Preston Neisen Memorial
As you know Preston passed away December 11, 2017, after a long battle with Prostate Cancer. It was his wish to have a wake in his memory. He wrote out his wishes and called the memorial a "Grand Gathering".

"I would like to have my sons distribute my ashes in the Meadow at Canopy Gap. Distribution of the ashes should correspond with a Grand Gathering of Family and Friends. The gathering should include Black Powder Rifle and Pistol shooting at stationary targets. The same should be done with modern Long Rifle and pistols. A Dutch oven dinner should be made for all who come. Good Food, Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Roasted Corn on the Cob. Good drink, Black Label Jim Beam, Miller Highlife, Ice tea, Sweet and unsweet, Coke and other pop for mixes and pleasure. Desert will be Dutch Oven Pineapple Upside Down Cake."

All the food and drink will be provided for the day by the Preston Niesen Family. We would like to invite all who are interested, to camp for a while or come for the day. May 26, 2016 dinner to be served around 3:00 p.m. with appetizers and snacks throughout the day. We will move some campers to Canopy Gap the Monday before the Gathering and probably break camp Sunday or Monday.

Canopy Gap is in the La Sal Mountains and may be googled for directions. Or I will be happy to give directions. If anyone is interested in sharing a mountain rental home with some of the other families or friends please let Sam or Shawna know, (720-840-3297 Sam or720-260-5615) as there are some available and nearer to Canopy Gap than Moab is. Moab has many, many hotels, it would be a good idea, as this is Memorial Day Weekend, to book rooms as soon as possible. The drive to the gap is about an hour.

I would like to thank all of you for your support, love and help. We hope to see you at the Grand Gathering.

Please RSVP by May 1st, a good head count will guarantee plenty of food and drink. Call Candi at 303-985-4689, you may also e mail her at ladycandi@gmail.com.

April General Meeting: Monday, April 16, at DMNS in the VIP Room at 7 PM.

Speaker: Mark D. Mitchell
Title: Early Holocene Archaeology of Colorado’s Front Range and Plains: Blackfoot Cave and Beyond

Abstract: Until recently, most of what has been known about the Late Paleoindian occupation of Colorado’s Front Range and Plains came either from camps in the high country or bison kills in western Kansas and Nebraska. Late Paleoindian sites are especially rare in the Interstate 25 corridor and on the Palmer Divide between Denver and Colorado Springs. However, a handful of recent projects, in combination with emerging models of Late Paleoindian mobility and landscape use, are opening a window onto the early Holocene occupation of the region. Archaeologists are especially interested in whether people moved seasonally between the Plains and mountains during this period, or whether those two regions were occupied by different groups. This talk begins with a primer on the current state of Paleoindian archaeology and early Holocene environmental history in the region, then evaluates new data from Blackfoot Cave and other sites in the context of emerging models of Paleoindian settlement.
Speaker Bio: Dr. Mark Mitchell is the Research Director for Paleocultural Research Group, a nonprofit organization that conducts research, trains students, and educates the public on the archaeology of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains. Previously, he worked for several cultural resource management firms and for the USDA Forest Service in Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his M.A. from the University of Colorado at Denver. Mitchell’s research focuses on the archaeology of the northern Great Plains, with an emphasis on the farming villages of the Missouri River. He also studies upland land use in the Southern Rockies, Plains Indian rock art, the anthropology of technology, and the history of archaeology. His research has appeared in Plains Anthropologist, Antiquity, American Antiquity, Southwestern Lore, Colorado Archaeology, Quaternary International, and in a dozen book chapters. He is the author of Crafting History in the Northern Plains: A Political Economy of the Heart River Region, 1400-1750 (2013, University of Arizona Press) and co-editor of Across A Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, 1400-1900 (2010, University of Arizona Press).

May General Meeting: Monday, May 21, at DMNS in the VIP Room at 7 PM

Speaker: Dr. Sarah Trabert
Title: Western Views on “Eastern Groups”: Understanding the Dismal River (Plains Apache) Occupation of Colorado

2018 General Meeting Dates
The Denver Museum of Nature and Science is changing the way they handle room use of affiliate groups such as CAS. At this time, they will be unable to consistently give us the second Monday of each month. This is the date of each meeting for the year:

4/16/2018-Third Monday of the month
5/21/2018-Third Monday of the month
6/18/18-Third Monday of the month
9/4/2018-First Tuesday of the month
10/1/2018-First Monday of the month
11/5/2018-First Monday of the month

CAS Representative Needed
Our previous CAS representative for the Denver chapter had to leave due to work obligations, so we are looking to fill this position on the board. This is a great way to meet other archaeological minded people from all over the state. The duties include:
- Attend quarterly meetings of CAS;
- Member of the CAS Advisory Committee;
- Report Chapter activities quarterly to chair of Advisory Committee in required format;
- Attend Denver Chapter monthly Board meetings to report State CAS activities, news, events, etc.
- Coordinate CAS quarterly meetings when held in Denver area.

