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## News Briefs

### President's Corner

It's springtime and the field season beckons. I hope all of you have the good fortune of participating in fun and rewarding field projects. The next few months promise to be a busy one for CCPA, especially in terms of public policy. The biggest issue may be the proposed amendments to Section 106 of the NHPA. A House subcommittee is proposing to change the definition of eligibility that could result in a drastic reduction in the amount of inventory, evaluation, and data recovery that would occur. Obviously, this threatens innumerable prehistoric and historic sites with destruction. This amendment may also threaten many of our jobs. The CCPA Executive Committee reviewed and approved a letter I put together to Marilyn Musgrave of

Colorado's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District expressing our concern about the amendment. Representative Musgrave is on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee that is discussing the amendment. At hearings for the amendment on April 21, SAA, ACRA, NCSHPO and a number of other organizations involved with historic preservation provided testimony. At this point, it appears that the amendments will not make it out of the subcommittee and there is not enough support in Congress to change the law. However, another effort could be made later in the year to amend NHPA. We will monitor this issue and post any updates on the CCPA web site. The website also contains links to the Colorado congressional delegation if anyone wants to contact Congress over this issue.

Both the SAA and ACRA web sites provide information on the issue.

A continuing problem for the historic preservation community in Colorado is the curation crisis. The University of Colorado is moving ahead with plans to begin deaccessioning collections. The university holds many important archaeological collections that will be turned over to the appropriate agency. The effect of this action is clear – more pressure will be put on the already overburdened curation system in Colorado. What the CCPA role will be in finding solutions to this crisis will be a main topic of the Summer Executive Committee meeting. Please send the Executive Committee or myself any and all suggestions you may have on possible solutions to the curation crisis.

As I discussed at the annual meeting in Grand Junction, problems with the State Historic Fund are rising to the level that CCPA will send a letter to SHF outlining our view of the problems and listing possible solutions. Since the Grand Junction meeting, I have been contacted by a number of CCPA members, representatives of non-profit groups who have received SHF grants, and various others involved in historic preservation. It appears the problems are widespread and growing. Hopefully our letter will initiate a process whereby this valuable program can make some positive adjustments.

Since the Grand Junction meeting, CCPA has sent a letter of recommendation to the SHF to support a continuing grant for the on-going OAHP GIS project. A letter was also sent to Mr. Ernest House, who is the new Executive Secretary of the of the Colorado Council of Indian Affairs, welcoming him to the job, describing the CCPA mission, and inviting him to contact us with any issues or concerns.

## **Publications Committee**

Anne McKibbin, Chairperson  
Gordy Tucker

I want to congratulate the CCPA membership for your generosity on the Bill Buckles Memorial Fund. At the Grand Junction meeting, the membership voted on donating \$1,000 to the El Pueblo History Museum for the Bill Buckle's Memorial. After passing the hat, \$311 were collected at the meeting. The remaining \$689 will be donated directly by CCPA. For those of you who weren't at the meeting, the memorial will consist of outdoor interpretive signage on Dr. Buckles career near the entrance of the El Pueblo archaeological pavilion, reconstruction for display purposes of Buckle's El Pueblo lab (to be named the Nancy Buckles lab), reprinting of his book - *The Search for El Pueblo*, and renaming (pending CHS approval) the archaeology pavilion the "William G. Buckles Archaeology Pavilion."

On behalf of the CCPA membership Executive Board and I would like to express our thanks and best wishes to Elizabeth Pennefather-O'Brien. Elizabeth has accepted a teaching job in Canada and has resigned her position on the Executive Board. Elizabeth we hope your new job is rewarding and stimulating – Don't forget all of us down here in Colorado.

Last, but not least, we need more members. Our membership is stagnant at around 112 members. As I looked around at the meeting, we are not attracting enough younger members and many of our former members failed to renew. I urge all of you to talk to your non-CCPA colleagues, employees, and acquaintances and get them to join CCPA. The larger our organization, the better positioned we will be in our public policy efforts and other activities we wish to pursue. Now go out and twist some arms.

Ted Hoefler  
President

Kelly Pool  
Steve Kalasz

The Publications Committee has had a busy winter working on getting a new distribution mechanism in place for the five prehistoric contexts and *Ancient Colorado*. As come of you may know, our arrangement with the University of Utah Press terminated at the end of 2004 when the Press ceased carrying publications from outside entities. This was a very unfortunate turn of event for us because our relationship with the Press was working quite well.

