



# THE MOKI MESSENGER

June 2022

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

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## Next SJBAS Meeting: July 13 at the FLC Lyceum & on Zoom

There will be no speaker program in June.

You can find the link and more information at [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org)

## President's Message

I am happy that our May meeting was able to meet in-person and that we are able to socialize again. We had a number of people join us on Zoom, also. If you missed the presentation you can find a recording on the SJBAS website at [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org).

I look forward to seeing you at the SJBAS Summer Picnic and Semi-Annual meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Junction Creek Group Campground. SJBAS will provide bratwursts and non-alcoholic drinks. Bring your appetite - there will be many potluck dishes to choose from - and bring your own place setting and utensils. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

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**Also, bring your checkbook and/or cash.** The picnic will include a *Silent Auction* fund raiser for the John W. Sanders Internship and Education Fund. The auction will feature archaeological books that belonged to long time SJBAS members John Sanders, Guy Tomberlin and Barb Lawson and Ray Turner. Some of the books are autographed and the collection includes authors such as Steve Lekson and Florence Lister. There are books about Chaco, petroglyphs and many other interesting subjects.

There are still open slots for some of our field trips. You can find the list of these awesome trips under the Field Trips and Activities tab at [sjbas.org](http://sjbas.org).

We continue to look for a volunteer to assist with finding speakers for our monthly meetings. This is an opportunity to meet people from Four Corners area and all over the country. Please contact Janice Sheftel at [janicesheftel@gmail.com](mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Thank you to all of the SJBAS volunteers and members!

Sincerely,  
Susan Hicks  
SJBAS President

### SJBAS Annual Picnic, June 8

Save the date. The annual SJBAS picnic is a go for June 8 from 5-8 PM at the Junction Creek Group Picnic Area just outside Durango. The site has a capacity of 65 people so if you have not confirmed your attendance, please contact Michelle or Mark at the addresses below. As in the past, SJBAS will provide brats, vegetarian brats, buns, condiments, ice tea, lemonade, and water. Members are asked to bring their favorite potluck dish-- salads, sides, and desserts-- and their plates and utensils. We're also asking for volunteers to assist with grilling, setup, cleanup and silent auction setup. If you have questions, please email Michelle or Mark McKibben ([michellemckibben56@gmail.com](mailto:michellemckibben56@gmail.com), [maypo1054@gmail.com](mailto:maypo1054@gmail.com)). As with all SJBAS events, attendees must be vaccinated and sorry, no pets.

### Calendar of Field Trips, Speakers and Events for 2022

See [SJBAS.org](http://SJBAS.org) for details on each of these field trips or events. You must be a SJBAS member to participate in field trips. All are welcome to attend speaking events.

### Tentative Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2022

<b>Early June</b>	<b>Keet Seel Backpack -- <b>Cancelled</b></b> as the Monument has not opened to back country visitors. Hope to resurrect this next year.
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Fort Lewis College Field School</b> - Day trip to learn how a prospective site is set up for an archaeological survey. With Jessie Tune in Bondad. Difficulty Rating: Easy Active. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at <a href="mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com">janicesheftel@gmail.com</a> .

