



FALL 2021

Notes from the Chair:

Steve Tomka

I am one of the fortunate individuals who is employed and doing archaeology. On my best days, I am out in the field excavating and putting together the puzzle of a Spanish colonial mission or working on mid-19th century African American Episcopal Churches, and one of the oldest soap factories in my town. I am extremely fortunate to do what I love doing and for having had the good fortune to continue doing it for 40 years now. At times, such as now, work schedules, reporting needs, and other job duties take over to the point that I barely look up from my desk for weeks at a time. However, I have been seeing a great deal of Facebook traffic and notifications from our CoAS members and it reminds me to reach out to you all and thank you for seeing the value of what Jaye, Andrew, Belinda, our team is striving to build through CoAS. I am again reminded that the citizen scientists, the avocational archaeologists among us, are what is the lifeblood of our archaeological community. Be safe in the field (yes, we are still doing fieldwork), have fun in the lab, and continue building community!

Notes from the Editor:

Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons

Hello from Saskatchewan, Canada! We experienced our first real snowfall on November 10, so everyone is quickly remembering how to drive on snowy and icy roads (or at least until they get plowed or salted). After a hot, dry summer, any type of moisture is welcome!

As news about the discovery of 215 unmarked burials on the grounds of the Kamloops (British Columbia) Residential School broke in May, people around the world responded in anger and disbelief that such a tragedy could have taken place in Canada. Long seen as the federal government's and Christian churches' way to "take the Indian out of the child" so that Indigenous people would assimilate into white society, the reality was that these schools, which operated with federal funding between 1883 and 1996, tore families apart, traumatized the students who attended these schools, and significantly impacted the generations to come. Residential schools also operated in the US and Australia for the same reasons, resulting in very similar, multi-generational trauma and perpetuating racial stereotypes and policy.

As this dark story continues to come to light, many archaeological consulting firms have come forward to offer their expertise and support in locating unmarked

graves on other former residential (sometimes referred to as industrial) school sites. This is one small step in addressing some of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 calls to action. Our provincial society has also been contacted by First Nations groups seeking assistance. While our organization does not have the equipment, training or capacity to assist with this type of service, we have been able to refer them to trusted and experienced colleagues who do.

Another important step is to ensure that this side of our country's history is incorporated into Canadian curriculum. Our organization, like many others, is committed to including Indigenous perspectives and history in our publications, educational resources and public programming. However, we are still learning to listen to and abide by the saying - "nothing about us, without us", and understanding that reconciliation is a movement, not a moment. Everyone can play a part in bringing about change, one action at a time.

CoAS Member Society Content

Arkansas Archaeological Society

Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt's new book, *Two Caddo Mound Sites in Arkansas*, is now available to buy! Dr. Trubitt is the Archeologist at our Henderson State University Station in SW Arkansas.

<https://archeology.uark.edu/.../two-caddo-mound-sites/>

From their Facebook page:

We are continuing to rehabilitate the collection associated with Lake Enterprise, the oldest known mound site in the State of Arkansas. Features from the mound yielded a radiocarbon date of 1,200 BC, which means that it was contemporary with Poverty Point nearby in Louisiana. If you're interested in volunteering to do lab work at the UAM station, please contact us!

Colorado Archaeology Society

The Value of Volunteers

By Diane McBride

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Pre-presentation announcement: I can't believe I have been given this most coveted time slot, second day of Pecos, at the close of the silent auction, after the afternoon break when everyone is taking a nap so they can party all night!

A funny thing happened on our way to retirement... we didn't! Bob and I are members of Hisatsinom, the Cortez Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society. Since 2006 we and other avocational members of our chapter have participated in cultural resource surveys for private landowners. To date, we have performed Class III surveys on 28 properties that have included 6039 acres (around 9-1/2 square miles). And we have recorded 382 sites, from Paleolithic through historic Navajo and Euro-American. Now this may not seem like a great feat to the professionals who complete the same in a season but, hey, we are old! We survey, usually, once per week, no more than 4 hours at a time, and only when the weather is not too hot or too cold or too many gnats or too rainy or if someone is having knee replacement or hip surgery or chemo or back surgery or cataract surgery or grandchildren visiting or a bad attitude day. But we do good work AND we have fun! We've had no serious injuries, a pretty perfect safety record, but we have lost cell phones, cameras, bits of clothing, and been chased by yaks!

