



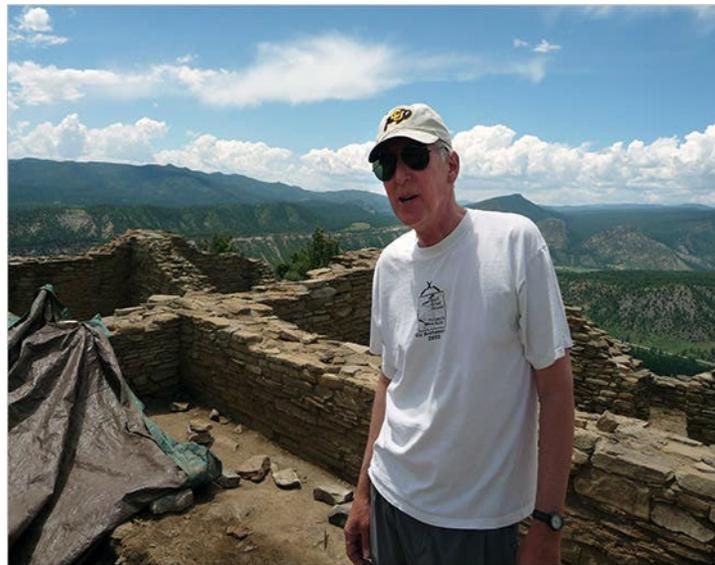
Taos  
*Archaeological*  
Society  
*Bulletin*

---

**January 2021**

**ZOOM Lecture**  
**January 12 at 5:30 pm MST**  
(Sign in by 5:25pm)  
**Zoom ID 545 842 9500**

**Mimbres and Paquimé**  
**by**  
**Dr Steve Lekson**



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.*



## **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](mailto: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!**



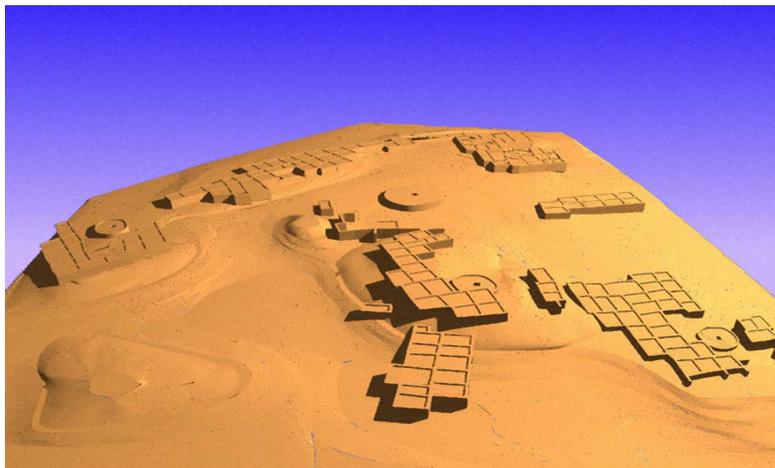
Ceramic Sorting and Analysis is getting organized for a pilot project to have analysis conducted on a private take home individual basis to observe Covid-19.

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](mailto:markscotthenderson@gmail.com)

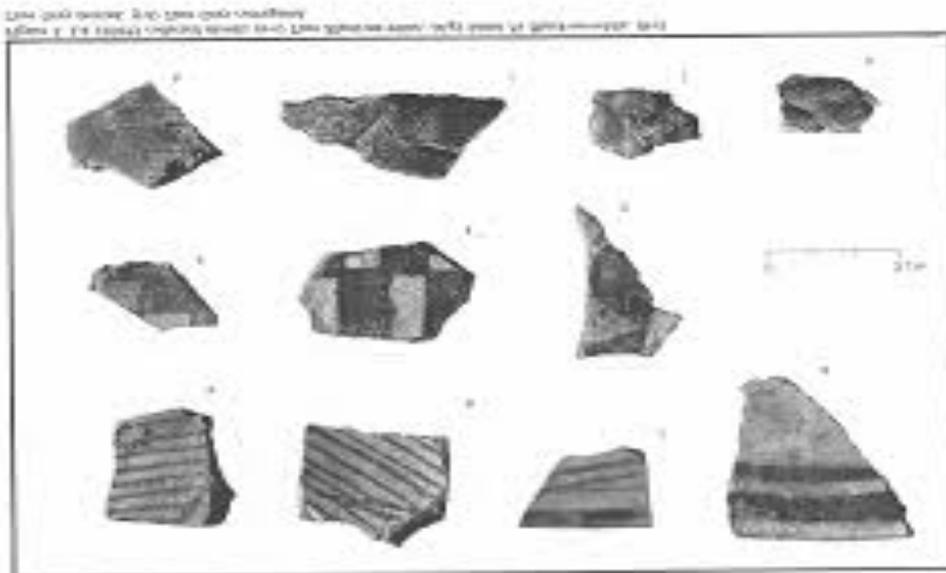
Join the Sherders Zoom meetings each Wednesday at 9am to get updated on the activities going forward.

