



Taos
Archaeological
Society
Bulletin

December 8, 2020

ZOOM Lecture
December 8 at 5:30 pm MST
(Sign in by 5:25pm)
Zoom ID 545 842 9500

**Fascinating Finds: Seven Bizarre and Extraordinarily Informative
Artifacts found behind the Palace of the Governors**

by
Matt Barbour



Between 2002 and 2004, the Office of Archaeological Studies performed excavations behind Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors in preparation for the construction of the New Mexico History Museum. This project recovered

over 700,000 artifacts, each with a story to tell. Yet, some of these items are -by their very nature- more fascinating than others. Objects, such as an Aztec bowl with the power to cure acne and the slag-lined cupel from Battersea Works in England, have the potential to shed light on lesser known aspects of New Mexico's often sordid and colorful past. This presentation will examine seven of the most bizarre artifacts found during the archaeological excavations and the history behind their use and disposal at the Palace of the Governors.

Matthew J. Barbour holds BA (2002) and MA (2010) degrees in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and has worked for the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs since 2002. Currently, Mr. Barbour is the Regional Manager of Coronado and Jemez Historic Sites. Throughout his eighteen year career, he has published over 200 nonfiction articles and monographs. In 2012, and again in 2014, Mr. Barbour was awarded the City of Santa Fe Heritage Preservation Award for Excellence in Archaeology. In 2018, under Mr. Barbour's management, Coronado Historic Site received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. Then in 2019, Jemez Historic Site received the Archaeology Heritage Preservation from New Mexico Historic Preservation Division.



Volunteering at the TAS

The Taos Archaeological Society is always looking for volunteers to participate in activities and volunteer as officers. Please contact taoscuba@hotmail.com to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for your continuing support of TAS!



Pot Creek Ceramic Sorting

A New Ceramic Analysis Committee Has been formed!



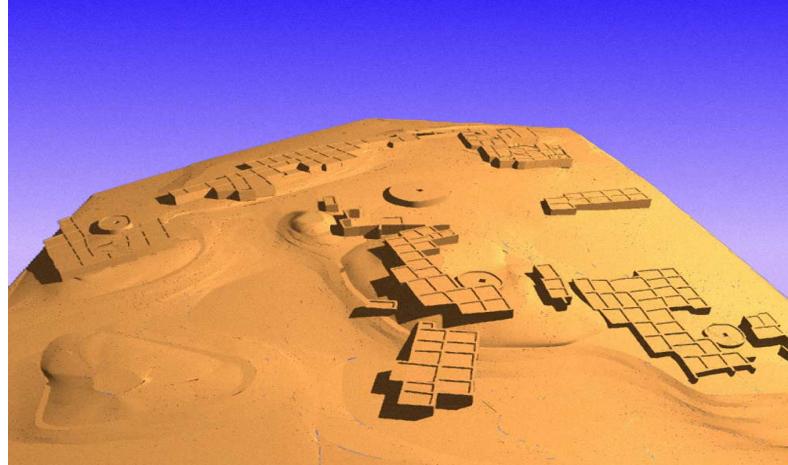
Ceramic Sorting and Analysis is getting organized for a pilot project to have analysis conducted on a private take home individual basis to observe Covid-19.

Pot Creek Ceramic Sorting is still requesting volunteers to participate in processing out their Prehistoric collections. Contact Mark Henderson for more information. markscotthenderson@gmail.com

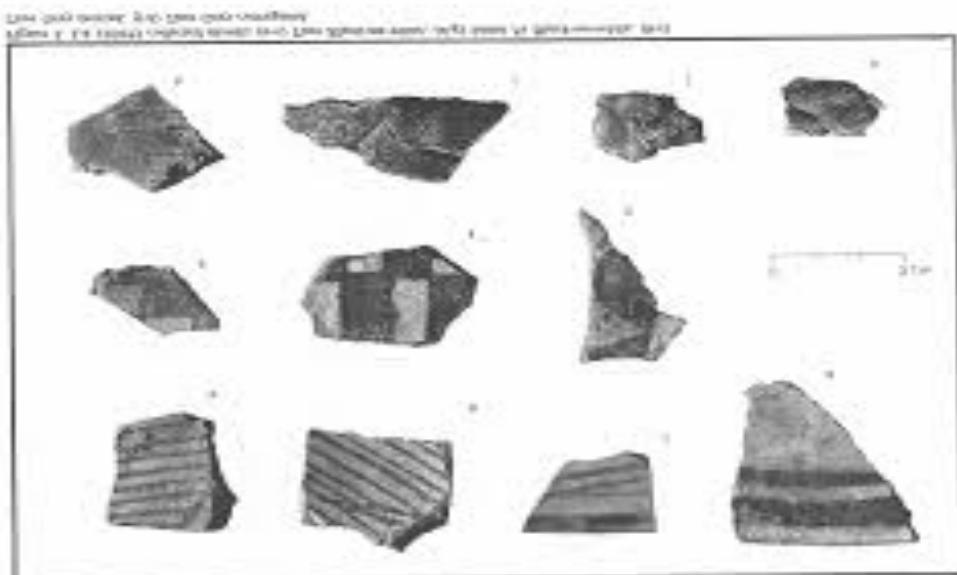
Join the Sherders Zoom meetings each Wednesday at 9am to get updated on the activities going forward.

