All Points Bulletin

Colorado Archaeological Society-Denver Chapter

“...in the future, as in the past, the gathering of information will depend to a great extent on cooperation between avocational and professional archaeologists.” (H.M. Wormington, 1978)

No article this month. If you would like to submit a feature article for the APB, please contact Cashel at cashel@zoho.com

September General Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP Room at 7 PM.

Speaker: Cherylene Caver

Title: Authentic Replication: Early Ceramics of Colorado’s Eastern Plains

Abstract: Cherylene’s presentation will first address the basics of prehistoric pottery replication as well as touch basis on her Southwest experiences. This will be followed by an in-depth discussion into the Early Ceramics of the Colorado Plains Woodland culture including the jars unusual attributes which consist of it’s very large size, conoidal shaped bottom, shoulder-less open mouth form and cord impressed surface application. The unique vessel produced by the ancient people undoubtedly had a very specific use of functional importance, justifying its somewhat complicated manufacture, which is not readily learned or easily achieved. Closing thoughts will include a discussion of its hypothesized use. For more info visit cheryleneecaver.com

Speaker Bio: Cherylene Caver, a native and fifth generation descendent of the Eastern Colorado Plains, has spent several years as a experiential researcher attempting to “master” both the Early Ceramics jars of her home region as well as the Black-on-Whites, San Juan Redwares and Corrugated cooking pots of the Southwest Colorado Plateau area. Her self-assessed high standards of only producing vessels in the most genuine authentic manner has and continues to produce valuable information to the scientific community.

October General Meeting: Monday, October 1st at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the VIP Room at 7 PM.

Speaker: Brandon R. Olson

Title: Approaching an Assessment of Imperial Dynamics in the Early Hellenistic East

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:

10/1/2018-First Monday of the month
11/5/2018-First Monday of the month

Minutes of the DC-CAS Board Meeting, May 14, 2018
The DC-CAS Board meeting was held at the South Classroom/Cherry Creek Building, Room 241 at Metro State University Denver Monday May 14, 2018. Attending were Linda Sand, Jon Kent, Teresa Weedin, Ken Andresen, MicheleGiometti, Cashel

Speakers: Jon reported future speakers will be Sarah Trabert in May, Cerisa Reynolds in June, and Cherylene Caver in September.

Membership Cashel reported that membership total was 118. Michele has been dealing with
Member365, the internet organization that State CAS is using for dues payments, to handle problems with the system.

Financial: Michele has combined the March and April Treasurer data into one report which was emailed to board members prior to the meeting. A donation payment was made to the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund in memory of Preston Neisen.

CAS Rep: Kimball Branch had been recruited by Linda to be the Denver Chapter CAS Rep, replacing Teresa who had agreed to be an interim CAS Rep after Cate McNabb had to resign due to workload demands. Kimball decided to be CAS Rep for the North Colorado Chapter. Anne Winslow has agreed to be the Denver CAS Rep.

Nominating Committee: Linda is looking to start the process of getting 2019 officers in place. She plans to ask Larry Evans to be Chair of this committee.

Scientific: Jon emailed Reid Farmer inquiring about chapter members being involved in Cherokee Ranch archaeological work.

Education: Tami Coyle talked about Project Archaeology which is a teach the teachers of grades 3 through 9 program about archaeology.

State CAS: The 2018 Annual Meeting will be September 22, in Cortez.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Attendance was 30.

Submitted by Ken Andresen.

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Minutes of the DC-CAS General Meeting, May 21, 2018

The meeting was held in the VIP Room at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. President Linda Sand announced Larry Evans agreed to be chair of the nominating committee.

PAAC: The summer program will be excavations at Tahosa Creek with tentative dates June 25-29 and July 11-15. Holly Norton, State Archaeologist, will provide details to the chapter PAAC coordinators.

Cherokee Ranch: Reid Farmer reported there will be three sessions of archaeological work at the ranch this summer.