<b>June 8</b>	<b>SJBAS Annual Picnic.</b> See Moki page 2.
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Fort Lewis College Field School</b> – Learn how collections are curated at the Anthropology Center. Difficulty rating: Easy Active. For more information or to sign up, contact Janice Sheftel at <a href="mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com">janicesheftel@gmail.com</a> .
<b>June 23 - 26</b>	<b>Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day</b> - Four-day motel/camping trip to Santa Fe. Combine colorful feast day dances at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo with other sites such as El Rancho de las Golondrinas, Bandelier National Monument, Pecos National Historic Park, etc. Trip participation limit is 15. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> . <b>Trip is Full</b> . Contact Rusty about a wait list.
<b>July 13</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting – “Hard Times and Mobility in the Thirteenth-Century Bears Ears National Monument area, SE Utah: A Chronometric Study”</b> by Thomas C Windes.
<b>July 19 – 20</b>	<b>Arborglyphs 2</b> – Two-day camping trip at San Juan National Forest Burro Bridge Campground. We will look at glyphs along Groundhog Stock Driveway and around Lone Cone. Trip participation limit is 14. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a> .
<b>August 10</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting</b> – Robert Weiner is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado Boulder. He will present on <b>Chacoan Roads: How Were They Used, and Why Does It Matter?</b>
<b>August 11-14</b>	<b>Pecos Conference – 2022</b> – One- to three-day trip at Rowe Mesa near Pecos National Historic Park just east of Santa Fe. Archaeologists gather under open skies to discuss recent research, problems of the field, and the challenges of the profession. Most participants camp at the conference site. No trip limit. Difficulty Rating: Easy. For more information or to sign up, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> .
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Sand Canyon in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument</b> – Visit Sand Canyon Pueblo at the head of Sand Canyon then hike down into the canyon to view other sites. Trip participation limit is 12. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Rusty Chamberlain at <a href="mailto:chambrke@aol.com">chambrke@aol.com</a> .
<b>September 14</b>	<b>SJBAS meeting – Update on the Chaco Solstice Project</b> by Anna Sofaer, Rob Weiner and Rich Friedman.
<b>September 16 – 18</b>	<b>Tsiping Ruins near Abiquiu, NM</b> – Two-day camping trip or motel stay. Archaeologist-led tour of Tsiping Ruins, a Tewa Puebloan Ruin of 1250 AD. Second day visit Ruth Hall Paleontology Museum at Ghost Ranch. Trip participation limit is 15. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Tish Varney at <a href="mailto:tishvarney@att.net">tishvarney@att.net</a> . <b>Trip is Full</b> . Contact Tish about a wait list.
<b>September 23-25</b>	<b>Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Park</b> – Two-day, one-night camping trip at the Tribal Park Campground. On the first day, volunteers maintain trails and facilities; on the second day a Ute guide will lead a tour of several cliff dwellings. Participants must be fit and ready to work all day. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Thomas Polich at <a href="mailto:thomas.polich@gmail.com">thomas.polich@gmail.com</a> .
<b>October 7-9</b>	<b>Bear’s Ears National Monument Backcountry Sites</b> – Three-day camping at BLM’s Comb Wash Campground. We will explore various Ancestral

	Puebloan sites and conclude the trip at Andy's house in Bluff with a gathering at dusk. Trip participation limit is 10. Difficulty Rating: Moderate. For more information or to sign up, contact Andy Gulliford at <a href="mailto:andy@agulliford.com">andy@agulliford.com</a>
October 12	<b>SJBAS meeting – The Pre-Hispanic Parrot Trade: Scarlet Macaws in the US Southwest &amp; Mexican Northwest</b> presented by Christopher Schwartz.
November 9	<b>SJBAS meeting - Ann Axtell Morris and the amazing story of early 20th century women archaeologists in the Southwest</b> presented by Kelley Hays-Gilpin.
December	<b>SJBAS meeting - “Ann Axtell Morris and the Amazing Story of Early 20th Century Women Archaeologists in the Southwest”</b> by Kelley Hays-Gilpin is Professor of Anthropology at Northern Arizona University and Curator of Anthropology at the Museum of Northern Arizona.
December	<b>SJBAS Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch</b>

## Member Profile: Erica Tucker



Erica and trail companion, Lucy

Erica Tucker recently led a highly applauded trip for SJBAS through Montezuma Canyon. While we hope she leads more trips like this, she'll have to be coaxed away from her day job as volunteer services director for the San Juan Mountain Association. In that position she matches volunteers with opportunities. Her busy season is upon us as she conducts ten training sessions over the next month or so. Trained volunteers staff trailheads at Ice Lakes, the Colorado Trail, Chicago Basin, and Blue Lakes, among others. They are also out on the trails educating visitors on best practices, particularly “Leave no Trace.” She also trains docents for their SJMA Nature Center which is south on Hwy 550 toward Farmington. You can learn more about SJMA at [sjma.org](http://sjma.org).

