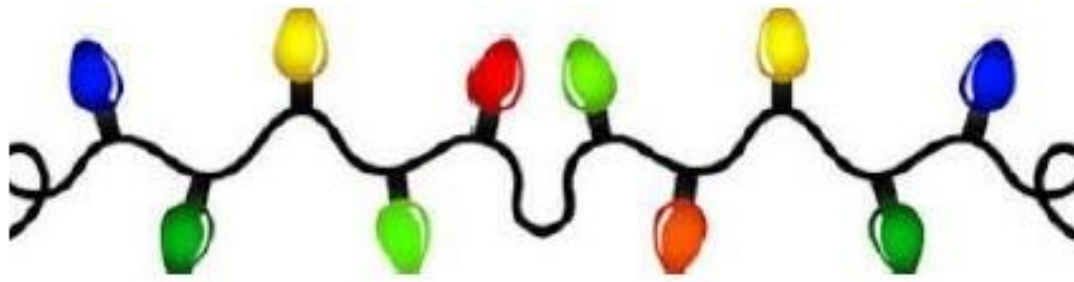
"Big Fuss About a Small Pot:

The **Mickelsen Pot** from Central Utah"



Utah was occupied between about 100 BC and AD 1300 by two groups of people who farmed, lived in villages, and made beautiful pottery. Archaeologically, we call them by different names, the Fremont in central and northern Utah, and the Ancestral Puebloans in southern Utah. Who were these people, and what was the nature of their relationship? The amazing discovery of a whole Ancestral Puebloan ceramic vessel in central Utah give us insights into these questions. This little pot provides us with a window into a time in ancient Utah when people were on the move and creating spheres of interaction that affected their lives in profound ways. It also reminds us about the connection between modern Puebloan people and their ancient Utah ancestors.

Charmaine Thompson is the Heritage Program Manager for the Manti-La Sal National Forest, based in Price, UT. She has been an archaeologist in Utah for the past 36 years, most of those while working for the Forest Service. Her research interests include a wide range of topics, from Ancestral Puebloan social organization as expressed through architecture, to the archaeology of US military encampments in the late 1800's.



Monday, December 11th (our regular meeting date) we'll have a holiday event. That evening let's plan to arrive by 6:30 if you can.

We are planning to have a

- **potluck** of simple holiday season finger foods
- **silent auction** (bring items you want to donate to the auction. Some of our members are making calls to businesses asking for some simple and some elaborate donation items to bid on. Bring cash, check &/or credit card to shop for holiday gifts or items you may want for yourself.
- **short slide shows** (3 or 4 shows of 20-30 photos each. If you would like to show your photos please let Doug know ASAP)

Our calendar is again jam packed with events this month. Many of the events are not formally CAS-GJ events but are lectures, museum visits, field trip opportunities offered in and around the community that may interest some of our members.

Please remember that **to participate in CAS-GJ field trips your dues must be current.** If you are, or have been a member you should be able to log-in to the website to check on your membership/ dues status

When you know of an event you think may interest some of our members please notify Doug and we can get it posted to the calendar.



FIELD TRIPS

Late in October nearly 20 CAS-GJ members gathered for an evening of **field trip discussion and planning**. Lots of ideas came out for one day trips for the coming months. Some of these are on the calendar now and there will be more to come.

Many of our one-day field trips fill up quickly. In most cases these trips are on public land and the land management agencies want our numbers limited to 12 participants at one time and place. With that in mind, we need to ask more members to **PLEASE VOLUNTEER to lead field trips**.

When you have participated in a trip, please consider offering to lead that same trip in the coming weeks or months while the information is fresh in your mind. A field trip 'leader' need not be an expert; just someone willing to say 'I will give back to the chapter for the opportunities I have received and benefited from'.

The idea of Super Trips was discussed at the planning meeting. Two trips were decided on to head farther afield than our frequent 1-day trips. The two that will be showing up on the calendar are:

- **Ute Mountain Tribal Park** (near Mesa Verde) in April or May
- **Dinwoody rock art locations** in central-northern Wyoming

There will be more about these Super Trip plans on the calendar and in the newsletter after the first of the year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few volunteers at each meeting to

- Bring refreshments
- Set up / cleanup (vacuum, clean tables, etc)/ put away
- Staff the tables with table signs: membership, field trips, etc

December **Silent Auction** items needed. Please let Doug know ASAP what items you have for the silent auction.

Newsletter design and production (only online, no paper newsletter)



MEMBERSHIP

CAS-GJ continues to be the **largest of the 11 statewide CAS chapters**. We have 184 individual paid members representing 125 memberships. If yours is a 'family' membership, when you join or renew, please be sure to include names and contact information on all members of your family/ household unit.

More than 2/3 of the members who have joined &/ or renewed memberships since we launched the new website/ online membership have handled their membership online.

If you are not yet signed up there, you need to visit our meetup site in order to see all the announcements about meetings and field trips. Once you are on that site, www.cas-gjEvents.org, go through the registration process then you'll be able to RSVP for field trips.

What Is A Steward?

a person who manages another's property or financial affairs (Dictionary.com)

Many of our members have been trained and given their time and efforts to serving as **site stewards for various BLM field offices**. We would like to get an idea of who and how many members are performing this or other kinds of community service. Please let Doug know about your volunteering.

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