The committee has researched a number of other options to take over the role of distribution and fulfillment of these six books, including several other regional and university presses, and has had little luck in finding a suitable alternative, though we are still checking on some alternatives.

In the meantime, the Committee and the Executive Board have agreed to accept the offer of Metcalf Archaeological Consultants to handle the distribution of the five prehistoric contexts. We are dove to a manageable number of these books, and based on feedback we've been getting from other presses, these books simply don't have the volume of sales to make them an attractive offering for a larger press. In the next few weeks, Metcalf will pick up the contexts, and will be ready to ship books. We will put information on the CCPA website and hopefully on the OAHP website as soon as we can. Pricing on the contexts will be the same as it was when these were offered by the University of Utah Press: Southern Colorado, \$42; Northern Colorado, \$35; Arkansas, \$36; Rio Grande, \$36; Platte, \$39; and a full set of five, \$169. The arrangement with Metcalf will be the same 60/40 split, with CCPA getting 60% of the cover price, and Metcalf getting 40%, from which they will pay shipping and handling.

This leaves *Ancient Colorado* still in somewhat of a limbo. We have been making an effort to get a stronger relationship built with the Colorado Historical Society Museum Store and have had no success. Our hope was to have a better and more visible connection with the new *Ancient Voices* Exhibit at the Historical Society.

At the spring CCPA meeting this year, we were able to get many good ideas from the membership for ways to increase the marking and visibility of *Ancient Colorado*. We are very grateful to Anne Bond and Joel Tyberg, who have agreed, under Anne's leadership, to coordinate this effort and work on ways to get *Ancient Colorado* back into the public's eye while the Publications Committee sorts out formal distribution mechanisms. At this time, we do have copies for sale at the Museum Store at the Colorado Historical Society, at the Henderson Museum at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and we are presently sending copies to the Southeastern Colorado Heritage Center in Pueblo for their gift shop.

As we transition to a new means of distributing the contexts and *Ancient Colorado*, please feel free to direct any inquiries, including requests for copies, to me at [anne@metcalfarchaeology.com](mailto:anne@metcalfarchaeology.com), 970-328-6224, or to any of the committee members. And, as always, I want to thank my fellow committee members, Kelly, Gordy, and Steve, for their assistance, advice, and good ideas. And finally, to Meg Van Ness, who has been a great behind-the-scenes help at OAHP with our work: Good Luck at USFWS!

Anne McKibbin  
Publications Committee Chairperson

## **CCPA Input to BLM Resource Advisory Council**

*By Lucy Bambrey, Executive Board Member*

I am finishing out Leslie Wildesen's term on the BLM Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC) through August 2005. I have also applied for the 2005 to 2008 term. The RAC is a diverse group of volunteers that provides recommendations on public land policy to BLM. The Front Range RAC covers BLM lands from the Wyoming to New Mexico borders and west through the San Luis Valley. The recommendations that RACs pass on to the BLM State Director are not binding, but he/she does listen. We meet in Cañon City or Monte Vista about four times per year. I

attended my first RAC meeting in Monte Vista in May. The next meeting is July 7.

The position I hold on the RAC is environmental/history/archaeology interest. The organization that wrote recommendation letters for me was Jefferson County Historical Commission (I am a member). However, I mentioned at the RAC meeting that I am on the Executive Board of CCPA. I think the RAC is a great avenue for input on public policy from the cultural community to the BLM.

*My question for the CCPA membership is this: Do any CCPA members have items of cultural resource interest along the Front Range that you would like me to bring to the attention of the RAC?*

Please e-mail me at [lbambrey@greystone.us](mailto:lbambrey@greystone.us) or call me at 303-850-0930 if you have any items, either general or project-specific, you would like me to 'share' at any of the meetings. I will try to get the topics on the agenda for discussion.

## **A New Archaeological Repository in New Mexico**

New Mexico recently passed a bill funding a new archaeological repository, to be built on land made available by the Bureau of Land Management, near Santa Fe. After initial objections, the governor signed the bill into law, albeit at a funding level of about \$3 million rather than the \$4.5 million originally requested.

I was curious about New Mexico's success in promoting this new facility, so on a recent trip I discussed this matter at length with staff from the Office of Archaeological Studies and the Laboratory of Anthropology/ Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. Both are elements of the state Museum, which maintains major repository functions in New Mexico.

