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President's Letter

By Richard Jenkinson

It's not too late to register for this year's symposium, but don't bother to mail in anything after September 26, because it will likely languish in the post office until November. Just make your way to Escalante and register on-site. Last minute instructions for field trips will be Thursday evening 7:00-8:30 at the Escalante City Park pavilion, 50 W 100 North.

Thursday 7-8:30 pm:	Field Trip Meeting, Pavillion, City Park, 50 W. 100 North
Friday:	Field Trips
Friday Eve 6-8 pm:	Watermelon Social, Symposium Registration, Pavillion at City Park 50 W. 100 North.
Saturday 8:00 am	Symposium at Escalante High School, 800 East SR-12; registration at 7:30
Sunday 8:00	Symposium presentations at Escalante High School, 800 Ease SR-12
Monday	Field trips

Preliminary program and registration forms are in August Vestiges (utahrockart.org). Keynote speakers will be Joel Janetski and Sally Cole. At last check, lodging in town is pretty much booked up. There are still unoccupied junipers out on the BLM, and it hardly ever rains the first weekend in October.

Carol Garner reminds us that it's time to think about donations for the auction. Think of something rock art-related and interesting, educational, exciting, or just plain funny that you can bring to add to the fun(d)raising. Our auction is a traditional and exciting addition to the yearly banquet. For questions or to send a donation if you are not able to attend, please contact Carol Garner at gypsolar@aol.com

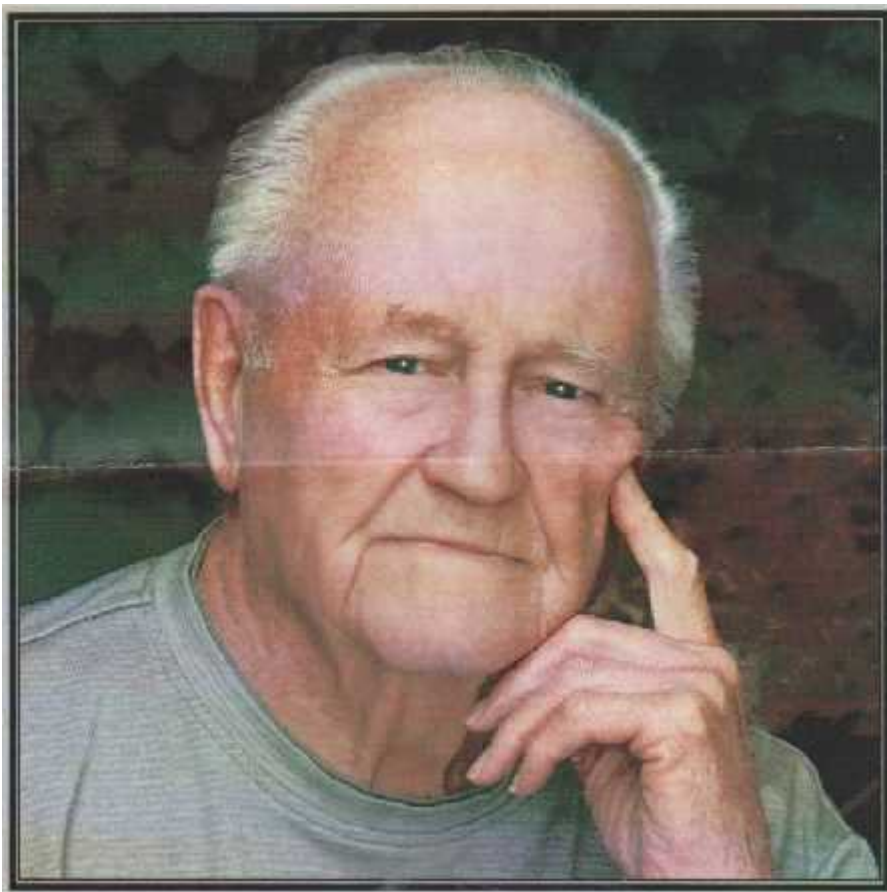
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Volunteers Needed

Barbara Green

Volunteers are needed to help with Symposium break food. If you can spare some time for this, please contact Barbara Green at barbaragreen1977@msn.com or phone (801) 466-7702, leave a message.

Royal Kirk Neilson, 1923-2015



Long time URARA member Kirk Neilson passed away on September 4. Kirk loved the desert and hunting for rock art; we would often find his trailer parked under the junipers on some red-dirt back road, with his dog Babe. "Kirk's Grotto", and "Babe's Bluff" are names now firmly attached to the landscape.

See: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/deseretnews/obituary.aspx?n=royal-kirk-neilson&pid=175750545>

Rock Art in the News

Various contributors

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Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips

Note that the Christmas party is on TUESDAY this year.

September 12	Field Trip Connor Springs
October 2,3,4,5.	URARA Symposium, Escalante
November 7/8.	Field Trip Bluff
December 5/6	Field Trip Nine-Mile and Argyle Canyons
December 8 TUESDAY	Annual Christmas party potluck at the indoor Bicentennial Pavilion, 530 East 8680 South, Sandy, Utah.

To sign up for the November and December fieldtrips, please contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862 or Steve Acerson at 385-985-5402 or whiteh20rockart@gmail.com.

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