The fun begins when a new property owner, often through word of mouth or through Bob's golden persuasive tones, grants formal permission to survey and record sites. In addition to extending the archaeological knowledge on privately held properties, our goal is to educate landowners in the importance of protecting sites on their properties. The owners understand that we submit data to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office so, occasionally, that's where the agreement ends. Some Montezuma County landowners are reticent to have the information given to any government agencies. Our agreement assures the landowners that we make no collections and, unless given permission, typically do not drive across the property. We leave everything as we find it.

We research possible previously recorded sites on the property and within 1/2 mile of the property boundary. This search will often include our own site recordings since we like to focus on areas including several landowners to gain a broader perspective of settlement patterns in the area.

Over the years around 30 members of Hisatsinom have participated in the surveys. Several team members have been with the survey group since the beginning. We

currently have 17 volunteers split between 2 teams. The teams alternate weeks in the field. All volunteers adhere to the Hisatsinom Code of Ethics. Information about the property location, landowner, sites recorded, and survey results is kept confidential. Many of the volunteers trained through Colorado's Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification and have had prior survey, lab analysis, and other pertinent experience. We have a professional archaeologist and geologist on the team. Because we are old and can learn everything new again, we have annual training that includes a pottery identification workshop generously provided by Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. We reorient ourselves to field methods including transects in the field with spacing about 10 meters apart and walking cardinal directions, definition of sites as features and/or 11 artifacts within a 30-meter diameter circle, determining site boundaries, etc. Field work begins!

Just imagine 9 old people stumbling across a plowed farm field at an agonizingly slow pace. End people are keeping the line "straight" by using GPS. No one in between can walk a straight line. Conversations begin. Half the people can't hear well, and the other half can't yell loudly enough so they can hear. The middle person has a whistle to blow to tell people to go or stop. The line begins sounding like Pier 39 in San Francisco with barking sea lions: "Move over!" "You're too far ahead!" "Wait for Nancy to catch up!" "Don't repeat everyone else's artifact sightings. It sounds like we have twice as many!" "Where's Bob?" "He stopped to pee." Good times. When we find features and/or threshold artifact counts to record a site, we pin flag all artifacts and identify features. Now we are ready to record. One person uses a GPS to record the site boundary coordinates, datum, features, slope, vegetation, etc., that will be used, ultimately, to create a site map. Another person takes photos. One or two people tally artifacts as other people call them out. We often confer on pottery types, lithic materials, modifications, utilizations, etc., and give credence to several in the group with "expertise" in one area or another. Some people stand and watch in bewilderment. Finally, when we have all desired information, we reform our motley line and continue staggering across the landscape.

Once out of the field, two lucky surveyors get to take home all the information and try to make sense of it. You can probably guess who that is. We review any features we found and the artifacts, too. We will often employ a Bayesian statistical analysis (Ortman and others 2007) to determine the probability of site-use dates based on pottery types and quantities. This tool assists in determining date ranges for the site. We use the Pecos

Classification system descriptively, but accurate analysis and seriation of the pottery using the Bayesian tool can often provide a tighter date range in 40-year segments. Architecture and other features, of course, weigh heavily in dating analyses. We record historic sites with features and significant artifact counts. Some historic recordings have included homesteads, root cellars, temporary Navajo shelters and sweat lodges. Examples of historic items we typically will not record would include isolated trash piles younger than 50 years.

Bob emails a “Today’s report” to surveyors and landowners.

We complete all forms (sometimes with the potential for domestic homicide or divorce as inspiration) as required by SHPO. We assign both temporary and Smithsonian trinomial designations. The scaled drawing is digitized. The shape file is saved and sent to SHPO and the landowner with site forms, photos, and scaled maps.

If we record 10 or more sites on any piece of property, we produce a bound report for the landowner that includes Pecos Classification, site descriptions, maps, and locations of the sites. We provide references sited, possible scenarios of land-use over time, and recommendations to the landowners who often want to avoid sites as they develop their lands.

