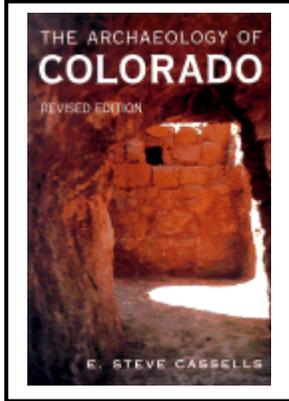




LAS December 2012 Headlines:

Book Reviews (from Amazon.com)



The Archaeology of Colorado, by E. Steve Cassells

Archaeologist Steve Cassells details the prehistory of Colorado from the Paleo-Indian mammoth and bison hunters through the Archaic, Fremont, and Plains Woodland peoples to the Anasazi of the southwest and the historic Utes and Plains Indians.

The author draws on unpublished reports, personal communications, and exhaustive research in the printed literature to make this a book in which even specialists will find new and exciting material. Significant sites from every cultural stage and every part of the state are examined, and an "Archaeological Scrapbook" presents thumbnail sketches of many of the colorful and significant archaeologists who have influenced the development

of the science in the state.

Completely revised and updated, "The Archaeology of Colorado" is still the most comprehensive and important book on the subject ever published. It provides a complete overview for the professional and amateur archaeologist and a fine introduction for anyone interested in the prehistory of the West.

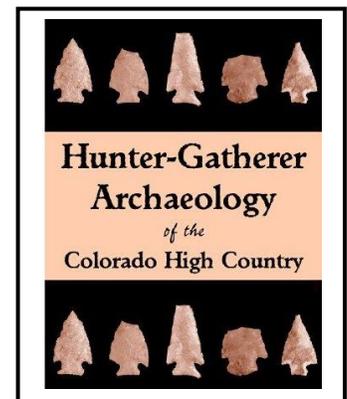
Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology of the Colorado High Country, by Mark Stiger

Hunter-Gatherer Archaeology of the Colorado High Country offers data on 8,000 years of cultural change across a wide area of western Colorado and updates archaeological methodology in the mountain West.

Synthesizing research from several important, previously neglected sites, the book anchors its findings in a massive body of data that Mark Stiger gathered over eight years at Tenderfoot--a large lithic-scatter site once categorized as insignificant. Advances in spatial analysis, theoretical approaches, and excavation methods have allowed lithic-scatter sites, once considered less revealing than intact structures and similar sites, to yield startlingly rich cultural evidence.

Presenting artifactual data that reflects changes in houses, game drives, fire pits, stone tools, and debitage, Stiger explains the cultural sequence in the Upper Gunnison Basin and its connections to changes across the West. He relates environmental and cultural changes, relying on paleoenvironmental evidence, changes in floral and faunal usage patterns, and data recovered in multi-year, repetitive surface collections. An overview and critique of past research in the region complements discussion of the advantages of horizontally extensive block excavations and other contemporary ways of excavating and analyzing surface sites.

Stiger's findings hold promise for future research, as high-altitude surface sites are common, under-researched, and relatively well-preserved. The advances in archaeological method and theory that enabled Stiger's outstanding results in the Upper Gunnison Basin will allow many other Western sites to yield fascinating evidence.





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LAS Find of the Month, December 2012:

Members can bring an artifact to be entered into the competition at the monthly meeting, which will be judged based on the following rules:

1. Must be a member of LAS in good standing.
2. The artifact must be a personal find.
3. It must have been found within the specified time frame, i.e., within the month prior to the meeting.
4. The artifact doesn't have to be a Colorado find—all that matters is that it was found in the last month.

The Find of the Month for December 2012 was made by Shane Skutvik

Type: Possible Pryor Stemmed

Material: Quartzite

Location: Arapahoe County, Colorado



LAS Find of the Year:

The Loveland Archaeological Society's Find of the Year, October 2011 through September 2012, was made by Alvin Plucker. This was the February 2012 Find of the Month.

Type: Pelican Lake

Material: Flattop Chalcedony

Location: Weld County, Colorado



LAS News and Upcoming Events:

Speakers Needed! We need speakers for our 2013 monthly meetings. If you would like to give a presentation or know of someone who would give a great program please contact Andy Coca, Jean Steinhoff or Kevin Zeeck. No experience is necessary. All that is needed is a passion for our hobby and a willingness to share that passion. Thanks!

NOTICE:

NO JANUARY MEETING!

The first Tuesday of January 2013 happens to be New Years Day. Many members have other plans, and we don't have the Pulliam Building reserved for January 8th, so there will be no meeting of the Loveland Archaeological Society in January 2013.

February 5, 2013 February meeting. No speaker is planned. Bring artifacts for show and tell.

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