

Mesa Verde Foundation

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LETTER FROM THE MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT

We know that spring and summer are coming to Mesa Verde because daylight hours are advancing, and night gives up a few more minutes each day. However, you wouldn't know it from the wintry scenes of late February. Mesa Verde has seen an amazing amount of snow this winter! It is lovely to look at and holds the promise of moisture to nourish the landscape. Melting snow can recharge Park springs and seeps (important water sources for wildlife), fortify vegetation, conjure colorful wildflowers, and, we hope, stave off the early wildfire season of the past few years.



Spring and summer are great seasons to visit Mesa Verde. The Visitor Center near the Park entrance is open daily (all year), offering exhibits, information and interpretive sales items. The drive into the Park offers many spectacular views and points of interest. We expect to reopen the Chapin Mesa Museum with exciting new temporary exhibits in late spring. Visitors will appreciate the museum's new accessibility ramps. In June, the Park's new film will debut at the Museum, focusing on contemporary Pueblos' and Tribes' connections to Mesa Verde,

as told by members of those communities. The Mesa Verde Foundation helped fund both the ramps and the film.

Major road projects continue this year. Expect some sequenced road closures as we complete paving on the Mesa Top and Sun Temple Loops, including a new bike lane. Work will begin on a new roundabout near the Park entrance. Pavement preservation work will occur throughout the Park. The Wetherill Mesa Road will remain closed as the visitor contact station is replaced with a new structure. Please check on closures and potential delays before your trip and again on arrival. You can still have a great visit to the Park, especially if you plan ahead.

The summer schedule of cliff dwelling tours is shaping up. Tour tickets will be available at www.recreation.gov. Check the Park website at www.nps.gov/MEVE or download the official NPS app for more detailed information, including videos, audio tours and podcasts. These can enrich your experience ahead of your visit and help you plan for the impacts of our projects.

We look forward to seeing you as snow and quiet give way to warmth and activity at Mesa Verde National Park!

Kayci Cook Collins, *Mesa Verde Superintendent*

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Mesa Verde Begins Low-Stress Removal of Feral Livestock

Mesa Verde National Park began its long-anticipated removal of feral or trespass livestock with the successful capture of a stallion, eleven mares and four foals on September 24, 2022. The initial round-up was followed three days later by three more horses coming into the holding pen. The horses were captured using habituation principles, bait trapping and low-stress gathering techniques by Park staff, who were assisted by the National Mustang Association Colorado Chapter (NMACO) and low-stress animal handlers. After health check-ups, NPS veterinarian

Laurie Baeten commented to *The Durango Herald*, “I’m pleasantly surprised how healthy they look. There is limited trauma from their history of being wild animals, not a lot of old wounds. The foals look great for their age.” Following these check-ups, the Park transferred ownership of the horses to NMACO. Sixteen of the horses were taken to a training camp in New Mexico that specializes in feral horses for gentling and taming in preparation for adoption. Three horses were taken to a sanctuary in Nevada to live out their lives after it was determined that they were too old to be trained.

There is a long history of livestock on Park land. By 1900, there were as many as 2,000 cattle grazing along the Mancos River in eastern parts of what is now the Park. Also in 1900, fifty thoroughbred horses were released in Mancos Canyon after the owner could no longer keep them. In the 1930s and 1940s, seasonal Navajo workers grazed their horses on the

mesa tops and may not have been able to round them all up at the end of the summer. Similarly, Ute Mountain Utes historically grazed their horses on the grasses of the mesas in the summers, and some animals may have escaped. It has been abundantly clear that the trampling of sensitive cultural and

natural resources by 1,000-pound animals has caused inestimable damage to protected resources in the Park.

