February 11 Speaker
Paul F Reed

Paul Reed has been a Preservation Archaeologist with Archaeology Southwest since 2001. He is based in Taos, New Mexico and still works as the occasional Chaco Scholar at Salmon Ruins, New. Reed’s most recent writing is an edited book (with Gary M. Brown as co-editor) entitled Aztec, Salmon, and the Pueblo Heartland of the Middle San Juan, published in SAR Press’ Popular Series in 2018. He also served as editor (and author of several chapters) on Chaco’s Northern Prodigies: Salmon, Aztec, and the Ascendancy of the Middle San Juan Region After AD 1100, published by the University of Utah Press (2008). Reed was also editor (and author of several chapters) of the three-volume, comprehensive report entitled Thirty-Five Years of Archaeological Research at Salmon Ruins, New Mexico published in 2006. His other books – The Puebloan Society of Chaco Canyon (2004) and Foundations of Anasazi Culture (published in 2000; as editor and author) have explored the origins of Puebloan culture and Chaco Canyon.

During the last six years, Reed has been working to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape from the effects of expanded oil-gas development associated with fracking in the Mancos Shale formation. Through a series of meetings and forums with public officials, Tribal leaders, various US Government agencies, and New Mexico’s Congressional delegation, Archaeology Southwest and its partners have focused on expanding protections to sites, traditional cultural places, and fragile landscapes in the greater San Juan Basin. The most recent effort on this front is to partner with the Pueblo of Acoma to complete a focused ethnographic study of Acoma’s connections to the Greater Chaco Landscape. Among his other interests, Reed leads tours to Salmon and Aztec Ruins, Chaco Canyon, the Chuska Valley, and the Navajo Country, and gives public presentations on different topics in southwestern archaeology and history. Reed has conducted fieldwork and research in the Southwest for more than 30 years. From 1993 to 2001, Reed directed a roads archaeology research program for the Navajo Nation Archaeology Department, Farmington, New Mexico. Reed completed his Bachelor of Arts (1986) and Master of Arts (1989 in anthropology and archaeology) degree at New Mexico State University.
ASNM 2020

The Taos Archaeological Society is pleased to announce we are hosting the Annual Meeting of ASNM. The Conference will take place May 8-10, 2020 next Spring. TAS is looking for volunteers to participate in helping Saturday May 9. The Meeting theme will be “Taos at the Crossroads of Trade.”

Register on the TAS website now for DISCOUNT at taosarch.org/ASNM2020

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.

TAS Membership

The Taos Archaeological Society is offering Lifetime Membership with the contribution of $500.00 per individual anytime up until December 31, 2019. 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.

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Field Work

The Taos Archaeological Society, in cooperation with Carson National Forest will participate in archaeological testing of a rock shelter site in Valle Vidal Summer of 2020. We will be posting updated information soon to members.

Budget information for 2019-2020 for the Taos Archaeological Society is now posted on the website.
We excavated and surveyed this area for a week August 5-9, 2019 and recorded two hearths and many artifacts. Three new sites were also recorded. We collected lithics including obsidian and 5 ceramics. Also, in the excavation we found an Archaic projectile dart San Pedro variety (see photo below (circa 1500 BC). Great group of archaeology techs and volunteers from TAS.

Archaic Dart Armijo Side Notched circa 5000 BC

La Cueva Feature 2 Thermal Feature

SUMMER POTLUCK COMING SOON! July 2020

La Cueva excavation underway

Give it a go! Food & Drink
Student Trips to Mesa Prieta

The Taos Archaeological Society is in part Funding trips for students to The Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project! Trips coming up this Spring 2020!

Contact Phil Alldritt at taoscuba@hotmail.com

TAS Archives

TAS is also looking for Members to participate in organizing TAS archives from 2000-Present. We are requesting that any Members who have photographs from TAS trips and any archival materials to 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!!! Thank you!

All TAS trips are open to Active TAS Members in Good Standing. Persons wanting to participate should become members by mailing 30.00 to:

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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!
May 2020

Chaco Canyon

3-Day Trip with Paul Reed
Contact: towerkiva@yahoo.com

15 persons maximum       No camping required
$130.00 per person

Day 1

700am
Depart from Taos
Visit Salmon Ruins
Lunch
Visit Aztec Ruins
Overnight Bloomfield

Day 2

Visit Chaco Canyon Museum
All day Chaco Canyon Tour
Visit Chaco Museum
Transfer to Bloomfield for Overnight

Day 3

Depart Bloomfield
Visit Twin Angels Chaco Outlier and Great North Road
Depart Bloomfield
Arrive Taos

***Participants are responsible for arranging transportation and food, good walking shoes, sunscreen, rain gear, backpack and water required.
Price Heiner has been working as a professional archaeologist for ~19 years with approximately 8 years working for private archaeological firms, and 11 years for the U.S. Forest Service. As an archaeologist he has primarily worked in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana. He is originally from Fort Collins, Colorado and received his bachelor’s degree in anthropology from Colorado State University, and his master’s degree in anthropology from University of Wyoming and is primarily interested in hunter-gather ecology, landscape archaeology, lithic technological organization, geomorphology, geoarchaeology, paleoenvironmental reconstruction, Pleistocene-Holocene transition, projectile point typology, bison evolution, predator-prey dynamics, experimental archaeology (flint knapping, animal butchering using stone tools, etc.), high-altitude archaeology, Paleoindian archeology, Peopling of the New World, and human behavioral ecology.

Price Heiner, Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Program Manager on the Carson National Forest will address the shovel testing results of a high elevation rock shelter site located in the Valle Vidal of Northern New Mexico. The preliminary results suggest long-term repeated use of the rock shelter over thousands of years by both Southwest and Plains prehistoric groups. My discussion will focus on the long-term occupational history of the shelter, the geomorphic and geoarchaeological contexts of the shelter, as well as the use/function of this particular rock shelter.