



Newsletter of the Grand Junction Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024

The First Peoples of the Salt Lake Basin

Who We Are:

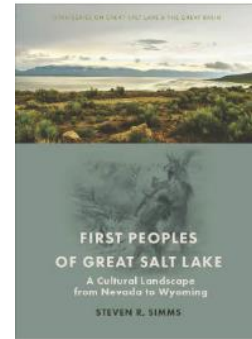
CAS-GJ is one of nine local chapters of the Colorado Archaeological Society. CAS-GJ consists of people who are interested in the archaeology and the early history of western Colorado and eastern Utah. Members are of all ages and backgrounds, and archeological experience.

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.



Native Americans have lived in central Utah and the Salt Lake basin for over 14,000 years. How did they adapt to this harsh environment and how did the landscape transform due to their presence?

Our speaker this month, Steven Simms, is a retired Professor at Utah State University, and the author of several award-winning books and over 100 scientific papers. Steve will present his findings about the prehistoric peoples of the Salt Lake Basin. Indigenous American culture was shaped by the landscape, mingling of peoples and 700 generations of persistence.

Steve will weave a story of place - where people lived and how they lived. It is a story of language histories, the mingling of peoples, indigenes and immigrants, and the transformations that arise from interaction both cooperation and conflict. It is a story of cultural resilience, persistence, and changing sense of place.

His field of study is paleosciences. In October 2023, his latest book was published, "First Peoples of Great Salt Lake: A Cultural Landscape from Nevada to Wyoming" and there will be copies available for sale at this lecture.

2024 Board & Positions

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Celestial Happenings



April 24, 2024 Speaker

The presenter for May 22 is Dr. Jonathan Dombrosky from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez. He is a zoo-archaeologist and will be speaking about animal bone from two years of archaeofaunal analysis at the Chaco outlier Haynie site in southwest Colorado.

City Market Rewards for CAS -GJ

If you have a City Market shopper's card you can support CAS-GJ every time you shop. If you link your card to CAS-GJ in Kroger's Community Rewards project, every time you shop and use your card CAS-GJ will earn points which translates into Kroger donating money to CAS-GJ. It works the same as you earning fuel points for yourself. There is no cost to you except the time to enroll and choose CAS-GJ as your organization to support. You can learn more about this project and link your card at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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