

# NEWSLETTER



# OCTOBER 2013 DIXIE ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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### October Meeting

**When:** October 9, 2013

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

Why: Boma and Kat Johnson will talk about "A Duck Story in Rock Art"

## **Web Site**

The Dixie Archaeology Society web site (<u>www.dixierockart.webs.com</u>) 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

A large contingent of DAS members, under the expert leadership of Debi and Wade Norton visited Petroglyph Canyon in Zion National Park and Angel Canyon near Kanab.

#### **Petroglyph Canyon**



The parking lot was full



At the site



Getting ready to walk back to the trailhead

### **Angel Canyon**



Lunch at Angel Canyon



Some faux pictographs at the lunch alcove



Entering the cave with the underground lake



Faux pictographs at the cave entrance



Mark playing in the cave – very haunting



The group looking at the ruins in the habitation alcove



The short hike to the petroglyphs



Someone had to take pictures – thanks Dave



A habitation site in another alcove



Some ambitious members had to climb up to take a look – this was just the start of the climb

#### Go to

http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Petroglyph%20Canyon.pdf to see photos of the petroglyphs from Petroglyph Canyon.

Go to <a href="http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Angel%20Canyon.pdf">http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Angel%20Canyon.pdf</a> to see photos of the ruins and petroglyphs in Angel Canyon.

Go to <a href="http://dixierockart.webs.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=15115611">http://dixierockart.webs.com/apps/photos/album?albumid=15115611</a> to see Wade's photos from the trip.

Go to <a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/wnorton/sets/72157635036485982/">http://www.flickr.com/photos/wnorton/sets/72157635036485982/</a> to see more of Wade's pictures of the sites that we visited on this trip.

# Field Trip Info

The October 19<sup>th</sup> field trip will be to Sloan Canyon, south of Las Vegas. This will be an all day trip. High Clearance vehicles are required. The hike will be between 2 and 3 miles each way. Bring water and a lunch. This trip will be lead by BLM rangers. **Participation will be limited to the first 17 people to sign up.** 

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 September speaker was Nancy Hall who talked about "The Gold Butte National Conservation Area and the Friends of Gold Butte". Nancy is the Executive Director of the Friends of Gold Butte.

The Gold Butte National Conservation Area is south of Mesquite Nevada and is generally bounded by the Virgin River on the West, the Colorado River on the South and the Parashant National Monument on the east. It consists of 350,000 acres that are managed by the BLM. This area contains numerous archaeological sites including petroglyphs as well as historical sites and wilderness areas which provide recreation for the general public.

The Friends of Gold Butte is an independent organization designed to assist the BLM in promoting and protecting the Gold Butte area. Go to <a href="http://www.friendsofgoldbutte.org">http://www.friendsofgoldbutte.org</a> for more information about this organization.

Nancy discussed a new piece of bending legislation that would further protect the Gold Butte area – "The Gold Butte National Conservation Wilderness Act", that is currently before the Congress in the form of HR 2276 and S1054. This legislation was introduced in May of 2013 and provides for:

- Permanent protection from development
- Creation of 100,000 acres of "Wilderness" area
- 500 miles of designated routes
- A visitor center in Mesquite that would house the management of Gold Butte and the Parashant National Monument

### Its Class Time

It's time to register for Kat and Boma's rock art class. This year class will be held at DSU.

ANCIENT ROCK ART SYMBOLS PART III:

MORE STORIES!



PRESENTED BY

#### Boma Johnson, Archaeologist



#### **Community Education Department**

**DAY: MONDAY** 

**DATES:** Oct 21st to Dec 9th, 2013

TIME: 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

PLACE: DSC, NORTH PLAZA, ROOM 150

COST: \$44 per person (Cost set by DSC)

PHONE: 435-652-7675 Easiest way to register is by phone.

Join us for further explorations of the world of ancient Native American Rock Art. Emphasis will be on important legends and stories, and how they are recorded in rock art, so that they will be remembered. Come learn the symbols for the most important ones: the stories of Creation and the Creator, Emergence, Migration and The Great Journey. It's time to learn how to put together your knowledge of symbols with the background of Native American culture, for better understanding of how the Ancient Ones lived and thought. See some great rock art story panels, and learn who made them.....and why. Explore the expression of creation myths from different Native American societies. Learn how ceremonies, music and dance help to tell the stories!

The class will be presented with a wide variety of BRAND NEW media, from PowerPoint lectures, to videos and DVDs. Questions are encouraged- our classes are FUN as well as informative. Our previous classes are NOT a prerequisite- you do not have to have taken Symbols Part I to understand what is going on. If you have taken one of our classes beforedon't worry- you won't be bored! Each class is different. We just keep going and going and going, like Ever-Ready Bunnies!

For more info, go to: www.petroglyph.info

### There are only a few seats left!!!

### Outside Lectures

The Zion Canyon Field Institute lecture series have scheduled a number of lectures that should be of interest to DAS members.

- Oct 28 Craig Childs (in partnership with Z-Arts!) (Springdale Community Center)
- Nov 7 Polly Schaafsma (Zion Lodge in the park)



Thanks to Debi and Wade Norton for organizing the September field trip and to Nancy Hall for the September lecture.

### Final Thought

It was great to see so many people at our first meeting and first field trip of the season. It was also good to see so many "new" people at both events. Our membership should be nearing 100 people. This shows that the community does care about the cultural resources of the area and wants to learn more about them. DAS and other organizations are doing their part to get the "word out" about these resources. It is now the responsibility of our members to explain to their friends about the archaeology and rock art of the area and to tell them of the importance of preserving these irreplaceable treasures. If we do this, we will fulfill the main objective of DAS – preserving archaeological sites through education.

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