

# The CAS Surveyor



Newsletter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

## Another Excellent Annual Meeting!

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The Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society hosted the Annual Meeting in Pueblo from October 2-4, with fun presentations, great awards for extraordinary service, an excellent key note speaker, and a field trip to several famous Apishapa sites.

On Friday night, the CAS quarterly board meeting was held at the Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center, which houses a museum and serves as the home to several historic preservation organizations in the Pueblo area. The following day, the meeting shifted to the conference hotel. Saturday was filled with papers and posters, covering the entire spectrum of prehistory and history in Colorado. Intermixed with the talks were chances to bid on items donated for the Silent Auction and a raffle for a beautiful Mimbres inspired quilt, all benefiting the Alice Hamilton Scholarship.

Following the paper session, the business meeting was held, informing the membership of the activities of the society, as well as electing the leadership of CAS for 2010. Dinner was served, and afterwards, I presented several awards. These included Chapter Service Awards to Patrice Rhodes-Baum (Pikes Peak chapter), Iris and Larry Evans (Denver), and Laurie and Terry Lee (Pikes Peak).

The Ivor Hagar Award was also presented this year, but you'll have to wait for a future Southwestern Lore for more details regarding the recipient! The C.T. Hurst (Silver Trowel) was presented to Dr. Susan Collins (our State Archaeologist), for her many years of service to the archaeology and the archaeological community of our fine state. Susan's contributions will also be detailed in a future issue of Southwestern Lore.

Following the awards, Dr. Steve Lekson presented a fantastic talk on his vision of the prehistory of the Southwest, one filled with dramatic leaders, power struggles, and many migrations of both people and ideas. Sunday saw a field trip to the Cramer site (one of the Apishapa type sites), as well as other rock art and habitation sites in the Apishapa River Valley.

All together, it was an excellent weekend in Pueblo! Thanks to all involved in planning the meeting, especially to the program chair Kris Holien, as well as meeting organizer (Charles Booms) and many other Pueblo chapter volunteers. See you next year in Gunnison!

Jason LaBelle, 2009 CAS President



State Archaeologist and Dr. Susan Collins receives the C.T. Hurst Award

### Special points of interest:

- October 2—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Pueblo
- October 2-4—CAS Annual Meeting in Pueblo, hosted by Pueblo Archaeological and Historical Society
- October 8-11—Ninth Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Gunnison (Page 3)
- October 14-17—Plains Anthropological Conference, Norman, OK
- January 23, 2010—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Colorado Springs
- March 27, 2010—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Montrose
- June 22-28, 2010—CAS Trip to Easter Island
- June 29-July 11, 2010—CAS Trip to Northern Peru and the Sacred Valley
- July 24, 2010—CAS Quarterly Meeting, Cortez
- Date TBD—CAS Quarterly Meeting and Annual Meeting, Gunnison



