



NEWSLETTER

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DIXIE ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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January Meeting

When: January 9, 2013

Where: DSC, Udvar Hazy Bldg, Room 220 (Note the new room)

Why: To hear our speaker, **Samantha Kirkley**, Senior Archaeologist with William Self Associates from Cedar City

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. This site is for you, the members. We'd like to hear what you think.

Dues are Due

Dues for 2013 are due beginning in January. The dues for 2013 remain unchanged from 2012. They are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a couple.

These dues enable us to pay rent for our meeting room, obtain liability insurance, maintain our website, and host a summer picnic and winter holiday party as well as other miscellaneous expenses.

Opening on the Board

We have an opening on the DAS board for anyone looking to become involved with the club's operation. This is an excellent opportunity serve you DAS colleagues and to provide valuable input toward future DAS activities.

Please contact me, or any other board member, to express your interest. We will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Field Trip Report

The December field trip to Santa Clara Canyon was cancelled due to rain for the second straight year. This trip will be rescheduled again this year when the weather will be more likely to cooperate.

Field Trip Info

The January 19th field trip will be to various sites along Gunlock Road. Many of the sites are "drive up" sites with only one requiring a moderate hike. Normal vehicles can be used. This is anticipated to be a ½ day trip.

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 Holiday Party was again a great success, with nearly 50 people attending. The food was outstanding, the entertainment wonderful and the visit by Santa was great. We even had a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny who wanted to get in on the fun. Door prizes were supplied by DAS and many of our members.



Bob & Chris



You've been Very Naughty



They've been Nice

The party was going very well and then...

The invasion of the Chocolate Mice (courtesy of Ken Rutherford).



...And they were good!!!

New Project- An Update

Billy Wilkin is a documentary film maker who has produced films for DOCUTAH such as "From Depression to Destiny" a film about the CCC. He is currently planning to produce a film about rock art vandalism. He hopes that this film will help educate the public about the importance of rock art and the damage that vandalism can and is causing to this important cultural resource. He has approached Feather who has in turn approached DAS for help in providing him with information about various aspects of rock art.

The DAS board fully supports this project and has directed Billy to various individuals who can supply Billy with the information that he needs. If you want to participate in this project, contact Billy@SillyBillyMedia.com.

This is a unique opportunity for DAS to fulfill one of our primary goals – helping to preserve rock art through education. I hope everyone helps Billy in any way possible.

There was no report on the progress of Billy’s video in the last month.

It's Class Time

NATIVE AMERICAN ROCK ART SYMBOLS PART II

THE STORIES



PRESENTED BY

Boma Johnson, Archaeologist



Community Education Department

DAY: MONDAY

DATES: Jan 28 to March 18, 2013

TIME: 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

PLACE: SUN RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER

(Fast & Easy To Reach From St George- Take Exit 2 From I-15)

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 Native American Rock Art, with emphasis this time on specific rules and tips for correct interpretation of these fascinating symbols and how the Ancient Native Americans used them as written communication for specific purposes. You will 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. Laugh at the "10 Dumbest Things You've Ever Heard About Rock Art"! We will cover the function of myth in society as proposed by Joseph Campbell, and discuss how this relates to Native American stories.

The class will be presented with a wide variety of BRAND NEW media formats, from PowerPoint lectures, to videos and DVDs. Group discussions and 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 before- don't worry- you won't be bored!

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

STUDENTS SHOULD REGISTER BEFORE CLASS BEGINS

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who made the annual Holiday party a great success. Thanks especially to Santa Ron and Mel the Rabbit. Thanks to the club members who contributed door prizes.

Thanks to Keith Rhea for his service on the board.

Final Thought

What a great year! We had a number of great speakers, and interesting field trips.

But more importantly we helped the American Rock Art Research Association host their 2012 Annual Meeting in St. George. This was a challenge for DAS and our members who did an outstanding job. This event brought rock art enthusiasts from all over the country and the world to St. George and made them aware of DAS and the wonderful rock art in the area.

DAS also participated in hosting table top displays in both Cedar City and Tuachan highlighting archaeology and rock art geared toward children. Children in the Santa Clara elementary schools art program also had a chance to participate in "archaeology week" by creating their own "petroglyph" drawings, many of which were displayed at the ARARA meeting. Special thanks go to Susie Nilsson and Mark for leading this educational program for DAS.

Thank you everyone for making 2012 a successful and exciting year for DAS!



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