



CAS-GJ Newsletter January 2019

Happy New Year and Welcome to our first monthly meeting of the year

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As our speaker Monday, January 14th.....

we would like to welcome back Colorado Mesa University anthropology/ archaeology professor, Dr. John Seebach.

You may recall that in January '18, [Dr. Seebach](#) gave a very informative and interesting lecture update on new information in the field of Paleo-Indian research and discovery.

That talk was so well received and there have been so many discoveries and advances in [Paleo-Indian](#) archaeology in just the past year, we invited Seebach to give an update talk this year.



We meet at our usual time and place, [Redlands United Methodist Church](#) at 6:30 PM. If it is like last year, I think the room will fill so I suggest early arrival to be sure you get a seat.



We are **expecting a large crowd** Monday evening. You can help when you arrive at the meeting by **bringing out some of the chairs from the side rooms** surrounding our meeting room. We will likely need every chair we can get from those side rooms.

Our member Anita Stoltman has been either baking little goodies or buying some for meeting **refreshments**. Her home baked stuff always goes over well. If anyone is willing to help Anita (and let us taste your creations), please email her to let her know you can bring some refreshments too. She can be reached at [this link](#).



We've heard from the Church secretary that the church has been happy with our meeting there and our Board members agree this location/ room has worked well for us. With that in mind,

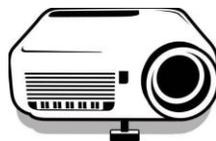
please bring a few dollar\$ for a donation

to help us cover cost of the room and speaker-related expenses. We will pass the jar around like we do each meeting.



When it comes to you, **please add a little to the kitty and be sure to pa\$\$ the jar along** to the next person &/or next table so it circulates all the way around the room.

In December we premiered a **new slide projector**, purchased with the approval of the Board.



Still in progress is a **search for a sound system that will enhance the audio quality** of our meetings. We hope to have audio equipment purchased in the coming month or two. In the meantime, during our meetings, **if you cannot hear the announcements or the lecture, please raise your hand, high.**

Hands in the air may help whoever is speaking to see they need to increase their volume or speak more directly into the microphone.

You have received at least a couple of emails about our **'new' meetup website for dues-paying members.**

Anyone, paid member or not, can sign up on our existing meetup site, www.cas-gjEvents.org.

It has been decided that we want to **make our field trip information exclusive to paid members**, thus the new

'members' meetup site

If you have signed up on that, you will be receiving field trip notices later this winter, into the spring and beyond. If you have not yet signed up there but will want to know about field trips, please take a few minutes to sign up there, **now.**

You can always check on your dues status as well as tap into other archaeology resources on our wild Apricot website.

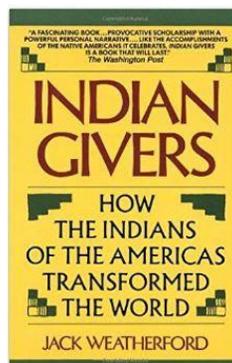
Our website addresses now are:

www.CAS-GJ.org - Takes you to our Wild Apricot main website where you can login.

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

www.meetup.com/CAS-GJ-Chapter-Members Members site is where you will be able to see and RSVP for field trips.

Book Club continues to meet as we enter 2019 and there are even a few other CAS chapters that now also have established book clubs, from our lead.



This month meet with the **CAS-GJ Book Club Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM** to discuss **Indian Givers** by **Jack Weatherford**. It will be a great chance to read about archaeology, anthropology, history - then discuss what we learned.

The owner of [Out West Books](#), where we meet at 533 Main Street, typically orders copies of the books we read and it may also be available through Mesa County Libraries. This will be a great chance to read about our local area, discuss what we read, and get to know each other better.

Below is a short review of Indian Givers:

"As entertaining as it is thoughtful....Few contemporary writers have Weatherford's talent for making the deep sweep of history seem vital and immediate." --Washington Post

January 17 at 5 PM at the Library, Jim Liewer is having a Field Trip Leaders Meeting.