In 1932, Park Superintendent Jesse Nusbaum issued the first order to exclude livestock from the Park. He concluded that management of feral livestock was incompatible with the Park’s mission “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic

objects and wildlife therein ...” Although many attempts to re-home horses and cattle had been undertaken over the previous five decades, there were still as many as 140 horses in the Park ten years ago. There were many reasons for the lack of success in executing Nusbaum’s order, including inadequate fencing, a persistent shortage of range riders to repair the fences, the rugged terrain, and infiltration of animals from adjacent tribal lands.

Another unlikely factor contributing to the horse population in the Park in recent years has been wildfires: the Bircher, Pony and Long Mesa fires in the early 2000s burned almost half the acreage in the Park. Horses are “fight or flight” animals that like to be able to see long distances for their safety. The fires opened up significant sightlines for them. In addition, with the destruction of the tree canopy, predation declined and grasses flourished, providing more security and food for the horses and foals.

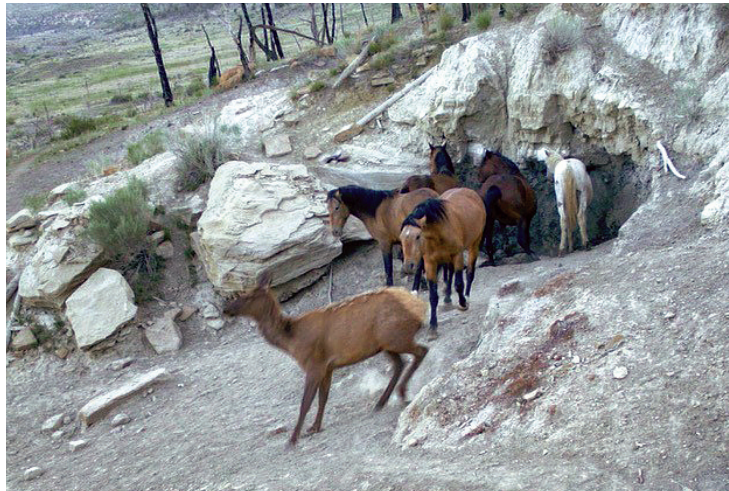


Feral horses stand on a collapsed kiva on the left and the remains of a dwelling wall on the right. Photo by NPS.

Studies by Park wildlife biologists in recent years have shown that horses out-compete elk and deer, particularly when it comes to water. At one time, Mesa Verde had a population of bighorn sheep; if they are ever re-introduced, the sheep would also be competing with the livestock. Since part of the Park's mandate is to protect and manage its wildlife resources, and feral horses and cattle aren't considered to be "wildlife" in this context, the Park Service must prioritize actions that benefit native wildlife species. It is also important to note that the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act of 1971 only applies to the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and not to the Park Service.

In 2018, the Park Service issued a comprehensive analysis of alternatives for removing the horses and cattle. The resulting "Livestock Removal Environmental Assessment" listed the pros and cons of five capture techniques. By far the preferred method was low-stress, baited-pen trapping, which was also preferred by the National Mustang Association. This method reduces mixing bands that are captured, which, if not done, would increase

fighting between bands. It reduces stress and injury during capture and handling and makes for an animal that is calmer and easier to train once delivered to a horse trainer. The first step of this capture process is setting out water to attract the animals. Gradually, a holding corral is built around the water, but the horses are still free to come and go. Then, hay and grain are introduced. Eventually, the gate is closed via remote control, and horse trainers who specialize in this technique begin to acclimate the horses to humans.