Jon introduced Sarah Trabert the evening’s speaker and her talk: Western Views on “Eastern Groups”: Understanding the Dismal River (Plains Apache) Occupation of Colorado. The time period of the occupation was approximately AD 1400-1700. The name of the river derived from a wide swampy area that bison wintered in and where winter die off of bison remains created a stench in springtime. The river also was named Stinking Water at times. The Dismal River culture applies to sites over large area of NE Colorado and western Nebraska and western Kansas.

Artifacts include micaceous pots which are considered to be favored for their thermal properties. Use of this pottery technology appears to have progressed from the west in Colorado toward the east into Kansas and Nebraska. The peopling of the area is thought to have come from the north; Athapaskan area of western Canada. The Dismal River habitations are thought to have been brush covered shelters which leave little surviving evidence of their existence. Horticultural activity was indicated by bison scapula hoes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Attendance was 30.

Submitted by Ken Andresen.

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Minutes of the DC-CAS Board Meeting, June 12, 2018

The DC-CAS Board meeting was held at the South Classroom/Cherry Creek Building, Room 241 at Metro State University Denver Tuesday June 12, 2018. Attending were Linda Sand, Jon Kent, Teresa Weedin, Ken Andresen, and MichelebGiometti.

Speakers: Jon reported future speakers will be Cerisa Reynolds in June, and Cherylene Caver in September.

Membership Cashel reported via email that there were two new memberships in April.

Financial: Michele submitted the May report to the board via email. She noted a six month CD will rollover July 5.

Scientific: Tahosa Creek excavation with Holly Norton and Kimball Banks as PIs is closed for additional volunteers. Magic Mountain is also closed.

State CAS: The 2018 Annual Meeting will be September 22, in Cortez.

Jack Warner has resigned as director. Alex Rosa is now PAAC Rep. The next board meeting will be Monday June 11, 2018. Future board meetings will be at 7 PM Mondays on August 27, September 25, and October 29.

February and March board meeting minutes were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Ken Andresen.

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Minutes of the DC-CAS General Meeting, June 18, 2018

The meeting was held in the VIP Room at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. President Linda Sand reported that a radio carbon date from activity at Cherokee Ranch came back at 11,000 years BP.
Paleo Research Group has waiting lists for their summer projects. History Colorado has volunteer opportunities available.

The next general meeting will be jointly held with the Egyptian Study Society on August 13. Larry Evans then discussed matters related to the Southwestern Lore publication of State CAS. Jon Kent introduced the evening’s speaker Dr. Cerisa Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Anthropology from Aims Community College in Greeley. The title of her talk was “Sedentism, Drought, and Basketmaker II Faunal Use Patterns”. The Darkmold Site is north of Durango along the Animas River. Fort Lewis anthropology conducted field schools at the site from 1999 through 2008, led by Mona C. Charles. Dr. Reynolds volunteered to study the 15,460 animal bones from the site. The bones were mostly small pieces. Evidence indicated lengthy processing in pots. Radio carbon dates ranged from 378BC to 492AD. Uninterrupted occupation occurred from 50AD to 492AD. Most bones were from small mammals and birds, few from large game animals. It is estimated that as much as 90% of the Basketmaker II food was corn obtained via sedentary farming. 

Bone assemblies were studied from five regions for comparison: Navaho Reservoir, Chuska, Durango, Black Mesa, and Glen Canyon, covering 31 sites. After the talk, Linda conducted a brief business meeting. She desires to have the entire slate of incoming officers and directors listed when nominated. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM. Attendance was 30.

Submitted by Ken Andresen.

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**2018 International Archaeology Day Expo**

Saturday, October 20, 2018 | 9:00am — 3:00pm

Join us in celebrating International Archaeology Day by attending a free expo to learn, explore, and experience archaeology first hand. Meet professional and avocational archaeologists from around the state as they demonstrate, discuss, and bring to life the cultures of the past. Start at the Expo at Roxborough Intermediate School to pick up an event schedule which includes information and directions to the off-site activities. Food trucks will be on site from 11am-1pm.