This will be an opportunity for our experienced leaders, or those who know they have an interest in leading a trip(s) in 2019, to **talk about the new website, trip leader expectations and possibly begin getting a few trip ideas laid out for this year.** This is not a general 'hey, I want to know where field trips may be' kind of meeting. The room at the library seats about 12. **If you've led trips before for CAS (GJ or other chapters) or know you want to lead in 2019, please attend.**

Thanks and appreciation go to two members who made recent donations to CAS-GJ.

One member, who asked to remain anonymous, donated \$800 to our fund to purchase the new projector and audio equipment. Another member over-paid their dues by \$60 and said 'oh just keep it for the benefit of the organization'. To them both, many many thanks from all.

Volunteering opportunity in Belize

One of our members recently shared this volunteer opportunity that may be of interest. Dr. David Hyde is an Archaeology professor for Meso-America studies at Western Colorado University in Gunnison. Dr. Hyde has done work at a large preserve full of Maya sites in Belize. He is making available an opportunity for CAS members to go there.

For a few days assisting on their dig and \$1200 people would get a stay in an Eco lodge, have a guided tour plus local transportation. This is definitely off the beaten path and a rare opportunity for the adventuresome among us!

For details contact Dr. Hyde directly; and, while you are at it, please ask him if he would like to do a presentation here in Grand Junction to our CAS-GJ chapter on his Belize field work or other topics. David M. Hyde 970-943-2222 dhyde@western.edu

PAAC Classes may be coming back soon -

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification



Here is part of a message **our chapter's PAAC Coordinator, Vice President Geoff Peterson** received from the current Assistant State Archaeologist. Oh yeah, for those who have no idea what PAAC is, please [click this link](#).

There is a draft schedule for PAAC related activities for 2019. I want to emphasize that this is a draft and working document. I know much of the details depend on the availability of venues and the number of people signing up for classes. Nonetheless, I was supposed to have a schedule by now, so I hope to use this at least a starting point and way to get dates on calendars and balls rolling. As always, I am open to suggestions and discussions.

Plans are to update/upgrade/modify the program to bring it up to discipline standards and current practices. PAAC is amazing with a lot of institutional foundation, but it is time for change. Changes will come slowly in order to account for those enrolled in the program and assess what is working and what is not.

Colorado Mesa University -- [Golden Scholars Program](#)



Our January speaker, Dr. John Seebach from CMU will surely announce that 'senior citizens' can take classes through the Golden Scholars program for non-credit on campus for only \$25/ credit hour. There are both day and evening classes that may be available in [archaeology](#) as well as other academic fields.

Local Professional Archaeologists Will Be On Radio and TV

CAS-GJ member, [Curtis Martin](#) sent us this announcement. Two broadcasts are coming soon on radio and TV about The Wickiup Project.



Wednesday, Jan. 16th at noon Curtis is being interviewed live on local community radio station [KAFM](#) about all things Ute, wickiups, and trade goods.

Thursday, Jan. 31st, at 7:30 pm Rocky Mountain PBS (KRMJ Channel 6) is premiering an episode of Colorado Experience entitled "**The Wickiup Investigation**" featuring Curtis, Carl Conner, Rich Ott, and two Ute tribal members. It is a back-and-forth comparison of views and goals regarding cultural resources between archaeologists and tribal members.

With questions or for further details, contact Curtis Martin: Archaeologist, author and educator at 720-273-0765

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Volunteers Being Sought:

We need a **newsletter editor &/or committee** as well as a **membership coordinator**. If you would like to volunteer for these or other opportunities please let any of the board members know.

Area Quiz

Match the name of the National Monument to its number of acres:

<u>Monuments to match</u>	<u>Acres</u>
* Dinosaur (northwestern CO)	1.35 million
* Bears Ears (before any changes; near Blanding, UT)	176,056
* Colorado (near Grand Junction)	4,726
* Chimney Rock (near Pagosa Springs)	210,844
* Canyon of the Ancients (near Cortez)	20,533

Answers are on the next page.

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