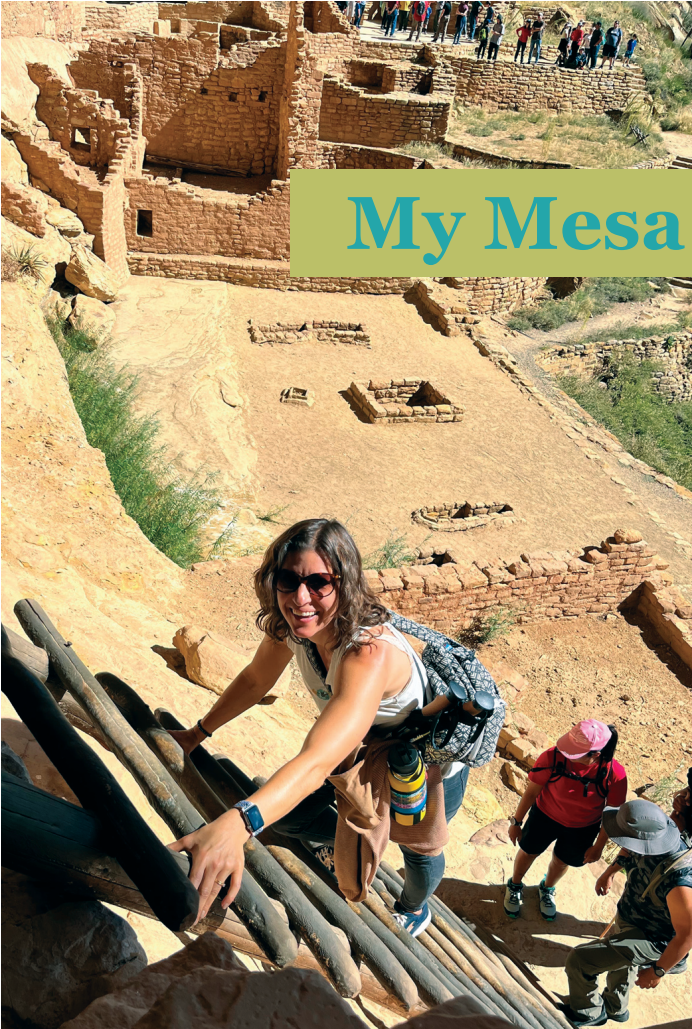


Feral horses chase a cow elk away from a spring that shows considerable damage to the resource. Photo by NPS.

Perhaps as many as sixty horses and twenty cattle remain in the Park today. Another twenty horses are targeted for capture and adoption this year; it is hoped that all feral livestock will be gone within three years. In the meantime, low-maintenance fencing is being installed.

Important cooperative work with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe continues. Post-livestock restoration will be a priority going forward. Fencing that will keep livestock away from springs but allow wildlife inside will be installed. Soils will be stabilized; noxious weeds will be controlled; and native vegetation will be planted.

The Mesa Verde Foundation has recently donated \$10,000 to the Park to improve the holding pen, pay for additional veterinary care for the animals, and rehabilitate the area around a critical spring that has been damaged by horses. If you would like to support the Foundation's ongoing efforts, please visit our website at www.mesaverdefoundation.org, and click on the "Donate" button. Also, be sure to watch the webinar on feral livestock presented by Paul Morey, Mesa Verde's Chief of Natural Resources, which can be found on the Foundation's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2F0Qahlhd5motOAOBPM9uA>.



My Mesa Verde Experience

Some of my favorite memories came from time spent getting to know each guest on a personal level. The itinerary included ample opportunities for connection and conversation: dinner at the Metate Room, meals at the Far View Terrace, caravanning to tour activities, as well as before, during, and after presentations/tours. Having the opportunity to stay at the Far View Lodge allowed for quick, easy access to meals and tour activities, not to mention incredible star gazing, sunrises and sunsets, and wildlife viewing!

The tour itself was chock-full of opportunities to be deeply immersed into the culture and history of the Park. Tour activities included:

- up close and personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum collections with Dr. Tara Travis, private ranger led tours of Step House, Long House, Cliff Palace, and Balcony House,
- watching the sunset from the Superintendent's residence while visiting with the Park's Superintendent Kayci Cook Collins,
- impromptu live auction to benefit MVF of a basket woven during a basket making demonstration by Chris Lewis,
- visits to Cedar Tree Tower and Farming Terrace Trail, the Far View Sites, Pipe Shrine House, Park Point Fire Lookout, and Montezuma Overlook.

