



Newsletter of URARA, the Utah Rock Art Research Association

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President's Message

Greetings all,

Much ado about nothing! This well-known line by Shakespeare could not be further from the truth with respect to the recent developments in the Blanding area. There, thankfully, there is much to do about something! This is a tragedy, unfolding.

For a long time throughout the southwest there has been illegal disturbing of sites, stealing, hoarding and selling of priceless cultural and archeologically significant artifacts. Now those who habitually search, dig and destroy these ancient sites are being brought before the arm of justice.

Sadly, there have been unexpected repercussions. Two of those arrested have taken their own lives. That compounds the tragedy and heartbreak.

We thank those authorities who have taken action to try to bring a halt to this destructive behavior. We see it as an attempt to respect, preserve and protect these irreplaceable treasures. To say the least, the action has surely focused the public's attention on this challenging and vital issue.

Our board of directors will meet in Salt Lake City on Saturday, June 27. We will report the highlight in August *Vestiges*. The primary focus will be the Cedar City symposium. I speak for all in expressing appreciation for the excellent contributions of our board members.

For your information, the October 2009 URARA Symposium registration and field trip sign-up forms will be included in the August issue of *Vestiges*.

Happy trails,
Steve Robinson
2009 URARA President

URARA Summer Picnic - Vernal, Utah August 8-9, 2009

Leader Troy Scotter

We will be camping in the high country to avoid the summer heat. Bring some food to share on Saturday night, and we will enjoy a pleasant group meal. We will visit different sites than were visited during the June field trip. The weather can be hot and dry during the summer. Please bring appropriate clothing and lots of water.

For further details and information on the camping location, contact Troy Scotter at troyscotter@comcast.net or 801-377-6901.

Summer Solstice Field Trip

From Walt Layton

We had a very successful field trip to Vernal this past weekend, June 20-21. It was well-attended. Beth Ebling, organizer and leader, and I will put together an article for the next issue of Vestiges. Those participating will share pictures to accompany the article.

URARA Symposium Information

Call for Presentations

29th Annual Symposium, Cedar City, Utah, October 9-12, 2009 (Columbus Day Weekend)

Diane Orr, David Sucec, symposium program committee chairs

The symposium program committee announces a call for presentations and papers for Utah Rock Art Research Association's 29th annual symposium during the Columbus Day weekend, October 9-12, 2009, in Cedar City, Utah.

Abstracts should be kept at about 150 words. Deadline for abstracts is August 9, 2009. Please honor this date so we can develop our program for printing, publicity, etc. Proposals arriving after the deadline, without the prior approval of the symposium program committee, will not be considered.

The symposium program committee will give preference to presentations that relate to Utah rock art. We encourage research projects dealing with Utah. Presentations, with the exception of featured speakers, will be a maximum of 30 minutes, and reports 15 minutes.

The committee is interested in a broad range of presentations, including those, which further the study and understanding of rock art, bring historical understanding to rock art studies, heighten the experience of visiting rock art both culturally and aesthetically, and will also consider rock art preservation issues and current threats.

The committee will review the abstracts for suitability, balance of symposium points-of-view, and to ensure that the number of papers does not exceed the time periods available for presentations.

*Symposium presenters must use the Power Point medium that will run on a PC laptop (you may bring your own laptop).

*Symposium presenters will have their registration fee waived, receive a modest stipend to offset their travel expenses, be a guest of URARA at the banquet, and participate in a special rock art field trip on Friday, October 9.

*Please send abstracts and inquiries to David Sucec at email: bcspjroject@xmission.com and Diane Orr at email: beecherllc@aol.com, or mail to: David Sucec at 832 Sego Avenue, SLC, Utah 84102 (phone 801-359-6904).

Accommodations

From Al Matheson, symposium committee member

Due to a possible conflict with state high school basketball tournaments in the same time frame as the symposium, I locked in the following accommodations in Cedar City.

1. The Best Western Motel, Town and Country Inn, 189 North Main Street, (435) 586-9900 is across the street from the convention center. Terry has reserved: 32 rooms for Friday 9 Oct

50 rooms for Saturday 10 Oct

50 rooms for Sunday 11 Oct

50 rooms for Monday 12 Oct

Quoted rate is 12% off seasonal, that is \$76.14 per two-bed billet, for two adults per night. They will make a room and/or conference center available during the symposium without additional charge.

[If a lower rate can be negotiated, we will update next issue]

2. The Quality Inn, 250 North 1150 west, (435) 586-2052. Some board members stayed here during the January board meeting. Don can only hold:

32 rooms for 9 Oct,

50 rooms thereafter,

Our rate is \$50.00 per one king size bed, \$58.00 for two queen size beds ...with complimentary breakfast and new conference room for our use.

