
Haunted Museum

This year volunteers at the CEU Museum out-did themselves by accomplishing something that had never before been attempted. The Museum tried its hand at celebrating Halloween by presenting the public with the opportunity to tour the Haunted Museum. With the help of volunteers too numerous to mention by name (the volunteers logged 200.5 hours with prep work and help at the spook alley) and directed by Miss Carbon County, Mandy DeVaney they pulled off one heck of a great time, and raised a very impressive amount of funds in the process!

Electric Light Parade

This year the Museum entered a float in the Helper Light Parade. The float was titled CEU Museum’s Santa Claws. It featured a life size green Utahraptor and Christmas tree covered in lights. The volunteers logged 75 hours with this project and we could not have done it without them. Thank you Volunteers!
Past Museum Co-Sponsored Lectures

When Robert Kirby Came to Town

In September for the Castle Country Regional Information Center/Museum Lecture the guest speaker was Robert Kirby. He delighted an audience of over 100 people with his wit and story telling. He went on to write two articles in the Salt Lake Tribune about his experiences here. The first titled, “Learning to dig science” appeared in the October 10th edition of the Salt Lake Tribune and “Time stops stone-still above Price” appeared in the October 12th edition of the Salt Lake Tribune. He expressed his experience of looking back in time, as he put it, “The time machine is a muddy Utah Division of Wildlife Resources pickup truck operated by Conservation Officer Mark Connolley. We drive out of Price and up Horse Canyon into the Book Cliffs.” He accounts that, “The silence is spiritual. For the first time in memory, I hear the sound of my own heart. It is like being in a church, or what church would be like if you could get everyone in it to shut the hell up.” Then in his final assessment of the day concludes by saying, “We drive back to the busy present in the late afternoon, toward that distant time when the faint marks of my passage will have its own keeper of the dead.” We would like to thank those of you who attended the lecture for your support of our lecture series, additionally, we would like to thank Robert Kirby for reminding us how to laugh heartily!

Lucille Hunt
Navajo Storyteller

The Castle Country Regional Information Center (CCRIC), the Castle Valley Archaeological Society (CVAS), and the CEU Prehistoric Museum in conjunction with the Utah Humanities Council Road Scholar Program hosted a lecture by Lucille Hunt, a traditional Navajo storyteller. The lecture was titled “My Grandmother’s Teachings”, which was a presentation on Navajo culture and traditions from Lucille’s personal experience. Grandmother Haasbaa’ was a wonderful teacher and storyteller who enlivened the sacred creation story and age-old coyote tales. She taught Lucille the Navajo way of planting crops, singing cradle board lullabies, making mud toys, and cooking blue corn mush, as well as the skills to survive off the land. Lucille’s presentation will be informative, educational and entertaining with some humor.

Lucille Hunt was born and raised in eastern Navajoland. She was introduced to the English language at the age of six when she started school at the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school in New Mexico. She lived in a hogan next to her grandmother Haazbaa’, from whom she learned many of the traditional ways and stories. She was raised in a hogan with her six sisters. She has no brothers. Her stories are all from personal experiences. She’s married with six stepchildren and two foster daughters.

This program received funding from the Utah Humanities Council. The Utah Humanities Council promotes understanding of diverse traditions, values, and ideas through informed public discussion.

The turn out was wonderful and the night was a smashing success!

Dr. Renee Barlow
Range Creek Update

The Castle Valley Archaeological Society (CVAS), in conjunction with the CEU Prehistoric Museum held a lecture in October. The speaker was Renee K. Barlow. Renee Barlow is an archaeologist with the Range Creek Archaeological Project along with her husband Dr. Duncan Metcalf. She received her BA from BYU in 1984, her MA from the University of Utah in 1993 and her PHD in 1997 also from BYU. The subject of the lecture was an update on Range Creek. Her slide show was superb and informative and her knowledge of the area was extensive. She has been in the forefront of the work being done in Range Creek. Those in attendance learned about the project, heard about the latest discoveries made by archaeologists and their field crews and received updates on future research. This lecture, as all lectures for the Castle Country Regional Information Center as well as the Castle Valley Archaeological Society and Utah Friends of Paleontology (UFOP) are free to the public. We would like to thank those of you who attended the lecture for your support of our lecture series, additionally, we would like to encourage you to watch the FYI section of the Sun Advocate for information concerning the lecture series that are offered to the community.

