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February Meeting

When: February 13, 2013

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

Why: To hear our speaker, **Boma and Kat Johnson** talk on **"THE ANASAZI FLOWER WORLD"**

The Ancestral Puebloan/Anasazi people of the Southwest and some of their trading partners to the South in Mexico, shared a belief system of a flowery spirit world, a separate spiritual reality of beauty and plenty. The Flower World was characterized by an abundance of water, and this realm of the spirits could be accessed by the rituals and ceremonies of the native people.

Representative symbols include rainbows, clouds, water-associated animals and insects, shells, birds and their feathers, flowers and plants such as corn. Flower World imagery appears in rock art, pottery, wooden ceremonial regalia, weaving, and other artifacts. Symbols of the Flower World play an important role in the expression of the Puebloan Kachina religion

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 still have an opening on the DAS board for anyone looking to become involved with the club's operation. This is an excellent opportunity serve your 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 January field trip was to Gunlock Road. The group visited five of the 15 plus sites along about a six mile stretch of Gunlock Road.

Gunlock road runs along the Santa Clara River, past the Gunlock reservoir to the town of Gunlock, Utah. The river is at the base of a wide canyon, with black basalt on the east and red rock on the west. The canyon widens as you progress toward the reservoir, leading to a large valley on the west.



There are a number of sites along the road including many that show signs of being habitation sites. Most of the petroglyphs are located on individual rocks, with some sites having only one or two rocks with glyphs. The sites are thought to be a product of the archaic, Virgin Anasazi and Paiute people.





This was a great trip with much more exploration opportunities for those that are interested.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20to%20Gunlock%20Road%20-%20January%202013.pdf> to learn more about the various Gunlock road sites.



Be careful Dazzle – we may have a new archaeology dog! His name is Kramer

Field Trip Info

The February 16th field trip will be Serenity Hill. This is a great site in southern part of St. George. There is a small amount of hiking on a fairly gentle hillside. 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

Tommy Seaton from William Self Associates in Cedar City gave a talk on “The Baboon Wildfire: Disaster and Recovery”.

In the summers of 2011 and 2012, there were a number of wildfires in the area between Cedar City and Minerville, Utah. One of those fires was called the “Baboon Fire”. This land was generally owned and managed by various US and State agencies including the US Forest Service and the BLM. These agencies contracted with William Self Associates, a contract archaeological service company, to survey the burned areas to ascertain the damage to known archaeological resources and to locate any new archaeological resources. They were asked to document any thing of archeological significance greater than 50 years old, including structures, phone lines, roads, and trash.

Tommy detailed some the finding and showed photos of artifacts that were recovered. He also showed photos of the rock art that was in the area.

The preliminary conclusions are:

- Some new archaeological sites were identified
- More artifacts were located than anticipated
- There was some minor damage to the rock art due to spalling of the rock faces caused by the fires.

The final report from this work is currently being prepared.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/Baboon%20Wildfire%20by%20Tommy%20Seaton%20-%20January%202013.pdf> to see a more detailed summary of Tommy talk.

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.

The project is on temporary hold while Billy completes another project. He vows to continue as soon as his schedule permits.

Thanks

Thanks to Tommy Seaton who gave the January lecture. He stepped in at the last minute when our scheduled speaker was forced to cancel because of illness.

Final Thought

Ken Kittock, a DAS, member passed away this past week.

Ken Kittock has been a member of the Dixie Archaeology for many years, he was an avid hiker and loved exploring and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Ken will be greatly missed for his enthusiasm for the outdoors. Ken was a very generous person and always willing to share this knowledge of the outdoors.

He was an active member of the Arizona site steward program and dedicated to preserving archaeology. Ken was also a member of the ICL (Institute of Continued Learning) where he was in charge of the hiking program, planning and leading various hikes throughout the valley.

Ken was a good friend for those who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Please remember Ken and his family in your prayers.

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