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Author, Architect Vince Lee to Speak About Old World Megalithic Architecture

CORTEZ, CO (September 7, 2011)—On September 16, 2011, architect and author Vince Lee will present “Romancing the Stones, Back When Size Mattered” as part of the Four Corners Lecture Series. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and is free and open to the public.

In his presentation, Lee will review the history of Old World megalithic architecture from its apparent beginnings in Turkey almost 12,000 years ago through its spectacular culmination at Roman Baalbek in the third century A.D. Lee will focus on Baalbek, a little-known but astounding complex in Lebanon’s Bekka Valley. The site is notable not only for its colossal architecture containing the largest cut stones ever hewn by man, but for the mysteries surrounding how, why, when, and by whom portions of the structures were built. Baalbek is a true “megalithic mystery.”

An architect in Cortez, CO, Vince Lee has devoted the past 21 field seasons to exploring, mapping and documenting numerous archaeological sites in remote areas of the eastern Sierras of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. He is the author of an ongoing series of books, monographs and studies in Andean archaeology. Especially interested in pre-Hispanic architecture, he has conducted various design studies and experiments in megalithic construction. His current work is on megalithic architecture from Peru to Baalbek.

Organized by a consortium of area organizations, the Four Corners Lecture Series features presentations by guest speakers from around the Southwest. This year’s theme is “Gifts from the Ancestors.” All lectures are free. The location of the lectures rotates among the sponsoring organizations.

This year’s sponsors are the Anasazi Heritage Center, ARAMARK, the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Archaeological Society – Hisatsinom Chapter, the Cortez Cultural Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, KSJD, Mesa Verde National Park, the Mesa Verde Institute, the Mesa Verde Museum Association, and the Office of the President and Department of Anthropology – Fort Lewis College.

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