Each of these experiences was made more powerful through the extensive Park history provided by Andy Gulliford, paired with the personal stories and knowledge of Chris Lewis. Having both Andy and Chris as tour guides provided subtle

Kim Paulin at Mesa Verde Foundation's 2022 Fall Tour.

Hi, my name is Kim Paulin. I am the Office Manager for the Mesa Verde Foundation (MVF). This past Fall, I had the unique opportunity to join tour leaders Dr. Andrew Gulliford and Chris Lewis on a four-day tour of Mesa Verde National Park. It is truly difficult to put my tour experience into words!! Even though I'd previously visited the Park, I must say this experience was absolutely unlike any other. The tour group size was limited to twenty guests, which allowed for an intimate group feel. Guests were from all over the country, of all ages and physical capabilities, with varying levels of knowledge and experience with the Park. The Foundation's Executive Director, Shannon Clifford, thoughtfully integrated alternative options for guests with physical limitations to ensure everyone felt included in all tour experiences.



Behind-the-scenes tour of the museum collections with Dr. Tara Travis.

details I would never have noticed on my own, such as Ancestral Puebloan finger-prints preserved in the mud and hand-prints on the cliff walls. Hearing Chris describe how kivas are used by modern day Zuni people transformed an otherwise static cliff dwelling into a graphic visual of their culture.

My Fall tour experience left me craving more time in the Park. There are still so many sites to visit and so many more stories and history lessons to be shared by the tour guides. I am already looking forward to the next tour!

Touring Cliff Palace during Mesa Verde Foundation's 2022 Fall Tour



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Additional tour guest comments...

“It was a fantastic tour and surpassed my expectations! I loved our group and really appreciated all the scholars and presenters. I learned so much and am so grateful for the experience. Loved the dinner the first night because it was so nice to get to know everyone. Chris was amazing ... how special it was to hear his thoughts and see him demonstrate basket making. Dr. Andy was so interesting and made me feel like a young student again ... so excellent! Felt in such good guiding hands with Shannon and Kim ... they made the tour so fun and relaxing ... we didn't have to worry about or plan a thing!”

“I appreciated the knowledge of the guides and the behind-the-scenes events. Visiting the Superintendent's House was lovely after a day of hiking and

sightseeing. The overall group size was perfect. The itinerary was well organized, with just the right mix of activity and relaxation. Of course, the backdrop of Mesa Verde itself made the whole thing spectacular. Everything was wonderful – in particular, the Rangers, Andy, and Chris brought it all to life.”

“I can't adequately express how much I enjoyed my Mesa Verde experience. I arrived knowing virtually nothing and left enriched in so many ways. I'm VERY impressed with how well the visit was organized, going from pit dwellings to Balcony House, with good timing. The expert docents Andy, Chris, and Rangers were all excellent and made such a huge difference for me. The sunny weather and fall colors didn't hurt either! And I very much enjoyed meeting the other participants. It was a great group! I am so grateful to have had this experience.”

Join us for the 2023 Fall Tour!

September 8th-11th, 2023

Book by July 1st to receive an Early Bird discount of \$100

\$1,250 MVF Member Price

\$1,350 Non-Member

Please Note: A single supplement of \$70 per night will be charged for all single rooms.

A deposit of 50% of the fee is required to register. Call 303-321-3120 for more information and to register.

Are you a teacher, student, historian, archeologist or anyone wishing to participate in the MVF Fall Tour but are unable to manage the cost? A Mesa Verde Foundation board member has offered to fund a full scholarship for a guest to join the tour. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please contact our Executive Director at shannon@mesaverdefoundation.org.

Thank you!

Thank you for all you did to make 2022 a successful year for the Mesa Verde Foundation!