In both cases, the block will only hold until 5 August. Any rooms not reserved will be at risk thereafter, both for availability and for rate. Members will need to mention URARA for access to the reduced rates and booking, or they will not get either a room or the rate!!!

3. Camping information can be found by going to [go-utah.com/cedar city/camping](http://go-utah.com/cedar-city/camping) or in the pages from Cedar City 2009 in this issue.

New Field Trip Sign-up Method

Jeff Allen, **symposium field trips chair**, allenjeffrey@beyondbb.com

The October symposium in Cedar City will have two field trip days, Friday and Monday. We will have field trips ranging from Fremont State Park to Gold Butte, Nevada and west to Great Basin National Park area. You will be able to sign up for the two all-day field trips in advance.

Most field trips will be concentrated in the Cedar City area. Be sure to read the Symposium sign up procedures carefully next month in the August *Vestiges*. Sign up for field trips will be done at the same time as for the Symposium registration. You will be able to choose three or four alternatives for each day, you will be notified in advance where, and when your trip will meet. The exact details await board approval.

FBI Charges 24 in Artifact Looting Case

FBI charges 24 in American Indian artifact looting case. For two years, someone close to a large network of archaeological looters in southeastern Utah was wired with an audio-visual recorder when buying ancient baby blankets, stone pipes, seed jars, digging sticks, pots, even a pre-Columbian pre-menstrual pad.

This "Source," as he or she is identified in a search warrant affidavit unsealed Wednesday, is an insider who worked with U.S. Bureau of Land Management and FBI special agents to nab two dozen suspects in the theft and sale of more than 250 American Indian artifacts from the Four Corners area.

[Excerpt from the Salt Lake Tribune, June 11, 2009 See full article at [http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_12561194.](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_12561194)]

Letters to the Editor

By Troy Scotter, submitted to the Salt Lake Tribune

We should all thank the BLM, FBI, and US Attorney for their recent actions in Utah to protect our archeological heritage. Archeological looters seek out the dwellings and burial sites of those

who lived in our distant past. They dig them up, falsify records, and sell what they find. They destroy any hope of doing research to gain knowledge about these ancient people. Their actions are criminal and show disrespect to the modern descendants of these peoples.

We are impressed that these government agencies would undertake such an arduous "sting" operation. Finesse and skill are required to prove that artifacts came from public, not private, lands. We appreciate these agencies for spending their time and resources to protect our nation's irreplaceable cultural resources.

We find the response from Utah's two senators to have been disappointing. Rather than lauding these agencies for enforcing the law, they have criticized them for being heavy handed. We trust that those who spent three years researching, interacting and working with these individuals understood the risks involved in their arrest and acted accordingly.

Troy Scotter, Conservation Committee
Utah Rock Art Research Association

Another Letter to the Editor

By Ann Layton, submitted to the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News. [Ann is the wife of URARA board member Walt Layton.]

Last year my husband and I stopped at a yard sale in Blanding. There were among the items, some artifacts. I picked something up and asked the woman what it was. She informed me it was probably something that had been buried with a child. I walked back to our Jeep and wept. I, too, had buried things with a beloved child - her favorite blanket, a much-loved toy, a picture of our family. I wept that someone had so carelessly removed items from a child's grave. The saddest part of all was that this item then ended up at a yard sale and was being sold for a profit.

May I personally thank the BLM, the FBI and the US Attorney for their actions. While watching the local news the other night I heard a Blanding resident being interviewed. He referred to artifacts as "trinkets and trash." I wonder if he would be so callous if they were taken from the grave of his child. I am saddened by the response of Utah's two senators. These agencies deserve praise rather than being accused of being heavy handed.

Ann Layton
Midvale, UT

Opinion

By Walt Layton

Blanding (formerly called Grayson) is an old Mormon pioneer town. Several of those charged are from that stock. Some believe that there should be no fuss over trading or selling "trinkets" such as pots, beads, pendants, etc. Because this has been a way of life for many decades - why the fuss now? I am assuming that most of these homes have an interesting array of artifacts in closets, on shelves, and on mantles. Others, Winston Hurst and other professionals, have gone on record as saying there is a law and it should be upheld. Shumway was quoted as making \$5K a day "potting." I have been to a wonderful site on Alkali Ridge that had "kilns." A year later, when I returned, the kilns had been torn down, a large hole had been dug to locate a dwelling and lateral digging had commenced. Potshards were scattered all over the site. A corn crib that had been located the previous visit under a juniper, complete with siding, the mano and matate - everything was gone. So the discord seems to be between those who acknowledge the artifacts as part of our cultural heritage to be preserved by leaving it alone, and some who think "finders - keepers." Those that were "stung" were those who participated in interacting with a federal official who was planted with the purpose of finding individuals who would be willing to sell items to him. This is just a superficial editorial. With the death of Dr. Redd, it would seem that there is much more to the

story. You can retrieve the written articles in the Salt Lake Tribune by accessing sltrib.com. I am heading down there again in a couple of weeks. I will be interested in what I hear.

