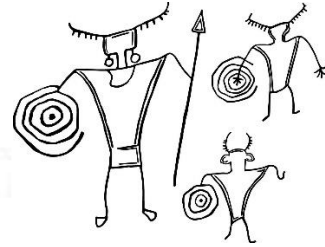


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From the Prez

Steve Acerson

Hopefully everyone is out looking at their favorite, or a new rockart site. I'm glad I have this addiction that makes me go for walks, and see nature awakening from the winter rest period. I've had the time to read a few books the last couple of months. (on long flights to see new baby in Hawaii). Steven R. Simms book "Ancient Peoples of the Great Basin & Colorado Plateau" has put information in the gaps of my own understanding of how life could have been.

We have participated in meetings and conversations with Land Managers, TV stations, Newspapers, and our own members trying to figure out what the current administration's intentions are and the effect on cultural resources. The managing agency processes that took months and years, have been shortened, and the frequency occurs more often. Many BLM managers are retiring or taking new positions, and some of them in new field offices. New hires don't have the field knowledge in their new positions and rely on data files to make decisions. This is where our knowledge is valuable. Please take the time to share your site info with Troy Scotter, so he can put it in our database.

URARA's Board decision to try and have more field trips has been well received. Shortly after they open (45 days prior) they fill-up. The trips to Bloomfield are full, with members on the waitlist. May's trips to Vernal still have a few spaces available. Be sure and thank the trip leaders for their efforts to show you the sites and history of their areas.

Emery County and the Green River Library has given permission to URARA to bring our archive books, journals, so they are accessible to the public to learn and research topics on rockart. Still want all to know that URARA works because members give their time to help all of us enjoy rockart.... THANKS, Steve

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Smith Preserve gets help with Trail

Diana Acerson

Saturday March 24th, URARA members Mike and Bonnie Griffin, Steven and Diana Acerson, Oscar Olson, and 8 other Albert Doyle Smith Family Archaeological Preserve (Preserve) volunteers spent 4 hours helping blaze a trail on the Preserve at Lake Mountain, Utah Lake. The group met at 9:30 a.m. with rakes, pruners, shovels, pulaskis, gloves, snacks, and protection from the sun. Randy Griffin, Preserve Manager, led the group identifying with tape markers where the hiking trail needed to be cut through the brush and slopes to view the rock art.

The Preserve, owned by The Archaeological Conservancy (Conservancy) based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is located on the west side of Utah Lake in an area called “the knolls”. These small hills on the western shore of Utah Lake, south of Saratoga Springs contain some of the oldest documented rock art in Utah. Many of the glyphs are difficult to see and some are covered in lichen but are easily viewable once you know what you are looking for. It is definitely worth seeing. As part of the development of the Preserve the trail system was approved by the Conservancy. The goal is to encourage rock art enthusiasts, educators, and research groups to visit, study, and enjoy these rare and unique petroglyphs.

The work group fell into an organized line, each taking responsibility for a tool, moving rocks, pruning, or whatever was needed clearing the trail as it wound up and down the slopes. Sage brush and other obstacles were cleared away quickly as the group worked together almost like a machine. Randy was impressed by how quickly the work went. We were done with what he had planned to accomplish by 1:00 p.m. Grateful for the turnout, Randy thanked all of us for the time donated.

What was accomplished will aide in making it possible for the Preserve to begin sharing this amazing rock art. In the works is completion of a parking lot and creation of a website. Currently they have a Facebook page you can view: [Albert Doyle Smith Family Archaeological Preserve](#).



