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## President's Letter

By Ben Everitt

Please make sure you have these dates on your calendar:

The summer picnic, from August 23-26 or to as long as folks want to stay. At the usual place, Dixie National Forest Singletree campground on the shoulder of Boulder Mountain. Maybe we can talk Bob Reed into bringing a pot of chili again this year to warm up the evening meal. From Singletree there is rock art in every direction, some on the mountain if it is hot and sunny, and some in the desert for rainy days.



Symposium has been moved to October this year, October 11- 14. The Moab-Spanish Valley area has one of the largest concentrations of rock art in Utah.

Don't forget to check the calendar on the web page for events that may not have made it into Vestiges. We will try to get *Vestiges* out monthly, but publication dates may be flexible.

*Above: Enjoying petroglyphs in Washington County – Left to right Joe Brame, Paula Quay, Lois Mansfield*

March 2013

## Calendar of Events

Submitted by Joe Brame

April 3 - 5	Sinaguan rock art & ruins near Sedona, AZ - Bonnie Moser
April 18	Steve Simms Lecture on Fremont Rock Art, Springdale
Apr 27 - 28	San Rafael Swell & surrounding area near Price, UT - Layne Miller
May 4 - 11	Utah Archaeology Week
May 6 - 10	Mansard Site Documentation, Kanab, UT - Paula Reynosa
May 26 - 31	2013 IFRAO Congress, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Jun 11 - 14	USAS Convention, Provo, UT
Aug 8 - 11	Pecos Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
Aug 23 - 26	Annual Picnic, Boulder Mountain, Singletree Group Campground
Oct 11 - 14	URARA Symposium, Moab, UT

## Upcoming Fieldtrip-Sedona

### Sinaguan rock art and ruins near Sedona, AZ – April 3 – 5, 2013

**Leader: Bonnie Moser** [casaterra@ymail.com](mailto:casaterra@ymail.com) or [719-636-1874](tel:719-636-1874)

Our base camp will be at Dead Horse Ranch State Park near Cottonwood Arizona, which also has motel accommodations. We will meet at the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce building at 1010 S. Main St. (SW corner of highways 89A and 260) on April 3.

Day 1. Palatki Heritage site has both ruins and a nearby cliff of really nice rock art. Palatki's sister site of Honanki could also be visited on the same day. Honanki also has ruins and rock art.

Day 2. Tuzigoot National Monument is an interesting ruin with ladder access to a view of the Verde Valley. The historic copper mining town of Jerome and/or the newly opened Verde Valley Archaeology Center in the town of Camp Verde could also be visited on the same day. (I'm still working on setting up a group tour at the Archaeology Center. Let me know if you would be interested.)

Day 3. V Bar V petroglyph site plus Montezuma Well and Castle. The petroglyph site is in a riparian area and has several wading birds depicted in the art. The Well site has a few small rock art elements and the Castle has a good visitor center with information about the Sinaguan culture.

All three days also have time to visit the Sedona area for those folks so inclined. As you travel to the Sedona area, a suggested stop would be to camp at the Sunset Crater National Monument and visit the Crater and the Wupatki ruins. This monument is just north of Flagstaff, which is also near the Walnut Canyon ruins. After the three days listed above there are many other sites within a day's

drive such as Casa Grande, Painted Rocks, Tonto National Monument, and Besh-Be-Gowah near Globe. All of the sites mentioned above are open to the public and are managed as National Monuments/Parks or by the Forest Service. Information about the sites is available on-line.

Be prepared with appropriate footwear, sunscreen, camera, lunch, and plenty of water. Group size will be limited to 15.

## Upcoming Fieldtrip-San Rafael Swell

San Rafael Swell & surrounding area near Price, UT - April 27 - 28, 2013

Leader: Layne Miller [laynemiller@yahoo.com](mailto:laynemiller@yahoo.com) or [435-820-4326](tel:435-820-4326)

Saturday: Meet at 8 A.M. in the parking area on the north side of the Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum, 155 East Main Street, Price, Utah. We will visit sites along the west side of the San Rafael Swell, including sites along Muddy Creek.

Sunday: We will visit sites along the east side of the San Rafael Swell and along Interstate 70.

Camping is available at Price Recreation (alpine) area, about 20 minutes north, and I will arrange for self-contained units to park in the museum parking lot.

People are welcome to call me for further information.

Be prepared with appropriate footwear, sunscreen, camera, lunch, and plenty of water. Group size will be limited to 12.

## Editor's Correction

In the accompanying photograph by Francois Gohier, published in the February 2013 edition of



*Vestiges*, Margaret Grochocki is incorrectly identified as Barbara Green. From left to right are Nina Bowen, Oscar Olson, Richard Jenkinson, Joe Brame, Ben Everitt, Margaret Grochocki. They are exploring rock art east of St. George in Rosie Canyon while at the annual URARA Board retreat held in January of each year as a planning session for the annual URARA activities and preservation projects.

## Mansard Site Documentation

Vermillion Cliffs near Kanab, UT - May 6 - 9, 2013

**Leader:** Paula Reynosa [paulareynosa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulareynosa@sbcglobal.net) or 818-256-4824.

