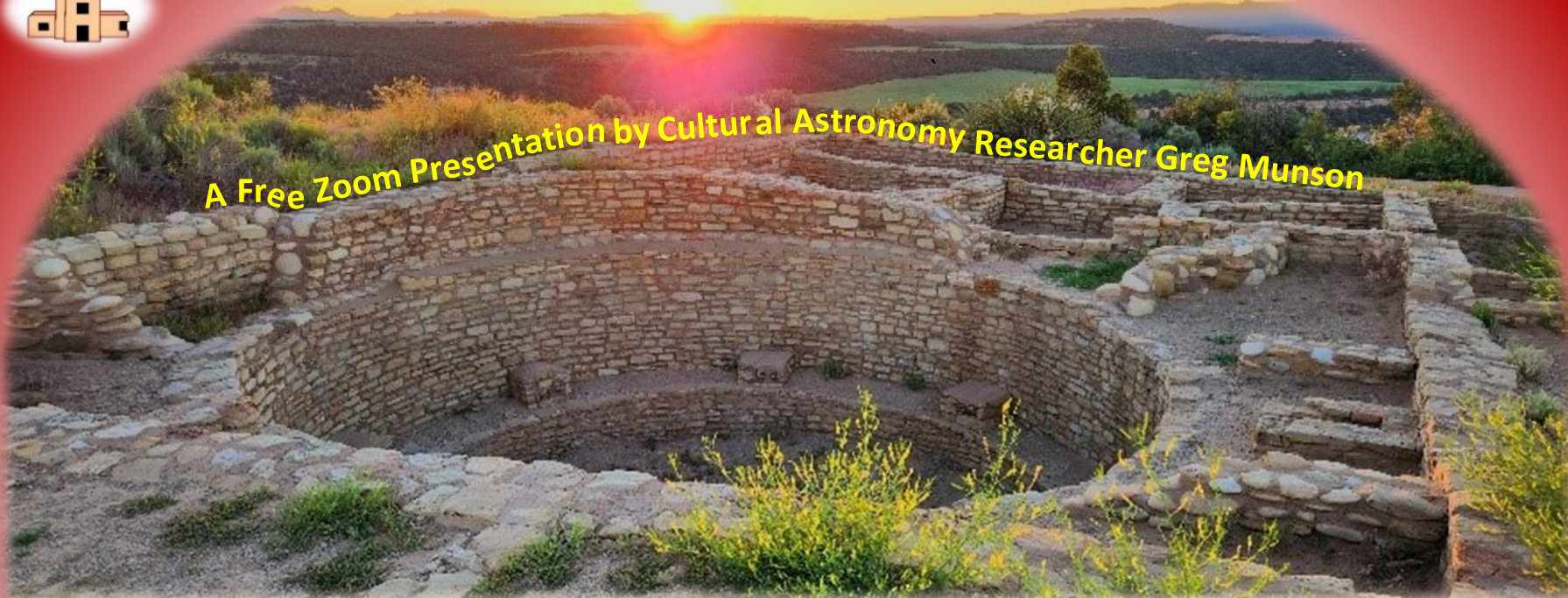


Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's "Third Thursday Food for Thought" Series

Envisioning a Cultural Landscape



A Free Zoom Presentation by Cultural Astronomy Researcher Greg Munson



Summer solstice sunset over the Escalante Pueblo kiva, photo courtesy of Ross and Maiya Galia

Thursday July 18, 2024, 7 to 8:30 pm ARIZONA/Mountain Standard Time*



To register for the Zoom program, click on this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F8OZjRaARXC5n_njJZ7yJg



Cultural astronomy researcher Greg Munson will discuss new ways to record, document, and visualize the cultural landscape of the Greater American Southwest. The program emphasizes the Society for Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest's Cultural Landscapes Survey Program, which has Tribal consultation as a key component. At the center of the program is expanding the concept of the archaeological site boundary to include resources from the local environment, relationships to nearby villages, how the architecture relates to the more distant landscape, and a building's alignment to horizon features such as mountain peaks.

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*The south wall of Escalante Pueblo,
aligned to Hesperus Mountain*



* Same as Pacific Daylight Time

Photos provided by Greg Munson

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The Society for Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest studies the connection of an archaeological site to astronomical cycles and features in the day and night sky, and explores new technologies for visualizing buildings and the landscape, such as dynamic panoramas, 3D modeling, and infographics. Its goals include establishing a common method of documenting and visualizing links between ancestral peoples and the land and sky that surrounded them so that we can better understand that we live in a unified cultural landscape, inseparable from its parts.



3D Model of Escalante Pueblo, SCAAS Cultural Landscapes Survey Program

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Our Third Thursday presenter Greg Munson is the founder of the Society for Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest and is currently directing its Cultural Landscapes Survey Program. Greg came to the Southwest in 1991 as a Ranger at Mesa Verde National Park where he cultivated his interest in cultural astronomy while giving tours to thousands of visitors each year. He studied the documentation of Ancestral Pueblo architecture and worked with the Park's Archaeological Site Conservation Program documenting Cliff Palace, Spruce Tree House and other backcountry sites. Greg now works as a consultant with a focus on continuing his interests in architecture and astronomy. He brought the skills learned at Mesa Verde when he established the Society and is working to bring standardized documentation and visualization practices to cultural astronomy research and landscape archaeology.

