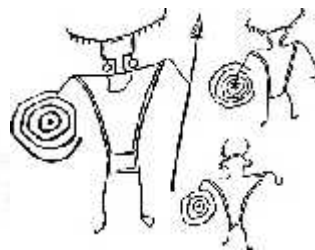


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President's Letter

By Richard Jenkinson

The Delta symposium is only two months away! Registration and field trip information will soon be available. This year you will be able to register, pay and sign up for field trips online. Note that this year's banquet is on Sunday, not Saturday. We made this change because most restaurants in Delta are closed on Sunday evening.

Don't forget the **SUMMER PICNIC** August 13-14. As last year, camping will be at the Nizhone Campground group site SG1, north of Blanding, with field trips Saturday and Sunday. Check in after 2 PM Friday Aug 12, check out before 1 PM Monday Aug. Hopefully the monsoon will be over by then. For questions contact Joe Brame, 435-414-0457, urara.joe.brame@gmail.com.

36th Annual Symposium, Sep 30 – Oct 3

David Sucec

This year, URARA is holding its annual Symposium in the small town (less than 4,000 population) of Delta, Utah situated on the eastern edge of the Great Basin. The event will be at the Civic Center, 305 West Main Street, Delta, Utah, the weekend of September 30 to October 3, 2016.

The four-day gathering will have two days of field trips to rock art sites in the area and two days of presentations and meetings. Friday, September 30 and Monday, October 03 will be full days of field trips to the rock art sites of mostly pecked images in the area and two days of presentations and meetings will occupy Saturday, October 01 and Sunday 02.

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Two prominent rock art scholars have accepted our invitations to be Featured Speakers. Saturday morning will feature Dr. Carolyn Boyd, who will speak to us about the well-known *Pecos* style: *The White Shaman Mural: An Enduring Creation Narrative in the Rock Art of the Lower Pecos*.

The second Featured Speaker, presenting on Sunday morning, is Dr. Alan Garfinkel, perhaps best known for his work on the *Coso* style of the Great Basin: *Myth, Ritual and Rock Art: Decorated Animal People and Animal Masters of the Coso Range*.

Scholarly presentations will occupy all of Saturday and half a day Sunday. Sunday afternoon will be dedicated to presentations concerning Preservation and Conservation. The Business meeting will be Saturday afternoon. The banquet will be Sunday evening rather than Saturday; Saturday evening you are on your own for dinner.

Symposium and field trip registration forms will appear soon on URARA's website: www.utahrockart.org. Symposium field trip descriptions are now posted on the members only web page. Remember that registration on the new website is individualized. In order to sign up for any event each participant must register separately and have his/her own unique email address. See Troy's notes below and his how-to discussion in April Vestiges.

Registration and Membership on the web page

Troy Scotter

As you all should know by now URARA has upgraded its web capabilities. One of the reasons that the Board decided to make this investment was to improve the registration process for symposium and fieldtrips. As with all changes there are going to be advantages and disadvantages and a few bumps in the road. It is important that you all understand there will be no "mail-in" registrations this year. No pages in Vestiges that you print, fill out, and stick a stamp on. All registrations go through the website www.utahrockart.org. In the website click on the Events tab, then Symposium, then Registration. There is already a lot of information about symposium available on the website. We'll have more information about speakers, fieldtrips, and registration up and running by the middle of August.

Advantages to the new system:

- No more waiting and wondering if your registration was received. Our old paper process required that registrations be sent to one address where one person would check the mail and deliver what was in the PO Box to someone else who would enter some information into the computer and then periodically bundle up the registrations and checks and mail them to someone else who would do additional work. Cumbersome! Now you go to the website, enter your information, and you will receive a confirmation email in seconds. The only delay will be if you pay by check, which will put your registration into a "pending" category until we actually receive payment.
- You will be able to see which field trips are open, register immediately, and receive an instantaneous email confirmation. Again, no waiting, no wondering, no panicked Thursday evening field trip meetings.
- Credit card transactions! Yes, we can now accept those little plastic things.

