



# NEWSLETTER

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### March Meeting

**When:** March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

**Where:** DSC  
Udvar-Hazy Bldg.  
Room 203

**Why:** Marian Jacklin, Heritage Program Manager, Dixie National Forest, will talk about “Archaeology of the High Country Dixie National Forest”. The talk will discuss and show slides of the High Altitude sites of the Forest from Paleo Indian through Historic sites.

### 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 field trip to the Bear Clan site and Little Black Mountain was cancelled due to bad weather. The trip will be rescheduled for some time later in the year.

You can see selected photos of Little Black Mountain in the "Photo Gallery" section of the web site.

## Field Trip Info

The March field trip will be to Fort Pierce Wash and the Red Man site. This field trip will visit 2-3 sites in the Fort Pierce Wash as well as the Red Man site, also in the wash. The total hike will be about 5 miles round trip, with scrambling up talus slopes at least 2 or 3 times. This hike is rated 4 or 5 out five because of the length and the scrambling. 4WD vehicles are required because we will have to through about 3-400 yards of very deep sand to reach Fort Pierce. Time and energy permitting, we also will visit a "drive up" site about 1 mile past Fort Pierce.

The field trip date is March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all day hike. Bring food for lunch and lots of water as warmer weather should be here.

**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

**Amber Van Alfen**, archaeologist and resource manager at Pipe Springs National Monument, talked about the “**Rock Art of Southwest Utah**”.



Her talk discussed:

- The methods that archeologists use to record, illustrate and photograph rock art sites.
- The theory, methods and issues of dating rock art.
- Preservation techniques and strategies for rock art sites.

Rock art sites are popular places for public visitation. The archeologists or cultural resource managers of public lands are tasked with balancing visitation while providing the necessary protection to preserve these unique and special resources.

I believe the key points from Amber’s presentation are:

- The various government agencies wants to keep rock art sites open to the public, but with protections in place.
- The roll of DAS is one of education, explaining the cultural significance of rock art and its importance to both Native Americans but to the population in general.
- DAS members can be help by participating in the various site steward programs sponsored by the various land management organizations in the area.

A detailed summary of her talk can be found in the “Technical Presentations” section of the web site.

## Thanks

Thanks to Amber Van Alfen for her presentation. Make sure to take advantage of the great cultural resource located at the Pipe Spring National Monument. Here you will find everything from Anasazi to historical and from Native American to pioneer – something for every taste – and it's only about 1 ½ hours from St. George.

Thanks to all the new members for joining the club. It's great to have you as part of our group. I hope you experience with the club will be as good as it was for me when Joan and I first joined. I encourage you to participate by going to our meetings and on our field trips and especially to volunteer your ideas. Your participation will make the club better for everyone.

## Final Thought

The weather around St. George in the winter can be truly frustrating. Three of the last four scheduled field trips have been cancelled due to poor weather. However, we need the rain and the rain promises a great wild flower season. Whether the weather is good or bad, the St. George area is still one of the most scenic in the country if not the world. With March approaching, I'm sure the remainder of the trips will have excellent conditions.

Thanks to all the people who continue to sign up for the field trips. It's great to visit the various sites, but it's even better when you can go with a group of friends.

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