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## President's Message

I was happy to attend the URARA holiday party in Salt Lake in December. I was fortunate to sit near Jim Olive, who was the first URARA president thirty years ago. The growth of URARA from a local group to a national organization is a remarkable story of dedication to rock art exploration and preservation. It took many individuals to create URARA, as we know it. A special thanks to Barbara and Fred Saxon and Barbara Green who have organized the URARA Holiday Parties for a long time. Fred and Barb also send out the postal *Vestiges*, help with the symposium breakfast and breaks, and help with publication of *Vestiges*.

The URARA board is in the process of planning for the 2011 symposium, as well as the year's preservation efforts. We are fortunate to have the extensive expertise in rock art of Diane Orr, Nina Bowen and Troy Scotter as our base for planning. David Sucec has agreed to assist in the area of Barrier Canyon Style, and Richard Jenkinson and Richard Cline will be helping develop a field trip program.

A special thanks to Ed Delay who is stepping down as field trip coordinator after an arduous year of planning and coordinating 25 field trips, and he has graciously agreed to help in 2011 with his wonderful maps.

Ben Everitt, our long time treasurer, has returned to the board. Walt Layton has agreed to serve as outreach coordinator for our 2011 symposium. Lois Mansfield will continue as membership chair, and Margaret Grochocki will return to the board with her great heart and wise counsel. Bob Reed stands ready to assist in whatever way he can, including preparing *Vestiges* for publication.

Jeff Allen

2011 URARA President

## Annual December Meeting

From Barbara Saxon

URARA held its annual potluck diner meeting in December at the First Unitarian Church in Salt Lake City. We were honored to have most of our board of directors present, including our president Jeff Allen who drove up from St. George. Bob Reed presented an interesting video on the URARA -Texas field trip held in February. All those attending appeared to have a great time with many topo maps, unfolded for an exchange of information, and the planning of future trips in 2011.

## 2011 Symposium Update

By Bob Reed

The next symposium will be held in Price, Utah September 23-26. We will be at the new events center, which will accommodate camping. As we get closer to the event, I will publish information regarding lodging in the Price area. Focus this year will be on Nine Mile Canyon and Fremont style, Barrier Canyon style, and conservation/preservation efforts. We are finalizing speakers, but the lineup will be impressive. Mark your calendars folks, for this will be a fun one. Jeff Allen will be the symposium chair.

## URARA Membership Report

By Lois Mansfield

Membership chair

As of January 22, 2011, we have 166 entries in the database. This includes 95 single memberships, 69 family memberships, one student and one honorary membership. Of the 166 entries, 48 are from Utah (29%), 36 from Colorado, 21 from California, 16 from Arizona, 8 from Nevada, and 37 memberships are from various states and countries.

One year ago, URARA had 211 members listed in the database.

## URARA Retreat in St. George Area, Jan 22, 2011

By Bob Reed

The board met for the annual retreat, a daylong meeting to work out goals and events for the upcoming year. Lois Mansfield hosted our group in Washington, Utah. On Friday night, several met at the Benja Thai restaurant in St. George. After the business day, they explored rock art in the area. Details of the meeting will be forthcoming, but we decided on this year's symposium location and dates, speakers, and projects for the year.



*The gang gathers at Benja Thai. L to R, Jeff Allen, Barbara Bergman, Bob Reed, Diane Orr, Nina Bowen, Troy Scotter, Cindi and Ben Everitt. Photos: Bob Reed*



*A long day at work*

## Cedar Mesa Field Trip Oct 2010

By Jeff Allen

It was my great pleasure to accompany a wonderful group of intrepid adventurers to Cedar Mesa to see three fine rock art sites. Some were old friends and some new acquaintances. All were a delight as we traveled talus slopes, climbed cracks, and as sun set, explored huge boulders full of rock art. Thanks to Al Matheson and Ned and Edna Clem for these photos.



*The Muelly Pointers: The group of happy explorers on the edge of a cliff.*



*Moqui Point Panel: Before and after the Birthing Panel.*



*Birthing Panel: Field trip leader watches the descent into the abyss.*



*Birthing Panel: Well-dressed hikers on the way to see the rock art!*

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## Editor's Message

Some of you may already be aware of last week's announcement from Utah Parks and Recreation regarding the potential closures of several of Utah's Heritage Parks and campgrounds. The short list included The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum in Blanding, as well as parks at Green River, Vernal (Field House), Cedar City (Iron Mission), and the Territorial State House. In an understandable effort to reduce expenditures and balance the state budget, the Utah legislature has proposed cutting one-third of the operating funds for Utah State Parks, about three million dollars. The proposal is the result of a recent legislative audit. Although Senator Hinkins and Representative Christine Watkins have been barraged with phone calls, letters, and emails in support of our museum, the future for The Edge of the Cedars will not be known until at least mid-February. Please consider raising awareness among your friends and contacts with other archaeological organizations. A written paragraph or phone call to Senator Hinkins will add another voice

in support of keeping the museum open for future generations, or at least for another season!

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**Edge of the Cedars Museum spring programs and events:**

Feb 25, 2011 Michael  
Plyler/Logan Hebner  
Southern Paiute Exhibit  
Program 6-8 PM

Mar 17, 2011  
Janet Lever-Wood  
"What's In the Bag?"  
6:30 PM

Mar 26, 2011 Field trip to  
Nancy Patterson site.  
9:30PM

Apr 7, 2011  
Laurie Webster  
Back Room Perishables  
6:30 PM

Apr 14, 2011 Beth & Bill  
Sagstetter "The Cliff  
Dwellings Speak" 6:30PM

May 7, 2011  
Four Corners Indian Art  
Market  
9:30AM-6:00 PM  
50 artists, dance, music

June 6 - 10  
Pottery Workshop with  
Gregory Wood