While Erica majored in Anthropology at Connecticut College, she probably didn't think it would lead to a remarkable day with Sally Jewell, former Secretary of the Interior. Some years back Erica took a position with Friends of Cedar Mesa in Bluff. Shortly after starting she was asked to accompany Secretary Jewell on a day hike of Grand Gulch. She learned up close and personal the concept of the **Outdoor Museum** as espoused by Fred Blackburn. During the hike the group saw *in situ* an ancient sandal and an undamaged pot.

On Erica's short list of things to see are Pueblitos in the Farmington area, mostly on BLM land. She's also interested in seeing the solstice sunrise at Salman Ruins and the Camp Verde area near Sedona, Ariz; home to Montezuma Castle NM, Tuzigoot NM and many other archaeological sites.

It's said that you are shaped by friends and family and what you read. Erica's main influencers are her parents and especially her dad who said, love what you do. She is also most influenced by friends who are more focused on adventure than finances; people who are curious about life.

## Field School Scholarship Recipient: Mollie Lemasters

Mollie Lemasters is a fourth-year student majoring in Anthropology, with a minor in Geology and a certification in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Fort Lewis College. Mollie is originally from Charleston, West Virginia, and currently resides in Aztec, New Mexico. She gained interest in Anthropology, particularly through a desire to pursue Cultural Resource Management (CRM). Along with GIS, she has a strong interest in remote sensing techniques and how they apply to the discipline of archaeology. A more recent goal of hers is obtaining a drone certification through the Federal Aviation Administration. For an upcoming project, Mollie is expecting to work with Dr. Jesse Tune of Fort Lewis College, and the Bureau of Reclamation at Lake Nighthorse, Colorado, to monitor shoreline erosion. Outside of school, Mollie enjoys hiking, camping, and diving into the exploration opportunities that both Colorado and New Mexico provide. Gaining support through the San Juan Basin Archaeology Society, Mollie is able to attend highly regarded field school programs offered by Fort Lewis College to further her expertise in archaeological field methods.



Mollie inventories Pueblo I period ceramics at Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum

## Volunteer Opportunities

SJBAS is an all-volunteer organization and we are looking for volunteers to fill the following position. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and contribute to SJBAS.

**Program Co-Chair:** We are looking for a volunteer to work with our Program Chair, Janice Sheftel. The Program Chair secures speakers for regular membership meetings and works with other SJBAS members to organize other lectures, such as the John W. Sanders Lecture. This is a Board position. Please contact Janice at [janicesheftel@gmail.com](mailto:janicesheftel@gmail.com) for more information.

We look forward to working with you!

## Native American Perspective: Ed Kaboutie

Last month the Southwest Colorado Canyons Alliance (SCCA) hosted a talk by Ed Kaboutie at the Canyons of the Ancients Visitors Center and Museum in Dolores. Ed is a musician and artist who grew up in the Hopi and Tewa societies. Membership in these communities was mutually exclusive until they created an exception for him to join both.

SCCA co-founder, Diane McBride, did a nice job of summarizing the highlights of his talk in a message to Canyons of the Ancients site stewards. Among the points made:

**Diane:** How can site stewards be more respectful of the sites we monitor?

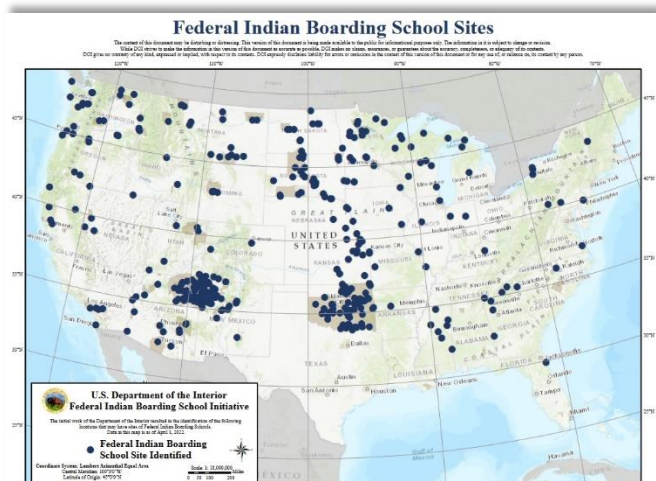
**Ed:** When he comes to a site, he reminds visitors that these are not ruins. He introduces himself and asks permission to enter. He offers a prayer and sprinkles cornmeal.

