



NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER MEETING

WHEN:

Wednesday November 9, 2016 from 7 to 8:30pm.

Visitors and guests are very welcome! They may attend one meeting and then should join if they want to attend other functions. (Field trips are for members only)

WHERE:

Dixie State College, Udvar-Hazy Building, Room 121(Boeing Auditorium).

WHY:

Carol Patterson discusses the contents of her new book Petroglyphs of Western Colorado and the Northern Ute Indian Reservation as Interpreted by Clifford Duncan (2016).

Clifford Duncan, a Northern Ute elder, believed that educating the public in the meaning of Ute petroglyphs would help preserve and protect them. Early in his life he traveled by car, on foot and on horseback through the Uncompahgre Plateau and later visited the Uintah Ouray Reservation (White River Ute). Carol Patterson's book supplements his interpretations of the petroglyphs in these two locations with their cultural and political histories and additional ethnographic information. Formerly, Dr. Patterson was an adjunct professor for Colorado Mesa University and Metropolitan State University, Colorado. Since then she has authored many articles and books including On the Trail of the Spiderwoman: Pictographs and Petroglyphs of the Southwest (1997). She spends much of her time researching rock art in Utah and is an engaging, dynamic speaker.

Website and Facebook Page

Please consider signing up as a site member on the Dixie Archaeology Society web site (www.dixierockart.webs.com) or join our Facebook page, Dixie Archaeology Society. Site members can read the newsletter, technical reports, and forum postings. Facebook users can receive updates by e-mail. Please post your comments on the website Forum and Facebook page.

Field Trip Report

In October Jim King led a group of twelve hearty souls and one dog to Valley of Fire. For a full report and pictures, go to “Field Trips” at: www.dixierockart.webs.com

November Field Trip Coming Up!



The November Field Trip features petroglyphs and pictographs in Fort Pierce Wash. Please come to the November 9th meeting for more information and sign-up. Remember, you must be a member to go on a field trip.

Highlights from Last Month's Meeting

Kaye "Feather" Robinson opened the meeting with a warm welcome to members new and old.

The speaker, Dr. Kevin Rafferty, has been an archaeologist for over 40 years with 35+ of those years being spent conducting research in the Great Basin and eastern Mojave Desert. He has been at the College of Southern Nevada for 28 years. He presented a full overview of the work he and his students have been doing in Valley of Fire since 2003, based within the archaeological program at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). This has resulted in the inventory of over 5 square miles of the southern portion and the recording, or re-recording, of nearly 100 archaeological sites in the park. He showed slides from several major areas of excavation containing habitation sites and associated rock art. He concluded with a model for subsistence agriculture and accompanying cultural production for the peoples inhabiting Valley of Fire for thousands of years.

Jim King sketched a long-term plan for field trips in the coming year, including Valley of Fire, Ft. Pierce Wash, and possibly Horseshoe Canyon. He encouraged the membership to participate in field trips and assist in leading them by learning from established trip leaders.

Chris Oravec announced the award of a book by Carolyn Boyd and Kim Page, The White Shaman Mural: An Enduring Creation Narrative in the Rock Art of the Lower Pecos, University of Texas Press, 2017, to John Mangels upon his resignation as President. She encouraged the membership to thank John for his service as president of the club since 2010.

For more detail on Dr. Rafferty's presentation, see our website heading, "Technical Reports."

**Thanks to Mel and Marie Langess for your
service as trip leaders and on the Board of DAS.
Happy trails to both of you!**

Changes

No doubt there have been changes in the Dixie Archaeology Society this year. We have an unprecedented number of members, we've seen new interest in field trips and we've begun to enter the digital world. Yet there are growing pains. John Mangels stepped down from the presidency, we added and subtracted members of the board, and we made some tough decisions. Room rental rates have more than doubled and such expenses as insurance have increased. As a result we will not be holding meetings in July and August. The Christmas party is on hiatus for similar reasons. Hope is not lost, however. We are becoming better known in the Washington County area, hosted great speakers, have a viable budget balance and higher attendance at meetings and field trips. The best thing we can do right now is invite you as members to join the Board and help keep up with changing times.

Will you help? Please contact one of the Board members below and be part of our growth!

Sincerely,

Kay "Feather" Robinson

Jim King

Chris Oravec