

*Welcome to the Colorado Archaeological Society - Grand Junction!*



# Colorado Archaeological Society

## Grand Junction

**It is going to be a busy CAS-GJ Autumn Season.**

**Welcome back to our indoor meetings.**

Members,

Here we are again, just a few days before our [regular monthly meeting](#), **Monday, September 10th.**

We hope to see you there for the 6:30-7 PM social time. CAS-GJ member, [Pete Langford](#) will have a Show n Tell feature for us on a table near the entrance.

**Also on your way into the meeting room will be tables set up for:**

- **Membership** for anyone who may need to renew or want to join
- **Raffle ticket sales** for the CAS [Alice Hamilton College Scholarship](#) fund. This Navajo rug is the grand prize in the raffle. Drawing will be at the CAS State Conference and you **need not be present to win.**

Now that CMU has an archaeology-geography major, CMU students in that major are eligible to [apply for this scholarship](#).



**NAVAJO RUG**  
**STORM PATTERN**  
*Alice Rose Dan, Weaver*  
Measures ~33"x 44"

A well-known Navajo rug style, the Storm pattern appears to have originated at the Crystal Trading Post. It is a very recognizable geometric composition, said by some to be symbolic with individual components representative of the Navajos' four sacred mountains, lightning bolts,

Valuation up to \$1350 based on American Indian Shows, Flagstaff & Yuma AZ original sales tag

Our September 10 lecture will be by [Mark Varien](#) from [Crow Canyon Archaeological Center](#) near Cortez, CO.



Mark's topic for the evening will be:

### **The Neolithic Revolution in the U.S. Southwest**

*The [Neolithic Revolution](#) refers to what may be the most important transformation in human history: the shift from hunting and gathering to domesticated food production. The southwestern United States—especially the Mesa Verde region of southwestern Colorado—is one of the best documented cases in the world of the expansion of this new Neolithic life way, and it has been the subject of research by the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center during the last 35 years.*

**This will be a fascinating presentation and one you surely will want to attend.**

Each meeting it has been wonderful to **have a few members volunteer** to bring refreshments and hopefully that generosity and group spirit will continue this Monday.



**The church has been wonderful to us in letting us use the meeting hall** not only on our regular 2nd Monday's of the month but on a variety of special occasions both past and coming up in the next year.



With that in mind **please bring a few dollars to donate** to the church for our use of this convenient and comfortable facility (and, no I do not nor do I know if any of our members attend services here).

## **Upcoming Events**

Be signed up on the [meetup page](#) --- so you can get all the announcements about field trips and other activities. Remember, your dues must be current to participate in field trips.

- Click [this link](#) to check up on your dues status.
- Click [this link](#) to check the calendar &/or sign yourself up for all our calendar notices.

**September 5**- Leadville [Mining Museum](#) Tour organized by [Janice Shepherd](#) (with a guide if we have at least 10 participants). Click [this link](#) for full details. If

you may want to camp the night before and hear about the history of near-by [Camp Hale](#) (WWII army camp) contact [Lorna](#), who will be camping and whose father was stationed at Camp Hale.

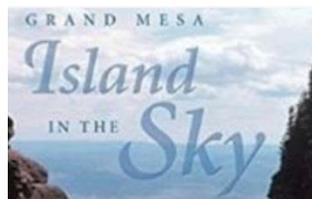


*The National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum is a monument to the memory of the men and women who pioneered the discovery, development, and processing of our nation's natural resources. Our mission is to "tell the story about mining, its people, and its importance to the American public."*

**September 17-** CAS-Gj Board Meeting All chapter members are invited &/or encouraged to attend. You are encouraged to especially attend this meeting to first brainstorm then begin planning for our December holiday event.



**September 19-** CAS-GJ Book Club will be reading and discussing Muriel Marshall's "[Island In the Sky](#)" about the Grand Mesa. [Out West Books](#), where we meet for the discussion, has books in stock if you may want to purchase this one. Marya has been very generous in discounting the prices of books on our monthly reads for CAS-GJ members.



**September 21-23** CAS Annual Statewide Conference in Cortez. Links have been sent out from the CAS organization or follow [this link](#) for details. This is the 2018 version of the conference we organized in GJ about this time of year in 2016.

The number of field trips on Friday and Sunday are limited so register today.

**September 24**- Field Trip to Private Outdoor Collection of Heavy Machinery and a Whole Lot More.



*Our host, Ken, spent a long career working with heavy machinery. He worked on such varied projects as: the Roberts Tunnel (photo above from Summit Daily newspaper article on the 50th anniversary of the tunnel - we'll have to ask Ken if he is in the photo), mining, road construction, and Grand Valley mill tailing cleanup. His interest in heavy machinery has led him to collect a large assortment of heavy machinery from historic sawmill components, an early Greyhound bus, and lots of old trucks.*

**October 4-8** Utah Rock Art Research Association (URARA) Annual Conference in Bluff, UT.

The event includes one day of workshops (Oct 4), two days of field trips (Oct 5/8), two days of speakers (Oct 6/7), and the business meeting. There will a dinner, auction, delicious Green River watermelons, lots of fun, time to renew of old friendship and make new ones.

**Field trip leaders meeting- guidelines for posting trips and best practices.** Date to be determined. If you have or want to lead CAS-GJ field trips please be watching for announcement of this date.

**Name Tags & Tee Shirts** (other shirts, hats, other printed items)

A number of members have been asking about the nice plastic name tags some of us have with our name and chapter logo.

You are welcome to order them from **The Trophy Case**

You are welcome to contact [Colorado Graphx](#) on your own to order a tee shirt or other printed items. You can take your own hat, tee (or other style) shirt to the printer or buy a shirt there. They have a nice selection of styles and colors.

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**If you have information or items of interest, you want shared with our chapter members please send that to me with all the details you want us to know.**

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