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Taos Black on White



Pot Creek Pueblo 1320 AD



ASNM 2021

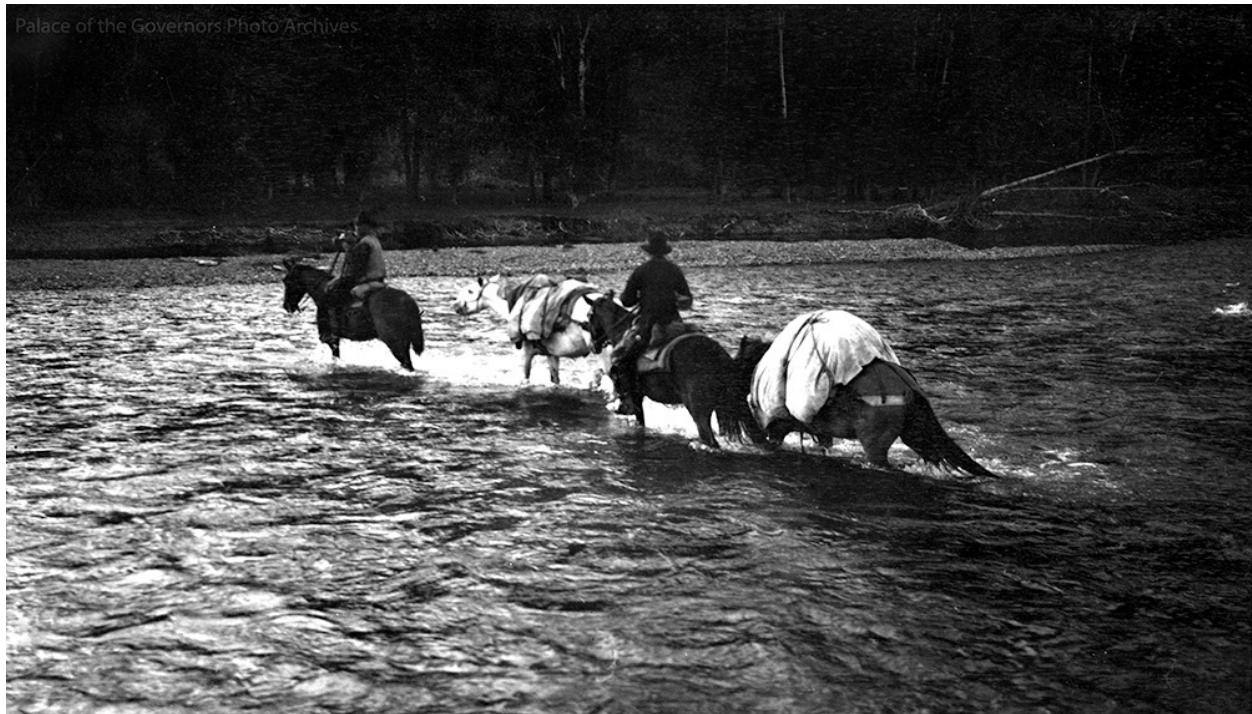
The Taos Archaeological Society is pleased to announce we are hosting the Annual Meeting of ASNM. The Conference will take place May 7-9, 2021 next Spring. TAS is looking for volunteers to participate in helping Saturday May 8. The Meeting theme will be “Taos at the Crossroads of Trade”.

Register on the TAS website coming soon at taosarch.org

Interesting lectures, Field Trips, Steve Lekson keynote speaker and Banquet Dinner. Burro loading demonstration, Silent Auction.

Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com to participate as a volunteer.

Palace of the Governors Photo Archives





TAS Budget

Budget information for 2020 for the Taos Archaeological Society is now posted on the website.

2021 Membership Dues can be paid now!



Lifetime Membership



The Taos Archaeological Society is offering Lifetime Membership with the contribution of \$500.00 per individual anytime up until December 31, 2020. Take advantage of this Tax Deductible opportunity and help TAS fund our mission! The Lifetime Membership will include the Member plus 1 additional family member. Go to: <https://taosarch.wildapricot.org/JoinUs>

Basket and Sandal Weaving Demonstration

Rescheduled for June 15, 2021!