If you are interested please feel free to contact the membership chair, Cashel at cashel@zoho.com or the chapter president, Linda Sand, at llsand@comcast.net.

Other Lectures

The Archaeology of Beer
Travis Rupp
Join Travis Rupp, instructor of classics at the University of Colorado Boulder and the research and development manager at Avery Brewing Company, to explore the origins of beer production in the ancient Middle East and Egypt and how it expanded during Greek and Roman dominion. Although ancient Greece and Rome boasted the superiority of the grape, beer production and consumption was at the core of diet and nutrition in the Mediterranean dating back to the Bronze Age. Rupp will also highlight his creation of Ales of Antiquity as a beer archaeologist at Avery. $15 member, $18 nonmember
April 25, 7 p.m.
Phipps Theater
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Horses on the Rocks: Iconic, irresistible pictographs and petroglyphs of horses
Dr. Larry Loendorf
Join us for an illustrated discussion on painted caves and rock art sites featuring horses. The presentation ranges from painted horses in Chauvet Cave in France to horse bones found in Natural Trap Cave, Wyoming, and to the hundreds of horse images in the American West that demonstrate the equine’s importance to Native Americans.
May 15, 2018 7:00 pm
Fire Station #19, 2490 Research Parkway, Colorado Springs

American Rock Art Research Association
Gathering in Grand Junction

June 1 – 4, 2018
The Double Tree Inn, Grand Junction, CO
The American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) is pleased to convene its 2018 rock art symposium June 1 – 4 at the Double Tree Inn in Grand Junction, Colorado. ARARA is America’s preeminent rock art organization, whose members explore the many facets of rock art – the study of prehistoric markings found on stone in natural landscape settings. The yearly conference attracts scholars from around the country and internationally, who come together to share research, images and ideas about rock art traditions from the Americas and beyond.

Presentations on current rock art research form the centerpiece of the meeting (June 2 and 3). The research presentations kick off the morning of June 2 with a session dedicated to the rock art of Colorado and then expand to cover rock art in other parts of the U.S. and the world. Details of the agenda can be accessed as we get closer to the conference time at https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info.

Other special cultural activities are planned throughout the conference, including social events and vendor offerings of rock art related merchandise. For those who register for the conference, ARARA offers two days of guided field trips on (June 1 and 4) to a variety of intriguing area rock art sites. Attendees discover the richness of the local rock art heritage while enjoying the spectacular Colorado and Utah countryside. Trips will include such sites as Canyon Pintado, which contains hundreds of archeological sites and was also on the route used by the Dominguez-Escalante expedition. We are also close to Sego Canyon, an outstanding rock art site in Utah with a combination of Ute, Fremont, and Barrier Canyon panels.

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ORCA - new Archaeology website

History Colorado and other organizations including CAS have sponsored a new site for Colorado archaeological and historic preservation information called "ORCA" (Online Resource for Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation).

The site can be accessed at: http://www.archaeologycolorado.org/

I think you'll find it an interesting site that has great potential for both avocational and professional archaeologists as it grows and adds more information.

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Colorado Archaeological Society
Denver Chapter
Prepared by Michele Giometti
Balance Sheet
January 31, 2018

**ASSETS**

Current Assets
- Checking/Savings
  - Key Bank Checking: 3,877.23
  - 1st Bank CD 182 day 7/5/18 .15%: 5,702.35
  - 1st Bank CD 182 day 4/17/18 .05%: 4,812.97
  - 1st Bank CD 1 Yr 2/20/18 .10%: 5,012.26
- Total Checking/Savings: 20,098.56
- 19,404.81

**TOTAL ASSETS**: 20,098.56

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Current Liabilities
- State CAS Dues Payable: 0.00

Temp. Restricted Net Assets
- Scientific Applications Fund: 3,995.91
- Swallow Report Project Fund: 2,353.81
- D Bucknam Memorial Speaker Fund: 1,747.10
- Education Fund: 52.40
- Field Trips / Social Fund: 483.01
- Student Membership Fund: 57.50
- Speakers Meal Fund: 393.72
- Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets: 9,083.45

General Fund
- 10,562.19

General Fund Net Income
- (240.83)

**Total Equity**: 19,404.81

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**: 19,404.81

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**Income Statement**

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