- We continued work on the creation of the MVNP Interpretive Film and secured funding for its post-production phase. We expect the film to be completed in the coming months!
- We continued to champion the installation of two wheelchair accessible ramps for Chapin Mesa Museum, which is expected to reopen in the spring of 2023.
- We continued to host our “Conversations from the Mesa” free LIVE webinar series. This project makes Park staff, historians, tribal members, and local experts accessible to anyone interested in learning more about Mesa Verde and its people.
- We provided funding to rehabilitate and re-route Fewkes Canyon Trail that leads to Oak Tree House, Mummy House and Fire Temple. The re-routing will protect Fewkes Spring #4 and will restore the spring’s ability to support a diverse and healthy ecosystem.
- We provided funding for emergency stabilization at Step House for visitor access and safety. This project will address emergency structural stabilization and drainage control needs at Step House, one of the most visited sites in the Park.
- We set aside funds (\$10,000) to update the “We are Still Here” exhibit at the Visitor & Research Center. This project will facilitate including exhibit items that better reflect current Native art and Native artists.

In 2023, we plan to support many additional projects for Mesa Verde National Park. Our priorities are:

- conserving the Park’s natural landscapes, resources and wildlife;
- preserving the Park’s archeological and cultural treasures;
- educating visitors, surrounding communities, community stakeholders and youth about the Park, and its Native People; and
- improving the ways visitors interact with the Park and the experiences they have as a result.

“Conversations from the Mesa”

Please join us for the Mesa Verde Foundation’s upcoming webinar:

**“When You Gotta Go: The Evolution of the “Comfort Stations” at Mesa Verde National Park”
Presented by Elizabeth Dickey, Chief of Cultural Resources, Mesa Verde National Park
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)**

Webinars are presented LIVE. They are free and open to anyone interested in attending. For more information and to register, visit www.mesaverdefoundation.org.

Our “Conversations from the Mesa” webinar series will be taking a break during the summer months. Please plan to join us when we resume the series in September.

Did you miss a webinar and wish to view the recording? Recordings of previous webinars can be found on our YouTube channel using @mesaverdefoundation9564, or by searching for Mesa Verde Foundation in the YouTube search bar. Please subscribe to our channel to be notified when recordings are posted.



Jill Ward first visited Mesa Verde National Park in the mid-1970's with her sister, Jean Dawes, and her nephews on a road trip through the Southwest. Jean fondly recalls camping in Morefield Campground and being awestruck at the millions of stars in the night sky.

Fast forward to 1991: Jill was living in New York, where she was born and raised, when a friend invited her to Durango for Music in the Mountains, an annual classical music festival. A musician herself, Jill returned for Music in the Mountains every year after that. Jill used her time in the area to explore the Southwest with her friend George Widmeyer. George says that Jill would purchase pieces that reminded her of the area, including a large painting of Mesa Verde by local artist Paul Folwell. Jill took this artwork home to New York so she could surround herself with the beauty of the Southwest.

In 1998, Jill and George purchased a vacation home in Hermosa, just ten miles from Durango. They spent summers and Christmas there, hosting family members and sharing their love for the area. In 2002, Jill moved to Hermosa full-time. By 2005, she was volunteering at Mesa Verde's Far View Visitor Center. Her volunteer work at the Park continued for the next fifteen years! During that time, she helped organize an event to celebrate the Park's 100th anniversary,

welcomed Park visitors at the information desk and helped with curation in the Cultural Resources Department. She and George also helped to plant and tend flowers at the new Visitor & Research Center and even directed traffic at its dedication event.

Approximately forty years after their first visit to Mesa Verde, Jill's sister Jean visited her and had the opportunity to see some of the work that Jill did for the Park. She was touched by her sister's love for her work and her passion for Mesa Verde. Jean shared that she saw her sister almost as two different people, the one who lived in New York and the other as the more adventurous, outgoing person she became when she moved to Hermosa.

Jill loved her time at the Park. All the volunteers knew that Fridays were "Jill's day" to staff the desk at the Visitor & Research Center. Jill's friend and co-volunteer Jeanie Emigh said that Jill "never tired of sharing the Mesa Verde experience with visitors from around the world. Always ready with her yellow marker, she would outline activities that would meet the visitors' timeline." Jeanie also shared that her friend volunteered with the Cultural Resources staff to complete the numerous annual inventories. She said Jill "was as excited to find a beautiful pot as she was to sort through dozens of small plastic envelopes to find

"turkey poop", recognizing the importance of this last item for its DNA value. Always enthusiastic about getting the work done, she gladly put in whatever time was required."

