



Colorado Archaeological Society

Grand Junction Chapter

January 2018 Newsletter

GJ [Daily Sentinel](#) newspaper had a huge rock art vandalism [article](#) Sunday, January 14, 2018

Nicely done!!



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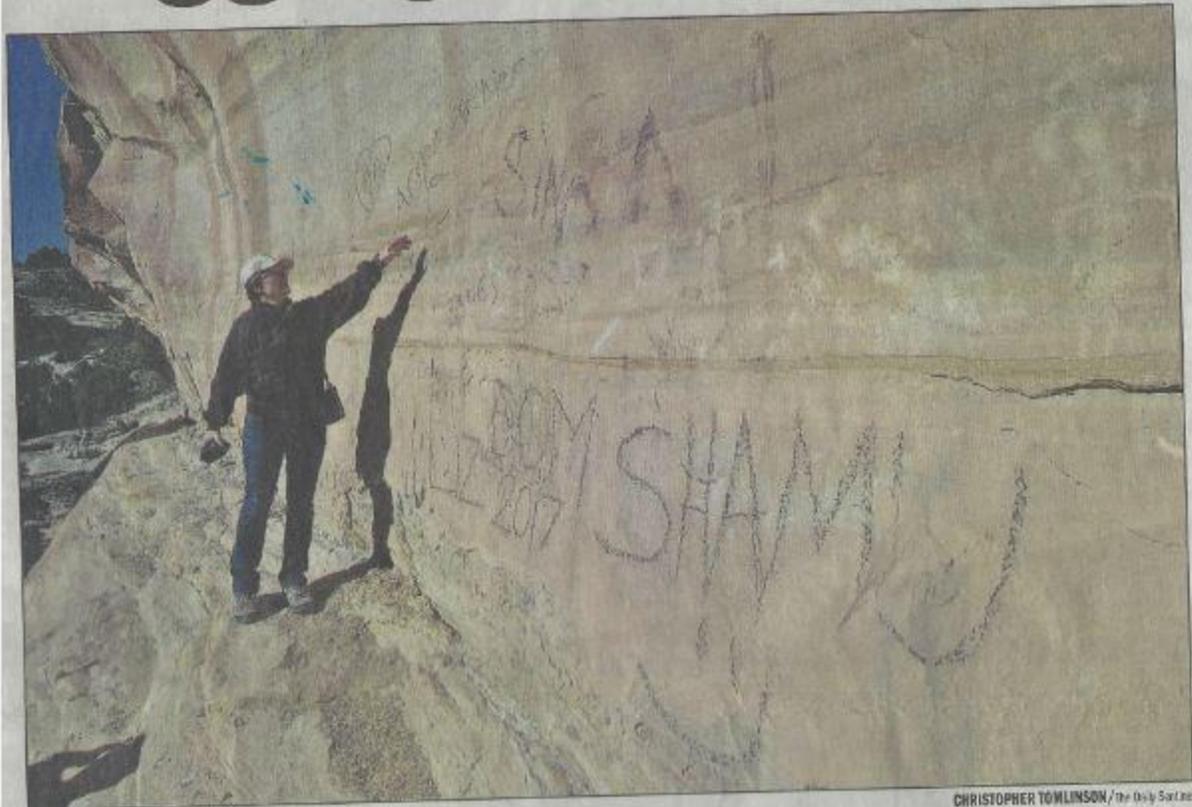
With access a click away, vandalism appears to be on rise

Vandalism is far from a new phenomenon on the Western Slope — but land managers said they sense that defacing sites used by ancients for communication...

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The first headliner article in today's newspaper was titled, [Begging for attention: Public lands vandals leave little doubt of their identities, but managers seek to discover the root of their behavior](#)'

Begging for attention



CHRISTOPHER TOMLINSON / the Daily Sentinel

Alissa Leavitt-Reynolds examines graffiti on an escarpment in the Bangs Canyon Area. The Bureau of Land Management is hoping to discourage vandalism on federal lands, such as the defacing of areas like this, especially where ancient images already exist.

On a lighter note, it looks like there are about [5 vacant spots](#) on **George Decker's field trip Monday, January 15.**



If you can be at the meeting place --- CO Hwy 141 bridge over the Gunnison River, in Whitewater by 9 AM Monday, then [RSVP](#) and join us.

If you are a river sort of person (or think you may like to be) join us at Katherine Lopez's house this [Thursday evening, January 17th](#) at 6 PM for a CAS-GJ **river permit party**. We'll tell a few river stories, consume whatever good food and beverages folks bring and decide which dates we want to try to get permits for some of the archaeology-rich rivers in the southwest. **For a very good read on 'what is a river permit party' give this article from the Durango Herald newspaper a read.** Some of the dates mentioned have changed but this article does a good job of [explaining why river runners party in January](#).