## CAS Board Meeting Highlights

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

October 2nd and 3rd, 2009 – Pueblo, Colorado

1. Tom Hoff, Exec. Secretary, voiced concern that Chapter participation on a state level continues to decline. It is important that all chapters join in the decision making processes that occur at CAS Quarterly and Annual meetings. Each CAS chapter has 2 members on the CAS Board – the President and the CAS representative. Chapter Presidents and Chapter's CAS Reps should attend Quarterly meetings as part of their responsibilities. Tom asked for suggestions from Chapters on how we might improve this ongoing problem.
2. The CAS Board supported Peter Faris's nomination for a 3 year term as a representative on the CHS Board.
3. Michele Giometti, CAS Treasurer, reported that, each year every chapter has an internal audit to review their treasurer's books (verify deposits; verify that checks written out of bank account are appropriate etc.). All chapters are responsible for reporting to State CAS that the audit has taken place. After December 31, 2009, and before the 2nd qtr of 2010, each chapter must send an acknowledgement to state CAS, via email to Michele Giometti, indicating their chapter's books have been internally audited.
4. Third quarter Membership Report indicates there are 1015 members, which is down 93 people since first quarter.
5. Terri Hoff reported that \$3,217 has been received for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund from raffle sales. A second printing for 300 additional raffle tickets was needed this year.
6. Mike Ketchum, Pueblo Chapter, has completed the requirements for the Certified Surveyor II certificate. This is the first time anyone has received this certificate since 1988. Congrats to Mike!
7. The PAAC training survey at Antelope Gulch this past summer resulted in coverage of roughly 100 acres this year. Site form preparation is in progress. A site form workshop will occur at OAHP on Oct 31st.
8. It was announced that the summer 2009 newsletter went out in August and only 15 incorrect email addresses were encountered – Keep those email corrections coming in!
9. Report from Judith Halasi, Editor of *Southwestern Lore*, indicated she is working with William Butler on his manuscript "Non-Site Archaeology in Rocky Mountain National Park". She is also working with other archaeologists to obtain articles for future publications.
10. *Colorado Archaeology*, the peer-reviewed issue of *Southwestern Lore*, has been submitted to the printer and will be available very soon.
11. Terri Hoff reported the CAS website was off-line for some time due to problems with the site. Let Terri know if you continue having difficulty accessing the site.
12. Chapter Reps on the Advisory Board turned in their 3rd quarter reports of each chapter's archaeological activities. A final report will be sent to the State Archaeologist, and also be published in the Surveyor.
13. Eileen Gose received the American Rock Art Association Education Award for public education and developing the rock art trunk. Congrats to Eileen!
14. Tom Sholes, Education Chair, discussed an outreach education program with the Boy Scouts which would mesh the goals of CAS with the goals of the Scouts. He asked for 4-5 interested CAS members to begin working on how to implement a program to help scouts earn their archaeology merit badge. Contact Tom Sholes if interested.
15. Susan Collins, State Archaeologist, reported on activities of the OAHP over the last 6 months. She asked CAS members to fill out a Preservation Plan questionnaire as part of the OAHP's planning efforts.
16. The CAS Reps to the Colorado Historical Society Board reported on its' Capital Campaign to raise funds to provide state of the art displays and new interpretive programs for the history museum when it opens in its new location.
17. Available committee chair positions on the CAS Board – Chairs of Long Range Planning and Ways and Means. Positions are open to any CAS member. Contact Jason LaBelle, President or Larry Evans, President-elect.
18. At the banquet following the Annual meeting, the Awards Committee will be giving achievement awards to deserving CAS members in recognition of their service.
19. Discussion was held regarding efforts to gather information on how CAS could obtain a general liability insurance policy to provide coverage for field trips due to the potential for accidents and lawsuits. Info from other societies' insurance plans was presented. Research will continue. Chapters should continue to have waivers in place for chapter field trips.
20. The term of office for Jason LaBelle (President), Kris Holien (Vice President) and Linda Seyfert (Recording Secretary) will expire at the end of 2009. They were thanked for their service to the CAS Board.
21. CAS members present at the Annual meeting approved a slate of candidates to be 2010 CAS Officers as follows:
 

President	Larry Evans
Vice President	Linda Seyfert
Treasurer	Michele Giometti
Recording Secretary	Robert Rushforth
22. 2010 meetings:
  - Quarterly Board – Colorado Springs - January 23rd
  - Quarterly Board – Montrose - March 27th (held in conjunction with CCPA Mtg 3/25-28)
  - Quarterly Board – Cortez - July 24th |
  - Quarterly Board / Annual Meeting – Gunnison – dates to be determined.

Submitted by Linda Seyfert, Recording Secretary

## 2009 Record Scholarship Fundraising Success!

The Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund’s major fundraising event is the Annual Meeting’s raffle and silent auction. This year’s raffle offering, “Mimbres Dreams” a custom-made quilt for CAS earned a record \$3400+ in ticket sales.

Dr. Steve Lekson, our banquet speaker, did the drawing honors for us. The winning ticket was #1410, purchased by Ms. Debbie Fish, of Cortez. Debbie works at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, and purchased her ticket at the Open House where Hisatsinom members sold tickets. Congratulations, Debbie!!!

