



# COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHÆOLOGISTS

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## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The subject of protecting cultural resources is getting a fair amount of attention lately, both at the national and local levels. In addition to the Congressional hearings held in Cortez, the U.S. General Accounting Office published in December, 1987 the results of a study entitled, Cultural Resources, Problems Protecting and Preserving Federal Archaeological Resources. It seems obvious to most of us that a two-pronged attack on the problem of site vandalism is needed. While law enforcement can be fruitful, it is often of limited effectiveness. The only hope for a long-term solution seems to be public education. At the Rock Art Symposium held last April at the Denver Museum of Natural History, I was bemoaning our disappearing rock art and stated that the answer lies largely in public education. An out of state colleague who happened to attend later reported that I was advocating teaching the public-at-large to record archaeological sites, in order to preserve them. Not so! I advocate public education that will impart a strong sense of the value of national heritage and the legacy of our prehistoric predecessors.

Toward that goal, both of Colorado's major archaeological organizations have taken first steps. In addition to establishing scholarship funds to educate archaeologists, both CCPA and CAS have organized public education committees in the last year. The CCPA committee has moved to establish a speakers list statewide to be available for presentations to public groups (see volunteer form, this issue). The OSAC/CAS Program for Archaeological Avocational Certification (PAAC) also has compiled such a listing. The newly formed CAS Public Education Committee, which includes professional educators, has two goals: 1) first, to train members to teach within the school system, and 2) to develop a training module to be used by elementary school teachers.

There is a plan presently being formulated by archaeological organizations in Arizona, Utah, and Colorado to form a regional council of organizations, not individuals, in the Intermountain states. Such an organization could compile the resources to reach a far broader public segment than could any group individually.

At the last CAS Advisory Committee (to the Colorado Historical Society) meeting, chairman Kevin Black appointed a vandalism

sub-committee. Largely due to stimulus provided by State Archaeologist Wildesen (see her report, this issue), the group will attempt to formulate plans for a specific program to address the problem of vandalism in the state, in cooperation with federal land managing agencies. Many of the involved individuals are also CCPA members and I am sure that both organizations can and will contribute to developing an effective public participation anti-vandalism program for Colorado.

On an unrelated topic, as this is my last President's message, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and committee members for their time and efforts over the past year. I especially appreciate the contributions of Jack Smith who has done such a great job as newsletter editor for the last two years.

Marcia J. Tate

### CCPA ANNUAL MEETING

The 1988 Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists will be held March 11 and 12 in Grand Junction, Colorado, at the Mesa College Student Center. The BLM and the Museum of Western Colorado are hosting this event and have put together a varied and interesting meeting. The program includes a business meeting, presentation of papers on current activities, a special symposium, and a banquet. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on Friday at the college, but a registration form is included with this Newsletter for those wishing to register ahead of time. Registration fee is \$6.00. Maps with camping and housing availability will be mailed to early registrants. A banquet will be held on Friday evening at the Cross Orchards Living History Farm. Dinner will include barbecued meat plus all of the fixings, and will be prepared by a local caterer. Cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person. Brian O'Neil will follow the dinner with a talk on the historical archaeological investigations he directed at the farm.

Please see the detailed meeting agenda and the registration form included with this newsletter.

This is the first and last call for volunteer papers. Abstracts and titles must be submitted to Michael Piontkowski no later than March 1, 1988.

## EDITORIAL AND COMMENT

This will be my last chance to fill this column since a new Newsletter editor will be taking over the next issue. It is an appropriate time, therefore, to express my thanks to all of the members of CCPA who have helped so much to make my job pleasant and enjoyable. You have been very good about sending news items for the newsletter, and adding in many other ways to the pool of materials I have had available to fill each issue (not the least of which were the poetic efforts). A newsletter is just what its name says, a letter containing news, and it has been my privilege to be able to write that letter to each of you for the past two years. The news, however, must come from all who share in this organization, and I hope that we all will continue to bear that in mind and keep the news of our activities, our ideas and opinions, and some elements of humor, coming to the Newsletter. It is one of the most important links we have to each other, dispersed as we all are over the landscape. Remember that the news need not be of major discoveries; we all are interested in what others are engaged in -- what they are trying to do and what they hope to do, not just the spectacular successes, although those are nice to read about too. So, keep in touch --- and thank you all for your help and support.

