

Celebrate Cedar Mesa 2017

Annual gathering of people who care about the greater Cedar Mesa area



MARCH 3, 2017 – SERVICE PROJECTS

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Sand Island buck building
- Cedar Mesa Highway cleanup
- Calf Canyon parking delineation

MARCH 3, 2016 – FIRESIDE READINGS IN CALF CANYON

7:00 – 9:00 PM: Fireside Readings in Calf Canyon co-hosted by Kirsten of Torrey House Press with guest speakers Jacqueline Keeler, editor of [Edge of Morning](#) and contributors Faith Spotted Eagle, Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk, and Lyle Balenquah, and poets Ann Walka and Vaughn Hadenfeldt. Warm beverages will be served.

MARCH 4, 2017 – MAIN PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00: **Registration**

9:05 – 9:30: **Welcomes** – 25 min

- Vaughn Hadenfeldt, FCM Board Chair – opens, introduces FCM Board
- Welcomes/comments by the BLM / FS / NPS

9:30– 10:20: **Panel: Debunking Monumental Myths** – Moderated by Dave Nimkin, FCM Board Member and SW Regional Director for the National Parks Conservation Association

- Video on Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument
- Nicole Croft, Grand Staircase Escalante Partners (confirmed)
- John Olivas, Guide and life-long NM resident familiar with Rio Grande del Norte National Monument (confirmed)
- Michael Hoogendyk, Friends of Agua Fria National Monument (confirmed)

10:20 – 10:50 **Research Update: Cedar Mesa Water Project** – Ralph Burrillo

10: 50 – 11:05 - **Break**, Silent Auction

11:05 – 11:25: **Awards Presentation & Organizational Update** – Josh Ewing, Executive Director & Amanda Podmore, Assistant Director

11:25 – 12:15 **Panel: What's Next for Bears Ears** – Moderated by Carl Rountree, former BLM National Conservation Land System Director (confirmed)

- John Ruple, University of Utah Law School (confirmed)
- Alfred Lomaquahu, Co-Chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (confirmed)
- Nada Culver, The Wilderness Society BLM Action Center (confirmed)
- BLM and/or FS representatives (tentative)

12:15 – 1:30 PM: **Lunch**, Silent Auction

1:30 – 2:00 **Rock Art of Bears Ears** – Sally Cole (confirmed)

2:00 - 2:30 **Visiting Sacred Sites With Respect** – Lyle Balenquah, Hopi Archaeologists and former San Juan River guide

2:30 – 2:45 **Break**, Silent Auction

2:45 – 3:05 **Cedar Mesa Perishables Project Update** – 20 min - Laurie Webster

3:05 – 3:25 –**Announce Visit with Respect Ambassador Program & Skit** – Amanda Podmore

3:25 – 3:45 **Paleontology of the Bears Ears** – Rob Gay, Paleontologist at Museums of Western Colorado

3:45-4:00 **Collaborative work with the BLM and volunteers to stabilize archaeological sites and minimize visitor impacts** -- Jason Chuipka, archaeologist with Woods Canyon Archaeology

4:00 – 4:10 Break and silent auction bidding

4:10 – 5:10 **Keynote** – author and explorer Craig Childs

5:10-5:15: **Closing remarks**, announce photo contest, announce close of silent auction at 5:30.

6:00 – 7:30 **Taco bar dinner**

MARCH 4, 2016 – AFTER PARTY

8:00 – 11:00 PM: Live music by Wake Up Laughing at the Rusticks Gallery

MARCH 5, 2016 – WORKSHOPS & OUTINGS

9:00 AM: Gather at community center for organized hiking groups – *limited to 9 participants*

9:00 AM: Gather at Community Center for pre-registered workshops – *limited participation, please register!*

- **Indigenous Pottery Firing** – Kelly Magelby of Kayenta Fire (confirmed)
- **Photographing the Ancient Homescape: Ruins, Rock Art and the Poetry of Place**– Bruce Hucko
- **Southwest Pottery Tally “Hikeshop”** – Jonathan Till
- **Pottery ID workshop** – leader TBD