



Newsletter of the Grand Junction Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

Next Meeting: May 23, 2024

Northern Chaco Outliers Project

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.

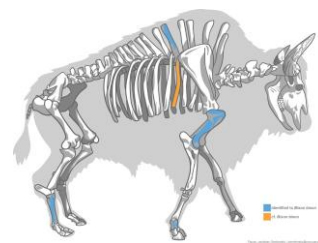
When We Explore

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.



Crow Canyon Archaeological Center started the Northern Chaco Outliers Project in 2016. This project focuses on the Lakeview Community, particularly the Haynie Site, which is a collection of four neighboring Chaco period Great Houses.

Our speaker, Dr. Jonathan Dombrosky is an Environmental Archaeologist at Crow Canyon, and he will discuss his findings from two years of archaeofaunal analysis at the Haynie site. He examines how such material was identified, the preservation of skeletal material, fascinating specimens recovered from the site (like bison and wolf remains), and what these findings can tell us about past Pueblo life.



Zooarchaeology is the dynamic study of past human-animal interaction through the analysis of non-human animal remains, and it is one critical area of study in the larger Northern Chaco Outliers Project. This should be a fascinating lecture on a subject rarely addressed.

2024 Board & Positions

CO-President & CO-Vice President:

Laney Heath & Lorna Reed

Secretary: Karen McGuirk

Treasurer & Membership

Coordinator: Clint Driscoll

CAS Representative: Vida Jaber

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Ancient Critters or
Mythical Beasts



June 26, 2024 Speaker

The presenter for our June Meeting is Jody Patterson who will discuss aerial archaeological investigative tools.

2024 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Awards

For the 38th year, the Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee is pleased to announce awarding \$5,000 this spring to a field of 9 Scholars consisting of 4 Undergraduates, 3 Masters Candidates and 2 PhD Candidates.

It is a Scholarship requirement that students be enrolled with at least half-time course load at a Colorado institution of higher education in archaeology or related field. Awards are made on the quality of the application and worthiness of the project as it pertains to the enrichment of the field of archaeology, with an emphasis on Colorado, Southwestern or Rocky Mountain archaeology. Keep an eye out in future editions of your copy of Southwestern Lore for the work of these new scholars. Since Scholarship inception in 1987, CAS has now awarded 301 scholarships totaling over \$123,000

Recruiting Board Member for 2025

Clint Driscoll has graciously decided to remain as **Treasurer/Membership Chair** at least until board elections in October. He really, really does need to resign the position and we are looking for a volunteer(s) to work with Clint to learn the ropes and take over in 2025. It's not a difficult duty but does require some knowledge and a few of hours a month. [Contact Clint](#) if you are interested

Recruiting Board Member for 2025 (Continued)



We need a volunteer for **Secretary** who takes notes at the board meetings.

We need someone to be a **field trip leader**. Lets explore! The field trip leaders will coordinate field trips to appropriate sites and will provide educational experience for those attending. The chapter intends to have insurance for field trips this summer, so we will be covered and do expeditions again! These trips can include museums, rock art sites, hikes, archaeological sites, etc. This person must abide by the Code of Ethics posted by the CAS GJ chapter, which emphasizes "teaching good site stewardship to children and visitors and discourage careless behavior around rock art and archaeological sites."