The Silent Auction proceeds totaled over \$800. The items this year were not only beautiful pieces of art, photos and jewelry, craft and decorative items (loved the CAS wreath), practical (a chair) and educational (many archaeo and culture books), but also very tasty (mmmm—salsa & chips, the gourmet salad kit and homemade cookies!)

with your wallets, support the future of Colorado Archaeology by funding a minimum of eight scholarships!

Added to these monies is the June CAS canoe trip fee-split which totaled \$850! Plus there is the dues contribution and local Chapter fundraisers and donations.

Your generosity puts the Fund in outstanding position for next spring’s round of scholarship awards.



*Dr. Steve Lekson draws the winning ticket*

The Scholarship committee extends many thanks to many people: The women who were responsible for the creativity, skills and contributions that resulted in such a fine raffle offering. Thanks also go to the Chapter ticket sellers and promoters for selling almost 1400 tickets. Top sales honors got to Hisatsinom, San Juan Basin and Pueblo. We are grateful to all those to who donated such great auction items. And most of all to you people who,



*Debbie Fish with her prize quilt*



## CAS Advisory Board to the State Archaeologist

### Archaeology Activity Summary Reports— 3rd Quarter 2009 SCIENTIFIC (SURVEY, TESTING, EXCAVATION, LAB):

**Denver** – Work continues on the Blackfoot Cave excavation and the W. Bijou survey. At Blackfoot Cave site we have 8 active 1X1 grids open. Two are located in the historic trash pit; the others are primarily testing for stratified evidence of prehistoric activity. Curation of materials found this summer will be done during the winter months. After 2 years of excavation and curation, we have curated every artifact that has been found up to this summer's work, 3rd field season. At W. Bijou, we have resurveyed a site and found evidence of use from late Paleo-Indian, middle Archaic, Late Prehistoric, and post-contact. We are also mapping a bone bed that is washing out of the creek bank and have permission to do some test trenches in the slough to try and establish if the bone bed is associated with prehistoric people's activities i.e. a butcher and/or kill site. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science has agreed to curate materials from this test excavation. In general however, no curation, only field recording, is done at W. Bijou by the direction of the board of directors of the Aurora Plains Conservation Center who are responsible for this land.

**Hisatsinom** – Survey work was completed at the Galen Larson property. Report pending. Excavation plans for Greenlee Site are dependent on scheduling (see below). Last season's findings were reported at the Pecos Conference by owner/PI Dave Dove (see below). Mitchell Springs report for 1990-2004 has been completed (AD 780 – 1250), following the 1997 report. Hisatsinom Chapter members are intrinsic to the survey, excavation and analysis for this report. The 2008-09 Great Kiva excavation is still underway; the ground floor has been reached with many interesting artifacts and structural revelations. Of note, upon conducting a sub floor test pit, burned roof beams were discovered. This indicates a possible proto-kiva or pit house structure may lie below. Excavations will continue!

**Pueblo** – Mike Ketchum received the PAAC Surveyor II Certificate. This is the first time anyone has received this award since 1988 and it is only the 7th time in PAAC history this certificate has been earned.

**PUBLICATIONS / REPORTS: NONE**

**CURATION ISSUES: NONE**

**SITE STEWARDSHIPS:**

**Hisatsinom** – Stewards continue work on sites in the area via San Juan Mtn. Assn., Archaeological Conservancy

**Indian Peaks** – Conducted site stewardship visits to Trail Ridge Game Drive (5LR15) on July 21, 2009 and Lava Cliffs Rock Feature Complex (5LR7095) on September 18, 2009. Both are

high country pre-historic sites located adjacent to Highway 34, Trail Ridge Road, within Rocky Mountain National Park. Neither activity nor vandalism noted in these areas.

**San Juan Basin** – 12-15 members are cultural site stewards in the program managed by the San Juan Mountain Association. This program is directed by Ruth Lambert, a contract Archaeologist with the San Juan Mountain Association. Stewards monitor their sites at least once per quarter. Some sites are monitored monthly during the summer, depending on expected site impact. A few others assist the national Park Service at Mesa Verde National Park.