Disadvantages to the new system:

- Membership now requires a unique email address for every person. Spouses CANNOT register for symposium, or for fieldtrips, using the same email address. If both of you in a family membership don't have a unique email address you need to get one. Go to Yahoo, Google, Microsoft, or any of a thousand other places to get a free email address. Or prevail upon a relative or friend to share their email address with you and notify you when a URARA email comes through.
- Our new system does not allow us to update your membership with symposium renewal. So, you will get a separate email reminding you to pay for your membership.

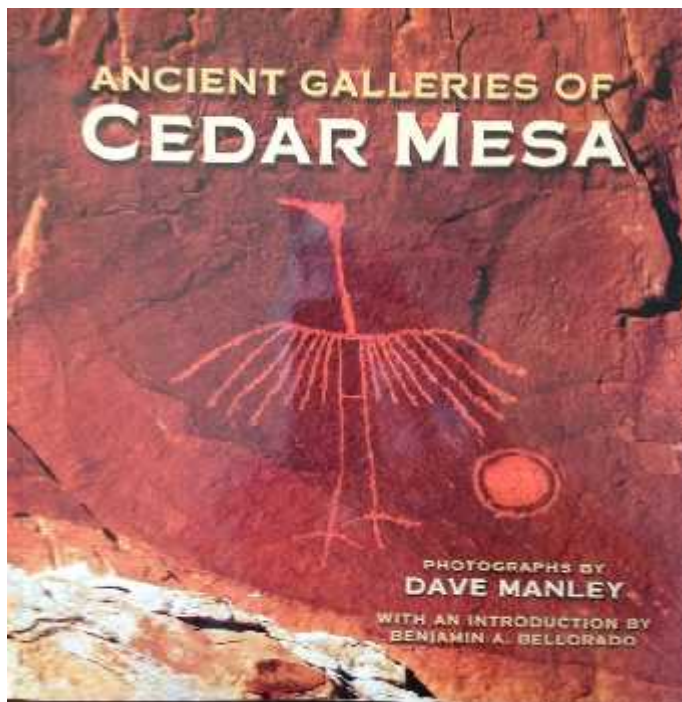
We know fieldtrips are a big deal to everyone. So here is how the new fieldtrip registration will work:

A preliminary list of field trips is available in the Symposium section of the website. (Events/Symposium/Fieldtrips). Sorry, you can't register yet. But you can at least look over the offerings. We will send an email when registration is ready. Note that for confidentiality reasons, this page will only be visible to members. However, you will not be able to register for any fieldtrip until you register for symposium.

- After you have registered for symposium, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a special code that allows you to register for fieldtrips. These emails will be sent on a first-come-first-served basis but you will have to watch for them to be able to register for a fieldtrip. **Don't delete this email as without the code you can't register for fieldtrips.**
- You can no longer register for a fieldtrip as a group. This includes both family members and other people with whom you want to hike. So, if you want to make sure you are in the same fieldtrip make sure everyone is going online at the same time, finding a fieldtrip with enough spaces available, and then registering with your codes.
- It will be possible to use your code to register for more than one fieldtrip per day. Please don't do this as it will block available spaces for other members. If we feel you are abusing this opportunity we may remove you from all fieldtrips.

Book Review: Ancient Galleries of Cedar Mesa

Richard Jenkinson



URARA member Dave Manley's book on the Cedar Mesa area has just been published by the Canyonlands Natural History Association. He has done a fine job! The book has over 100 pages of superb color photos of the Cedar Mesa area. Dave has an artist's eye, and he has spent a tremendous amount of time in the area. Most of the photos are of rock art, but there are also landscapes and photos of ruins that provide context for the rock art photos. He often shows a photo of a panel in its larger context and then on the next page moves in for a close look at the panel. I got my copy from cnha.org. Very highly recommended!

Vendor Registration On-line!