**Booths and Demonstrations**

- Lithophones
- Ancient Skills and Tool Manufacturing
- Hands on Pottery
- Artifact Show and Tell
- Food processing: Mano and Metate
- Archaic Snack Stand
- Dig like an Archaeologist
- Kids Arts and Crafts, Face Painting
- Careers in Archaeology
- Archaeology Tool Kit

**Lecture Series**

9:00 AM -- **Jack Warner**: Ancient People of the Hogback and Foothills: Golden to Roxborough
10:30 AM -- **Kevin Gilmore**: A Short Prehistory of the Palmer Divide: Everything You Need to Know in a Hour or Your Money Back
12:00 AM -- **Neil Hauser**: The Blackfoot Cave Dig in SE Douglas County
1:30 PM -- **Douglas Bamforth**: Mahaffy Clovis Cache

**Site Visits**

*(start at the Expo to pick up directions)*

**Lamb Spring**

Guided tours at 10:00 AM, 11:30 PM, & 1:00 PM

**Roxborough State Park**

Walk & Talk Tours at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Walk Through Time Poster Show

**Artifacts of the Park**

**Animals of the Archaic**

**South Valley Park**

Walk and Talk Tours at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

**Other Lectures**

**Painted Reflections: Isomorphic Design in Ancestral Pueblo Pottery**

Dr. Joseph Traugott and Dr. Scott Ortman

One of the most distinctive yet least understood aspects of ancestral Pueblo pottery painting is the widespread use of isomorphic design (figure-and-ground illusions). Join Dr. Joseph Traugott, New Mexico Museum of Art, Retired and Dr. Scott Ortman, University of Colorado Boulder, as they discuss their new book which explores: the origins, production and potential meanings of these fascinating patterns and how they were connected to the development of Pueblo technology, philosophy and society. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. September 26, 7:00 p.m.

**CU Museum of Natural History**

1035 Broadway, Boulder, CO

**Otzi, the 5,300-year-old Tyrolean Iceman and the World’s Oldest Tattoos**

Aaron Deter-Wolf
This will be the topic of the second annual John W. Sanders Lecture by Aaron Deter-Wolf, prehistoric archaeologist, Tennessee Division of Archaeology. The lecture will be held at the FLC Student Union Ballroom, on September 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a cookie reception at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the Lecture, at a cost of $10.00 plus convenience fees, are available at the Durango Welcome Center, in person or at (970) 247-7657 or at www.durangoconcerts.com. Tickets, if still available, may be purchased at the door, starting at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of $13.

Aaron will also be part of a panel discussion, together with Dr. Jesse Tune, FLC Dept. of Anthropology, and other FLC faculty, about "Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries in Archaeology", tied into today’s conversations around the notion of "fake news," on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Room 130, FLC Noble Hall. This panel discussion will be free and open to the public. The many examples of fringe theories in archaeology range from a race of giants building mounds to aliens and pyramids. Many honest archaeological ideas, like the Solutrean hypothesis (first Americans coming from Europe via boats 20,000 years ago), have been used by groups to justify fringe agendas.

### Balance Sheet

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Note: We thankfully have an abundance of books for the silent auction, but please feel free to donate anything else.
WAIT, ARE THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS?
And if I buy one I fund a scholarship AND have a chance to win a Navajo rug

What is the Alice Hamilton Scholarship?
The Alice Hamilton Scholarship provides undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Anthropology or cross-discipline field with emphasis in Archaeology the opportunity to receive $250 - $750. Since its inception in 1978, the Colorado Archaeological Society has distributed 259 awards totaling $96,300. Funds come from raffle ticket sales, a silent auction held at the CAS annual meeting, and $1 annually from each CAS membership. Scholarships are awarded by CAS in memory of Alice Hamilton (a Denver Chapter member and avid supporter of Archaeology).

Eligibility
Recipients must be students of an accredited Colorado university or college.

What does the Scholarship cover?
The competitive awards can be used to fund research projects, lab fees, field school, tuition, books, etc.

It's a great time to become an anthropologist!
The US Bureau of Labor Statistics says: "Employment of anthropologists and archaeologists is expected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations".