Park staff member Jennifer Beaudoin also speaks fondly of Jill. "I worked side by side with Jill for the many years she volunteered in the Park. She had such an amazing personality and absolutely loved talking to the visitors. She was not only a HUGE part of my work family but also of my personal life. She was like a mother to me; she watched my daughter grow up."

Due to Covid 19, Jill's last official day at the Park was March 6th, 2020, but, not wishing to shirk her responsibilities, Jill took curation tags home with her to work on during the pandemic. Unfortunately, Jill was never able to give the tags back herself so, after her death in 2022, George arranged for the tags to be returned.

Even her passing couldn't keep Jill from supporting Mesa Verde. In November 2022, the Mesa Verde Foundation received a bequest from her estate. At her family's request to "use the gift and not put it under a rock", we immediately put some of it to work by providing funding to support emergency stabilization at Step House for visitor access and safety and to rehabilitate and re-route the Fewkes Canyon Trail for resource protection and public safety. The Mesa Verde Foundation looks forward to using the rest of Jill's gift to continue to support her wish to "do good for the Park".

We are grateful to Jill for her fifteen years of volunteer service to Mesa Verde National Park and for her gift to the Mesa Verde Foundation. Her dedication to the Park has made, and will continue to make, a difference for years to come. Jill's legacy continues. Thank you, Jill!

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities at Mesa Verde please visit <https://www.nps.gov/meve/getinvolved/volunteer.htm>.

If you would like to speak to someone about leaving a Legacy Gift to the Mesa Verde Foundation, please contact our Executive Director at 303-321-3120 or by email at shannon@mesaverdefoundation.org.

Join us in congratulating Mesa Verde National Park retirees

Gary Ethridge, Archeologist and Stabilization Crew Lead, retired in June 2022 after 20 years of government service. He spent his entire Park Service career at Mesa Verde, starting in the 1990's when he was hired to conduct archeological survey and site preservation treatments after the Chapin 5 Fire. In 2000, Gary joined Mesa Verde's Archeological Sites Conservation Program, funded by Save America's Treasures, where he conducted architectural documentation. Gary is a renaissance man who mentored the next generation of stabilization specialists with his encyclopedic knowledge of Ancestral Pueblo archeology, preservation art and science, and ancient construction techniques, as well as a good dose of dry humor.

Dewey Higley, Fleet and Project Manager, retired in October 2022 after working all 35 years of his National Park Service Career at Mesa Verde National Park. Dewey served in many roles during his long career: Law Enforcement Ranger, Dispatcher, Wildland Fire Fighter, Concessions Specialist, Interpretation Ranger, and Fleet and Project Manager. Very few employees have supported the Park mission in so many different ways. Dewey and his family plan to stay in the Dolores, CO, area. You may find him fishing the local streams with his own hand-tied flies. Look for his signature black cowboy hat.

Neill Smith, Stabilization Crew Mason, retired in November 2022 after 38 years of government service. (That is not a typo!) Neill worked at Saguaro National Park, Tuzigoot National Monument, and Tonto National Monument before landing at Mesa Verde in 2000. One of his proudest accomplishments was being part of the preservation crew at Square Tower House in 2017, where he helped build the scaffolding around the tower and repaired masonry. Neill respected the craftsmanship of the stone buildings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and spent his last summer at Mesa Verde repairing the historic CCC buildings that he appreciated so much.

**Congratulations Gary, Dewey and Neill!
Thank you for your service to Mesa Verde
National Park!**

Welcome New Mesa Verde Foundation Board Members

The Mesa Verde Foundation is delighted to welcome four new members to its Board of Directors: Ken Cole, Bob Coombe, Shelby Settles Harper and Mark Stevens. Brief biographies are below and can also be found on the MVF website.



