



# 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: January 24, 2024

## The Lost Rock Art of Glen Canyon and the San Juan River



In January 1963 the Glen Canyon Dam in Utah closed and the waters began to rise. When the full pool was reached, scores of rock art and other archeological sites were flooded and lost from sight. But they will rise again from their watery grave during this lecture and slide show at this meeting, since our guest Steven Hughes was there with his father in 1960-61 and photographed these sites. He will share about 200 photos of 24 rock art sites.

In addition to the photographs Steven will show the locations on the pre-flood and full pool topographic maps and on Google Earth satellite image.

Few among us had the privilege of witnessing these sites, so do not miss this chance for a rare viewing.

## 2024 Board & Positions

**CO-President & CO-Vice President:**  
Laney Heath & Lorna Reed

**Secretary:** Karen McGuirk

**Treasurer & Membership  
Coordinator:** Clint Driscoll\*  
Vida Jaber will take over 7/1/24

**CAS Representative:** Vida Jaber

**PAAC Representative:** Geoff  
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**Trip Coordinator:** Tracy Baker\*

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## PAAC IS BACK

PAAC (Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification) is back under a new Assistant State Archaeologist, Sarah A. Alluan. For those not familiar with PAAC its goal is to ensure that its participants could gain experience in the many facets of archaeology and to facilitate the contributions of its participants to research, public service and outreach, preservation and management and stewardship of the archaeological record of Colorado.

Sarah plans on using different formats to teach these classes. Some may be in-person, some may be online only, and some may be a hybrid of online and in person. She also anticipates having some Seminar Lectures hosted by local CAS chapters.

If you'd like more information on these classes, check out the History Colorado website for the most current information <https://www.historycolorado.org/paac> This information was provided by Geoff Peterson, our CAS-GJ PAAC Coordinator



## February 28, 2024 Speaker

Carl E. Conner is the founder of Grand River Institute and the non-profit sister organization, Dominquez Archaeological Research Group, Inc. He has been an active field archaeologist for nearly 40 years as owner and director of Grand River Institute, where he has conducted numerous site testing, evaluation, and excavation projects as well as cultural sources surveys covering tens of thousands of acres in Colorado and Utah

Carl will discuss excavations within two sites near Meeker produced radiocarbon dates ca. 1700 BP that place bison hunters in Northwest Colorado around AD 300.