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## President's Message

Greetings All,

On behalf of the board of directors and all those who attended the 2009 Cedar City Symposium, I want to express our enthusiastic appreciation to everyone who made this event such a great success. The contribution of each person, be it featured speaker or floor sweeper, contributed to this very successful annual event. **THANK YOU ALL!**

Friday evening many of our members gathered at the local park for the watermelon social. Thanks to Al and Barbara Matheson, who live in Cedar City, and Ann and John Fulton, from Bishop, California for making this traditional part of our symposium such a success. Al had gone to considerable effort to bring in additional tables and chairs and making special arrangements.

Many of the tired but happy members who had participated in the field trips Friday arrived over the course of the evening. Jeff Allen did a great job in arranging these field trips.

Saturday morning saw the beginning of an outstanding symposium. Professor Laurence Loendorf was the lead featured speaker. Then there were two other outstanding rock art researchers featured among the group of almost twenty presenters. Dr. Thomas Heyd came from British Columbia, and Dr. Michael Firnhaber came from Budapest, Hungary, though he is originally from Colorado. Thanks go to David Sucec and Diane Orr for selecting and arranging for all these speakers.

Our meeting facilities in the Heritage Center were excellent, as were the refreshments, banquet and other amenities, thanks to chairman Bob Reed, Walt Layton and others.

I was very touched at the banquet to receive recognition and generous thanks for my service, all highlighted by the gift of one of Diane Orr's beautiful, framed, panoramic photographs of rock art in Nine Mile Canyon.

Our URARA business meeting following the last Sunday afternoon presentations was very productive. It provided reassurance that we are on the right track in terms of symposium design and planning. It also resulted in the election of four people to fill out 2010 URARA Board of Directors. Newly elected are Margaret Grochocki, Diane Orr, and Troy Scotter. The re-election of Robert Reed and those continuing their terms, Jeff Allen, Nina Bowen, and Jon Gum complete the 2010 board. Cindi Everitt continues as Secretary and Ben Everitt continues as Treasurer. This group of members is very experienced and knowledgeable. URARA will be in excellent hands.

Following the business meeting, the new board met briefly primarily to discuss the board meeting schedule. A meeting was scheduled during the three-day weekend, January 16-18. It will probably be held in St. George. One of the main issues will be the board organization i.e., president, committees, focus, etc. Another important issue to be discussed will be the location of the next symposium. Blanding was identified as an excellent possibility. Time and location of the board meeting will be confirmed in January *Vestiges*. The meeting is open to everyone. Anyone who has issues they would like discussed, please let me know so that I can add them to the agenda. In the interim, fear not for our organizational effectiveness! Telephonic board meetings can be quickly scheduled, as necessary, to address any or all time-critical issues that occur before January 16.

Please note the December meeting and social will be on Friday the 4th. I do hope the social in Salt Lake will be very enjoyable for all who are able to participate.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

Happy Trails,

**Steve Robinson**  
**2009 URARA President**

## **Symposium from the Chair's Perspective**

**By Bob Reed**

What a year! Making a symposium happen is like a military campaign, except you require volunteers. Ah, for the good old days of giving orders. If you haven't been involved in symposium, it's hard to grasp just how many details there are, and how many members it takes to do it. Fortunately, I had many wonderful, talented people working to make the experience so special. As I reminisce, I wonder how Diane Orr and David Sucec created the program and lined up speakers. I marvel at Al Matheson's leadership and can-do motivation in Cedar City. I loved his picture display, and this man knows the territory, rock art, history and people.

We had faithful members like Barb Saxon and her sister Eileen Bond, Troy Scotter, Margaret Grochoki, Steve and Marion Robinson, Ben Everitt, Larry Evans, Sandra and Charles Zahn, Joanne Parsons and Paul Bedell, along with Sue and John Eropkin (new members), who stepped in to lend a hand. I was amazed at how Jeff Allen made the field trips go so well. The great field trip leaders, the caterers, the vendors, the Heritage Center manager and his crew—I can't possibly recognize all the folks who contributed.

Did you notice how accomplished the speakers were, and how the professional atmosphere of a symposium was evident? I have been to many conferences in my time, and this was one of the best.