### VANDALISM AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

**San Juan Basin** – Vandalism of BLM archaeological signs were noted during the winter. Our chapter volunteered to help replace the signs, but was informed our help was not needed.

### CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL INTERACTIONS:

**Chipeta** – Working with Montrose BLM office on site Stewardship.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION / OUTREACH:

**Chipeta** - Outstanding free monthly programs continue to be offered to the public. The chapter is in the process of reviewing a new contract with the Montrose Community Foundation for the administration of the Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship. The purpose is to endure compliance with 501C3 rules for both the Foundation and the chapter.

**Hisatsinom** – Hisatsinom Chapter members were major contributors in organization and volunteer staff for the 2009 Pecos Conference held in the Cortez area in August. This was a major success for the area organizers and for the conference in general. Professionals, avocationalists and general public were record participants.

**Pikes Peak** – One field trip to Picket Wire

**Pueblo** – Eileen Gose received the American Rock Art Research Association Education Award for developing the rock art education trunk.

**San Juan Basin** – 15 members continue to participate in the volunteer program at Mesa Verde. 3-5 members volunteer at the Anasazi Heritage Center. 3-5 members assist on a weekly basis with curation efforts for the artifact collection at the Center for Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College. Joint meetings are held with the Life Long Learning Program and the Center for Southwest Studies of Fort Lewis College several times a year. Our normal meetings draw 40-60 attendees.

**OTHER: NONE**

Submitted by Linda Seyfert

## Help Update the Colorado Historic Preservation

The Colorado Historical Society/State Historic Preservation Office is currently updating its 2010 comprehensive plan to identify and promote preservation goals through 2020 and is seeking citizen response to current programs provided by CHS/SHPO. Please take a few minutes and fill in their on-line

survey at

<http://colorado-history-oahp.org/stateplan/index.htm>

by **Nov. 13, 2009**. Your anonymous participation helps show the importance of preservation to Colorado's public.

## CSU Archaeology Student Needs Assistance

Submitted by Lucy Burris

Jason Bush, a graduate student in Anthropology at CSU, has recently been diagnosed with stage IIIa testicular cancer. Jason was diagnosed two days before his health insurance coverage began for the fall semester. Therefore, the cancer was considered a pre-existing condition and the insurance will not cover doctor's appointments, chemotherapy treatment, operations, or lab tests associated with the cancer. Jason was unable to qualify for many federal and state insurance programs. Jason qualified for the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP), which will cover only a percentage of the cost of treatment and care while at Poudre Valley Hospital. However, there are many appointments, tests, and prescriptions outside of the hospital that are not eligible for coverage.

Jason is an inspirational, upbeat, and love-filled young man. Even in these difficult times, Jason keeps an open heart and an amazingly positive attitude. Jason grew up in West Texas where he developed his love for the outdoors and archaeology. In between school and life, Jason hiked the entire Continental Divide Trail from Canada to Mexico, a 3100-mile journey. Several years of working as an archeologist in Texas inspired Jason to pursue a M.A. in archeology, which led to a move to Fort Collins for graduate school at CSU. This past summer Jason completed his archeology thesis research in Lake Patzcuaro, Michoacan, Mexico. Jason is in the process of writing his thesis and hopes to complete his graduate studies, as initially planned, by May 2010. Jason is an enthusiastic lover of the outdoors, bikes, and music. Whether riding on his cruiser strung with red lights or studying at a coffee shop, Jason always has a smile on his face and time for the people around him.

Within the first two months since his diagnosis, Jason's medical bills already amount to \$20,000 with only \$15,000 being covered by CICP. By the end of

the initial treatment plan, Jason's bill is estimated to be at least \$120,000. In addition to mounting medical bills, Jason also has living expenses and no steady source of income. He is not able to work regularly at his part time job on campus and is using loans and credit cards to make ends meet. Supporters of Jason around the country are working to raise funds to help Jason with his treatment. The fundraising goal of \$15,000 will not cover all the medical expenses, but it will greatly help Jason avoid massive debt to pay for his cancer treatment. Visit [jasonbushcancerfund.org](http://jasonbushcancerfund.org) to help.