The Field Manager in the Kanab BLM office has set a date to remove the sand and dirt from the floor of the Mansard site. We are returning to record currently buried under the sand at this site. Paula Reynosa described this site in the February/March *Vestiges*. Paula needs team members to help her record the balance of the soon-to-be exposed petroglyphs. The sand will be removed in advance under the supervision of the BLM. The BLM will transport the URARA recording team and gear by truck and ATV to the site. Team members will camp at this remote site for three nights (one day traveling up, two days recording, one day going down). Bare feet will be needed for walking on the floor to measure, draw and/or photograph. You supply your own food and equipment. Limit 6 persons. Contact Paula for details.

## Steve Simms Lecture

Submitted by Ben Everitt

**When and Where:** April 18 at 7:30 pm in the Canyon Community Center. 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale, UT.

Archaeologist Steven R. Simms won the 2010 Utah Book Award for nonfiction for *Traces of Fremont: Society and Rock Art in Ancient Utah*. The book explores new theories of the Fremont – an indigenous group who lived along the Fremont River in Utah – using artifacts they left behind. Simms, a professor of anthropology, partnered with wildlife photographer Francois Gohier to examine new evidence about the Fremont people that points to greater cultural complexity than previously acknowledged by scholars. Simms and Gohier traveled across Utah investigating artifacts and rock art left behind by this group no longer able to tell their own story. However, the book is not about the rock art. “It’s about the people behind the rock art,” Simms said. “We need a different perception of the Fremont. Rock art is an interesting vehicle to open up discussions.” He also won the Society of American Archaeology’s 2011 Public Audience Book Award for writing *Traces of Fremont*. See [http://www.zionpark.org/zcfi\\_lectureseries\\_2012\\_2013](http://www.zionpark.org/zcfi_lectureseries_2012_2013).

## Upper Sand Island Exhibit

By Pamela Baker

**Sand Island Rock Art Recording Project Exhibit Opens**

**Where:** Edge of Cedars Museum, Blanding, Utah

**When:** January 26, 2013 through December 30, 2013.

The Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding, Utah will host an exhibit about the Upper Sand Island Recording Project through 2013. URARA contributed funds for the project and many URARA members participated. When you head to Sand Island to view the rock art (take binoculars), be sure to stop at the exhibit on your way.

## Pecos Conference

Submitted by Ben Everitt

This year's Pecos Conference is in Flagstaff, August 8 - 11. Put it on your calendar. See [http://www.swanet.org/2013\\_pecos\\_conference/](http://www.swanet.org/2013_pecos_conference/). First inspired and organized by A.V. Kidder in 1927, the Pecos Conference has no formal organization or permanent leadership. It is run much like the mountain man rendezvous of old, for archaeologists to knock the dust off their fedoras at the end of the field season, sit around the campfire, review their work and swap stories.

## Summer Picnic and Fieldtrip

Submitted by Bob Reed

Leader: Bob Reed [bobreedclyartist@hotmail.com](mailto:bobreedclyartist@hotmail.com) or (801) 566-0741.

The annual URARA picnic will be held August 23-26, 2013 at Singletree campground off Hwy 12 on Boulder Mountain, near Torrey, Utah. We will arrive and set up on Friday night, do field trips Saturday and have a pot luck dinner that evening. We will have an opportunity for field trips Sunday. Some members plan to explore panels beyond what we did last year.

I will make up a batch of chili for Saturday night. Bring a salad or dessert, and whatever you like to imbibe. We should be able to get a break from the heat. Drop me an email or phone message so I will have a head count.

Be prepared with appropriate footwear, sunscreen, camera, lunch, and plenty of water.

## Rock Art 101--Coso Range

Submitted by Wendy Harrell

Donald Austin and Alan Garfinkel are conducting a two-day seminar in the rock art of the Coso Range at Ridgecrest California on April 20 and 21, 2013. For more details, see the website <http://www.rockart101.com>.

## 2013 IFRAO Conference

By Jeff Allen

The American Rock Art Research Association will host the 2013 International Rock Art Congress in Albuquerque, New Mexico from May 26 through May 31, 2013. There will be four days of presentations and one day of field trips. The theme "Ancient Hands Around the World" is designed to bring together the diverse interests of the many people who study and work to conserve pictographs and petroglyphs throughout the world. About a thousand people are expected to attend. There will be special cultural events throughout the week including evening lectures, dances by Pueblo groups, and vendor offerings of rock art related merchandise. [http://www.arara.org/2013\\_ifrao\\_conference.html](http://www.arara.org/2013_ifrao_conference.html)

## Call for URARA Fieldtrip Leaders

By Joe Brame

URARA needs volunteers to lead field trips during the year and at symposium. Field trips typically last two days over a weekend but may be up to five days in length, and involve day hiking or backpacking. If you are interested in leading a URARA field trip at any time during the year, please contact Joe Brame at [urara.joe.brame@gmail.com](mailto:urara.joe.brame@gmail.com) or 801-993-4007 and Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862. If you are interested in leading a URARA field trip at the Moab symposium, please contact Dell Crandall at [dcglyphs@etv.net](mailto:dcglyphs@etv.net) or 435-259-0598.

## Editor's Note: Request for Articles

We are always interested in articles, photographs, fieldtrip reports, events, and other information regarding rock art in Utah or beyond. Send articles and photos to Jeff Allen, [allenjeffrey@beyondbb.com](mailto:allenjeffrey@beyondbb.com).

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