Both Colorado and New Mexico need new repositories. There are significant differences, however, in the two states' circumstances. We identified seven factors or events which differentiate New Mexico and Colorado's

repository problems and solutions. I list these in approximately the order in which they happened in New Mexico. First, State agencies (principally, the Museum of New Mexico) are responsible for the repository; in Colorado, repository functions are scattered over several institutions. Second, New Mexico's repository holdings are at least five times the volume of Colorado's (accepting the Anasazi Heritage Center). Third, a Federal agency (BLM) offered land for the construction of a new facility in New Mexico. Fourth, the repository in New Mexico was impacted by a highly publicized flood (a pipe broke); this unfortunate event placed the repository, and its problems, in the local media. Fifth, New Mexico Native American communities weighed in on the need for adequate and respectful storage of these collections. Sixth, New Mexico citizens who value archaeology lobbied very effectively for the new repository. Seventh, and last, the state Museum (which, as a state agency, cannot lobby) arranged tours of the existing facility and discussions of the proposed facility with key New Mexico legislators.

Although there are many differences between the situations in New Mexico and Colorado, we can learn from New Mexico's success. It is particularly interesting to consider the New Mexico is a "poorer" state than Colorado, with only a fraction of the funding Colorado enjoys for Historic Preservation. Despite financial challenges, our neighbors to the south will be building a new repository. Colorado's repository needs, in volume, are far less than New Mexico's, but our need for a new repository is very real. The University of Colorado and several other repositories have closed their doors, with impacts on federally permitted projects. And, without creation of a new facility, CU soon will negotiate return of existing CRM repository collections to appropriate agencies: we need the space occupied by repository collections for storage remediation of our core collections (the Joe Ben Wheat textile and the Earl Morris ceramic collections), and for new exhibits addressing our principal obligations for University education and research.

The Colorado Historical Society and the State Archaeologist have begun planning for the solution to this problem, and CCPA should do everything it can to assist them in this matter. As many of you know, potential repository space is available in historic warehouses at the Federal Center and other candidate spaces. Should CCPA request State Historic Fund monies for the adaptive reuse of those facilities, perhaps after the State Capital work is completed? Can CCPA approach Federal and State agencies to collaborate in this effort, perhaps underwriting staffing of a new repository? If New Mexico can get this done, surely Colorado can too.

**CAS ANNUAL MEETING AND  
GREAT SAND DUNES  
SYMPOSIUM 2005  
OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 2005  
Columbus Day Weekend  
Carson Auditorium, Adams State  
College  
Alamosa, Colorado**

This joint CAS Annual Meeting and Great Sand Dunes Research Symposium will focus on the Archaeology, Ethno history, History, Geology, and Biology in the San Luis Valley and South Central Colorado. The various topics will be designed to give the audience a background in all subjects. Papers will be presented from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday and from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday. On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a choice of two field trips. One will explore the Medano and Zapata ranches and the expanded Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve (a small cost for tour vehicles). The other tour will be of Fort Garland and near by areas (self driving, no cost). The tour of the ranches and the new Sand Dunes area will be limited, so sign up early. Meeting registration information will be available shortly.

On Friday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 P.M., there will be a no-host, cash bar happy hour(s) at the K-Bob Restaurant, located at 1310 Main Street (highway 160) across the street from the Adams State College Campus. At 7:00 P.M. the CAS Board will move to a separate dining room for their

business dinner meeting. Dinner will be “off the menu,” and the prices range from \$7.00 to \$20.00 plus tax, tip, etc. The happy hour will continue and non-board participants are invited to have dinner at K-Bob’s and rejoin the Board Members after their meeting.

The CAS Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, immediately after the last paper in the Carson Auditorium. Following the CAS Annual Meeting on Saturday, there will be a reception (cash bar) and Mexican Fiesta banquet at the Clarion Hotel of the Rio Grande located at 333 Santa Fe Ave. (highway 160, east side of Alamosa). The quest speaker is Dr. David White who will talk about the ethnographic users of the San Luis Valley.