Members who've already paid are signed up.



Mary Motah will conduct a basket and sandal weaving demonstration and hands on workshop. The workshop will take place at the Kit Carson Board Room on Cruz Alta Road from 10am-4pm.

Participation is limited to 15 persons. This will fill quickly. Registration based on first 15 payments received. Please include your email to receive a confirmation.

If you miss out we will do this in an ongoing basis. The second 15 payments received will be confirmed to participate in the June 2022 workshop.

The participation fee is \$15.00 check or money order made out to Mary Motah. It should be mailed to

Phil Alldritt
PO Box 659
Arroyo Hondo, NM 87513

First 15 deposits received are confirmed. No one is confirmed until payment is received.

Participants should bring a small pocket knife, wear shorts, bring brownbag lunch and drink.

In case of cancellation and you request a refund contact me here.

Thank you for your support and participation in the TAS activities!

WINTER POTLUCK UPDATE

THIS ACTIVITY CANCELLED!! STAND BY FOR UPDATES FOR SUMMER POT LUCK



Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR SPRING 2021!

The Taos Archaeological Society is Funding trips for students to the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project. Trips coming up this Spring 2021! COVID PERMITTING!
Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com





TAS is looking for Members to form an Education Committee who will promote and facilitate communication with teachers and schools to advance our bus trip programs!! To participate in this very successful effort contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com

Thank you!



Upcoming Trips



Trip reservations are first come first serve all trips have limited space. No reservation is confirmed until deposits have been made. Watch for future trips on the website!

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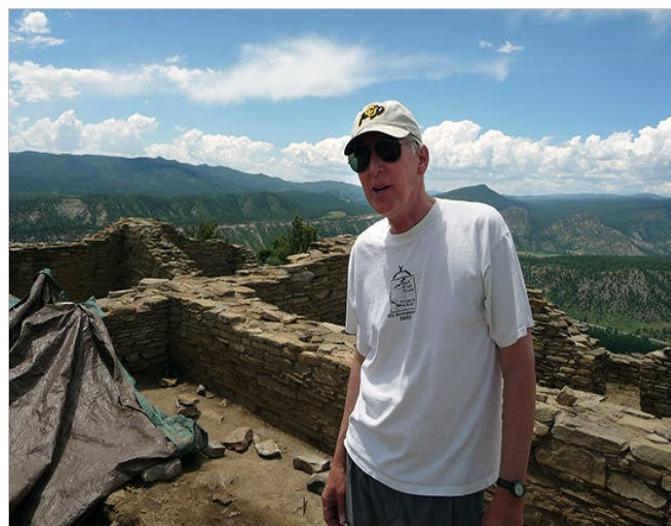
All TAS trips may be sign up for by TAS Members who are Active Members in Good Standing. Persons wanting to participate should become Members by mailing \$30.00 to:

TAS
PO Box 143
Taos, NM 87571



Next Speaker

January 12, 2021



Dr Steve Lekson

Mimbres and Paquimé

At 1100, there were at least 5,000 people in the Mimbres region. By 1200, there were almost none. At 1250, at Casas Grandes 150 mile to the south of Mimbres, the Medio phase begins with an apparent population explosion which grew to many thousands of people. Despite the time gap from 1150 to 1250, changes in material culture, and dramatic developments in socio-political structure, much compelling evidence suggests that Mimbres moved to Casas Grandes and contributed to the base population of Paquimé. We review the evidence, and the implications for the history of the ancient Southwest.

Dr Steve Lekson is Curator of Archaeology, Emeritus, at the Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado, Boulder (retired Dec. 2018). He received his PhD from the University of New Mexico in 1988, and held research, curatorial, or administrative positions with University of Tennessee, Eastern New Mexico University, National Park Service, Arizona State Museum, Museum of New Mexico, and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Dr Lekson directed more than twenty archaeological projects throughout the Southwest including excavations at Pinnacle Ruin in central New Mexico (2000-2008), at Chimney Rock in southern Colorado (2009), and at Black Mountain and Woodrow ruins in southwestern New Mexico (2010-13). He was editor of the journal Kiva (2006-2011) and he is currently Contributing Editor for Archaeology magazine. Lekson's publications include a dozen peer-reviewed books, ninety chapters in edited volumes, forty-five articles in journals and magazines, and many technical reports. Recent books: A Study of Southwestern Archaeology (2018), Chaco Meridian (2015), and A History of the Ancient Southwest (2009). He curated many exhibits, most recently "A History of the Ancient Southwest" (2013-2014) at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History.

Exciting speakers coming all next year 2020-2021! Watch for the bulletins online at taosarch.org for announcements!