



# NEWSLETTER

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### March Meeting

- When:** April 10, 2013
- Where:** DSC, Udvar Hazy Bldg, Room 220 (Note the new room)
- Why:** To hear **Benn Pikyavit** talk on “Introduction to Paiute 101”. The old ones always told us that we were here forever. The People have endured the changes throughout time but continue to remain the same, different time, different place, same Earth.

### Web Site

The Dixie Archaeology Society web site ([www.dixierockart.webs.com](http://www.dixierockart.webs.com)) is up and running. Please consider signing up as a site member. Site members should receive email updates whenever anything on the site is updated.

Please post your comments on the blog that is part of the site. This site is for you, the members. We'd like to hear what you think.

# Field Trip Report

The March field trip was to the Santa Clara Historical Museum and then to Santa Clara Canyon.

The Santa Clara Historical Museum is located in the Santa Clara City hall building. The feature of the museum is a display of Anasazi Pottery that was found by Santa Clara residents and archaeologists during a 1960 dig at a Santa Clara site. This visit was organized by Susie Nilsson who was responsible for gathering the artifacts in the pre-history portion of the museum.



Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Santa%20Clara%20Historical%20Museum.pdf> to see more photos from the museum.

Santa Clara Canyon is a section of land that is managed by the BLM and the cities of Santa Clara and Ivins as the Santa Clara River Reserve. The petroglyphs are along the river at both trail level and high on the canyon walls. The canyon is noted for the large number of “necklace” petroglyphs. This motif is rare with Santa Clara having the highest concentration of this motif. As the canyon widens there was a large habitation site with additional petroglyphs. Interestingly the glyphs in the canyon are very different than the glyphs on the rim of the canyon at Anasazi Ridge, even though they are in close proximity to each other. This field trip was lead by Boma.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20to%20Santa%20Clara%20Canyon%20-%20March%202013.pdf> to see more photos from Santa Clara Canyon.





# Field Trip Info

The April 20th field trip will be to Rosie Canyon. This will be an all day trip. The scrambling to see the glyphs will be difficult and there will be some hiking involved. Short wheel based four wheel drive vehicles are required because part of the trip will be over sand. Bring a lunch and plenty of water..

**Remember, you must be a member of DAS to participate in a field trip. You must be at the meeting in order to sign up for a field trip.**

## Meeting Report

The March meeting had Al Matheson talk about “Petroglyphs along the Old Spanish Trail”. Al began his talk with a discussion about the Old Spanish Trail that ran from Santa Fe New Mexico to Los Angeles California. Al explained the reasons that the route was needed and explained the routes various expeditions took. Iron County and the St. George area play prominently in this story of opening up the west for commercial use.



Al Matheson

Al then showed a large number of photos from along the trail and of petroglyphs that can be found along the trail. The majority of Al's photos were from Iron County.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Petroglyphs%20Along%20the%20Old%20Spanish%20Trail.pdf> to learn more about the Old Spanish Trail.

## Thanks

Thanks to Al Matheson for giving the March lecture. Thanks also to Susie Nilsson for taking us to the Santa Clara Historical Museum and to Boma Johnson for leading the hike to Santa Clara Canyon.

## Final Thought

The attached table shows the DAS membership for the years 2007 through the present. The membership has steadily increased to a record number of members this year. This affirms that we are going in the right direction with our approach to archaeology and rock art – that is stressing preservation through education. I want to thank everyone for their continued support for DAS and our programs. Please contact me or any of the board with any ideas you may have that could improve your organization.

### DAS Membership Statistics

Year	Members	Households
2013	95	62 through March 29th
2012	92	62
2011	88	59
2010	64	43
2009	72	44
2008	83	53
2007	73	49

The increased interest is also shown by the number of “hits” on your website. They have been averaging about 10 hits per day for the last two months. There has also been increased member participation on the site – posting of rock art photos, participation in the forums etc. Please keep this up. The site is for all members. Keep posting items that may be of interest to all of the membership.

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