



## LAS May 2014 Headlines:

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Celebrate Soapstone Prairie's History and Future**

*Lindenmeier: Looking Forward by Looking Back* is two days of festive activities that kick off the 2014 celebration of the world-renowned Lindenmeier archeological site. This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Smithsonian visit to what is now a National Historic Landmark at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. It was here, at the Lindenmeier site, that scientists discovered a Folsom point wedged into an ancient bison bone, helping to prove the presence of humans at the location at least 10,000 years ago. The City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery plan to celebrate the anniversary with special events now through November.

A highlight of *Lindenmeier: Looking Forward by Looking Back* will be the chance to see the Director's Tent exhibit, carefully recreated with historic objects to replicate Frank Roberts' tent (Director of the 1930's excavation). Visitors can see a flint knapping demonstration with Butch Kasubick, and experience hands-on activities such as atlatl spear throwing, flag making and a replica artifact dig for children. Visitors are invited to the many fun and educational presentations listed below.

#### **Details & Schedule**

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, meet at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area's North Parking Lot unless noted. Free, no registration required, but you can get a reminder and updates at [NatureTracker.fcgov.com](http://NatureTracker.fcgov.com).

- Step into the 1930's Director's Tent and see what life would have been like 80 years ago at Soapstone Prairie.
- See a Folsom point being created by flint knapper Butch Kasubick who will be demonstrating his craft.
- Atlatl spear throwing, flag making, and a replica artifact dig for children.

#### **Presentations:**

- 10 a.m. What's So Special About Soapstone
- 11 a.m. The Importance of the Lindenmeier Site
- 11 a.m. Homesteading at Soapstone (South Parking Lot)
- 12 noon Coming Home: Ferrets and Bison
- 1 p.m. The Importance of the Lindenmeier Site
- 2 p.m. What's So Special About Soapstone
- 2 p.m. Homesteading at Soapstone (South Parking Lot)
- 3 p.m. The Importance of the Lindenmeier Site

#### **Special Activity**

Sketching Lindenmeier Landscapes, Saturday May 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Hike the Towhee Trail and sketch or paint terrain originally viewed by Smithsonian artist Edwin G. Cassedy. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** (for this activity only) at [NatureTracker.fcgov.com](http://NatureTracker.fcgov.com).



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A variety of events and activities focusing on Soapstone Prairie's historical and natural importance will be offered throughout the year, culminating in a symposium, *Lindenmeier: Ancient Lives, Ancient Dreams*, October 19-22. The symposium will feature a "who is who" of expert archeologists from around the world connected to the original visit by the Smithsonian and the Colorado Museum of Natural History, together for the first time ever. The 1930's excavations discovered one of the most extensive Folsom culture campsites ever found. Registration and details about *Lindenmeier: Ancient Lives, Ancient Dreams* will be available May 17 at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, [fcmuseum.org](http://fcmuseum.org).

For a full listing of events and activities, visit [NatureTracker.fcgov.com](http://NatureTracker.fcgov.com), call 970-416-2815, or email [naturalareas@fcgov.com](mailto:naturalareas@fcgov.com).

It is all made possible by Fort Collins and Larimer County voters. Your citizen-initiated sales tax dollars conserve land and provide visitor services such as educational events, and trails. Thank you!

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Visit Soapstone Prairie to meet the past, enjoy the present and preserve the future. Would you like monthly activity updates, trail recommendations and more? Sign up for the Natural Areas electronic newsletter at <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/finder/soapstone>.

Free Customized Activities and Guided Hikes are available. There is so much to explore at this 28-square mile site: human history from 12,000 years ago; archaeological history at the Lindenmeier Site overlook; wildflowers and rare plants; hikes with a spectacular view; ranching, prairie, and open spaces; pronghorns, jack rabbits, birds of the prairie and more.

To schedule a free program and/or hike with a volunteer Master Naturalist for your group, please contact Deborah Price at [dprice@fcgov.com](mailto:dprice@fcgov.com) or call 970-217-3075. At least two weeks notice is required.



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### LAS Find of the Month, May 2014:

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 May 2014 was made by Steve Campbell

Type: Midland

Material: Basalt

Location: New Mexico



### LAS News and Upcoming Events:

- Speakers Needed!** We need speakers for our 2014 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!
- May 24 – 26, 2014** Loveland Archaeological Society Memorial Day Weekend field trip to the Harris Ranch at Bosler, Wyoming. See map and instructions on the next page. Respect the landowner and do not abuse the privilege. This includes the following: Do not litter; respect gates, fences and cattle; drive only on established dirt roads and don't bring motorcycles and ATVs; camp only where designated; and if you bring an animal don't let it run loose. To view the Loveland Archaeological Society Code of Ethics please go to the following website: [http://stoneagefair.com/LAS\\_code\\_of\\_ethics.htm](http://stoneagefair.com/LAS_code_of_ethics.htm).
- June 3, 2014** June meeting. Program. Cody complex knives. Bring your favorite Cody pieces and share your favorite hunting stories. Let's make a Cody night!
- July 1, 2014** July meeting. Program: to be announced.
- July – August 2014** Hell Gap site excavation. Dr. Marcel Kornfeld has extended an invitation to all LAS members to come by and visit the site, or even volunteer to help with the dig. If you are interested see the website at <http://www.uwyo.edu/pirl/summer%20schedule.html>.