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## CCPA ELECTIONS

It is election time again, and you have a chance to vote for new officers for CCPA for the coming year. The choices appear much better at our level than at the national level, so exercise your vote while you still have a chance to vote for someone who might do something. Fill out the ballot attached to this newsletter and mail it off before March 2.

## CCPA DUES

And while you are filling out your meeting registration and your ballot, why not fill out a check for your 1988 membership in CCPA. There is a handy spot on the meeting registration form, in case you missed it, which will enable you to register for the meeting, the Friday night dinner, and pay your annual dues, all on one check. Think of the saving in time, effort, and paper!. Make a clean sweep and keep this outfit solvent.

Please return your registration form to Gail Firebaugh no later than March 1, 1988. It is important that you preregister for the dinner, as it will not be possible to accomodate late registrants.

## SPEAKERS LIST

And when you have done all of the above, don't forget to fill out the Speakers List Application form, also attached to this Newsletter. There are a lot of public and private organizations who would like to know more about archaeology, preservation, and related subjects such as geology and history. If you would like to help get our messages out to the public, this is an excellent opportunity. See the application form for more details and if you are interested, fill it out and mail it to Brian O'Neil.

## UTE SYMPOSIUM

An all day symposium on Ute archaeology has been organized for the Saturday, March 12, session of the CCPA Annual Meeting. The goal of the symposium is to compile and evaluate the archaeological data available for the Ute occupation of Colorado. The following topics have been tentatively identified for examination: chronology, architecture, subsistence, material culture, rock art, peeled trees, burials, and museum collections. Additional presentations will include distribution of known Ute sites and some specific site reports. Omer Stewart and Bill Buckles will serve as discussants. Publication of the symposium proceedings is planned by the CCPA Executive Committee.

It is anticipated that some time at the end of the day will be available for general discussion, brief reports, or show-and-tell type presentations related to Ute archaeology. Anyone who has such information to contribute outside the formal presentations should contact Paul Nickens, the symposium organizer.



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## CROSS ORCHARDS LIVING HISTORY FARM

As noted in the annual meeting announcement, the Friday evening banquet will be held at the Cross Orchards Living History Farm in Grand Junction. For those of you who are not familiar with the farm, Brian O'Neil has kindly provided some details. Brian will provide more details on Friday evening when he gives his slide presentation, "Fruit of the Rooms", covering salvage excavations conducted at the farm (site 5 ME 298) in 1983 by the Quahada (Grand Junction) Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

Cross Orchards Farm was a large (243 acres) farm operated (as absentee landowners) by the Cross family of Massachusetts (Red Cross and Walk Over Shoe Companies) as a showplace of the agricultural and economic potential of western Colorado. The farm operated from 1896 until 1923 when it was divided up and sold at auction. At one time it contained over 22,000 apple trees, but its productivity was seriously curtailed after 1910 by an infestation of the codling moth which damaged many of the trees.

Only a small portion of the original farm survives today, and even that was endangered by a planned housing subdivision in 1979 during the oil shale boom. At that time a group of volunteers led by the Museum of Western Colorado mounted a successful campaign to purchase and preserve the surviving portion as an historic site. It is now a division of the Museum of Western Colorado and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open from mid-May until November, it features self-guided tours, living history demonstrations and special seasonal events. Auxiliary exhibits include a collection of rail cars of the old Uintah narrow gauge railway, and the Wallace "Boots" Corn collection of vintage road-building equipment. (The latter was for a long time on display at the Corn construction company's headquarters just north of the Colorado River along the bypass road east of Grand Junction toward Clifton. If you like old trucks, this in itself is worth a trip to the farm.)

The extant portion of the Cross Orchards Farm contains all of the surviving headquarters buildings. Work of the CAS chapter was on the bunkhouse portion, and was part of a project to renovate the bunkhouse.

