



Colorado Archaeological Society- Grand Junction chapter (CAS-GJ)

Quick Reference Guide

Welcome to CAS-GJ! We are a wonderful all-volunteer group of fun individuals who share a strong interest in the archaeology, culture, and historical resources of western Colorado, eastern Utah as well as across the country and around the world.

The CAS-GJ is the newest of the eleven local chapters that comprise the statewide Colorado Archaeological Society. There was a chapter of CAS in town years ago but things change and that chapter went away. In Spring 2015 a few of us rallied the local archaeology interest and before we had been part of the CAS organization for a year we had become the largest chapter in the state.

To help you get started . . .

CAS-GJ Meetings and Lectures:

Unless otherwise noted on the website, CAS-GJ meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the [Redlands United Methodist Church](#), except for the July and August potlucks and possibly the December holiday party.

A pre-meeting social begins in the meeting hall at 6:30p.m. followed by a brief business meeting then lecture at 7:00 p.m. Check the website, www.cas-gjEvents.org before each meeting to confirm location and time.

Some lectures may be co-sponsored with other groups so dates, times and locations may vary.

Field Trip Program

Field trips, scheduled throughout the year, are open to members of CAS-GJ and other CAS chapters if space allows. Field trips are posted on the website www.cas-gjEvents.org where those who want to participate RSVP. Detailed information about each trip is available on the website.

Field trip participants must be current on their dues. We encourage new members to participate.

Some of the field trips have trip participation limits, so if you're interested in one of these trips visit the website and RSVP sooner rather than later. If a trip is full, the website automatically creates a waiting list.

Chapter Communication

The CAS-GJ website, www.cas-gj.org includes information about the chapter, archaeological resources and a wealth of other information. All members are encouraged to explore the website to become familiar with its helpful content. The website is updated frequently.

A newsletter is e-mailed to CAS-GJ members.

When it comes time for you to renew and pay for your annual membership in July each year you will be able to do that entirely online if you choose to. Or, you can do part of the renewal process online and still send in a check if that is your preference

Board Meetings

We typically have a Board Meeting every month. These meetings are open to any Chapter member to attend and participate in. Check the [CAS-GJ calendar](#) as time, date and location may vary.

Book Club

The CAS-GJ Book Club meets most months of the year at [Out West Books](#) in downtown Grand Junction. Date, time, location and title details can be found on the chapter calendar at www.cas-gjEvents.org .

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) Classes offered by the Assistant State Archaeologist/History Colorado are open to CAS-GJ members and non-members at a nominal cost. Participants can obtain a broad knowledge of archaeologically-related topics and formally recognized levels of expertise to facilitate avocational archaeological public service in Colorado. Course dates, usually on weekends, and locations can be found on the CAS-GJ website or at History Colorado. As of January 2017 classes are suspended indefinitely while they are being redesigned and updated.

Colorado Archaeology Society (CAS) Membership

A portion of each member's dues is sent to the state CAS. **Upon joining CAS-GJ you also become a member of the statewide organization.** See its details at www.ColoradoArchaeologicalSociety.org . CAS, at state and local levels, is a non-profit state chartered 501c3 organization. The organizational focus is on stewardship of archaeological resources through public education, research, conservation, and active participation in archaeology.

As a CAS member, each of us has access to the state CAS newsletter, [The Surveyor](#). It is emailed quarterly and you will eventually also be able to access on the CAS-GJ website.

State CAS publishes [Southwestern Lore](#), a quarterly printed mini-magazine publication of papers from professional, student and avocational archaeologists throughout the state. This publication is provided with individual, family, and student memberships and is mailed directly to you. All previous issues are archived and are available on CD for a fee.

CAS Annual Meeting and Conference

The CAS annual meeting and conference is hosted by a different chapter **each October**. It is a weekend event that showcases notable speakers in archaeology and includes field trips. CAS-GJ members are encouraged to attend. The conference is also open to the public. There is a fee for participation. Our CAS-GJ chapter very successfully hosted the annual event in October 2016.

Details on the activities of state CAS, including the annual conference, may be found on the State organization's website: www.coloradoarchaeology.org.

Questions? Ideas? Interested in helping CAS-GJ?

This **Quick Reference Guide** was written to whet your appetite, pique your curiosity and encourage you to get actively involved. Please talk with other members when you attend meetings, field trips, book club or other events. Any time you want more information please feel welcome to [contact any of the board members](#).

We encourage your involvement as both a Member Participant and Member Volunteer. After you take a few months to learn your way around, please consider helping in some capacity small or large, such as assisting with meeting socials, coordinating a field trip or providing your ideas for additional speakers and field trips. Being active and volunteering will help you get to know other Members, have more fun, and help CAS-GJ thrive.

Thanks for joining!