Troy Scotter

On-line vendor registration is now up and running. On the URARA website (www.utahrockart.org) go to events, then symposium. Pretty cool! Little URARA is finally growing up and embracing digital technology. We have two options for you. We can put you in your own room, but it is away from the presentation location. Or we can put you in the foyer where everyone will walk by your tables. I'm guessing you want the latter but let me know your preference on the form. If you have questions give me a call (801-377-6901) or shoot me an email (troysscotter@gmail.com).

Symposium Lodging Information

Steve Acerson

Delta Hotels/Motels

Fillmore is 30 miles up the road if addition rooms are needed.

Days Inn 527 East Topaz Blvd.
(435) 864-3882
82 Rooms 79.99/71.99
Mention you are a URARA member for \$10. discount
Victor Chaudhary contact

Budget Motel 75 South 350 East
(435) 864-4533
33 Rooms Mention URARA 2BD/\$67. 1BD/\$62.
Mike Patel contact

Deltan Inn 347 East Main
(435) 864-5318
14 rooms

Diamond D Motor Lodge 234 West Main
(435) 864-2041
16 Rooms \$35 single, \$40 dbl

Rancher Motel & Café
171 West Main
(435) 864-2741
15 Rooms

Campgrounds

Antelope Valley RV Park
776 West Main, Delta
(435) 864-1813
(800) 430-0022
96 spaces RV \$32, Tent \$15
www.antelopevalleyrvpark.com

Marion Irving de Cruz

Paula Reynosa

Long-time URARA member Marion Irving de Cruz lost a long battle with medical issues and passed from this life at her California home on Wednesday afternoon May 18, 2016. “Life is not a dress rehearsal” she was fond of saying so you better live it to the fullest – and she did.

Marion was an early volunteer for the Peace Corps in a Tanzanian grade school and then returned home to earn a master’s in anthropology at George Washington University. She taught in an inner city school in Baltimore before moving west to Mexico and then to California where she owned a commercial design company.

She was preceded in death by her son Emilo in 1993, a college engineering junior, who was killed by a houseboat propeller. Marion quickly began learning about other houseboat propeller accidents, about propeller guards, and how they could prevent many houseboat propeller accidents. She founded SPIN (Stop Propeller Injuries Now), a nonprofit awareness and advocate group for propeller victims and aggressively challenged the US Coast Guard to improve boating safety.

Marion’s involvement with rock art started about two decades ago when she began visiting rock art sites and attending URARA and ARARA meetings. She was a very capable researcher who enjoyed helping others with rock art related projects. URARA members will likely remember her as the woman who asked the intelligent questions after speakers gave their talks at meetings.



Marion with recipients of the scholarship she established in her son’s name.

Conservation and Preservation Activities

Vernal Lease Sale – Troy Scotter. URARA responded to a Vernal lease sale which proposed leases inside Nine Mile Canyon and Argyle Canyon. You can read our letter by going to the About/What We Do/Conservation & Preservation section of the website (utahrockart.org).

Volunteers needed for Sand Dune site recording – Walt Layton. A two-day session is scheduled at the Sand Dune site near Bluff October 8-9. The photography has been completed (see January Vestiges), and we are at the stage of drawing the acetate overlays, as was done at Sand Island. Using a very thin black Sharpie each feature element will be drawn on the acetate. Since photography does not show every element or detail, a personal touch is needed to complete the picture. We have approximately 65 acetate drawings to complete during the two day session. Mentoring will be available. If you would like to participate or have questions please contact me at layton.walt@gmail.com.

Vernal BLM office Stewardship Needs

Steve Acerson

The Vernal field office thanks us again for our participation in the June Site Steward Training and a job well done (see July Vestiges). They have now sent URARA a list of areas they would like to have help with in the way of site monitoring, site stewarding, documentation and recording. Vernal covers a large area and has most of the major oil and gas activities in Utah. The Vernal Office needs help not only with monitoring and documentation but also with protection of the rock art from impacts from ground surface and residual activities. They also need help locating undocumented sites and getting them into the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) records. The Steward would note current condition, and make recommendations. The BLM will provide steward guidance and site reporting forms.