Zoom Id Number Meeting ID: 878 3989 2686

## Taos Black on White



Pot Creek Pueblo 1320 AD



## Slate of TAS Officer Candidates for 2021-2022

Nominees to become candidates will be accepted until December 31, 2020 at [taoscuba@hotmail.com](mailto:taoscuba@hotmail.com)

An electronic vote to accept or reject the slate of officers will take place from January 1 - 31, 2021.

Nancy Colvert  
Anita Briscoe  
Debbie Espie  
Phil Alldritt



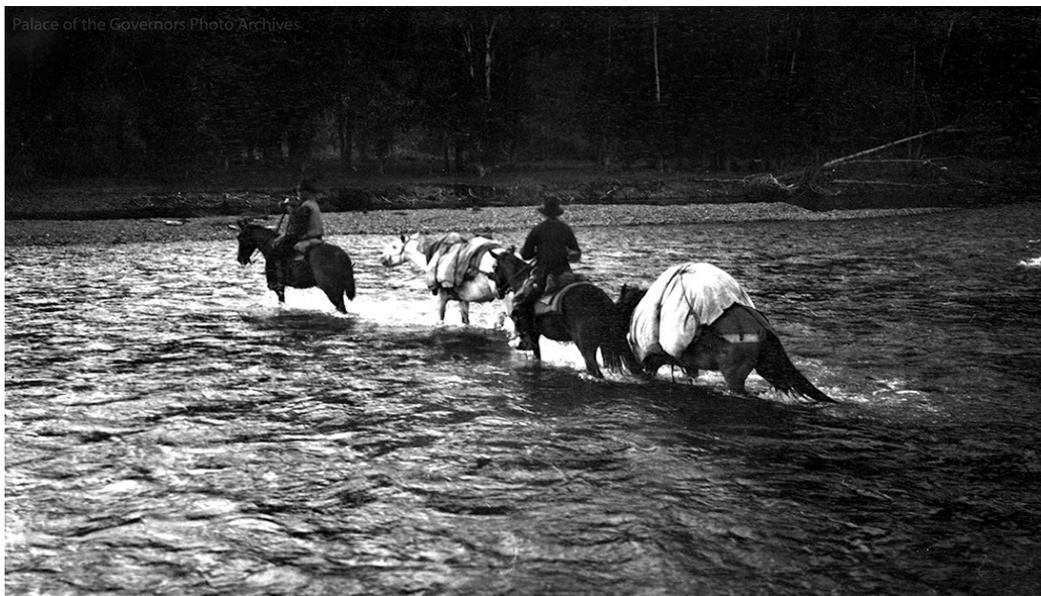
## ASNM 2021

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](http://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](mailto:taoscuba@hotmail.com) to participate as a volunteer.





## **TAS Budget**

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

## 2021 Membership Dues can be paid now!

Go to <https://taosarch.wildapricot.org/JoinUs/>

### 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!**



## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

COVID PERMITTING.

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



## February Speaker

**Keith Prufer**

**Unraveling the Long Road to the Maize Diet  
in the Neotropics of Mesoamerica**



Pollen and starch grain evidence indicates that domesticated maize (*Zea mays* subspecies *mays*) first appears in the Balsas region of Mexico by ~9,000 years ago, but few data exist on when corn became an integral part of the human diet in Mesoamerica. In this talk I present new data for a transect spanning 9,500-1,200 years ago of stable isotopes of carbon showing the adoption of maize was gradual, later than might be expected, and resulted in a maize dependent diet in the neotropics by 4000 B.P.

*Keith M. Prufer is a Professor of Anthropology and director of the Environmental Archaeology Laboratory at the University of New Mexico. For 25 years he has conducted excavations in the Maya Lowlands focusing on human-environmental relationships. His newest project is investigating the Paleoindian and Archaic origins of humans in the neotropics through studies of diet, technology, and genomics.*

**Exciting speakers coming all next year 2020-2021! Watch for the bulletins online at [taosarch.org](http://taosarch.org) for announcements!**