Ken Cole retired in 2018, after a 45-year career in public policy and regulatory affairs. From 2010 to 2018, he was Senior Vice President of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs for Pfizer Inc., based in

Washington DC. Prior to joining Pfizer, he served as Vice President of Global Public Policy at General Motors for a decade. Previously, he was Vice President of Global Public Policy and Government Relations at AlliedSignal, and then, Honeywell, for 22 years. Ken began his career at Amoco, as Regional Vice President, Public and Government Affairs in Denver. He has chaired numerous industry trade associations and charitable organizations. He and his wife Elaine live in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He currently serves as Board Chair of the School of Advanced Research (SAR). His first visit to Mesa Verde National Park at the age of ten sparked a life-long passion for the American West and the study and exploration of Native American culture.



Shelby Settles Harper is a Senior Policy Advisor with the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in the Department of Homeland Security. She's a graduate of Fort Lewis College and the University of Colorado School of Law and a citizen of the Caddo Nation of

Oklahoma. Her interests include fiction writing, attending her kids' sports events, and being outdoors. She lives with her family in the Washington DC metro area. Shelby is proudly from Muskogee, Oklahoma.



Robert Coombe is Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Denver where he served as a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for many years. He also served as Chair of that department; Dean of Natural Sciences, Mathematics

and Engineering; Provost; and, for the final nine years of his tenure at DU, Chancellor of the University. He has served on the boards of several nonprofits and community organizations. Bob holds a bachelor's degree from Williams College and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. A physical chemist, his career in research spanned more than 30 years. He is the author or co-author of numerous peer-reviewed publications in science journals and books. Bob and his wife Julanna live in Santa Fe, where their lives are filled with community service, music and the arts, and the outdoors.



Mark Stevens was raised in Lincoln, Massachusetts as the son of two librarians. He has worked as a reporter, a national television news producer, and in public relations. His reporter stops included *The Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain*

News, and *The Christian Science Monitor*. He also produced television news for *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*. Following journalism, Stevens worked as director of communications for Denver Public Schools, Greeley-Evans School District 6, and the Colorado Department of Education. Since 2011, Stevens has owned and run his own communications firm, helping a variety of nonprofits and education-related organizations with their communications needs. Mark and his wife Jody Chapel live in Mancos, a few miles from the entrance to Mesa Verde National Park.

Fellows and Friends: Our Champions

Mesa Verde Foundation Fellows and Friends are the champions of our organization. They provide critical financial support to promote understanding and appreciation of Mesa Verde National Park. They help us meet our mission of funding capital improvements, special projects and educational endeavors for the Park's cultural and natural resources. Their annual commitments are essential in promoting, preserving and protecting the incredible treasures of the Park.

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Cliff Palace Fellow \$5,000 - \$9,999: three sets of eight unique 5x7 folded notecards by photographer Todd Bacon, and one annual America the Beautiful Pass to all National Parks.

Mesa Verde Society \$10,000 and Up: four sets of eight unique 5x7 folded notecards by photographer Todd Bacon, one annual America the Beautiful Pass to all National Parks, complimentary behind-the-scenes tours/programs at Mesa Verde National Park and other venues, and special, one-on-one tours/receptions with Park Superintendent and other Park personnel or archaeologists.

If you are interested in setting up a monthly or quarterly contribution to the Mesa Verde Foundation at one of our Fellow levels, start by going to www.coloradogives.org. Once on the homepage, select "Donate" and then "Find A Nonprofit". Enter "Mesa Verde" in the search box, and click on the "Donate" button under Mesa Verde Foundation. Mark the "Other" option. At that point, you can customize your giving amount, frequency, start date, and much more. (Just like other sites, you'll need to create an account at Checkout.) Thank you for your sustained support of the programs and initiatives of the Mesa Verde Foundation!

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