**this is JASON BUSH**

JASON was diagnosed with stage IIIa testicular CANCER and is not covered by his insurance for cancer treatments

JASON is a CSU graduate student who is struggling to meet mounting medical bills, so any help is APPRECIATED

Please help us reach our goal of \$15,000. This will be a small step toward the estimated \$120,000 in treatments

Come support a local at the Bushdoctor BeneFest November 14th at Avo's for music and a silent auction

**VISIT [jasonbushcancerfund.org](http://jasonbushcancerfund.org) to DONATE**  
**CONTACT us at [donations@jasonbushcancerfund.org](mailto:donations@jasonbushcancerfund.org)**

## Northern Peru and the Sacred Valley

By Teresa Weedin

Join Teresa Weedin (Denver Chapter), Reefs to Rockies LLC, and CAS members on a journey through Peru to learn about and see the remains of civilizations such as the Chimu, Moche, and Inca. We may be the only visitors to sites in Northern Peru as the ruins near Trujillo and Chiclayo are not on the normal tourist itineraries. Besides the ruins of Chan Chan, Temple of the Moon and Sun, near Trujillo; we will also see the fantastic treasures of Sipan and Tucume not far from Chiclayo. While in Chiclayo we will also pay a visit to the Witchcraft Market. From Chiclayo we will travel to Cusco via Lima. After visiting ruins in the Cusco area and a city tour, we will head toward the Sacred Valley; we will stop at local markets, weaving villages and visit the ruins of Moray and Ollantaytambo. Catching the train to Machu Picchu, we'll have the opportunity to spend two days exploring the famed city and the surrounding area. After a final dinner in Lima at the Huaca Pucallana Restaurant, we'll say our good-byes and head home. We will experience the cultures, handicrafts cuisine, and natural history of Peru. Cost is \$2845 (land only)(single supplement, \$1050).

### Colorado Archaeological Society Trip ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN NORTHERN PERU AND THE SACRED VALLEY JUNE 29 – JULY 11, 2010

Sites	Cities
• Temples of the Sun and Moon	• Lima
• Chan Chan	• Trujillo
• El Brujo	• Huanchaco
• Sipan	• Chiclayo
• Tucume	• Sipan
• Sican Museum	• Lambayeque
• Moray archaeological site	• Tucume
• Ollantaytambo Fortress	• Cusco
• Sacred Valley of the Incas	• Yucay
• Machu Picchu	• Miraflores

**and  
more!**



Pricing = \$3515 double occupancy + air fare to Peru

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## Easter Island with CAS, June 22-28, 2010

By Teresa Weedin

We've seen documentaries and articles about this fantastic place 2100 miles off the coast of Chile. Now you can join Teresa Weedin, Reefs to Rockies LLC to visit Easter Island. Our several-day itinerary gives us the opportunity to visit many of the archaeological sites on the island. But there will be time to explore the local community to get to know the locals and also check out the favorite beaches and local hangouts! We begin and end our tour in Santiago, Chile. The land-only cost is \$1630 per person, double occupancy (\$500 single supplement).

For more information on one or both of these trips, please contact Teresa Weedin at 303/366-7843 or

### Colorado Archaeological Society Trip EASTER ISLAND AND SANTIAGO, CHILE June 22-28, 2010



- Santiago, Chile.
- Pablo Neruda Museum
- Hanga Roa/Easter Island
- Vaihu
- Trail of the Moais
- Ranu Raraku quarry
- Ranu Raraku volcano
- Ahu Tongariki
- Ovahe beach
- Anakena beach
- Ceremonial Village Orongo
- Ahu Akivi
- Ceremonial place of Tahai
- Ana Te Pahu cave
- Ahu Tepeu
- Puna Pau quarry
- Rock Art/Petroglyph tour

***and more!***

Pricing = \$1630 double occupancy + air fare to Easter Island

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