



NEWSLETTER

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June Meeting

When: June 11, 2014

Where: DSU, Udvar Hazy Bldg., Room 220 at 7 PM

Why: Dr. James Allison of BYU will talk about the Archaeology of the Santa Clara River Reserve

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.

Mark Your Calendar

We will be having our summer party on **Wednesday, July 9th**. This will be a BBQ at Sunny Boy's Restaurant in Hurricane. More information will follow. This will be in lieu of our regular meeting.

Field Trip Report

There was no field trip in May. Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Tour%20of%20St%20George.pdf> to see excerpts from prior "Tours of St. George" field trips.

We did get another chance to visit the Confluence archaeology site with Greg Woodall. Go to <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20-%20The%20Archaeology%20Site%20at%20Confluence%20Park.pdf> to see a discussion of that site.

Field Trip Info

There will be no formal field trips during June. You are urged to participate in the summer solstice events on Anasazi Ridge in the morning of June 21st or at the events at Parowan Gap in the evening of June 21st.

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

David Lee of Western Rock Art Research gave a talk entitled "Rock Art of Washington County – One Piece of the Global Perspective". David showed a number of examples of local rock art and compared them to rock art from the Great Basin region. Throughout the talk, David made a number of observations relating to rock art research.



David Lee

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Rock%20Art%20of%20Washington%20County.pdf> to read more about David's presentation.

URARA Symposium

Mark your calendars! The 2014 annual URARA Symposium will be held in Kanab UT on October 10-13, 2014.

Go to <http://www.utahrockart.org> for information.

Summer Reading

The following are recent books that should be of interest to DAS members:

“The Prehistory of Gold Butte – A Virgin River Hinterland, Clark County Nevada”, by Kelly McGuire, et.al., 1014

“Pahranagat Man - Nevada's Mysterious Anthropomorph”, by P.B. Clabaugh, et.al., 2008

“Sacred Sites - Rock Art of Lincoln County, Nevada”, P.B. Clabaugh, et.al., 2013

All of the books are available on Amazon.

These books discuss a number of the sites that we have visited in the past few years. They are interesting reading.

Thanks

Thanks go to David Lee for his wonderful presentation and to Karen for arranging for his visit. Thanks also go to Karen for setting up the trip to the Confluence Park archaeological site.

Final Thoughts

The field trip season has officially ended. This year's trips were fun and educational, however the season ended on a down note. The trip scheduled for April to Valley of Fire was cancelled due to weather (yes, we needed the rain) and the May trip was cancelled due to poor attendance. This was especially disappointing because a number of people signed up but did not show up for the trip. As a courtesy, please inform me or the trip leader if you will be unable to make the trip (some did this but many did not).

The field trip season will begin again in September. We will begin developing a schedule in June. Please contact me if you want to participate in the planning of the field trip program.

We are also in the planning process for speakers beginning in September. Please contact me if you would like to be a speaker, or if you think you know of someone of interest who would be a speaker or if you would like to help with process of selecting speakers.

As many of you know, that hardest part of running an organization such as DAS is the behind scenes work that needs to be done so that everything runs well. We need all the help we can get. This is an excellent opportunity for you to be of service to DAS and the archaeological community.

As I write this newsletter, we will be having our first 100 degree day of the season. Be careful out there. Drink plenty of fluids. And remember – leave no trace!

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John Mangels