



NEWSLETTER

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April Meeting

- When:** April 8, 2015
Where: DSU, Udvar-Hazy Bldg., Room 121 – NEW ROOM
Why: Virgil Baston will talk about the Big Horn Medicine Wheel

Dues are Due

The 2015 DAS dues are due. They are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a couple. These amounts are unchanged from 2014.

Please fill out the membership form

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Membership%20Information/1.%20Release%20of%20liabilityForm-DSA%20%202015.pdf> and either bring it along with your payment to the January meeting or mail it to

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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 March field trip was to the Gold Butte area of southern Nevada. The sites visited were Mud wash, Kirk's Grotto and Babe's Butte.



Mud Wash panel



Preparing to hike to Kirk's Grotto – in the background



Inside Kirk's Grotto



Kirk's Grotto – "It's all about rain"



What “monster” stories they must have had



Newspaper rock at Kirk’s grotto



Burden Baskets on the way to Babes Butte



“Don’t Mess with Texas”, “Deep in the Heart of Texas” or “Yellow Rose of Texas” or maybe they’re just moving to Texas at Babes Butte



Babes Butte



"This is the End" at Babes Butte



Thanks Jeff!

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Mud%20Wash,%20Kirks%20Gratto%20and%20Babes%20Butte%20Field%20Trip.pdf> for more information about these sites.

Field Trip Info

The April 18th field trip will be to Paiute Cave and Nampawep on the Arizona Strip. This will be a very long, all day trip with over 100 miles of dirt roads. The hikes are short – less than 1 mile one way, but there will be scrambling over lava rock, especially at Paiute Cave. Bring plenty of water plus a lunch and snacks. High clearance vehicles are required.

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



Molly Fierer-Donaldson

Dr. Molly Fierer-Donaldson, curator of the Lost City Museum in Overton Nevada presented her work on the Mayan Ruins in Copan Honduras.

Molly worked in Copan from 2003 to 2009 while doing graduate work at Harvard University. While in Copan, Molly led a team in excavating the tomb of the 3rd or 4th Mayan ruler of Copan.

Molly's lecture described her experiences in Copan and the artifacts unearthed from the tomb.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/A%20Royal%20Tomb%20from%20Early%20Classic%20Copan.pdf> for details of Molly's talk.

Thanks

Thanks to Molly Fierer-Donaldson for giving the March lecture. Thanks to Kat and Boma for recommending her to us.

Thanks to Jeff Allen and Barbara Bergman for leading the field trip to Gold Butte.

Final Thought

I attended a flute concert last evening and the performer ended the concert with a song entitled "Gratitude". I always try to thank the people who helped during the prior month because their help makes my job easy. This month I want to thank all of you for being part of DAS and of my life.

In addition to DAS, I am involved with the Southern Utah Art Guild, the Dixie Watercolor Society and the Zion Flute Circle. Through these organizations I have met so many people who have become friends of Joan and myself. Involvement in organizations like DAS allows you to be with people who have common interests. I have seen so many people join these organizations as a stranger and in time become good friends with the other members. It happened to us.

Yes, we can talk about rock art and visit sites. But what is important is the social interaction that happens when we come to meetings or go on field trips. This is where the friendships are formed.

I am grateful that we joined DAS so many years ago and I am grateful that you allow me to continue to be your DAS president.

The weather in Southern Utah is beautiful - go enjoy the out of doors. Be careful and "leave no trace"

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John Mangels