For more information about the Castle Valley Archaeological Society please contact Margene Hackney 435-637-0482
On Oct 11, 2005 UFOP presented its first speaker for its 2005/2006 list of presenters, a part of CEU Museum’s Lecture Series. This first presentation featured Jeff Bartlett, CEU Museum’s new Director of Collections and Research. Jeff gave a spirited talk on Taphonomy, the relatively new discipline of paleontology that deals principally with bone and all the aspects that effect it’s transition to fossil material. He made a convincing argument to the value of the information that surrounds a fossils history and how it is key to an understanding of dinosaur communities and their ecological context. Using his own experiences from the Hell Creek Formation of South Dakota he demonstrated how the use of the many principles of Taphonomy can provide new and startling insights to paleoenvironments.

The Nov. 8, 2005 presentation was given by Don Burge, founder and director of the CEU Museum for many years. It was a casual and relaxed session were Don reminisced about the early years of the museums development, the birth of UFOP and the discovery of some of the fine dinosaur mounts that grace this museum. He took us on a joyous and nostalgic stroll of those early times and helped remind us of the wonders that lie in the strata of our high desert.

It was a pleasure to hear some of the colorful stories that surround the beginnings of this museum and to come to know a little better the many dynamic and charismatic characters that make up our past.

Professional photographer and friend of the Museum, Francois Gohier visited the Museum collections in November. Francois photographed numerous artifacts for his upcoming book on the Fremont Culture. Francois resides in San Diego, CA and his past works include; Humpback whale breaching, Alaska, Bottlenose dolphins, Mountain Goat kids at sunrise and Espeletias in the Andes of Venezuela.

Our other distinguished visitor was Susannah Maidment from Cambridge University. She arrived on October 14th to study our Stegosaur and Gastonia material for her dissertation on the phylogeny of Stegasaur.

A wonderful way to support your museum is through membership. Please pass the word along and look to memberships for gift giving. If you know of someone who is not a museum member, but would like to be, please contact me and I will be happy to mail them an application.

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Karen Green
It was an unfortunate oversight that Karen Green was not mentioned in the last issue. She is included among the new employees and has been hired by the Museum in the capacity of Curatorial Assistant. She has been doing an admirable job and we heartily welcome her aboard!
## Upcoming Lectures and Events

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**LECTURE SERIES** are free to the public. They are an entertaining and informative way to spend an evening. The diverse topics make them ever engaging. The purpose for the partnership with **CVAS** (Castle Valley Archaeological Society), **CCRIC** (Castle Country Regional Information Center) and **UFOP** (Utah Friends of Paleontology) is to better spread the word to the community about these wonderful resources. Although we make great effort to inform the public, we are reliant on you, the public, to make them successful by your attendance. We hope to see you there!

## EDUCATION

### Cedar Mountain Traveling Exhibit

The Cedar Mountain traveling exhibit is available upon request by schools and other interested parties. The cost is just $100.00 for the month. Call today for your reservation before the calendar year is full. Don’t miss out on this hands-on opportunity!

### Story Time

Are you looking for an exciting way for your children to spend Friday afternoons? The CEU Prehistoric Museum’s Story Time can be fun and informative. It is free to all families with a Museum membership, open to the public at general admission charge and is held every Friday at 2:00 p.m. Each story time includes a story or brief tour followed by an exciting learning activity. Story Time is geared towards pre-school to elementary age children. Come and visit us on Friday afternoons, we’d love to see you!

## Art Gallery Exhibit

### Fossilized Forests

The upcoming exhibit for the CEU Prehistoric Museum Art Gallery will be a combined collection of hundreds of specimens from four main exhibitors. Listed in alphabetical order they are:

- Pat Braun
- Kip and Glenna Cotner
- Kent Mower and
- Bryant Washburn

Also, pieces from the CEU Museum’s collections will be on display as well. The collections contain magnificent pieces far too amazing to miss. They will be on exhibit at the CEU Prehistoric Museum from January 13, 2006 to March 31, 2006. The Museum is open 9-5 Monday through Saturday, and admission is $3.00 per adult, $1.00 per child (under 2 free) or $7.00 per family, (free to Museum members).

## Science Carts

During the 2006 tour season, schools tours can be enhanced by using the CEU Museum Science Carts. These carts are based on the Utah State Core curriculum to improve the students education with “Hands On” activities based on elements found in the Museum. For more information on the Traveling Exhibit, Story Time or the Science Carts, contact Shawna Carroll – Director of Education at 435-613-5760.

### Prehistory Week

A Prelude to **PRE-HISTORY WEEK**

Please mark your calendars for May 6th through May 13th. During Prehistory week we will be having lectures from UFOP and CVAS, the Dinofeast on the 12th, and finishing up the week with Family Activity Day on the 13th. Please keep these dates in mind. We hope you see you all there!
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