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URARA has an extensive library of rock art publications, a collection of articles, and Clifford Rayl's photo collection, which are available for use by members. URARA also has educational materials which members are encouraged to use.

Calendar 2009

Aug 8-9 **Summer Picnic**, Vernal Area, Troy Scotter, contact person, troyscotter@comcast.net

Oct 9-12 Utah Rock Art Research Association's 29th Annual Symposium, Cedar City, Utah.
Robert Reed, chair, 801-566-0741, bobreedclyartist@hotmail.com.

URARA Dues

The board has determined that effective as of October 31, 2009, the universal membership renewal date, dues will be increased.

<u>Membership Status</u>	<u>Year 2009</u>	<u>Year 2010</u>
Student	\$12	\$15
Single	\$17	\$25
Family	\$20	\$30

(Note: Add \$5 for postal *Vestiges*)

Vendor Application Form



URARA SYMPOSIUM 2009
Cedar City, Utah October 9 -12
HERITAGE CENTER
VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

Name:		
Business Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Country:	
Fax:	E-Mail:	

(Space is LIMITED-Advance Registration Required)

Equipment (Quantity) or Area (Linear Feet) Requested:

4' x 8' Table: ____ or Space (6'x6'): _____ (\$25 per 4'x8' table or 6'x6' space)

Chairs: ____

Other Requests (subject to availability): _____

Media (check as many as appropriate - must be related to rock art)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters/Prints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clay/Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Software |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing/Fiber | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Additional Information (Including price range of items offered):

Submit application with Check or Money order (Payable to "URARA") and photos, slides or samples of work to:

Bob Reed
837 Chariot Drive
Sandy, Ut 84094
bobreedclyartist@hotmail.com (801)566-0741

Applicants must be current URARA members and must donate an item to the auction.

Places to Stay (From Cedar City 2009 Magazine)

ACCOMMODATIONS GUIDE

* Pets
** Small Pets upon approval

CEDAR CITY	Zip Code 84720		Area Code 435	No. Of Units	Handicap Accessible	Color TV	Restaurant (Nearby)	Pool/Hot Tub	Kitchenette Available	High Speed Internet	Conference Facilities
Abbey Inn	940 W 200 N	www.abbeyinncedar.com	586-9966 1-800-325-5411	83	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Amid Summer's Inn (B&B)	140 S 100 W	www.amidsummersinn.com	586-2600	8		.	.	.	.	.	.
Anniversary House (B&B)	133 S 100 W	www.theanniversaryhouse.com	865-1266 1-800-778-5109	4		.	.	.	.	.	.
Bard's Inn (B&B)	150 S 100 W	www.bardsbandb.com	586-6612	7	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Best Value Inn*	323 S Main	www.bestvalueinn.com	586-6557 1-888-315-2378	36		.	.	.	.	.	.
Best Western El Rey	80 S Main	www.bwelrey.com	586-6518 1-800-688-6518	73	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Best Western Town & Country	200 N Main	www.bwtowncountry.com	586-9900 1-800-493-0062	157		.	.	.	.	.	.
Big Yellow Inn (B&B)	234 S 300 W	www.bigyellowinn.com	586-0960	11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bungalow Heaven (B&B)	142 S 200 W		586-9064	2		.	.	H	.	.	.
Cedar Rest	479 S Main		586-9471	30		.	.	.	.	.	.
Cherished Memories (B&B)	170 N 400 W	www.cherishedmemoriesbnb.com	867-6498	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
College Way	130 N College Way	open May-August	865-2763	25		.	.	.	.	.	.
Comfort Inn Suites**	1288 S. Main	www.choicehotels.com	865-0003 1-877-424-6423	86	7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crystal Inn*	1575 W 200 N	www.crystalinns.com	586-8888 1-888-787-6661	100	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Days Inn**	1204 S Main	www.daysinn.com	867-8877 1-800-329-7466	71		.	.	.	.	.	.
Duncan Family Suites (Summer Homes)	555 S 300 W	www.duncansuites.com	586-3579	3		.	.	.	.	.	.
Econolodge	333 N 1100 W		867-4700 1-888-326-6613	50	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garden Cottage (B&B)	16 N 200 W	www.thegardencottagebnb.com	586-4919 1-866-586-4919	4		.	.	.	.	.	.
Hampton Inn	1145 S Bentley Blvd	www.hamptoninn.com	586-5000 1-800-426-7866	58	4	.	.	P	.	.	.
Henley Manor	121 N College Way	www.henleymanor.com	586-8077 1-888-584-3747	5		.	.	.	.	.	.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	1555 S Old Hwy 91	www.hiexpress.com/cedarcity	865-7799 1-800-465-4329	80	5	.	.	.	.	.	.
1897 Iron Gate Inn (B&B)	100 N 200 W	www.theirongateinn.com	867-0603 1-800-808-4599	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Knights Inn**	281 S Main	www.knightsinncedarcity.com	586-9916 1-800-843-5644	48		.	.	P	.	.	.
KOA Campground	1121 N Main	www.cedarcitycampgrounds.com	586-9872 1-800-562-9873	3		.	.	.	.	.	.
Motel 6	1620 W 200 N	www.motel6.com	586-9200 1-800-466-8356	79	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Quality Inn	250 N 1100 W	www.qualityinncedarcity.com	586-2082 1-800-627-0374	88	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sage Hills OM Ranch	6232 W Sage Hills Dr	www.sagehillsomranch.com	865-7575 1-888-865-7243	1	1	.	.	H	.	.	.
SpringHill Suites by Marriott	1477 S Old Hwy 91	www.marriott.com/cdcsh	586-1685 1-888-287-9400	72	5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Stadium Way	1480 W University Blvd	open May-August	586-1121	48		.	.	.	.	.	.
Stratford Bed & Breakfast	161 S 200 W	www.stratfordbb.com	867-5280 1-877-530-5280	5		.	.	.	.	.	.
Stratford Court Hotel (Non-smoking)	18 S Main	www.stratfordcourthotel.com	586-2433 1-877-688-8884	50	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Storybook Cottage (B&B)	218 S 100 W	www.storybookbnb.com	586-8057 1-866-586-8057	3		.	.	.	.	.	.
Super 7**	190 S Main		586-6566	28		.	.	.	.	.	.
Super 8**	145 N 1550 W	www.the.super8.com/cedarcity04059	586-8880 1-800-800-8000	55	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Travelodge	2555 N Freeway Dr, I-15 exit #62	www.travelodge.com	586-7435 1-800-578-7878	36	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valu Inn*	344 S Main		586-9114	29		.	.	.	.	.	.
Willow Glen Inn (B&B) (Non-smoking)	3308 N Bulldog Rd	www.willowgleninn.com	586-3275 1-866-586-3275	10	
Wild Wild Rest	3480 S 5300 W	www.wildwildrest.com	867-8748	3	

