

## *SAS Eclectic Symposium*

Our eclectic symposium held on Saturday, July 6 at Carolyn and Gordon McGregor's home featured: "Olmec Encounters" by **John and Dan Foster**, "Puebloan Culture and Rock Art of Colorado and Utah" by **Knuti VanHoven and Paul K Davis**, and "Peopling of Americas" by **Jan Johansen**. Following the presentations a special session for those attending Oregon Archaeological Tour was held. We most heartily thank Carolyn and Gordon McGregor for hosting the event. As always Carolyn catered a delicious lunch.

For the "Olmec Encounters" presentation John started with a video displaying photographs from their tour in 2018. Dan followed with detailed information on the 17 Olmec Colossal Heads. Marion Stirling and her husband Matthew found 10 of the 17 heads. For more information see

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1996/07/08/archaeologist-marion-pugh-digging-up-memories/09f465e7-5900-455e-bcd5-b81828a502d5/?utm\\_term=.d1c5a69cce02](https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1996/07/08/archaeologist-marion-pugh-digging-up-memories/09f465e7-5900-455e-bcd5-b81828a502d5/?utm_term=.d1c5a69cce02)



Paul introduced the next topic, "Puebloan Culture and Rock Art of Colorado and Utah" and Knuti showed and commented on photos from their travels to Colorado and Utah in 2018. The lovely presentation stimulated our memories of SAS tours to many of these archaeological sites.

Jan dove back in time to review evidence of hominid presence in North and South America. She introduced climatic data that might suggest early entrance of hominids from Asia. This might explain their presence in South America as early as 45,000 years before present and the Cerutti finds in San Diego dated to 130,000 years before present.