There is a block of 40 rooms reserved for meeting participants at the Clarion Hotel. The cost is \$69.95 plus 10.8 % tax per night. Each additional adult is \$10.00 per night, children can stay free. Each registered adult will receive a free breakfast voucher for each day of registration, a \$4.00 per person value. Also, each registered adult will receive a complementary drink coupon good for the first drink at the Saturday banquet! The Clarion Hotel will also provide complementary transportations to and from the Carson Auditorium (but not an all day shuttle). To reserve your room, call the Clarion at (800) 669-1658, or (719) 589-5833 or FAX (719)589-4412. Ask for the “Colorado Archaeological Society” or the “Sand Dunes Symposium” rate.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT THE  
CLARION NOW! THIS  
MEETING/SYMPOSIUM IS THE SAME  
WEEKEND AS THE ADAMS STATE  
COLLEGE HOMECOMMING  
CELEBRATION AND FOOTBALL GAME!**

**CCPA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO BEDINGFIELD AND  
DELLASALLA**

This spring the Ward F. Weakly Memorial Scholarship Fund provided assistance to two deserving graduate scholars, Ken Bedingfield and Joanne DellaSalla.

Joanne DellaSalla, a MA student with Dr. Larry Conyers at the University of Denver, received funding to cover costs of her registration and travel to present a paper on the results of her Paleo-Indian research in South Park and the Salt Lake City Society for American Archeology Annual meeting. Her Paper, "The Paleo-Indian Occupation of South Park" documents extensive early-dating occupation in this high mountain valley as a result of investigation into Pale-Indian site locations using professional archeological records and a number of local amateur collections.

Ken Bedingfield's award helps support his master's thesis project to examine ceramic specimens and raw material (clay) using neutron activation analysis. His objective is to form inferences regarding prehistoric exchange and social structure among populations occupying the Uncompahgre Plateau area during the Late Formative Era (ca. 900-1300 A.D.) Bedingfield is a graduate student at the University of Colorado – Denver campus, under the direction of Dr. Tammy Stone.

Since 1992 when CCPA began offering scholarships, the Ward Weakly Memorial Fund has provided \$12,176 in awards to 30 students. Information about the scholarship fund and Ward Weakly is available on the CCPA web site, including a list of past recipients and the application form. Applications are due March 1 and October 1 of each year.

## PROFILE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

**Name:** Kimberly Redman

**Current Position:** General Manager, Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

**Hometown:** Louisville, KY

**Degrees/Institutions:** B.A. Indiana University, 1994; M.A. Washington State University 1998

**How I became an archeologist:** When I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade someone's father came to our school and gave a presentation on being an archaeologist. I have no recollection what he told us about archaeology, but I was hooked immediately. After several years of trying, my father finally convinced a professor to let me "volunteer" at a summer collegiate field school – I was 15. The rest of the story is too boring to discuss.

**Current project of interest:** In my current position the only appropriate answer is scheduling (juggling people), each of the equally important 15 projects on our "to do list" – if only the weather would cooperate.

**Most recent good book I read:** Iris Johansen's *Dead Aim*.

**Most important archaeological experience:** I would have to say my first summer doing archaeological field schools. I was young and impressionable; luckily I was no frightened away! If not for that first season, I might not have picked the college I did or focused on anthropology classes my freshman year. That summer created me as a professional, thank goodness for the person that gave a kid a chance!

**Most dangerous archaeological moment:** I was actually shot at one summer on an excavation project at a shell midden site in Indiana. I was mapping the bank of the river in relation to the site, the dolomite in hand. Lucky for me they tried to shoot across the Ohio River (for those of you who have never seen the Ohio River, it would probably take a high-powered rifle and a marksmen's eye to hit anything on the other side).

**Most rewarding archaeological experience:** Strange as it might sound, my most rewarding experiences have little to do with me DOING archaeology. My most rewarding archaeological experience (especially in my current position) is meeting young people that are enthusiastic and excited about doing archaeology. It is good to have moments when I am reminded why I wanted to be an archaeologist; it continues to give me hope for the future. A close second was

working within a Tribal archaeology program. Witnessing and being allowed to understand the intrinsic connections between their present and their past served me on many levels. For me it was an important reminder that my job has always been about people and how they lived, perhaps more than archaeology is about dirt and digging.

**What Colorado archaeology needs right now.** A curation facility

**Things I'd like to do before I die:** Ride a motorcycle up the eastern Australia coast (it is going to take at least a month!).

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Well, it has been a very busy spring for me! I'm amazed this newsletter even got out in mid June. Look for the next one in October. Remember you can submit items to me for the newsletter at any time. If anyone would like to be a "columnist" I would love that!

Stay safe this summer!

Barb