CAS-GJ Archaeo Book Club is coming up [January 24th](#). That is a Wednesday and it is at 6:30 PM. This book, Code Talker, is a gripping tale of growing up Navajo on the Reservation and in boarding school then becoming a US Marine on a very special assignment during World War II. We would be excited to see you here.

Our next Board Meeting is [January 29th](#) at 5 PM. Like a [Blue Moon](#) month, a month when there are two full moons, we are having Blue Moon Board meetings in January. We had one board meeting on the 3rd and we're having a 2nd meeting at the end of this month.

We will have a full agenda and a lively meeting. One of the most interesting discussions will be a discussion with the local BLM on how our chapter may be able to get involved in projects with them. All CAS-GJ members (or those considering membership) are [invited to attend](#).

Who doesn't like to give advice on how to spend \$\$\$ --- \$800 of \$\$\$ to be exact? If you were at the January monthly meeting you may recall the announcement that we need a committee to brainstorm ideas for how to possibly spend money we brought in from the December silent auction.

This committee will come up with 2 or 5 or 9 or . . . ideas. At the February or March monthly meeting, [the membership will be asked to weigh in](#) on which ideas they like the best. If you would like to participate in this committee **PLEASE contact our CAS-GJ Vice President, Geoff Peterson** (his number and email are below). Total commitment to this process will be one, 2-hour meeting (and fun!).

[PAAC Class coming to GJ February 3 & 4](#) -- 2 days for only \$20

This and all PAAC classes are low cost, open to the general public and there are no prerequisite courses. Classes are taught by Assistant State Archaeologist, [Chris Johnston](#).

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)



A joint program of the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado.



This class will be . . .

Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis

The course is an introduction to a major artifact class found in Colorado: ceramics. The course covers the technology of ceramic manufacture, basic description and analysis, and an introduction to some American Indian ceramic wares found in the state. The course is not a study of ceramic typology; types will be described on a limited basis, and non-Indian wares are not discussed. The course is of value to those individuals interested in the Late Prehistoric to Protohistoric period occupations (AD 150-1800) of Colorado.

To get more [information](#) and/ or to register, contact our CAS-GJ PAAC Representative, Geoff Peterson (contact information below).

[Chris Johnston](#) will give a public lecture the evening preceding the class, Friday, [February 2nd](#) on the topic of Colorado Mountain Archaeology.

Getting to know . . .



people who attend our meetings. Gayle Smith and Bobbye Horton have volunteered to act as Greeters at the door as people enter our monthly meetings. We will have an information table set up and these two smiling, jovial faces will greet folks as they enter. If you are willing to help out, to convey our gladness to have people attend our meetings, please let Bobbye & Gayle know at the February 12th meeting.

our chapter. We have a beautiful tri-fold brochure that was designed by our member, Katherine Lopez. We need to get those out to the public so more people and other organizations know that we exist. A few members have volunteered to take these to branch libraries, the east and west end of the Valley visitor centers, Out West Books, Museum of Western Colorado, Math & Science Center. If you know of other places you could deliver a few of our brochures please contact our chapter Secretary, Gayle Smith (contact information below). She can get you some brochures to help distribute around the community.

What We Do



Lecture Series: CAS-GJ meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. usually in the Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way. Meetings include presentations on some phase of archaeology or historical subject. Visitors and non-members are welcome and are encouraged to attend. *Donations are appreciated.*

Field Trips: Members are eligible to participate in CAS-GJ field trips which include one-day and multi-day options.

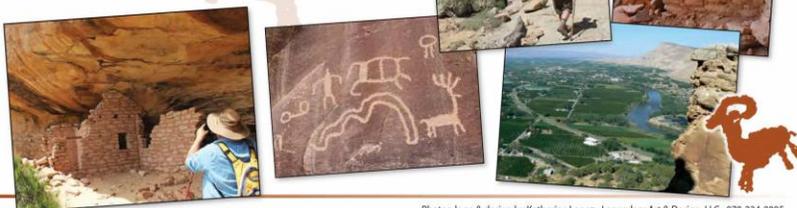
Educational Opportunities: Members and non-members can participate in "PAAC" (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) classes for a nominal fee.

Volunteer Projects: Members have an opportunity to participate in archaeological projects in the area.

Book Club: Focus has been on reading books of local archaeology and/or historical interest. Occasionally we are able to host authors at our meetings. We read one title per month about 9-10 months of the year.

Newsletter: Members receive a monthly e-mail newsletter with information about current CAS-GJ activities and other matters of archaeological & historical interest.

