



NEWSLETTER

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January Meeting

- When:** February 11, 2015
Where: DSU, Udvar-Hazy Bldg., **Room 121 – NEW ROOM**
Why: **Dr. Karen Harry of UNLV will speak on “Ceramic Identification”**

Our next meeting will be in the large lecture hall (Room 121) in the Udvar - Hazy building. This should alleviate the overcrowding condition that occurred during the January meeting.

Dues are Due

The 2015 DAS dues are due. They are \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a couple. These amounts are unchanged from 2014.

Please fill out the membership form <http://dixierockart.webs.com/Membership%20Information/1.%20Release%20of%20liabilityForm-DSA%20%202015.pdf> and either bring it along with your payment to the January meeting or mail it to

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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.

Field Trip Report

The January field trip was to the Southern Utah Archaeology Repository. This facility stores artifacts from the SUU archeology excavations and from the excavations sponsored by BLM in Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip. Barbara Frank is the curator of the facility.



Barbara Frank discussing some of the artifacts.



The large pots are from the Southgate Golf Course area of St. George.



DAS members are shown browsing through the achieves.

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Southern%20Utah%20University%20Archaeological%20Repository%20-%20January%202015.pdf> to see a complete report on the facility and to see photos of some of their collection.

Field Trip Info

The **February 21st** field trip will be announced at the February meeting.

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



Richard Jenkinson



Richard Jenkinson of Moab Utah gave the January lecture.

Richard is a long time Moab resident and has journeyed to the Great Gallery in Horseshoe Canyon over 30 times.

His presentation broke the images in the Great gallery in seventeen separate panels or groups. He showed detailed, close up pictures of each image in the Great gallery and gave some insight into the relationships with other images within the Great gallery and other barrier canyon Style rock art in other locations. He then gave some thoughtful conclusions about the people and the culture that created the rock art.



The “Holy Ghost” panel in the Great Gallery

Go to

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Technical%20Presentations/The%20Great%20Gallery%20-%20January%202015.pdf> to see photos of the Great Gallery and a complete summary of Richards talk.

Thanks

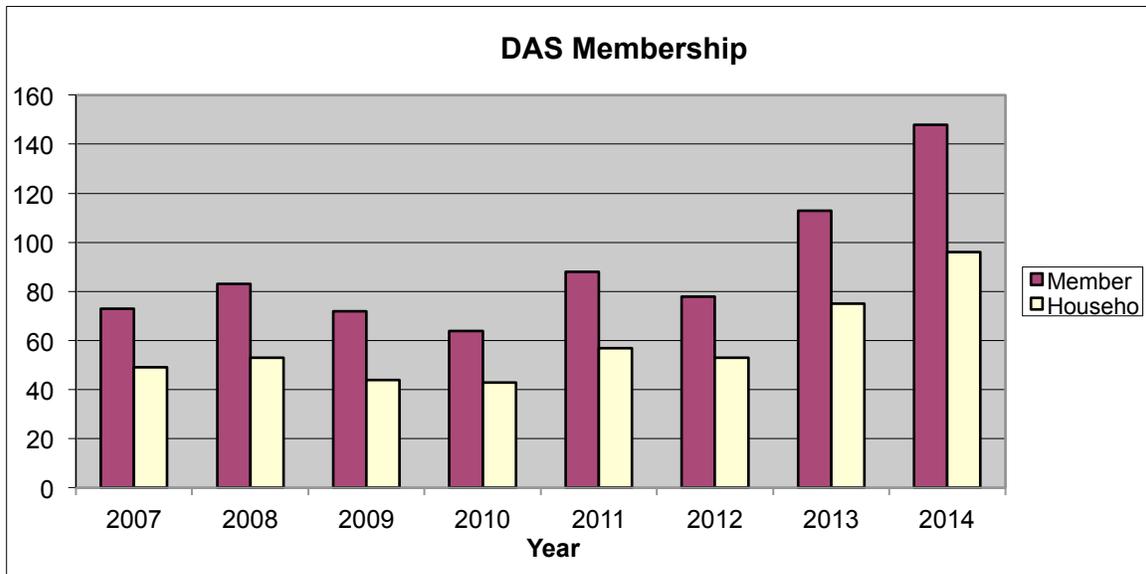
Thanks to Richard Jenkinson for a great presentation.

Thanks to David Mangels for the use of his photos of the Great Gallery for the website summary of the Richard’s talk.

Thanks to Richard Cline for organizing the field trip. Thanks to Barbara Frank for opening up the repository to DAS for the morning.

Final Thought

The 2014 DAS membership continued to increase. In 2014, DAS had 148 members from 96 families. This represents a 30% increase in the number of members from 2013.



These numbers show that the interest in archaeology and especially rock art is growing due in part to the DAS programs, Kat and Boma's classes and to the number of archaeology related programs that are being aired on television. This also confirms that the existing DAS programs are successful and that DAS is doing things that resonate with the membership and potential members.

Currently the working of DAS is being done by too small a percentage of the membership. The increased membership brings opportunity for the "new" people to become involved in the workings of DAS. We need volunteers to help plan and lead field trips and to help with program scheduling. We need people to help with the promotion of the proposed archaeology park. We need new ideas to help create future programs that will further our goal of "Preservation of Archaeological Sites Through Education".

DAS will continue to grow if we can get and keep our members involved.

Please contact any board member if you want to volunteer to help with any of the DAS projects.

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John Mangels