



# NEWSLETTER

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### February Meeting

- When:** February 10, 2016  
**Where:** DSU, Udvar Hazy Building, Room 121, 7 PM  
**Why:** Jody J. Patterson, Ph. D., Principal Investigator, Montgomery Archaeological Consultants will present **"A Tale of Two Canyons: How Ancient Native American Sites Have Entered Into Activist and Extremist Ideologies and Why That's a Really Bad Thing"**

Here is an abstract of his talk:

"Recapture Canyon, located just east of Blanding, Utah, houses hundreds of archaeological sites spanning several millennia of prehistoric and historic occupation. Pueblos, granaries, small cliff dwellings, and rock art are close to several easily accessible routes into and within the canyon. The spectacular cultural resources of the canyon have made it a popular attraction for locals' and visitors' recreational use for many years with very few problems. However, when unauthorized trail improvements were made and motorized access to the canyon closed indefinitely, Recapture Canyon became a symbol for various interest groups with land use ideologies at opposite ends of the political spectrum. This presentation examines the implications of using cultural resources as leverage in the larger land management debate and compare how similar processes resulted in very different outcomes for Recapture and Nine Mile canyons."

## 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. 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.

## Dues are Due

The 2016 dues are due. They are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. Please fill out the attached membership form – remember each person must sign the form. Bring the form and your dues to a monthly meeting or mail them to

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The dues are the primary way that DAS has to raise funds for our operations that include room rent, liability insurance, speaker honorariums, and social events.

The DAS membership is required to participate in field trips, social events and a monthly lecture by experts on an archaeological topic of interest.

## Field Trip Report

There was no field trip in January due to poor road conditions leading to our target sites.

## Field Trip Info

The February 20th field trip will be to Diamond Valley and to Central. This will be a whole-day trip. We will visit 3 sites in Diamond Valley – 2 of them are short hikes on

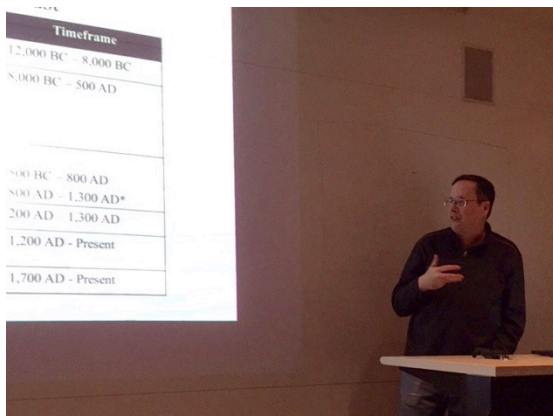
level ground. One site requires scrambling up about a 50-foot slope. The site in Central likely will require some scrambling. The total trip will require less than 4 miles of hiking. High clearance vehicles are recommended. Bring a lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Dress warmly – Central is about 5500 feet elevation.

**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

Troy Scotter of the Utah Rock Art research Association (URARA) presented the January lecture on “The Rock Art of Utah”.

Troy summarized the peoples who have populated Utah over time. He then discussed some styles of rock art that are prevalent in Utah and showed examples from a variety of public sites



Troy Scotter



Chris addressing the January meeting.

Troy provided a “Guide to Public Rock Art Sites in Utah”

(<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Public%20Rock%20Art%20In%20Utah%20v3a.pdf>) that can easily be visited.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/The%20Rock%20Art%20of%20Utah.pdf> for a summary of Troy’s talk.

# Thanks

Thanks to Troy for presenting the January lecture.

Thanks to Judy Buchan for volunteering to join the DAS board. Judy has an accounting background and will be helping with our “treasury” duties.

# Final Thought

I will be creating a Facebook page for DAS. This will help get our message out to the public with your help. I will be sending out an email when this project is complete. Make sure you “like” the page and promote it to your Facebook friends.

The February should be really exciting. The speaker, Jody Patterson, will talk about Recapture Canyon and the political intrigue that has gone on and is still ongoing with this beautiful place. This is a timely topic that is in the news – Jody will help us understand and bring clarity to this “hot button” issue. I’m looking forward to this talk.

Please renew your DAS membership – this is the primary method for DAS to obtain the funds needed to bring you the programs that are of interest to you. Please let the board know what you want to hear and see and do – we’ll do our best to make it happen.

Finally, this is good hiking weather. Be careful out there and remember - “Leave No Trace”.

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John Mangels



**Dixie Archaeology Society  
(DAS)  
RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
Year 2016**

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I, the undersigned, participant(s) agree to abide by all rules and directions established by Dixie Archaeology Society (DAS), regarding all activities, tours, field trips, meetings etc. I do freely and voluntarily agree to release, save, hold harmless, and indemnify DAS from any and all claims of loss, injury or damage, suit action, demand, fine, judgment of decree and any expense thereof, including a reasonable attorney's fee, that may happen or occur to me as a result of or consequence of having attended and/or participated in any DAS meetings or activities. This release includes all representatives of said organization and/or sponsor(s), including the policy that only paid-up members who sign the Release of Liability form are allowed to participate in Field Trips and Activities. The undersigned named participant(s) agrees to bear the total cost of damages and fines resulting from his/her/their actions, thereby releasing Dixie Archaeology Society and its representatives from any liability whatsoever.

I understand that during my participation in the Dixie Archaeology Society outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each outing and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (Injuries and Damages) from exposure to the hazards of travel: the Dixie Archaeology Society has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence because of other reasons. I understand those risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Dixie Archaeology Society outings and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

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