Also find us on Facebook and Meetup.com

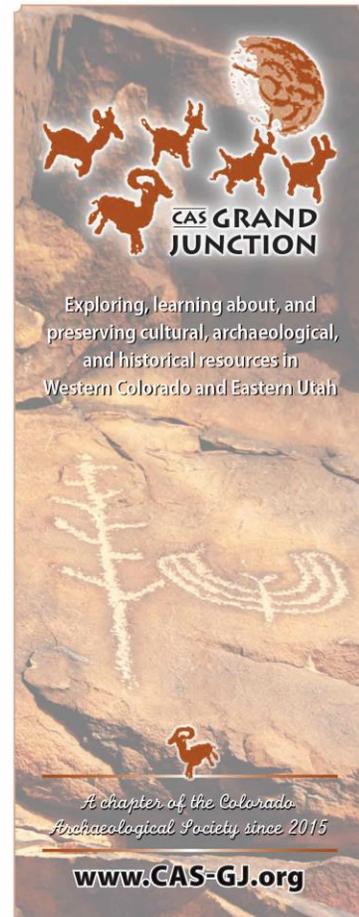


Who We Are www.CAS-GJ.org



CAS-GJ is one of eleven local chapters of the Colorado Archaeological Society. Our location in western Colorado, just minutes from the Utah state line, puts us in the center of a 13,000 year-old American Indian habitation 'dig' site, rock art and ruins of many ages, history, culture and remnants of the old west, and many phases of mining for silver and gold to uranium. CAS-GJ consists of people who are interested in the archaeology and the early history of western Colorado and eastern Utah. Members are of all ages and backgrounds, some with extensive training in archaeology and others with more limited knowledge, but a strong desire to learn.

CAS-GJ has several objectives: to learn more about archaeology in general; to raise public awareness of our region's significant archaeological and historical resources; and to draw attention to the hazards of vandalism to these unique cultural sites.



Membership



CAS-GJ offers organized year-round field trips, lectures, educational opportunities, fellowship and camaraderie. Members share an interest in exploring the significant archaeological and historical resources of western Colorado and eastern Utah. Non-members are welcome at our monthly meetings, but you must be a paid CAS-GJ member to participate in field trips.

Membership automatically makes you a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS).

To become a member

Go to: CAS-GJ.org

It's easy to join and pay dues online. If you prefer you may pay by check.

Mail to: CAS-GJ, PO Box 4853, Grand Junction, CO 81502.

Questions?: CASGJinfo@gmail.com

What folks are saying:

"This group is filling a long vacant niche in the western Colorado outdoor community."
~ Doug Van Etten

"Educational, interesting, good company."
~ Sally Converse

"Good bunch of folks. Enthusiastic, caring, creative, terrific to be around!"
~ Roy Jenkins

"CAS-GJ is doing a great job offering education and adventure for all levels of interest and ability."
~ Katherine Lopez

"Very impressive group of organizers, friendly, inclusive people."
~ Kay Klausmeier



Lectures & Events



Refer to the club website at CAS-GJ.org for the most current schedule.

- Colorado, Utah and American Rock Art Conferences
- Shavano Rock Art Interpretation with Carol Patterson
- Native plants, edible and medicinal with Sally Crum
- Gateway Tradition lectures about structures and rock art near Grand Junction
- Grand Junction Historical Society: Oral History Program
- Local Archaeologists Sonny Shelton, Curtis Martin and Doug Scott
- Assistant State Archaeologist & PAAC Instructor Chris Johnston
- Bill Harris: Citizen Science on the Colorado Plateau
- Sally Cole: Birds in Ancestral Pueblo Rock Art and Culture
- BLM Archaeologist Glade Hadden: Paradox Valley Rock Art
- Dr. John Seebach, CMU Professor of Archaeology, presentation & slides
- Film: The Mystery of Chaco Canyon & Discussion of Master Lease Plans
- Ride of the Ancients: A bike tour in the land of archaeology
- Show: Exploring Ghost Towns of Mesa County - Gateway, CO
- July & August outdoor potluck dinners

Check our calendar for all our events. RSVP for events on our meetup site: www.CAS-GJEvents.org. You must be a dues paying CAS-GJ member to participate in field trips.

Field Trips



Where we've been and where we hope to go:

- Shavano Valley rock art site, Montrose, CO
- Great Gallery - Horseshoe Canyon, UT
- Utah Bookcliffs
- Seven Mile Canyon hike - near Moab, UT
- Nine Mile Canyon & Range Creek
- Rochester rock art panel - San Rafael Swell
- Dominguez Canyon rock art hike
- Northern Moab rock art & dino tracks
- Canyon Pintado roadside rock art
- Uranium on the Uncompahgre Plateau: Exploring historic Calamity Camp
- Eagle Rock Shelter, 13,000 year-old habitation site near Delta, CO
- Dolores River Canyon rock art
- Kane Creek rock art - Moab, UT
- McDonald Creek rock art hike
- Uncompahgre Wickiup Tour
- Dinosaur Nat'l Monument & Vernal, UT area rock art
- Sego Canyon Barrier Canyon rock art
- Comb Rige, Cedar Mesa & Montezuma Canyon
- San Rafael Swell & Reef rock art sites



It's easy to join!

Find us on the web at:
www.CAS-GJ.org

CAS-GJ is a chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society, a 501(c)3. Donations are tax deductible.

CAS-GJ Elected & Appointed Officers 2018

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- Lorna Reed - Director-at-large