President’s Corner
by Dan Elsner

Continued from last month:

I know the thrill of finding a projectile point! The initial recognition that it might be a point, the slow movement to pick it up, the thoughts of how and why it was there, then the process of touching, lifting, possessing and admiring. Glade Hadden in Finders Keepers by Craig Childs called the thrill of discovery the “juice”.

Leaving the point is a hard thing to do! Have you ever had buyer’s remorse? To me it’s similar to keeping a point, it feels great at the time but you have a wave of angst come over you and ask was it worth it? On a hike one of my friends showed me Leaveright Rocks - yep - leave it right there! He also had a bad habit of putting rocks in your pack when you weren't being attentive enough!

There you have it.

Chipeta Summer Picnic!

The Summer Picnic will again be on the third Wednesday in July (the 19th) at the shelter at Cerise Park. The picnic starts at 6:00 and will be a potluck with grills set up. Bring chairs, drinks, plates and eating utensils, along with a dish to share.

Drive west on Main Street from the Main/Townsend intersection, cross the river, then turn left on Chipeta Road. Take the first left onto Shanes Way, drive to the parking lot by the shelters.

Mark Your Calendar

June 8: the field trip scheduled for this day is full.
June 17: field trip to Mountaineer Site, Gunnison. Contact Joe Oglesby 970 250-7891 or joeim@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.
July 15: CAS Quarterly Meeting, Anasazi Heritage Center, Dolores.
July 19: Chipeta Chapter summer picnic (right, below). Cerise Park shelter, Montrose, 6:00 pm.
August 10-13: Pecos Conference, Pecos, NM.
Fort Crawford Sign.
The Fort Crawford sign is done and is in my garage. We need a few volunteers to help put it up, so if you’re interested, give me a call at 970-615-7166.

West End Field Trip.
We had a great field trip to the West End of Montrose County on the long weekend of May 11-14. Here are a few photos from that trip.

*West End Field Trip Photos by Bill Harris*

**Left:** Members Dennis Devore, Susan Henderson and Glenn Stone view rock art at Cottonwood Cave.

**Right:** Shield figure at Blue Creek rock art panel.

**Below:** Dan Elsner viewed rock art at 1 meter man panel.
Report on the April 29th 2017 Quarterly CAS Meeting
by Nick Ard
Salida Community Center

During the morning Science/Advisory committee meeting, discussion focused upon the revision of the Science/Advisory report and suggestions for improving chapter participation. A major new objective of the committee will be the incorporation of photogrammetry (3-D imagery of archaeological sites) in future CAS activities. A training session in photogrammetry will be held in Dolores, July 14th, just prior to the 3rd quarterly CAS meeting.

A suggestion was made by The San Juan CAS chapter that the Ute Indian Museum invite regional CAS chapters to the opening of the museum in Montrose on June 10th. The San Juan Chapter is planning a car pool to attend the event.

A motion was made and passed to obtain more information regarding the partial printing of “Southwestern Lore” and the expenses associated with online cost and member’s only access. A motion was made and passed regarding social media and the publication of sensitive site information. It was suggested that family members would not be excluded from site location information. Another motion removed previous limits on the number of web sites per chapter. A motion was made and passed regarding a new Code of Ethics policy.

An advocacy policy was proposed and expanded in scope. Advocacy is defined as including funding issues related to cultural preservation as well as local government actions. CAS president Karen Kinnear stated that she needs volunteers to work with on-line membership but none have been forthcoming. She intends to contact chapter membership committee chairs to further discuss the proposal.

In further business, the Alice Hamilton scholarship committee reported that there were 9 applications for a total of $4,775 in awards. A motion was made and passed to approve the scholarship awards. It was noted that in the last 25 years, the Alice Hamilton scholarship fund has awarded over $93,000 to recipients.

The education committee reported that two History Colorado grant applications were considered: one from the Chipeta Chapter for the Fort Crawford sign, and the other from the San Juan Chapter. The Chipeta application was approved without reservations while more information was requested for the San Juan application.

The PAAC classes are still on hold and the program is being reviewed. A proposal is being considered to offer many of the courses on line.
From the Editor

I published a couple of pictures in the April newsletter that showed an arrangement of rocks near Delta that had some characteristics of a medicine wheel. In the following week, there was a lively discussion among the board and other interested parties about what indeed that arrangement of rocks was. Most everybody agreed that it wasn’t really a medicine wheel, but that it was very interesting. Rand Greubel of Alpine Archaeology pointed out that they had used the Google Earth time slider tool, to demonstrate that the arrangement did not exist in 1993, but did exist in 2005, so could not be prehistoric. Google Earth doesn’t have imagery from every year in that timespan, so the year the wheel was created is still unknown.

Most everybody seemed to agree that the feature was probably put together by some New Agers or some group like the Rainbow Family. I contacted Richard Fike and Douglas Scott, both of whom were archaeologists for the BLM for many years, to see if they could shed some light on the feature. Neither had direct knowledge of the circumstances of construction, but both noted the absence of lichen on the upper surface of many of the stones, indicating they had probably been moved or turned over recently. Scott suggested that the lack of consistency of lichen and weathering patterns indicated a relatively modern feature. Fike had visited the site in the early 90s when it was fresh and at that time was told that it had been made by a New Age group, perhaps out of Hotchkiss.

So, nothing definite on the feature yet, but the evidence of Google Earth and Richard Fike’s recollections suggest that it was built sometime after July 1993, the date of the Google imagery, but still before 1995 (early 90s). Perhaps somebody out there reading this can shed further light on the subject.
Ute Museum Reopening

The Ute Indian Museum will have its Grand Reopening on June 10, 2017. Artifacts from a local archaeological site will be in the exhibits. The chapter has donated $600 to the exhibit fund, and encourages members to donate on their own. Any donation of $100 or more will be recognized on the donor’s wall. To learn more and donate online, go to this website:

https://secure.historycolorado.org/ute-indian-museum/

To donate by check, make checks out to History Colorado. Include a memo that the donation is “restricted to Ute Indian Museum.” Indicate in a brief note that you are from the Chipeta Chapter, CAS. Send your donation to:

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Code of Ethics

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge to:

• Uphold local, state, and federal antiquities laws.
• Respect the property rights of landowners.
• Report vandalism to appropriate authorities.
• Support only scientifically and legally conducted archaeological activities.
• Conduct field and/or laboratory activities using professionally accepted standards.
• Not condone the sale, exchange, or purchase of artifacts obtained from illegal activities.
• Be sensitive to the cultural histories and spiritual practices of groups that are the subject of archaeological investigation.
• Accept the responsibility, if serving as principal investigator, to publish the results and make the collection available for further study.

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Want More?
*Archaeology Southwest* is a great link to find out about current issues and events relating to Southwest Archaeology.

The Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship
We’d like to congratulate this year’s recipient:

*Amanda Campbell*

Created in honor of Chipeta Chapter founding member Carlyle “Squint” Moore and his wife, the scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior or college student intending to enroll or already enrolled in an Anthropology or Archaeology program.

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For more information on upcoming field trips and to sign up, please contact the Field Trip Leader.

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