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PAROWAN	Zip Code 84761		Area Code 435	No. Of Units	Handicap Accessible	Color TV	Restaurant (Nearby)	Pool/Hot Tub	Kitchenette Available	High Speed Internet	Conference Facilities
Crimson Hills Motel	400 S Hwy 91		477-8662	23							
Days Inn*	200 S 625 W	www.daysinn.com/hotel/06992	477-3326 1-888-530-3138	40	1	•	•	•	•	•	•
Red Canyon Lodge (B&B)	2971 W Vista Circle	www.red-canyon-lodge.com	477-1200	5	1	•	•	H		•	•
Victorian Rose Country Inn	7 N Main	www.victorianrosecountryinn.com	477-1555 1-866-554-7673	4		•	•		•	•	•
1870 Victoria's Bed & Breakfast	94 N 100 E, Box 1612	www.utahretreat.com	477-0075 1-866-477-9808	4		•	•		•	•	•

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

*Privately owned for public use **Public campground on US National forest or BLM land

CEDAR CITY	Zip Code 84720	Area Code 435	No. Of Hookups	Pull Through	Tenting	Water	Toilets	Showers	Grills	Boating/Launch	Fishing (Nearby)	Laundry	Food/Gas	Pool/Hot Tub	Dup. Station
Cedar Breaks (28 sites)**	25 miles southeast of Cedar City off Hwy 14	586-9451			•	•	•								
Cedar Canyon (19 sites)**	11 miles southeast of Cedar City off Hwy 14	865-3200			•	•	•		•						
Country Aire*	1700 N Main	586-2550	52	40	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	
Deer Haven (group area only)**	15 miles southeast of Cedar City off Hwy 14				•	•	•	•	•						
KOA Campground*	1121 N Main	586-9872 1-800-562-9873	91		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Redledge*	15 N Main (Kanarrville)	586-9150	22	6	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	H	•
Town & Country RV Park*	50 W 200 N	586-9900 1-800-439-4089	10	10	•	•						•	•	•	•
PAROWAN	Zip Code 84761	Area Code 435													
Paragonah Reservoir**		865-3200			•		•			•	•				
Parowan Gap Petroglyphs**	12 miles northwest of Parowan	586-2401			•										
Sportsmen's Country*	492 N Main	477-3714	38	18	•	•	•	•					•		•
Yankee Meadow	call for directions	865-3200					•								

Member Research Survey

Due to space constraints, the form is not included in this brief. See the May Vestiges Brief page 5 for the survey by David Sucec.