



# NEWSLETTER

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## January Meeting

- When:** January 8, 2014  
**Where:** DSU, Udvar Hazy Bldg., Room 220  
**Why:** Chris Oravec will speak on "Yuccas, Agaves, Butterflies, and Flute Players:

The Significance of San Juan Basketmaker Rock Art In the Flower World Image Complex."

Synopsis: Last year, Boma and Kat Johnson introduced us to the Flower World complex of images. This presentation suggests that Basketmaker Anasazi people and the Zuni Pueblo people may have shared some elements of the Flower World. Three groups of Basketmaker rock art images found in Southeastern Utah are viewed through the origin myths and ceremonies of the Zuni Flute God. We can discover significance in the rock art and increase our understanding of the people through Flower World imagery.

## 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.

## DAS Board

The DAS board is undergoing a major change. Dave Evans has resigned from the board and as treasurer. Dave will remain a DAS member. Wade and Debi Norton have also resigned from the board. They will be moving to Oregon for a job opportunity.

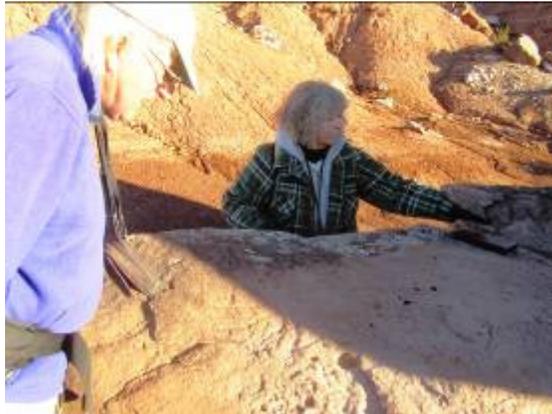
Mary Lou and Howard Christy have volunteered to join the board.

**We still have openings on the board and we are actively looking for volunteers to assist us. Please contact me or any of the other board members if you are interesting in helping us run your organization. WE NEED YOU!!!**

## Field Trip Report

The December field trip was to Little Black Mountain to view a winter solstice site. The trip was delayed a day due to possible poor road conditions. However a few hearty persons gathered in the dark to begin the journey in order to arrive and get in place by sunrise.

We were not disappointed. There was quite a light show.



Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/The%20Winter%20Solstice%20at%20Little%20Black%20Mountain%20-%20Dec%202022,%202013.pdf> to see more images from this solstice event.

## Field Trip Info

The January 18<sup>th</sup> field trip will be to a site at the top of Snow Canyon. This will be about a 1 to 1 ½ mile hike in relatively sandy ground. A second site may be visited. This will be a ½ to ¾ mile hike over a combined sand and lava rock stream bed. Bring water and snacks. Normal vehicles can be used.

**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 following are some fun images from the DAS Holiday Party.



Ken and Sharon's fun goodies



Great Food



Bob



Joan



Mark



Chris



Chris and Bob on the Didgeridoo

Our Flute Players

Here's a link to our favorite Christmas son "Stuck in the Smoke Hole in our TiPI" - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkwIR6EnOps> . Thanks to Kat for our fun videos.

And the star of the show was Santa Suzy.



Everyone had a smile on their face as they helped clean up the hall.

# Thanks

Thanks to Feather for leading the trip to Little Black Mountain.

Thanks to Dave and Vicki and the others who helped put on a great Holiday Party, especially Santa Suzy.

Thanks to Dave, Debi and Wade for serving on the DAS board.

Thanks especially to Dave for his time as DAS treasurer. I believe that DAS would not be in existence if not for the work Dave performed. He was one of the founders of DAS in its current form and Dave did much of the behind scenes work to set up the organizational structure of DAS. As treasurer, he guided the groups spending so that we have a healthy treasury and are able to serve the needs of the membership and achieve the goals of the club from both an educational and social aspect.

# Final Thought

2013 was a great year for DAS. We had a number of great speakers and a number of field trips to interesting locations. Thanks to everyone who helped make the year a success.

2014 promises to be equally good. However it will be challenging from an organizational standpoint with the large number of new board members, but they will supply new energy and ideas to make DAS stronger than ever.

Happy New Year to all! See you in 2014!

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John Mangels