The list of sites needing stewards includes: Nine-mile canyon, 5 sites; US 40 East of Vernal, Coclebur Wash Petroglyph Panel; Book Cliffs, 4 sites; Buckskin Hills, 2 sites; Cub Creek 3 sites.

If you have any questions, or want to join in this effort, please contact me.
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Ice Age Hunting Camp in West Desert

Troy Scotter

Western Digs: Ice Age Hunting Camp, Replete With Bird Bones and Tobacco, Found in Utah Desert

<http://westerndigs.org/ice-age-hunting-camp-replete-with-bird-bones-and-tobacco-found-in-utah-desert/>

Torrey Trip Report: Paradise Flats, Fish Cove, Pleasant Creek

Steve Acerson

The place everyone wants to get to someday. Some people have planned to hike here for 20 plus years. The road has limited access from heavy rain damage, washouts, and no maintenance. ATV's use the road and so the width is a little narrow for vehicles. Members met at 4:00 on Friday afternoon, and started the slow ascent to camp. After about an hour and half we arrived at camp and set up tents and leveled trucks for a good night's sleep. Alarms went off, and coffee aroma filled the early morning sunrise. Plan was to leave by 7:00 am. The locals showed up at 6:50, after a meet and greet we started down the trail. We knew it was going to be a long day, possibly a 10-12 mile hike, downhill, then back up in probably 90 + degree temperatures. What some people will do to see rock art!!!!



Everyone made it to the first site, but cramping legs had already started to tell some they had reached their turn-around spot. They had made it to a place they had dreamed about for a lot of years. This was about 3 miles into the days hike. The rest of the group took pictures, threw their packs on and started on down the canyon.

Walking down the amazing drainage we saw 50-foot ponderosa pines, sandstone formations rising up from the valley floor, glacier rolled black boulders, and as always "Utah blue" sky. There is one thing you had to pay attention to, the ground was covered with 1-3" cactus that poked into anything if you got close. The second location, named the wheel panel by Gary Burningham, was part of rock face that had close to one hundred yards of petroglyphs. The sun was dancing across the sky, and a redtail hawk circled above as we rested under pinion pines, eating our lunches and discussing our thoughts of those

who sat in some of the same places, and created the many images of bighorn sheep, deer, spirals, and all those other symbols that carry our thoughts to distant places a long time ago.



We still had a couple of pins on the map that would require another couple of miles, so up to our feet, only to discover most of us had sat in pine sap that had dripped from the trees. Continuing down the drainage for about another couple of miles we eventually found the three sites we sought.

After cramps and a little heat exposure, we arrived back at camp, accomplishing a full day of amazing landscape, rockart, and helping each other to get back.

Sunday morning we broke camp and headed towards Fish Cove. Members started to drop off as we visited sites during the day. Some of us picked out homes we would love to sit on the porch of and watch nature do what it does. By the time we got to Pleasant creek the group was down to four. We stopped by the Park Service visitor center to drop off some of URARA's brochures and headed home.



Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips

August 4-7	Pecos Conference, Alpine, AZ http://pecosconference.com/
August 13-14	URARA summer picnic, Nizhone Campground, Blanding
September 17-18	Field trip, Price, Nine-mile Canyon
Sep 30-Oct 3	URARA Symposium, Delta
October 7-10	Colorado Archaeological Society Conference, Grand Junction http://cas-gj.weebly.com 970-433-4312,
October 8-9	Recording session at Sand Dune Site, Bluff
October 15-18	Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Boise, Idaho
November 5-6	Field trip, Bluff
December 5 Monday	URARA Annual Christmas party potluck at the indoor Bicentennial Pavilion, 530 East 8680 South, Sandy, Utah.
December 10-11	Field trip, Moab

For info or sign-up for URARA events, please go to www.utahrockart.org or contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862 or Steve Acerson at 385-985-5402, whiteh20rockart@gmail.com.

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