



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:

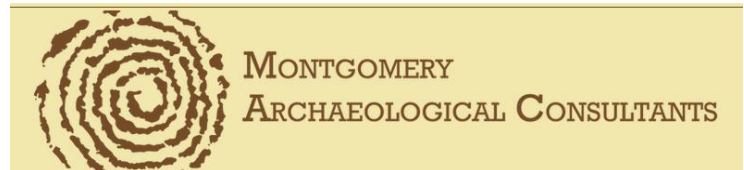
The 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted in the meeting section, at the Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way, Grand Junction, CO. Meetings include a guest lecturer. Snacks welcomed.

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.

Next Meeting: June 26, 2024

Wind, Sand, and Ruins: Application of Aerial Archaeology above the Colorado Plateau



Jody Patterson, our speaker for June, is the owner and Principal Investigator of Montgomery Archaeological Consultants in Moab, Utah. Jody's archaeological interests focus on historical ecology and geography, archaeological landscapes, and remote sensing. Jody has a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and has worked throughout the American Southwestern, Great Basin, Western Subarctic, and Upper Egypt.

While drones are now standard fare in an archaeologist's toolkit, aerial archaeology has a long and honored tradition in the field, but its methods, effectiveness, and results remain poorly understood and little appreciated. In this presentation, Jody will discuss the highlights of aerial archaeology as practiced in the Americas since the 1930s, explore the applications of traditional aerial archaeology using piloted aircraft, and examine the results of several aerial archeological projects recently completed in Beef Basin, Canyon of the Ancients National Monument, and Nine Mile Canyon. These projects highlight three main tenets of aerial archaeology and is certain to be enlightening.

2024 Board & Positions

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Another Solstice
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July 24, 2024 Speaker

Sylvia Taylor, manager of the Bears Ear Education Center (BEEC) in Bluff Utah, will do a presentation on the latest news from the Bears Ears Partnership staff including the Bears Ears National Monument Management Plan, the Lands Between, the new watershed initiative, the Visit With Respect campaign, and much more with many beautiful photos of the ancient sites, animals and plants of Bears Ears.

2024 Doug Van Etten Memorial CMU Scholarship Award Recipient

Joining us at our June 26th meeting will be Brianna Stadler, the 2024 recipient of this endowed scholarship named for the late founder of our CAS-GJ Chapter. Brianna is a student in Applied Anthropology and Geography at CMU and will give a brief acceptance speech for her \$1200 scholarship.