It is an interesting place, an important piece of Colorado history, and our visit there for dinner and to hear Brian tell us about the work he did there should be one of the highlights of the CCPA gathering.

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Colorado Department of Highways has announced an opening for a full-time permanent archaeologist (Transportation Specialist B). See official job announcement at the Colorado Department of Highways personnel office, 4201 E. Arkansas, Room 124, Denver, CO 80224 or call 757-9623 for further information. Application deadline is February 29, 1988.

## ICE-AGE SYMPOSIUM

A state of the art symposium, "Ice-Age Hunters of the Rockies" sponsored by the Denver Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Institution, will be held on April 8-10, 1988, at the Denver Museum of Natural History. The objective of this symposium is to make available to the general public some of the recent exciting discoveries and new knowledge of the early hunters of the Rocky Mountain region. It will bring together major scholars in this area of Paleo-Indian studies, and promises to be a stimulating and informative experience. Following a wine and cheese reception and registration on Friday evening, April 8, will be an all day session on Saturday, April 9, during which presentations and discussions of current research will focus on the Pleistocene sites of the Rocky Mountain region. On Saturday evening there will be a subscription dinner in honor of Dr. Marie Wormington, well known to us all for her many years of productive research in Pleistocene archaeology. Sunday, April 10 will feature a morning wrap-up session with presentations, a question and answer session and an informal coffee hour. Organizers of the Symposium are Dennis Stanford of the Smithsonian Institution and Jane S. Day of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

Registration for the Symposium is required due to auditorium seating space. Registration is \$65.00 for members of the Denver Museum of Natural History or the Smithsonian Institution, \$75.00 for non-members, with a spaces-limited student registration of \$25.00. Registration and/or requests for further information should be mailed to: Denver Museum of Natural History, Public Programs Department, City Park, Denver, CO 80205.

## NEW BLM PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

From Michael Piontkowski comes word that the Colorado state office of the Bureau of Land Management has recently released three new volumes in its Cultural Resource Management Series:

Number 19 - Archaeology of the High Plains by James H. Gunnerson. This volume presents the results of an extensive overview of the central high plains regions encompassing portions of five states.

Number 20 - A Class I Overview of the Prehistoric Cultural Resources, Little Snake Resource Area, Moffat, Routt, and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado by Halcyon La Pont. This is a detailed examination of the prehistoric record of northwestern Colorado.

Number 22 - The Mockingbird Mesa Survey, Southwestern Colorado by Jerry Fetterman and Linda Honeycutt. This is a synthesis of a total inventory in an area of high density cultural resources, particularly representing the Anasazi.

Limited numbers of these reports are available in each of the offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

MINUTES OF THE CCPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 9, 1988

The Executive Coommittee of CCPA met for lunch January 9, 1988 at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Present were:

Marcia Tate, President  
Allan Reed, Vice President  
Gail Firebaugh, Treasurer  
Priscilla Ellwood, Secretary  
Michael Piontkowski  
Debra Algulski  
Bob Nykamp  
Brian O'Neil

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Gail Firebaugh announced that there are 74 active members in CCPA. Marcia Tate announced this number as the result of an active campaign to get new members and to encourage those who had let their membership lapse to renew. Compliments to Jenny Anderson and her committee.

Brian O'Neil gave a report of the Education Committee. He announced that the Bureau of Land Management is in the process of hiring for aerial surveillance. This is a pilot program. Brian also announced two new BLM publications.

Michael Piontkowski reported on the upcoming annual meeting, scheduled for March 11 and 12 at Mesa College Student Center in Grand Junction. Details were discussed. [Note: Details of the annual meeting are presented elsewhere in this Newsletter, and so are not repeated here.]

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla B. Ellwood,  
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please note the following change of address:

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CAS NEWS

At the annual CAS meeting held in Denver in October 1987, J. Steve Cassels was presented the C.T. Hurst Award for his book, The Archaeology of Colorado, considered an outstanding contribution to the cause of Colorado archaeology. The following month, the Colorado Historical Society presented their Stephen H. Hart Award to the CAS state organization and to the Pueblo Chapter of CAS for their leadership role in organizing the archaeological exhibit at the 1987 Colorado State Fair. The nomination was made by State Archaeologist Leslie Wildesen, who has also nominated CAS for a national Take Pride in America award for the state fair work.