Kanab Field Trip March 15-18

Richard Jenkinson

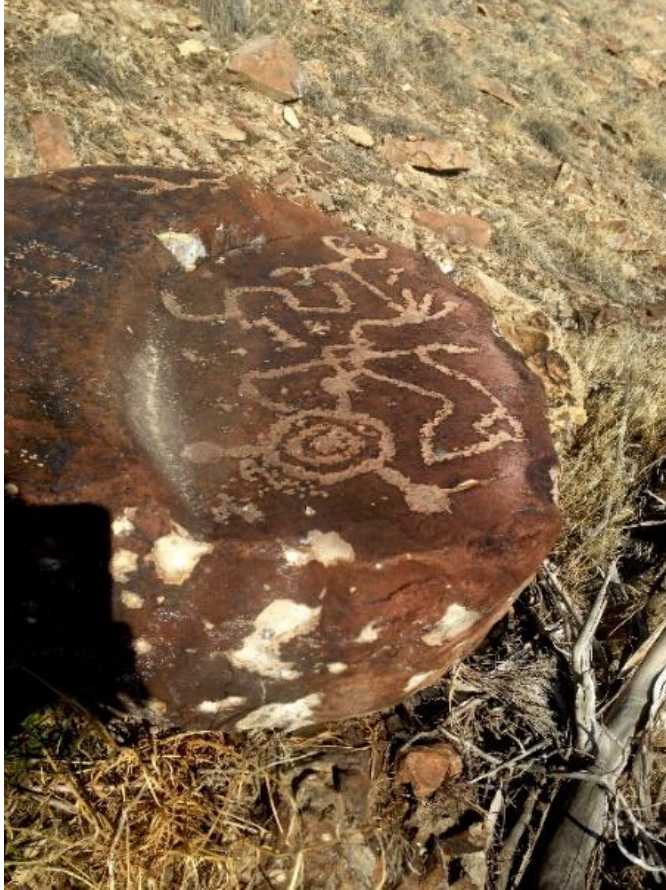
URARA's March field trip was in Kanab. We divided into a Thursday/ Friday group and a Saturday/Sunday group. Each group met and got organized at the Jenkinson house. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate. Thursday one group went to sites in the House Rock Valley Road area and the other group went to the South Fork of Indian Canyon and Rosy Canyon. By 2:30 we were rained out and headed back to town. On Friday we switched trips, but muddy roads made some sites inaccessible. The weekend group split into two groups to see the same sites on Saturday. All went well, but then it snowed five inches Saturday night. Jeff Frey bailed us out and took everyone to Johnson Canyon to see some sites on private land (with permission, of course) that were near the pavement. Despite the weather we managed to have a good time and I think everyone got to see something new. (Maybe not Glen Stone--he's been everywhere!). There was a shortage of trip leaders, so I have to give a big thanks to those who helped out, especially to Kent Williams, who lead trips to sites he had never visited.



Easter Weekend at Lake Mountain

Diana Acerson

Beautiful weather greeted URARA volunteers as they began a vigil lasting the weekend in front of a target shooting lane that had rock art in the background. Paula Quay, Mike Griffin, Lynn Benson, and Steve and Diana Acerson, participated in the vigil. They also enjoyed the rock art, actually finding more they hadn't previously seen. Only a few shooters passed by, some showing interest and receiving a URARA brochure so they could learn about rock art. Some passersby did resent our taking the space even though it is posted "No Target Shooting."



Each day we could see multiple vehicles coming and going, hear exploding targets, shots being fired seemingly from every direction, even heard people shouting at each other due to shooting too close and over their heads. Luckily our location kept us at the south end of the activity. Some shooting was occurring illegally on State Lands over the hill to the south of us, but not near us. Our days were filled with appreciation of the location views, hiking, picnicking and enjoying each other's company. Amazing how after a while we were able to tune out most of the noise.

At the location the surface rock art along the slope is and has been damaged by bullet impacts daily, which is what prompted this move by some URARA members. This action along with contacting the media, comes after repeated failures to get it protected by land managers no matter what their efforts have been, aside from having someone stationed at the site daily. Obviously they are unable, for whatever reason, to accomplish protecting the rock art there. We will continue to work with State Historical (SHPO), State School Trust

Lands (SITLA), and the BLM, to secure protection of the rock art at Lake Mountain.

If anyone would like to help in this stewardship effort, please contact Steven Acerson. 385-985-5402 or email him at whiteh20rockart@gmail.com.

Symposium Speaker Needs Ride to Bluff

David Sucec

One of our Featured Speakers (Ellen Dissanayake) needs a ride to the Bluff symposium and return ride to Salt Lake airport following the symposium. She does not drive. She will be arriving at the SL airport on Thursday morning (Oct. 04), and needs to return to airport Tuesday afternoon (Oct. 09). If you are in a position of to help with this please contact David Sucec at [801-359-6904](tel:801-359-6904). Or [<bcsproject@xmission.com>](mailto:bcsproject@xmission.com).

May is History/Archaeology Month

Randy Griffin

May is History/Archaeology Month in Utah. Cities and organizations all over the state are hosting events. For locations and details see:

<https://heritage.utah.gov/history/archaeology-preservation-month-2018>

Of special interest to rockarters is the Kiosk construction project, May 12, at the Smith Family Archaeological Preserve south of Saratoga in Utah County. If you would like to participate, contact Preserve Manager Randy Griffin at 385-237-6978.

