



DAS Meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7 p.m.

Susan Crook, Land Program Manager and SUNCLF Director for Conserve Southwest Utah, will present.

Conserve Southwest Utah and the BLM St. George Field Office co-manage a Site Stewardship program to monitor and protect cultural sites throughout Washington County. Despite our best efforts, overuse, carelessness, vandalism, graffiti, looting and cattle continue to degrade many sites and diminish the experience of respectful visitors. But there is hope! Some especially vulnerable sites are being fenced. A conservationist will be restoring some of the damaged rock writing panels this April. Find out more about these efforts at this presentation.

Susan Crook oversees advocacy and education on public lands issues under the direction of the Conserve Southwest Utah Board. She plans and directs SUNCLF (Southwest Utah National Conservation Lands Friends) volunteer activities in coordination with National Conservation Area staff at the BLM St. George Field Office. The SUNCLF friends group is funded, in part, by a Cooperative Agreement with BLM.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7 p.m.
Udvar-Hazy Building on the Dixie State University Campus
Room 121 (Boeing Auditorium)

Field Trip to Little Creek Mesa

Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9 a.m.

led by Boma Johnson, archaeologist

Meeting area: Lin's grocery store, Hurricane, near roadside, not front of store. Lin's address is 1120 W. State Street (Hwy 9), Hurricane.

Special requirements: This field trip requires four-wheel drive vehicles because of sand and slick rock sandstone. Weather will be a factor. The trip will be cancelled if there is rain or snow 2-3 days before or on Saturday.

Wear good hiking shoes and warm clothing. The elevation is at nearly 5,000 feet. Bring water and snacks and/or lunch. The walking is about 2 miles round trip. The total time including driving should be 4-5 hours.

The hike will be led by Boma Johnson, archaeologist. He adds his knowledge and experiences to the trip. The area has numerous sites including individual pit houses and rock art. The rock art is unique in design and is located on flat sandstones on the ground instead of vertical rock wall faces. The site was occupied as late as 1125 to 1175. This was the last refuge from the droughts in the 1100's.

To sign up: You may sign up at the meeting or preregister for the field trip. To preregister, send name, email, and phone number to: spencercarola@yahoo.com

Because of the club's insurance policy, only paid-up members and no other friends or family members are allowed.

Early Announcement of April Two-Day Field Trip, April 21-22, 2018

Jeff Allen will lead a two-day field trip to the Alamo, Nevada region to see four important petroglyph sites. Saturday's field trip will be to The Gathering and the Shooting Gallery. Both are extensive sites. The Gathering has a variety of styles including patterned body anthropomorphs and a variety of zoomorphs. The location near the edge of a dry lake indicates that it has been used for important purposes over a long period of time, Sunday's field trip is to Mt Irish with its classic Pahrnagat style anthropomorphs and to White River Narrows with a half dozen sites including extensive archaic, ancestral puebloan, and Fremont-style petroglyphs.

Alamo is about a three-hour drive from St George, so an overnight stay will be necessary (or you can attend only the Saturday field trip if you wish).

Alamo is a small town but there are variety of motels, a couple of restaurants, a gas station, and a grocery store with take-out food. Camping is available at the nearby wildlife refuge (no reservations).

More information will be provided in the April DAS newsletter including sign-up procedures.

DAS Memberships Due

Please renew your dues for 2018 if you have not done so already. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. This cost includes the monthly meetings and the field trips. You can find the form on our website, <http://dixierockart.com> or you can pick up the application form at the meeting. Please make your check payable to DAS. Forms and checks can be mailed to:

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