We are grateful to many of our local “real” archaeologists who have encouraged and assisted us in our endeavors. Their support has improved our methods and quality of surveys. Kari Schleher, Mark Varien, Jamie Merriwether, Robin Lyle, Scott Ortman, Kellam Throgmorton, Dylan Schwindt, Grant Coffey, Steve Copeland, and others from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Susan Thomas, Vince MacMillan, Carolyn Landes, Victoria Atkins, and Bridget Ambler from Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center. Kelly McAndrews, Jason Chiupka, and others from Woods Canyon Archaeological Consultants. Carole Graham from Mesa Verde. Countless other independents, including Fred Blackburn and our dear friend Dale Davidson. Thank you.

We feel that our Old Geezer Survey Team has made contributions to archaeological understanding in the Mesa Verde region. Mark Varien recently wrote of our team’s work:

The nature of archaeological record on private land represents the most poorly understood aspect of that record of southwestern Colorado. For over a decade, (Hisatsinom Volunteers) have conducted dozens of surveys on private land and recorded hundreds of archaeological

sites. As a result, they filled an important gap in our knowledge of the Mesa Verde region.

Never underestimate the power of old geezer volunteers!

Massachusetts Archaeological Society

From Suanna Selby Crowley, Trustee and Past-President of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society:

Mass Archaeology has an online outreach program we call [Diggin’ In: Digital Conversations with Archaeologists](#). This program, hosted biweekly over Zoom and now in its 3rd season, has garnered more than 4,000 live and streaming views since my colleague and fellow trustee, Lindsay Randall, Curator of Education at the RS Peabody Institute of Archaeology and I launched it in July 2020. Feel free to check out an upcoming episode or our [video archive on YouTube](#) with our spinoff *dIPPIN’ iN* career talks.

The program emphasizes scholars or topics that are marginalized, ignored, or not well-represented across the discipline, adding much need diversity, equity, and inclusion discussions into the professional and amateur archaeology communities (a summary of that is found in the summer 2021 issue of *New England Museums Now* linked [HERE](#)). We have successfully reached audiences across Massachusetts and North America, with subscribers even finding us from other countries. In other words, Mass Archaeology has connected with a growing audience far beyond our Commonwealth, with a net positive effect on membership revenue, book store sales, museum visitor metrics (Mass Archaeology operates the Robbins Museum of Archaeology), and social media reach now growing past 5,000+ a month. In addition, we have translated this program into earned media visibility with regional and national media outlets — very nice for a small state society. Lindsay and I have combined our specialties in research, education, and science communication to make this new program an outreach powerhouse for Mass Archaeology.

New Book Release

We are incredibly excited to announce that a new teaching resource for museum and archaeological professionals is available. Chapter 18 will be of interest to all those who do archaeology education. When purchasing the book, don't forget to use SMILE and set the MAS as your charity of choice – available on Amazon.

Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

Working with Saskatchewan Parks, who maintains Fort Carlton, an historic fur trade post dating from 1810 to 1885, and the University of Saskatchewan's Archaeology and Anthropology Department, the SAS began exploratory surface work (ground penetrating radar) and excavations this spring. Our 2021 Public Field School took place in July (cancelled due to heat and forest fire smoke) and August. This was the first year of a proposed three-year project.



Photograph of Fort Carlton dated to 1885 (Glenbow Museum Archives NA 1323-3).

There are five known building phases: 1810 – 1821, 1821 – 1835, 1835 – 1855, 1855 – 1868, and 1868 – 1885. The current structures are reconstructed buildings and palisade based on the final building phase (the fort was burned down during the 1885 Riel Resistance). While several surveys and excavations of the area have taken place over the last 50 years, this is the first time a comprehensive analysis of the previous archaeological work will be completed, and from this, a site management plan will be developed. The site holds potential for several research avenues – the historic development of the area, use of the river valley over time, and exploring the precontact occupation of the region.

The SAS was fortunate to receive employment funding for two project interns as well as two summer students. Two of these employees are considering the site for their Master's research.