Let's face reality, though. The planners and helpers get burned out. Can you appreciate what it took for Larry Evans to do the auction despite painful injuries from being thrown from his horse? Can you imagine how exhausting it was for Steve and Marion to handle *Vestiges*, registration and the symposium? Think of how Al and Barb Matheson managed to get the food (their cider was the best ever!) and setup going at the park when they had to be at a recognition dinner for Barbara at the library that evening. Ann Fulton and her crew stepped in, prepared the melons, and kept things going smoothly. Walt Layton got the supplies for the food you could expect each day, and only he, Barb Saxon and Eileen Bond got it prepared and out there. Do you know how many hours it took for Nina Bowen and Carol Garner to make those quilts for the auction? I hope you all appreciate what a gift it is for our vendors to share their talent and craftsmanship for us.

What does the membership expect from future symposiums, and how many are willing to help make them happen? How much youth is out there to keep it going as we older members tire out and have health problems? You cannot assume the benefits of URARA will automatically keep

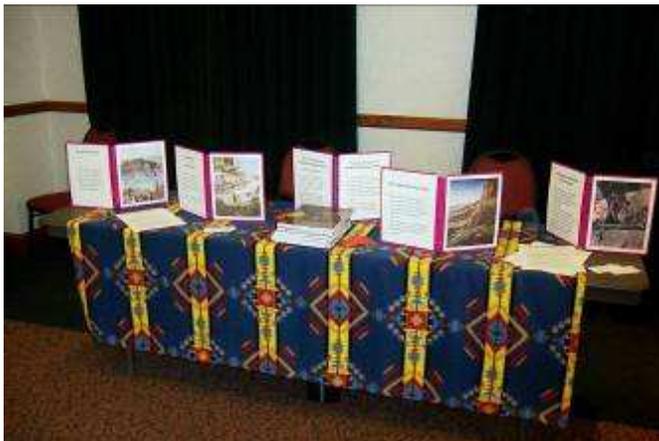
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going. We do not have a paid staff like the Sierra Club, yet we work at tasks much as they do. I believe SUWA, Nine-mile coalition, URARA and several other caring organizations are the vanguard that fights the tide of abuse, ignorance and political misdirection that threaten Utah's national treasures. We welcome feedback, and hope you will do your part to recruit and keep URARA viable. It's up to you. Organizations have a life cycle, die. Is ours on the edge? If you didn't like some things about symposium, get in there and make the changes for the better!