OCTA to Meet in Ogden in August

Gar Elison, OCTA Convention Planning

I want to extend an invitation to members and friends of the Oregon-California Trails Association to attend our national convention at the Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah, August 6th thru August 11th. As the host, the Crossroads Chapter wants to send individual invitations to those with an interest in the heritage of our region of the United States. Please check out the OCTA web page, www.octa-trails.org, and the convention booklet at:

http://www.octa-trails.org/media/dynamic/files/1261_Ogden%20convention%20book.pdf,

and the Crossroads Chapter web page at: <https://www.utahcrossroadsocta.org/>

to see photos of field trips and other info related to the Chapter and activities.

John Macumber 1940-2018

Long-time URARA member John Macumber passed away March 8, 2018. John was president of our organization in 2002.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thespectrum/obituary.aspx?n=john-paul-macumber&pid=188474730>

URARA Old-timer Dorothy Lynn

Oscar Olson

Dorothy Bullock was born in the 1930's at her aunt's house in Salt Lake City. At age six months she was moved up to Lone Tree Wyoming to the Black Eagle Springs Ranch, 15 miles north of Gilbert Peak in the Uinta Mountains, where she lived until moving back to the Salt Lake Valley with her 'aunt and uncle to attend school. She attended both Jordan Junior High and West High, graduating from West High in 1951. As a summer ranch girl she helped pull lambs and keep an eye on the coyotes.

The family would visit the Bennett Ranch (now the Martin Ranch) in Manila. On the way some of the Dinwoody style petroglyphs appear along the road, and the older boys would scare the kids by calling them "boogy men" who would take them away if they didn't behave. Thus her early interest in rock art.

Dorothy married John Lynn in 1954. She fondly remembers going on a deer hunt with her new husband and his brothers. By the time the brothers got home she had six deer gutted and skinned out. After that she was pretty much part of the family. Dorothy has 6 children: 4 girls and 2 boys. John died in 2003 after contracting west Nile virus.



Dorothy met Jim Olive at Mountain Fuel Supply, was recruited to URARA, and joined in 1988. She went on field trips with the Warners, Mannings, Everitts, Dorde Woodruff, and Clifford Rayl, and fondly remembers that URARA was like a family. She and John had a 3-seater suburban, and took out the back seats to turn it into a camper. She especially remembers trips to 9-mile Canyon, Range Creek, and sites in Canyonlands. Dorothy was URARA Secretary in 2003.

A most gracious lady, she doesn't travel far any more, but does faithfully make it to the annual Christmas party.

ARARA in Grand Junction, June 1-4

Registration is open for the ARARA conference in Grand Junction, June 1-4. Field trips are filling fast. <https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info>

Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips 2018

March 15-18	URARA Field Trip Kanab, UT, two 2-day sessions
April 12-15	URARA Field Trip Dinetah Bloomfield, NM, two 2-day sessions
May 17-20	URARA Field Trip Vernal, UT, two 2-day sessions
June 1-4	ARARA Symposium Grand Junction, Colorado https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info
June 14-17	URARA Field Trip Milford, two 2-day sessions
July 12-15	URARA Summer Picnic, Fremont State Park
August 2-5	URARA Central Utah Red Paint Tour, two 2-day sessions
August 6-10	OCTA in Ogden http://www.octa-trails.org/news/ogden-utah-convention-august-6-10-2018
Sep 13-16	URARA Field Trip, Nine-Mile Canyon, two 2-day sessions
October 4-8	URARA Symposium, Bluff, Utah
Nov 6	San Diego Rock Art Association Symposium
Nov 7-10	Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Salt Lake City, MNHU https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org/
Nov 10-11	URARA Field Trip, San Rafael Swell
December 8-9	URARA Field Trip, Utah Lake area

URARA field trips are available to members only. For info or sign-up, please go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/events>, or contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862. Registration will open approximately (45) days prior to the start of the field trip. At that time you will be able to register until the set number of participants is filled; then your name will be added to the waiting list.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA) meets on the 4th Monday of the month; see: <http://snraa.org/snraa.org/EVENTS.html>

Dixie Archaeological Society (DAS) meets on the second Wednesday of the month; see: <http://www.dixierockart.com/>

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets at the Kumeyaay Center in Poway every other month, sometimes on the first Sunday, sometimes not. <http://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>

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