Vermont Archaeological Society

An exciting and full issue of the Journal of Vermont Archaeology has just hit digital newsstands! Check out the newly published Volume 15 of the only journal

dedicated to Vermont archaeology. All articles are freely available online here:

<https://vtarchaeology.org/publications/journal-vermont-archaeology-volume-15-2021/>

SAA News and Announcements

Celebrating the 2020 and 2021 SAA Crabtree Award Winners

2020 – Marilyn Markel

Marilyn Markel has a deep passion for archaeology and has spearheaded efforts in the Mimbres Valley, New Mexico to preserve archaeological sites and educate young people of all ages on the value of the archaeological past. She has made significant contributions to our understanding and preservation of Mimbres sites in New Mexico, through over 20 years of volunteer work on university field school excavations, promotion of site protection through stewardship, transforming the local artifact-collecting community into an avocational/professional archaeological society, and educating school children about the value of archaeological heritage. Ms. Markel has assisted archaeological field schools, preserved sites, published children's books on archaeology, and created a centre devoted to the preservation and interpretation of Mimbres archaeology through educational outreach. - *Gary Warrick, 2020 Crabtree Award Chair*

2021 – Lonnie Ludeman

Lonnie Ludeman has demonstrated a deep commitment to archaeology through a long history of dedicated volunteerism to the archaeology of the Southwest US. He has made significant contributions to the understanding of Southwest archaeology, through 25 years of volunteer work on university field school and research excavations, conducting remote sensing tests, contributing digital mapping expertise, presenting papers at professional conferences, and organizing and publishing the proceedings for several Mogollon Conferences. Dr. Ludeman is most noted for his untiring devotion to training hundreds of students on archaeological field schools. His humility, generosity, and kindness are legendary in Southwest archaeology. - *Gary Warrick, 2021 Crabtree Award Chair*



Marilyn Merkle and Lonnie Ludeman – the 2020 and 2021 SAA Crabtree Award Winners (printed with permission).

Award Description

The SAA presents the Crabtree Award annually to an outstanding avocational archaeologist in remembrance of the singular contributions of Don Crabtree. A highly skilled self-taught flintknapper, he brought experimental archaeology and lithic technology to prominence among archaeologists. Nominees should have made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publication, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community, and/or public outreach.

Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award

Anyone may submit a nomination. The committee does not accept self-nominations. Awardees may be members or non-members of the SAA.

Nomination/Submission Materials Required

Nominators should submit a current curriculum vitae and/or succinct summary of relevant accomplishments, a letter of nomination, and letters of support.

Submission deadline January 7, 2022. For more information: <https://www.saa.org/career-practice/awards/awards-detail/crabtree-award>



The CoAS booth display at the Pecos Conference in August.

From the October 2021 Government and International Government Affairs Update:

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, History Colorado State Historical Fund, and Clarion Associates have published a [report](#) called “Archaeology for a Changing Colorado.” This important document “explores the field of archaeology in Colorado, and in particular the economic and other benefits that this wide-ranging discipline brings to all corners of the state and to all Coloradans.” There is also another report that focuses on the more [technical](#) aspects of the science. The SAA will make sure that every member of the Colorado congressional delegation receives the report and will shortly contact SAA members in the state to ask them to follow up with their senators and representatives to make sure they have read it.

From SAA’s Notes from HQ – October 2021 newsletter:

SAA Scholarships Are Open for Applications

We’re excited to help another cohort of students with their educational goals in 2022. The pandemic has been especially difficult for students, and we hope you’ll share the SAA’s scholarship opportunities with your networks and colleagues.

Scholarships accepting applications for 2022 are:

- [Native American Scholarships Fund](#), which includes the Bertha Parker Cody Award for Native American Women
- [Historically Underrepresented Groups Scholarships](#), which includes the DirectAMS Award (scroll down left side bar for information)
- [Cheryl L. Wase Memorial Scholarship for the Study of Archaeology](#)
- [Matthew Tobin Cappetta Archaeological Scholarship Endowment](#)

The application deadline is January 31, 2022.

Information on all the SAA scholarship programs can be found [here](#).

The SAA Arthur C. Parker Scholarship will not be offering an award for 2022. The H. and T. King Grant for Precolumbian Archaeology will not be open for 2022 and will resume the grant application cycle for the 2023 funding year, with guidelines for applicants available in May 2022.

Student Diversity Networking Program Now Accepting Applications

The Student Diversity Networking Program provides opportunities for students from historically underrepresented groups in archaeology to meet and network with other students and professionals. This program introduces students to networking and mentorship, creates professional connections, and hosts an afternoon coffee break at the annual meeting. Facilitated by a diverse group of professionals, the program includes two pre-conference workshops to identify topics of interest, useful connections, students' expectations about the SAA annual meeting, and a "coffee and conversation" at the meeting. The program is limited to 15 students and entry is on a rolling basis.