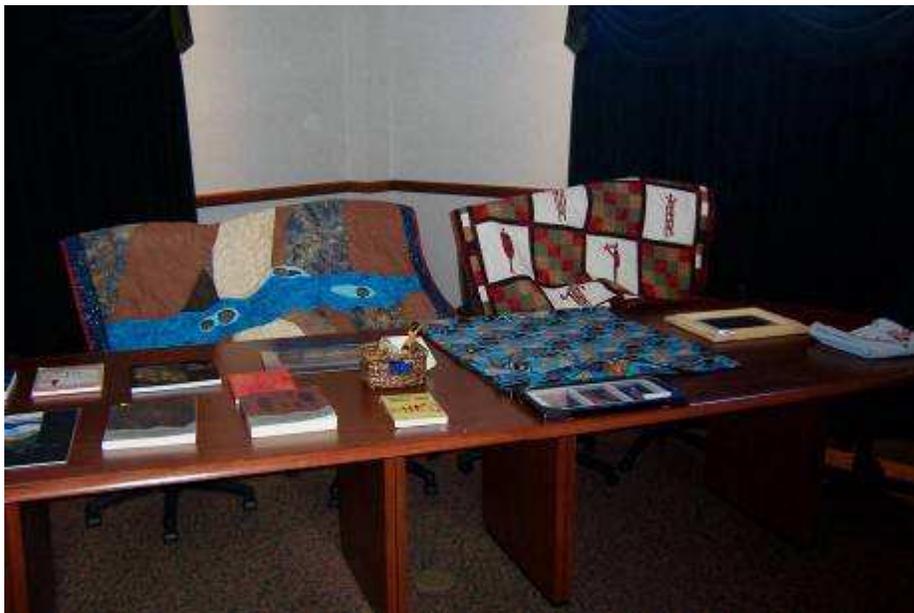
## Pictures from Cedar City Symposium

Photos by Robert Reed



*Some of the Vendor  
Tables*





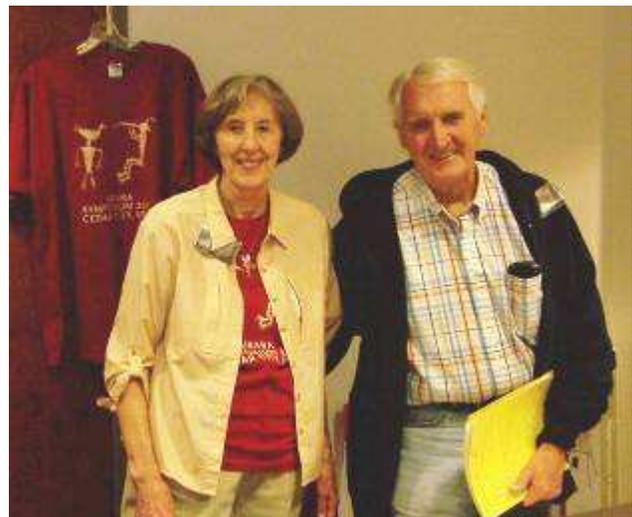
*A Few of the Auction Items:  
Note two quilts,  
and we thought there were  
none!*

*Carol Garner made the one  
on the left and sent it from  
New York.*

*Nina Bowen made the one on  
the right and sent it  
for LAST YEAR'S  
symposium, but "it didn't get  
out of the truck".*



*T-shirts for sale – Margaret Grochocki*



*Registration. Marion and Steve Robinson*



*Cedar City area  
rock art display  
at entrance to  
symposium.*

*Photographs by  
Al Matheson,  
Cedar City  
resident and  
URARA  
member.*

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## Field Trip Report

### *URARA Canyonlands Field Trip - September 19-20, 2009*

By Ed Delay, [etdelay@comcast.net](mailto:etdelay@comcast.net). Leaders, Barbara Green and Troy Scotter

The Canyonlands field trip was a big success. We had perfect fall weather with a group social and dinner each evening. There were enough participants to have two groups with alternating agendas. Barbara Green, the trip organizer, led one group and Troy Scotter the other. While one group did Davis Canyon and North Cottonwood Wash, the other did Indian Creek and Shay Canyon. The convoluted drive down Davis Canyon was worth the effort considering the well-preserved Five Faces pictograph panel.

Indian Creek has many petroglyph panels. All were worth the uphill hike to them. One of the panels was unique, as it had two dancing figures. Additionally, Indian Creek was dry, so both groups were able to hike to the many petroglyph panels at Shay Canyon and some further downstream.



*Ed Delay went to great pains to get these names just right.*

<i>Joe Brame</i>	<i>John Beuttler</i>
<i>Barbara Green</i>	
<i>Nina Bowen</i>	<i>Troy Scotter</i>
<i>Ed Delay</i>	<i>Gary Burningham</i>
<i>Paula Reynosa</i>	<i>Craig Bowen</i>
<i>Mike McKensie</i>	<i>Sharon Sweet</i>
<i>Charles Molina</i>	
<i>Oscar Olsen</i>	<i>Mary Anne Scheffield</i>

Most of the participants stayed for the Monday outing to Horse Canyon and its many famous panels. Unfortunately, there had been a very heavy rainstorm before we arrived, and Horse Canyon was closed, probably until spring, as five feet of sand had accumulated in the roadway. Once Horse Canyon reopens in the spring, it should be considered for another URARA outing.

Fortunately, for us the road down Salt Wash was open all the way to Peekaboo. After viewing the shield site at the keyhole, Troy led the group to the "hand print" and "flying carpet" sites. The sun wasn't very conducive to photographing the panels, but thanks to Nina Bowen, who brought her sun shield, many invisible images magically appeared.

Many thanks to Barbara and Troy for making the trip a great success.

