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

Would you like your very own CAS-GJ name tag or t-shirt?

Colorado Graphx now has t-shirts and The Trophy Case has name tags available for purchase. The items look great and include the CAS-GJ logo. Both businesses are located in downtown Grand Junction. There is a limited-time discount for nametags ($7.50 each)

Contact the Trophy Case soon to purchase a name tag!
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 https://www.meetup.com/CAS-GJ/events/

UPCOMING CAS-GJ EVENTS

- **Monday, September 11 @ 7:00 PM - CAS-GJ Monthly Meeting**: Colorado Staff Archaeologist Todd McMahon speaking about Formative Period archaeological sites in Colorado
  
  Todd McMahon is a Staff Archaeologist and the State Curation Coordinator at History Colorado where he has been employed for the past twenty-five years. He holds research interests for the Formative Period in west-central Colorado, front-range archaeology, the prehistoric four-corner area, plains archaeology, as well as Peruvian and Hawai’ian archaeology. Todd has written past journal articles and organized and presented at symposia sessions on such topics as the Fremont culture of Colorado, computer applications for archaeology, archaeology integration with historic preservation. Todd regularly gives school and adult talks on archaeology and local history. Todd is currently engaged in helping to establish and encourage greater curation standards with Colorado museums holding artifacts and specimens excavated from State lands.

  **Location: Redlands United Methodist Church (527 Village Way, Grand Junction)**

- **Saturday, September 23 @ 9:30 AM**: Field Trip - Warrior Ridge and other lesser known sites near Vernal, UT (see this [link](#) for more information)

- **Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30 PM**: CAS-GJ Book Club is discussing Troubled Trails by local writer Bob Silbernagel
  
  Location: Out West Books (533 Main St, Grand Junction)

- **Friday, September 29 @ 10:00 AM**: Field Trip at Dinosaur National Monument and volunteer opportunity
  
  Location: Vernal BLM Office (170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT)

- **Wednesday, October 4 @ 5:00 PM**: CAS-GJ Board Meeting (volunteers are welcome)
**Learn About a Couple New Archaeology Terms**

**Absolute Dating** - Collective term for techniques that assign specific dates or date ranges, in calendar years, to artifacts and other archaeological finds. Dates are determined by a variety of processes, including chemical analyses (as in radiocarbon dating and thermoluminescence), data correlation (as in dendrochronology), and a variety of other tests.

**New World** - Term used for the Americas (North, Central, South, and the neighboring islands) by Europeans in the 16th century who were discovering the region for the first time.

**Grave Goods** - Objects placed within human burials to equip a person for the afterlife or to identify the deceased.
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).

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.

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

www.cas-gj.org

Form modified May 10, 2016
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 ____ Giving a talk on topics such as:____________________ Other ________________________________

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

Please 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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CAS Grand Junction Chapter
Board of Directors meeting
GJ Central Library
Grand Junction, Colorado

August 1, 2017

Minutes
Call to Order

Members Present:
Ike Rakiecki- President
Doug Van Etten- Past President
Geoff Peterson- Secretary/ PAAC Coordinator
Lorna Reed- Guest
Gayle Smith- guest
Erin Schmitz- guest (then elected as Membership Chairperson)
Alan Greene- Treasurer
Janice Shepherd- BLM Liaison

Minutes: Minutes approved. Motion by Doug, seconded by Alan.

Agenda: motion to approve was made by Doug, seconded by Alan. Motion approved

Treasure's Report: The balance at the end of June is $6335.00

Membership Report- Alan- no new report on membership numbers. We are able to renew memberships online thru PayPal with Wild Apricot. WA will also send automatically welcome emails to renewing and new members.

Old Business:

Wild Apricot- Doug said our member database is very complicated with all the membership categories. Our free trial ends in about 11 days and we've not yet gotten our data imported. Question is whether we should pay for a 2nd month? Geoff asked if there is a simpler system and Doug said no. Geoff said we're already committed now so we might as well pay for 6 months. Doug seconded. Motion approved

The Board agreed to streamline the membership categories. Senior is no longer a membership category. The categories are: Individual; Family; Secondary individual; Secondary family (meaning the member's primary chapter is other than GJ); and Student.
New Business

Doug and Alan met with Susan Rawlins who has agreed to be our Bookkeeper. She has 30 years experience working for non-profits. She’s willing to do day-to-day money accounting and do accounts payable and receivable. She would be supervised by Alan. She is not a member. There is a question whether it’s alright for a non-member to handle our finances as Bookkeeper. We’d need to add her as a signatory to the checking account, which requires Board approval. We agreed that we would not add her to our account.

New website: casgjchapter.wildapricot.org

Erin agreed to serve as membership chairperson.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to establish a fundraising committee. We discussed some options for donating our funds: CMU Archaeology Department, CMU Archaeology Club, Scholarship fund for individual students, Museums of Western Colorado.

We need to firm up a budget before committing any funds. There was a motion to create a line item in the budget for a Community Archaeology Fund. Janice moved and Alan seconded. The motion passed.

Janice was voted on as a voting Board member as the BLM Liaison.

Our amended bylaws have not yet been voted on. We established another bylaw committee to work on finalizing a draft to present to the membership at our October meeting. Janice, Geoff and Gayle volunteered to serve on the committee.

Ike said he is not running for another term as President. He will continue as a Director with an emphasis on Field Trips. Doug said he’s running for President, Gayle agreed to be Secretary since Geoff is term limited. Geoff is considering serving as Vice President.

Gayle raised the issue of our potluck at Devil’s Kitchen. We’ve not reserved the space, which costs $50.00. Geoff moved that we pay the $50.00 to reserve the space for the August 14th potluck. Erin seconded. Motion passed. Gayle is trying to recruit a speaker for the potluck but not hav-