[Apply](#)

Volunteer for the 87th Annual Meeting

The SAA is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers for the 87th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. Volunteer opportunities are open to both members and non-members who are eager to connect with colleagues.

In order for volunteers to have meeting flexibility, the SAA requires two 4-hour blocks of volunteers' time. In return for your time, you will receive a complimentary meeting registration.

We will be accepting applications for the 2022 annual

meeting until Feb 15, 2022; however, volunteer slots usually fill up in the fall. Volunteer Application for SAA 87th Annual Meeting: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXR29usbu-aAfZ9LDM1H-BBaMiSu-secgmstJNnnxnj8PDK_g/viewform

SAA Online Seminar Series

Virtual Heritage and Public Archaeology

Instructor: Edward González-Tennant, PhD, RPA, University of Central Florida

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Digital technologies provide a powerful toolkit for researching, interpreting, and sharing archaeological knowledge with the public. The growing use of virtual technologies by archaeologists for these purposes is possible because

[Read More and Register](#)

RPA's and RA's will receive two Continuing Professional Education credits for the completion of this course.

An Outline for Teaching Curation in the Classroom and in the Field

Instructor: Tamira Brennan, PhD, RPA, Southern Illinois University

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

This seminar provides a framework for teaching curation/collections management in archaeology in two formats: as a matter of course within a general archaeology curriculum, and as a specialized class with a focus

[Read More and Register](#)

RPA's and RA's will receive two Continuing Professional Education credits for the completion of this course.

Is there an important preservation issue you would like to bring to SAA's attention?

As per CoAS Policies and Procedures, the SAA Board encourages all CoAS members to make SAA aware of important local and regional preservation issues and work together with professional archaeologists to address such matters. If you would like to sign up for the monthly Government Affairs newsletter, please contact David Lindsay at david_lindsay@saa.org

Interested in joining SAA as an Avocational/Associate Member?

[Download the SAA Membership Brochure](#)
[2021 Membership Application Fillable PDF](#)
[Online Membership Application](#)

Join the Society for American Archaeology as an Avocational/Associate member and lend your voice and your numbers to our efforts to ensure the archaeological record will exist for future generations. Member dues support our advocacy efforts to protect archaeological sites like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, ongoing enforcement of the National Historic Preservation Act, and our letter writing campaign to defend the work of archaeologists.

2021 Council of Allied Societies

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[Council of Allied Societies webpage](#)

We need your contributions and submissions for the next newsletter edition!

Please submit your Society news, announcements, photographs and items of interest for the Spring Edition to editor.coasnews@gmail.com. If including photographs, please note that the policy of the SAA regarding images containing recognizable people (*i.e. clearly visible face*) is that permission from the member society and from the subject for the CoAS and SAA to reproduce that image must be granted for each recognizable person pictured. Images of landscapes, artifacts, buildings, etc. do not require permissions.

Please email Belinda for a copy of the photo release.



COUNCIL OF ALLIED SOCIETIES
APPLICATION FOR ALLIED STATUS



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

The SAA Council of Allied Societies' mission is to mutually benefit all avocational and professional archaeologists; for the advancement of archaeology; and to further the objectives of the Society of American Archaeology.

Name of Society: _____

Principal Contact/Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Address for receiving SAA publications)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____
(For receiving communications from SAA)

Society Secretary Contact info: _____
(If different from Principal Contact - Name, telephone, email)

Society Website/Facebook Page: _____

Society is (check one): Local Regional State/Provincial

Total Society membership at the end of previous calendar year _____

Purpose and/or Mission Statement of your Society: _____

Does your Society have legal recognition as a not-for-profit organization? Yes No
If yes, please select one: 501(c)3 501(c)4 Other (please explain): _____

Signature of Principal Contact:

I certify I have reviewed with our membership SAA objectives and bylaws (<https://www.saa.org/quick-nav/about-saa/mission-goals>; <https://www.saa.org/quick-nav/about-saa/society-bylaws>.) I certify that our Society's objectives and bylaws are in agreement with those of the Society of American Archaeology.

(Signature) (Printed Name and Title) (Date)

Please include your check for \$35.00 with application (Annual Membership dues; membership duration calendar year January 1 - December 31). To pay annual dues by credit/debit card, please contact Carla Fernandez-French at carla.fernandez@saa.org.