PECOS CONFERENCE

The 1988 Pecos Conference will be held on August 18 - 21, at the McFee Campground west of Dolores, Colorado, with registration at the nearby Anasazi Heritage Center. Registration will be on the 18th, with papers and field reports on the 19th and 20th, and field trips on the 20th. Keep the dates in mind and watch subsequent issues of the Newsletter for more details.

REPORT OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

(From the report to the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Office of the State Archaeologist, Boulder, Colorado, January 23, 1988.)

Progress is being made on the bureaucratic chores associated with finalizing our long-suffering regulations. Barbara Sudler is reviewing the drafts now, and then we will hold our public hearings and get this seemingly endless process finished! I will let you all know the time and date of the hearing--please try to attend and give us your input.

The Historical Society Board has reinstated its Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee, with Steve Sigstad as chair. We look forward to working with that committee on many projects during the coming year.

Our computer is up and running, and we are now off of the CSU computer (except for a backup tape we are storing up there for emergencies). In theory, we are able to provide "instant information" about properties, reports, and projects to our users, but Bev Clark, our key link with the public, has just transferred to another job within the Historical Society. We hope to fill this vacancy soon to maintain our traditional level of service.

We have received notification that the State Historic Preservation Office will receive \$425,843 in federal funds for FY88 (October 1, 1987 through September 30, 1988). This is an increase from last year, for which we are very pleased. This amount includes an add-on amount of \$38,752 (9.1% of the total) to be used for "pre-development" studies. These can be archaeological or historical in nature. As soon as we get our subgrant criteria together, I will notify each chapter of the availability of the subgrant funds. We may have to revise our current "match agreement" with CAS to reflect the new federal fund figures; if that's necessary, I will let you know.

The Shipwreck Protection Bill that's been kicking around in Congress since 1983 has finally passed the Senate (S.858). Basically it reserves title for historic shipwrecks to the U.S., but gives management flexibility to the state in whose waters the wreck lies. While this may not seem to apply to Colorado, it does apply to other non-coastal states that may have river or lake wrecks. Also, it sets good precedent for other sticky resource management issues. The main advantage to this concept is that it removes these wrecks from Admiralty Courts---which is where "finders-keepers" is the rule. So, according to the Senate bill,

treasure hunters can no longer dynamite up the wrecks to get the goodies. This is considerable progress. Now, of course, we need to get an identical bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives and signed by the President.

Please urge your Representative to support S.858 as is when it comes up in the House, in lieu of HR74 (the Senate bill has solved the problems not solved in the current House version). Those of you in Rep. Campbell's district may wish to ask him to support S.858 when it comes up in the Interior Committee.

In October, I presented testimony to the Congressional hearings in Cortez on ways we could stop vandalism to archaeological resources. I'd like to kick some ideas around that involve my office, CAS, and possibly some federal or state agencies, as an approach to developing an effective anti-looting program for Colorado.

The U.S. General Accounting Office conducted a study of the problems in protecting federally-owned sites; that study was published in December, 1987. Also, Arizona convened an Archaeology Advisory Commission whose major recommendation was to create a "site steward" program to monitor selected sites and report violations. Meanwhile, the BLM in Oregon has created "Operation SAVE," complete with posters, stickers, a governor's proclamation, law enforcement "sweeps", and a toll-free "800" number for reporting violations.

I would like to see if, with the help of the Advisory Committee and the CHS Board Committee, we could develop an equivalent program for Colorado in conjunction with the appropriate federal agencies. I am reasonably certain we can get the cooperation of the BLM and Forest Service, as their budgets permit. This year our additional federal funds may allow us to chip in toward a "hot line" or sponsoring a workshop or training session for volunteers or law enforcers or managers.

I'd like your ideas.

Leslie E. Wildesen