## Field Trip Proposal - El Paso, Texas - February 12-16, 2010

Leader, Glenn Omundson, [jgomundson@yahoo.com](mailto:jgomundson@yahoo.com), 915-584-7862

The time has arrived to collect some preliminary information leading to the organization of a field trip to the El Paso, Texas area in February, during the Presidents' Day weekend. Glenn Omundson, URARA member living in El Paso, would like to organize a field trip and show off the numerous glyph sites in his area. Areas in the designing of this trip could include: Pony Hills, 500+ glyphs of archaic and Mogollon; Massacre Peak, 100+ glyphs of Mogollon; Diversion Dam, 3 sites of Mogollon glyphs and pictographs; San Diego Peak, aka TONUCA, 300+ glyphs of archaic Mogollon; Rincon Site - owls and "goggle eyed" glyphs; Centipede Caves, glyphs of archaic, Mogollon, and Apache; Haas Canyon, aka Little Cunningham Tank, desert archaic, Jornada Mogollon with Meso America influences; Alamo Canyon Sites including Site 4 featuring a 28' long Story Teller Panel of at least 100 glyphs; possibly Alamo Mountain, 10,000+ glyphs of desert archaic, Jornada Mogollon, and Apache; and more. This preliminary inquiry is to identify those who are interested in joining such an adventure.

Glenn would like you to e-mail him with your response and questions to this offering. He can be reached at [jgomundson@yahoo.com](mailto:jgomundson@yahoo.com).

## New URARA Members

On behalf of all, we extend a warm welcome to every new URARA member. Those listed below have joined us since the last new member list was published in June 2009 *Vestigis*. Many joined in conjunction with the October symposium in Cedar City, Utah.

### Utah

Sedona Callahan, Park City, UT  
Stephen & Susan Curtis, Pleasant View UT  
Dirk & Jason Howard, LaVerkin, UT  
Gina Huptka, Sprindale, UT  
Garth Norman, American Fork, UT  
Dawna Ferris-Rowley  
& Peter Rowley New Harmony, UT  
Helen & George Small, Levan, UT  
Don & Dottie Stucker, Cedar City, UT  
Kerk & Yeongmi, Orem, UT

### Other States & Washington, DC

Jo & Rich Adams, Helena MT  
Ali Balcazar, Victorville, CA  
Dinah Bear & Roger Mc Mannes, Washington, DC  
Richard Cline, Hotchkiss, CO  
Sandy Early, Bigfork, MT  
John & Sue Eropkin, Big Pine, CA  
Bob & Nancy Hall, South Bend, WA  
Marion Irving de Cruz, Los Osos, CA  
Carolyn Merrell, Moscow, ID  
Glenna & Edwin Simmons, Wickenburg, AZ  
Wally Wallace & Lee Beffort, Las Vegas, NV

Fifteen of the total thirty-two new members are from Utah and the others are from seven different states and the District of Columbia. This distribution is reasonably close to the current membership distribution.

The new members, Don and Dottie Stucker, are long time friends of Fred and Barbara Saxon, who for years have faithfully provided the necessary help in the preparation and mailing of *Vestiges*. They join Al and Barbara Matheson as the only Cedar City URARA members, so far. Whether from Park City, or LaVerkin, Utah, or South Bend, Washington or Washington, DC and the other states providing new members, we say WELCOME!

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## Michael Firnhaber Link

Michael Firnhaber presented at this year's symposium in Cedar City. After his talk, there was considerable interest in his research. He has provided a link to his doctoral thesis, "Experiencing Rock Art: A Phenomenological Investigation", which is available online.

He asked that the link be included in this issue of *Vestiges*, so that members who did not get a chance to speak with him, or who were not able to attend this year's symposium, could also learn more about his research.

His link is <http://www.thegalerii.com/mpfphd.htm>

## Membership Reminder

The universal renewal date for URARA is October 31 of each year. The current rates are \$15 Student, \$25 Single, and \$30 Family. You may download the form from [UtahRockArt.org](http://UtahRockArt.org) and mail it to the suggested PO Box or you can mail it to the Membership Chair, Marion Robinson, 26717 Grayslake Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Thank you and we welcome your renewal.



**2010 board members:** Troy Scotter, (Steve Robinson, 2009 President), Robert Reed, Jeff Allen, Nina Bowen, Jon Gum, Margaret Grochocki, Walter Layton, (Diane Orr unavailable). Photo, M. Robinson

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## **Calendar 2009**

Dec 4 December holiday meeting, Friday, potluck dinner, 6:00 pm First Unitarian Church, 569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT. Contact Barbara Green, 801-466-7702 and Barbara Saxon, 801-262-4432. Robert Lee, program.

### **2010**

Jan 16-17 Annual board retreat - St George, Utah