**Diane:** How can we emulate this as we are not their descendants? We also introduce ourselves and focus on the people who once lived, loved and cried there. She said it's ok to be curious about a site but moderate your actions by not climbing on walls. It's ok to pick up artifacts but put them back exactly where you found them. We are guests.

Ed will also have a presentation at the Cortez Cultural Center on July 10.

## Boarding School Report Released by Haaland

Last month the Department of the Interior released the [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report](#), commissioned by Secretary Deb Haaland. The report identified 408 boarding schools in 37 states that operated between 1819 and 1969. It identified a handful of schools in the Four Corners area and included: Ft. Lewis Boarding School, Hesperus; Southern Ute Boarding School, Ignacio; Ute Mountain Boarding School, Towaoc; and 45 schools in New Mexico. A list of schools by state is [here](#). You can find details about each school [here](#). The findings state that the US Government targeted Native Americans with systematic forced cultural assimilation and territorial dispossession. At least 53 burial sites for more than 500 children were identified with additional research expected to find more.



As a postscript to this story, Colorado Governor Polis signed a bill to establish a program to investigate events, abuses and deaths occurring at these schools within the state. History Colorado will take the lead in this investigation.

## Briefs

**National Trust for Historic Preservation Announces Most Threatened Sites.** Nothing nearby made the list but it's fascinating to see what is nearby. Bears Ears is described as a "success story" but one has to wonder for how long. Also nearby: Chimney Rock NM, Aztec NM, Acoma Pueblo. Only one Native American site made the Top 11 Most Threatened list and that is Picture Cave in Warren County, Missouri. You can explore the entire list of sites [here](#).

**Some Navajo Push back on Creating Chaco Buffer Zone.** An article in the *Navajo Times* reports that some 153 Navajo allottees told the BLM they opposed withdrawing the BLM land

around Chaco from oil and gas development. BLM said the proposed withdrawal will not affect existing lease-holders or Navajo allottees nor change the Park boundary. One allottee testified that Interior Secretary Haaland is biased against Navajo. There is also lingering resentment, the story reports, over how the Park Services evicted some Navajo families decades ago to create the park. You can read the article [here](#).

**Cahokia Mounds to become a National Monument?** Three hundred former NPS employees drafted a short list of six potential new monuments that included the site near St. Louis. Cahokia has been the subject of speculation of cross-cultural influence with Chaco Canyon. You can read more from the article in *E&E News* [here](#).

**Old Pueblo Archaeology newsletter offers a marvelous primer on color and Ancestral Puebloan pottery.** One insight is that the hachure, the thin parallel lines you see on some pottery, may represent the blue-green associated with a water motif. You can read the full article [here](#).

### Museum and Visitors Center Update

**The School for Advanced Research’s Indian Arts Research Center** begins this month offering weekly tours. The tours of their collections in Santa Fe are Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 PM and cost \$15. You can learn more [here](#).

**Honoring Tradition and Innovation: 100-Years of Santa Fe's Indian Market 1922-2022** at the New Mexico History Museum. The exhibit traces the history of this historic market and explores the impact of Federal Indian policies on the Native American art world. It runs from August 7, 2022 through August 2023. More information is available [here](#).

### Andy Simon: An Appreciation

SJBAS past president Andy Simon passed away February 24, 2022, in Albuquerque NM, after several years of declining health. Andy is survived by his wife Marion Simon. Andy and Marion were SJBAS members for many years. They led trips and were active trip participants in backpacking trips, car camping trips and day trips. They both volunteered for various club activities including the annual CAS meeting when our chapter hosted the meeting. We remember many good times with them on many trips through the years, Andy’s great sense of humor and good-natured teasing, and how quickly Andy assisted anyone who might need a hand up a steep slope or a high step. Our sympathies are with Marion as she adjusts to life without Andy. --Gail Schulz

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