



NEWSLETTER

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May Meeting

When: May14, 2014

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

Why: David Lee of Western Rock Art Research will talk about the Rock Art of Southern Utah

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 April field trip to Valley of Fire was cancelled due to bad weather. This trip will be rescheduled for the next field trip season.

The May 17th field trip will be a “Tour of St. George” where 3 to 4 rock art sites will be viewed. Most sites will require only a short amount of hiking or scrambling – one site will require about a 1 mile round trip hike. This trip will be about ½ day, but you should bring a snack and plenty of water. Normal vehicles can be used.

Field Trip Info

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

John Mangels gave a talk on the “Rock Art of Gold Butte”. His talk discussed in generality the native people who occupied the area surrounding the “Lost City” site which is now Overton Nevada. It is believed that these people are the creators of the rock art in both Gold Butte and the Valley of Fire. John then talked about the rock art of the various sites within Gold Butte.

Got to the following for more information about the rock art in the Gold Butte area:

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20to%20the%20Lollipops%20of%20Gold%20Butte%20-%20February%202014.pdf>

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Field%20trip%20to%20The%20Sand%20Dune%20Site%20at%20Gold%20Butte%20-%20Feb%202014.pdf>

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Mud%20Wash,%20Kirks%20Gratto%20and%20Babes%20Butte%20Field%20Trip.pdf>

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Kohta%20Circus%20Field%20Trip%20-%20January%202015,%202011.pdf>

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Falling%20Man%20-%20February%202010.pdf>

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Field%20Trip%20Reports/Lost%20City%20Museum.pdf>

DAS Community Programs

April was a busy month for DAS community education programs.

- DAS was represented at the Washington County Wilderness Festival with a booth hosted by Karen Monson, Mark and Susie Nilsson and Mel and Marie Langness. They discussed rock art and the atlatl.



- DAS was also represented at the Astronomy Festival at DSU sponsored by the Parashant National Monument with a booth hosted by Karen Monson.



- DAS will be represented at the Cedar City Archaeology Week celebration by having a booth on Saturday, May 3rd which will be hosted by Mark and Susie Nilsson.

DAS has also become involved, through Karen Monson, in the promotion of an Archaeological and Historic Park at a site south of the Dixie Center. This is a site that is being studied by archaeologist Greg Woodall and a team from Southern Utah University.

Greg is hosting a special tour of the site on Saturday, May 3rd, for the St. George Mayor and City Council members. DAS members are encouraged to attend. There is a location on the website under “newsletters” where documents and progress reports related to the Archaeological Park will be stored for your viewing.

These programs are essential in achieving our goal of “Preservation through Education”. Members are encouraged to help with future community programs.

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.

Thanks

Thanks to Karen, Mel, Marie, Mark and Susie and all who helped with our April Community Programs.

Thanks to Joe for getting DAS involved with Greg Woodall and to Karen for following up and helping Greg with his project. The success of this project will be great for the City of St. George and the surrounding area and will give DAS a venue to continue our education programs.

Final Thought

The theme of this newsletter has been community outreach and education. It's good sometime to boast about our accomplishments. Hosting booths at community events may seem like a small thing but a lot of people see our name and ask what we are all about. This gives us a chance to communicate our passion about archaeology and rock art. There is a lot of work that goes into each of these events and all the volunteers should be congratulated for volunteering their time and talents. I encourage all of our members to consider volunteering for future events. It really is fun.

The Archaeology Park, as stated, can be huge for the city, the area and for DAS. The educational potential for this project are enormous. This will necessitate the need for the creative abilities of all of DAS members and the community as a whole to come up with unique ways to utilize the Archaeology Park to further our goal of "Preserving Archaeology Sites, especially Rock Art sites, through Education".

This is prime hiking season. Be careful out there. And remember – leave no trace!

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John Mangels