September Presentation: Shavano Valley

Alma Evans, PhD. will present a brief history of Shavano Valley from a reported statement of the first “white man”, Joe Gray, to the building of a modern hydroelectric power facility. Enjoy stories from ranchers who have lived in the valley since 1935 and stories remembered from their parents since 1919. Learn about the role of the Soil Conservation District, The Civilian Conservation Corp, 1909 Uncompahgre Project and the Navajo workers in the sugar beets all of which helped bring successful farming and ranching to the Valley in the 1950’s. Explore the sacredness of the Valley for the Utes, the united church community, and the pioneer cemetery also known as the Shavano Cemetery. You will see slides of Indian rock writing and arrow heads that have been found on private land.
Happy September, everyone! I’m looking forward to fall with some disappointment and a great deal of anticipation. The days are getting shorter and cooler, and downright chilly in the high country. They’re expecting a strong El Niño this year, which is supposed to translate to wet weather for us, as I understand it. I’m looking forward to a great snow year!

Don’t forget, the chapter bylaws state that we will elect officers to serve on the board at the October general meeting. That means we need nominations by the September meeting if possible. While I’ve greatly enjoyed my two years here, it’s time for me to move on. If you have any ideas for a person you think would be a good president, please pass it on to one of the board members, whose names you will find listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

I should say a few words about the qualifications for Chapter President. First, and very important, one does not have to be a professional archaeologist. This is a club for people who are interested in archaeology, not professionals, although it is always a bonus to have a few professionals among the membership. The most important qualification is to be able to work collaboratively with a diverse group of board members to achieve a consensus on the issues that arise. It’s not the president who makes decisions on the direction the chapter should take, but the board. The president’s job is to figure out the will of the board and try to implement those decisions. I feel that many among our membership are immensely qualified to fill that position.

We are also looking for a new speaker chair. Carol Patterson has filled that position wonderfully for a number of years now, and I am sad to hear that she would like to step down. Her participation in local, national, and international conferences has insured a wonderful variety of gifted archaeologists, rock art researchers, and others who have come to speak to us over the years. I can’t even begin to express my gratitude to Carol for the wonderful job she has done.

It’s a little premature to spend this column looking back. You’re stuck with me through December, and I’m looking forward to the fall season, a terrific slate of speakers, and some stimulating field trips.

Dave Batten

NEW CALENDARS from George Decker

I finally have the new 2016 calendars and also have the web site set up. I invite you to check it out and share the info with any one you would like to.

The site is www.deckercalendarco.com
– George Decker
Site stewards visited 4 historic and 5 prehistoric sites this past summer. Cottonwood Cave and several nearby architectural sites in the West End were the focus of one field trip. On July 9, Leigh Ann Hunt and Bill Harris led a field trip for potential Site Stewards to four historic mine sites in the Ironton Park area above Ouray. They visited the cabins at the Lucky 20 mine, the smelter of the Saratoga mine, and the Mountain King mine. They also took a look at the stone garage just across highway 550 from Crystal Lake. The garage was built in the early 1950s, and is associated with the St. Germain Society’s lodge, originally built as a ski lodge from materials salvaged from the Saratoga smelter.

Fall is a great time for field trips, so we will be discussing some options at the Executive Board meeting prior to the September general meeting. We’ll let the membership know the schedule for the fall at the meeting, then by email.

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For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader
2015 Santa Fe - Three Trails Conference

Registration is Open!

Click [here](#) to register on-line or by mail in.

2015 - Three Trails Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico

A joint Conference gathering people interested in three of the most significant trails in North America, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Old Spanish Trail and the Santa Fe Trail, will provide a chance to share information and learn about new ways of evaluating the trails and their impact on our identity.

The Conference will present opportunities to explore environmental and sociological aspects of the trails and their connections, as well as their history. Santa Fe, New Mexico, has long been a productive place for the exchange of ideas.

[ALL TRAILS LEAD TO SANTA FE](#)

http://www.oldspanishtrail.org/participate/conference/annual_conference.php

Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Conference and Meeting

The 80th CAS Annual Conference and Meeting will be held October 9-11, 2015 in Durango. There will be an expanded slate of speakers, including keynote speaker Dr. Doug Owsley who will talk about the scientific analysis of Kennewick Man. There will also be a great selection of field trips, including a historical tour of Silverton, a trip to Chimney Rock National Monument, a visit to the Curatorial Area of Mesa Verde National Park, a tour of Aztec and Salmon Ruins, a visit to Crow Canyon, and a possible day trip to three of the Navajo Pueblitos.

See the Announcement and details on the CAS webpage [Bulletinboard](#)
**Shavano Valley Pictographs**

Navaho painting of the Women’s Mountain Way Ceremony, located in a side canyon off of Shavano Valley. It may have been painted by the Navaho families that lived in Shavano Valley, and discussed in Alma’s presentation this month.

**Colorado Archaeological Society Revised Constitution and Bylaws**

Kris Holien, the Recording Secretary for the State CAS has reminded us that the newly updated constitution (technically Articles of Incorporation) and bylaws are now ready to be viewed. A copy of each has been emailed out to all Chipeta Members, and they are also available to be viewed on the CAS website at coloradoarchaeology.org. From there navigate to the Constitution and Bylaws section. There you can read the old and the new versions.

These documents must be ratified by a vote of the general membership at the CAS Annual Meeting, which will be held this year in Durango on October 10. The meetings will be well worth the drive down to Durango. You can find a brief description of the meetings elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)**

Archaeological Dating Methods (15 hrs): Relative and absolute dating techniques, sample collection, preservation and care of datable material.

October 24 and 25, 2015, in Montrose, CO.

For further information and to register, contact Beverly Kolkman, Chipeta PAAC Coordinator, at bk7753@msn.com, or 970.835.4109.
2015 CAS Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund
Raffle Prizes (3)


Acoma Polychrome Seed Pot by Carolyn Concha. Spherical, 7” diameter. Donated by the Reagans, Pikes Peak Chapter. Estimated value $350.

This is your last chance to purchase raffle tickets!!

Annette will be selling them at the September meeting. Contact her at 970.318.0128 or annettebutts63@gmail.com.

**Alice Hamilton Scholarships** are open to all Undergraduate and Graduate students in the field of Archaeology (or related) currently enrolled in programs in Colorado.

All profits are paid out on an annual basis as scholarships.

Purchase price of tickets is TAX-DEDUCTIBLE as contribution to a public charity under IRS Section 509(a)(2).

1 Ticket = $3.00
4 Tickets = $10.00

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**Upcoming Events**

September 5 / October 3
Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve Tours
Littleton, Colorado
http://lambspring.org/

September 11-14
Mitchell Springs Excavation
Cortez, Colorado
http://www.fourcornersresearch.com/
Code of Ethics

- As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge:
- To uphold State and Federal Antiquities Laws.
- To support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our State’s antiquities.
- To encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources.
- To encourage the study and recording of Colorado’s archaeology and cultural history. To take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work for the purpose of developing new and significant information about the past.
- To respect the property rights of landowners.
- To assist whenever possible, in locating, mapping and recording archaeological sites within Colorado using State Site Survey forms.
- To respect the dignity of peoples whose cultural histories and spiritual practices are the subject of any investigation.
- To support only scientifically conducted activities, and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation about archaeological matters. To report vandalism.
- To remember that cultural resources are non-renewable, and do not belong to you or me, but are ours to respect, to study and enjoy!

Signature: ___________________________ Other Family Signature: ___________________________

Make checks payable to “Chipeta Chapter CAS” and mail the signed application to:
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