



Newsletter of the Grand Junction Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

Who We Are:

CAS-GJ is one of nine local chapters of the Colorado Archaeological Society. CAS-GJ consists of people who are interested in the archaeology and the early history of western Colorado and eastern Utah. Members are of all ages and backgrounds, and archeological experience.

When We Meet:

The 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted in the meeting section, at the Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way, Grand Junction, CO. Meetings include a guest lecturer. Snacks welcomed.

When We Explore

Members are eligible to participate in Chapter field trips which include one-day and multi-day trips and will be notified by email when they are scheduled.

September 2024



September 25, 2024 Speaker

Dr. Tim Riley

Tim Riley, Ph.D, the Director and Curator of the Prehistoric Museum, Utah State University in Price Utah, will join us to discuss timelines of perishable weaponry components from the Northern Colorado Plateau.

Tim will present information using the latest technologies to bring dates to weaponry and hunting techniques. The timeline for the replacement of the atlatl by the bow and arrow has often been based on the types and locations of projectile points.

However, some remarkably well preserved atlatls and bows at the Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum are being carbon dated to better associate these weapon technologies to the people and cultures who used them.

Tim was trained as an archaeologist, paleoethnobotanist, and palynologist (pollen scientist). His primary research interests focus on how past human populations used the plant communities for food (remember the wonderful meal he fixed for us) , medicine, and materials. This is certain to be another interesting presentation by Dr. Riley.

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2024 Board & Positions

CO-President & CO-Vice President:

Laney Heath & Lorna Reed

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer & Membership

Coordinator: Clint Driscoll

CAS Representative: Vida Jaber

PAAC Representative: Geoff Peterson

Trip Coordinator: [Tracy Baker](#)

Directors at Large: Gayle Smith & Anita Stoltman

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Moss Back Butte



October 23, 2024 Speaker

Dr. Shannon Boomgarden will be our guest speaker on the topic “Exploring Range Creek Canyon: People, Archaeology, and Experiment”. She began doing research in Range Creek in the West Tavaputs Plateau in early 2000’s and has been the Director of the Range Creek Field Station since 2019.

Field Trip Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to lead trips once our weather cools a bit. CAS-GJ now has trip insurance that was negotiated through the State CAS Organization in Colorado (a General Liability, Directors & Officers and Group accident policy)

Please contact Tracy Baker at email casgitrips@gmail.com if you would be willing to lead a trip. There will be a 12 person maximum and likely a minimum number to be determined.

We love to see new sites!

Upcoming Trips: Sign Up Now

Trip slots are limited. Contact the designated leader directly. Only members can attend, no dogs allowed as the hikes are in culturally sensitive areas.

- Moss Back Butte, Oct. 18-21, with Jim Schultz, jschultz2898@gmail.com
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park with Larry Moore, Oct. 25-26 at fmvceman@gmail.com

News Flash: Election Season

(In Case you Are in a News Blackout Hole)



The CAS-GJ Bylaws state that elections for Board Officers be held in November of each year. However, since CAS-GJ does not meet in November, and often skips December the Board voted to approve an amendment stating elections will instead be held at the October 23, 2024 meeting.

The slate of candidates will be presented at the September 25th meeting. Members attending the October meeting will vote on the candidates if any position has more than one nominee. The present list is as follows:

- President Laney Heath
- Vice President: shared between Sharon Brennan, Pat Riley and Janet Ford who will schedule speakers
- Secretary: **OPEN**
- Treasurer: **OPEN** Clint Driscoll has been ready for a year to hand off the Treasurer position which he has thankfully held for several years. Please consider volunteering for this position. We have split Treasurer and Membership duties and have a volunteer for Membership so it is half the work and all the glory!

Please notify any board member if you are interested in the Treasurer position.

State CAS Conference

The Annual State Conference, to be held at the Grand Junction Marriott Courtyard Hotel, starts Friday, October 4th, with a State Board meeting open to any interested chapter members and dinner at a local restaurant.

The main event is open to CAS members and the public, begins Saturday, October 5th and will feature vibrant speakers from the SW archaeological world, a silent auction (see *** below), networking opportunities, snack breaks, and happy hour with a cash bar.

There is an optional reservation required dinner option and evening keynote speaker, Craig Childs, speaking on his study of rock art and his award-winning book, Tracing Time. Craig is known for his studies of the ancient Pueblo peoples as well as adventure travel and wilderness science. He is an animated and engaging speaker. CAS members and the public are invited to a cash bar and Meet and Greet with Craig Childs, 7:00-7:30 and his keynote speech 7:30-8:30, with a book signing 8:30-9:00. The cost will be \$10.00 for CAS-GJ members and \$15.00 for nonmembers.

Sunday, October 6th, is dedicated to tours of four local sites, arranged by our CAS chapter.

Also, we would love to have members sign up to volunteer for the State Conference. We are offering a discounted registration fee of \$75 for conference volunteers. Also, if members can't attend the full day conference,

Updates and registration details may be found at the Colorado Archaeological Society website (<https://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/>)

*****Silent Auction Items Still Needed*****

Look Around! Your wonderful Silent Auction items are needed! Please bring any donations you might have with a Southwest or archaeology theme when you come to the State Conference or preferably our September monthly meeting. We are accepting books, maps and do not forget to check your jewelry box! All proceeds go to fund the Alice Hamilton State Scholarship.