Past Recipients include:
* Dr. Kevin Gilmore - Archaeology Program Manager at HDR, Englewood, senior author of Prehistoric Context of Platte River Basin; AH award 2006, PhD - DU
* Dr. Cody Newton - Archaeology Field Director for SWCAEnvironmental Consultants, Sheridan, WY; AH award 2013, PhD - CU
* Dr. Brian Naze - BLM Archaeologist, Little Snake BLM Office; AH award 2009 PhD - CU
* Rebecca Simon – Newly appointed Colorado Assistant State Archaeologist; AH award 2012, Masters - CSU

Think of the Alice Hamilton scholarship as a form of crowdfunding!
Dr. Jakob Sedig, (Consultant Archaeologist, Harvard Medical School, Genetics; Alice Hamilton award 2013, PhD – CU) wrote of the value and need for public engagement.

Archaeology students face many hurdles while completing thesis or dissertation projects.
Acquiring funding, collecting and analyzing data, conducting fieldwork, and presenting results are just some of the obstacles students must overcome. I argue that public engagement must also be part of student-led archaeological projects. First, students need to develop the skills for collaborative research. Second, the public, including local communities and indigenous groups, should be afforded opportunities to share their knowledge, voices, and skills in student projects. . . . public archaeology strategies (including new opportunities such as crowdfunding) . . . demonstrate(s) that public engagement is indeed possible as an archaeology student, and could be an integral part of more student research projects.

And you can do all that with an Alice Hamilton Raffle Ticket – available at your local CAS chapter, at the Annual Meeting in Cortez, or by contacting Carla Hendrickson at 719 583 1633 or carlahendrickson@gmail.com or go to www.coloradoarchaeology.org

Changing Lives with Your Alice Hamilton Scholarship Ticket Purchase!
Check out Dr. Brenda Todd’s accomplishments and contact your chapter’s sales person to purchase your chance to win a Navajo weaving valued at $1300!
Alice Hamilton Scholar Dr. Brenda Todd is the recently appointed Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site (https://www.nps.gov/krni/index.htm).
Dr. Todd attended the University of Illinois Field School which inspired her to co-organize an SAA symposium comparing and contrasting the Southwest and Mississippian worlds, as well as a Society for Advanced Research session in Santa Fe exploring some of those same themes. During this time she made lasting connections with Tim Pauketat who she later invited to be on her dissertation committee. The experience
provided knowledge of the archeology and cultural patterns of the Northern Great Plains – skills that she uses professionally today.
She wrote, “To think that $701 from the Alice K. Hamilton Scholarship could do all that is pretty amazing! I would re-iterate that while the overall amounts of the scholarship may be small, the opportunities and professional development that are made possible for the recipients of this award can be huge!”
Dr. Todd’s is just one story of an Alice Hamilton Scholar recipient. You can help start another great career in archaeology by contacting your chapter sales person today for your Alice Hamilton Scholarship raffle tickets (AND get a chance to win a Navajo weaving valued at $1300)!

Feeling Lucky?

Your Purchase Of A Raffle Ticket Will Make A Difference!

Dr. Richard Wilshusen retired as State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO of Colorado in 2015. In his career, universities, cultural resource management firms, state and federal government, and tribes all employed him. As a researcher he is best known for his work on the Neolithic demographic transition, early Pueblo village formation, Southwestern migration pathways, early great house communities, and Navajo ethnogenesis. In retirement Wilshusen remains active in archaeological research and publishing.*
And the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund helped give him a start! He says, “Alice Hamilton funds helped with my dissertation research which included resurveying several of the early Pueblo sites Earl Morris had documented. The survey we did in 1989 resulted in re-dating the sites, produced the first modern maps that offered details of the site layouts and related the sites to one another. It also offered ceramic counts that we actually used as reference data in some new survey work we did at Crow Canyon just this month (June 2018). Archaeology can be a fickle occupation, but Wilshusen credits his long career to having had the good fortune to work with great colleagues—young and old—on a wide range of fundamental issues. Wilshusen’s is just one story of an Alice Hamilton Scholar recipient. You can help start another great career in archaeology by contacting your chapter sales person today for your Alice Hamilton Scholarship raffle tickets (AND get a chance to win a Navajo weaving valued at $1300)!}

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