



NEWSLETTER

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October Meeting

When: October 8, 2014

Where: DSU, Udvar-Hazy Bldg., Room 220

Why: Dennis Wignall of DSU will speak on "Snake Gulch Petroglyphs and Pictographs"

Web Site

The Dixie Archaeology Society web site (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. Please add your archaeology related photos to the photo blog. This site is for you, the members. We'd like to hear what you think.

Field Trip Report

The September field trip was a brief tour of some sites in St. George. The group toured the Bloomington Petroglyph Park, the Tonaquint site, the No. 13 site and the Maverick site. While these sites are within easy reach of everyone, most of the group has not seen them and one person who has lived in St. George for a very long time did not know of one of the site. This makes trips like this rewarding for the leaders and the experienced people – the ability to share your knowledge with others.



The September field trip group. Sandra was the photographer.



The Bloomington Petroglyph Park site.



The Tonaquint site. This site is thought to be a solstice marker. Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Tonaquint%20Terrace%20Glyphs%20April%203%20from%20Karen%20v2.1,%202013.pdf> to see more about the solar interactions at the site.



The Tonaquint site is still a sacred place. This piece of gypsum crystal was found on a ledge near the petroglyphs.



The No. 13 site.



The Maverick site noted for the large number of “necklace” style glyphs.

For more images from these sites, go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Tour%20of%20St%20George.pdf>.

Field Trip Info

The October 18th field trip will be to Indian Canyon near Coral Pink Sand Dunes and Kanab. This trip requires a fairly strenuous hike / climb to see the pictographs. It also requires a four-wheel drive vehicle with a short wheelbase. We will be going on a RTV trail that is generally filled with sand. This will be an all day trip – bring lunch, a snack and plenty of water. The archaeology is worth the trip.

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

Roland Maldonado, the Cultural Preservation Director for the Kaibab Paiutes talked about the “Native Perspective of Rock Writing”.



Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Native%20Perspective%20in%20Rock%20Writing.pdf> for a summary of the important points in his presentation.

It's Time for Class

It's time to sign up for Boma and Kat's Rock Art Class!

Archaeology & Rock Art of the St. George Area

We live in an archaeologically rich area that was home to many different Native American cultures. What were these ancient people like? Why did they leave, and where did they go? This class will examine St. George and nearby areas for the fascinating traces of Archaic Culture, Patayan, Fremont, Virgin Anasazi & Paiute peoples. We will discuss how these cultures were alike, and how they

were different. We've been doing our homework, and have many new finds and some great surprises for you! We have a variety of all new or updated media, including PowerPoint Presentation Lectures and Videos. Class handouts will now be delivered by email. Classes are FUN as well as informative.

October 20 to December 8, 2014

Register at ce.dixie.edu.

URARA Symposium

Mark your calendars! The 2014 annual URARA Symposium will be held in Kanab UT on October 10-13, 2014.

Go to <http://www.utahrockart.org> for information.

Thanks

Thanks to Roland Maldonado for giving the September lecture. Thanks to Sandra Sandberg and Linda and Lou Scheideman for supplying pictures from the field trip.

Final Thought

Wow – the most of September just flew by. October promises to be just as busy. The annual URARA meeting is in Kanab with its lectures and many field trips. DAS has its lecture and field trip to Indian Canyon. Plus the ideal weather and fall colors for hiking should make October great for DAS members.

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