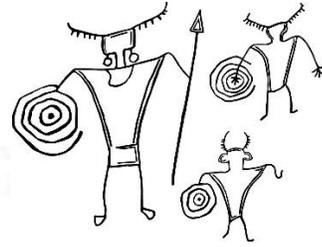


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## From the Prez

Steve Acerson

I'm glad to be out enjoying the season-change and the blooming plants, the chance to be on field trips, and the connections that have been shared over the years. The people that decided to organize URARA gave all of us the opportunity to enjoy images left by those inhabitants who lived in this place that has come to be called UTAH.

May we all #respectandprotect as we hike to our favorite and new places this spring, remembering to tread lightly and remove any trash you might see. Share our goals with people we meet, and educate as many kids as possible, so our cultural sites will be there for all.

Below are some pictures of what we love to do.

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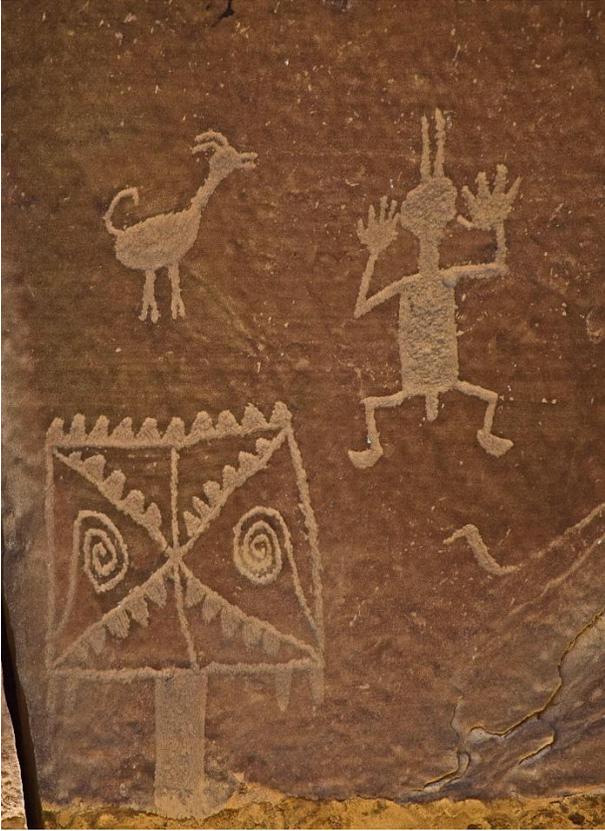
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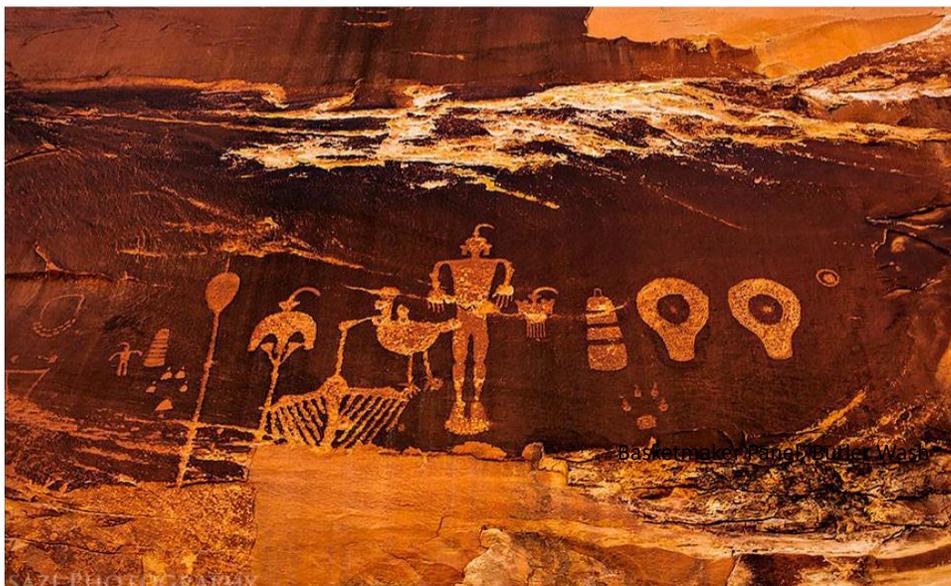
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# Symposium Call for Presentations

David Sucec



## Utah Rock Art Research Association 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

### Call for Proposals for Presentations

Deadline for proposals is August 07, 2018

The Symposium Committee announces a call for proposals for presentations for the Utah Rock Art Research Association 38th Annual Symposium, October 04 – 08, 2018 in Bluff, Utah.

Proposals should have a Title and Abstract and abstracts should not be more than 200 words. The deadline for proposals is August 7th, 2018. We ask that everyone submitting a proposal for consideration honor the deadline so we can finalize the program in a timely manner.

Preference will be given to presentations that relate to Utah rock art. Presentations will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes; site reports a maximum of 20 minutes. Abstracts will be reviewed for suitability, balance of points-of-view, and to ensure that the number of papers does not exceed the time available for presentations. All presentations must be in Power Point.

Accepted presenters will receive a \$100 Honorarium to help with expenses, free Symposium registration, and will be guests of URARA at the banquet.

Deadline for proposals is August 07, 2018.

\* Please send abstracts to David Sucec, Presentations Coordinator, preferably by email to [bcsproject@xmission.com](mailto:bcsproject@xmission.com) or by mail to 832 Sege Ave, Salt Lake City UT 84102.

## Vernal BLM Needs Volunteers May 12

### David Christensen

The Vernal BLM Field Office is planning to replace a fence to help protect a rock art panel near Dinosaur National Monument on Saturday May 12. If there is enough interest we would also like to organize some rock art tours/hikes around the area; possibly the Thursday and Friday before and/or Saturday afternoon.

**Please contact David Christensen if you want to help with this Project:**

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## URARA's Archives Needs Your Help

### Keith Fessenden

The various and sundry boxes which formed the Archives of the Utah Rock Art Research Association have been opened, reviewed, culled and organized.

The former lending library's books are now at the Emery County Library branch in Green River, Utah, where they are available for research use by library visitors on a non-circulating basis. We hope to have members, speakers at URARA's annual symposium, and others donate to this collection to form a preeminent rock art reference resource.

The administrivia items which compose an important part of every organization's archives were reviewed and organized. Unfortunately, they are sadly incomplete. URARA's archive needs board meeting agendas, minutes, handouts, etc. from almost all years. The archive contains very few vestiges, and no symposium papers. We are approaching forty as an organization with a significant history in the enjoyment, visitation, protection, recordation, and preservation of rock art in Utah. Let's work together to place in the Archives those items which reflect our organizations history.

Please contact Keith Fessenden at 303.907.5184 if you have questions or would like more information.

## Rock Art Reference Collection Established

### The Utah Rock Art Research Association in conjunction with the Emery County Library System in Green River Establishes a Rock Art Reference Collection – Keith Fessenden

The Utah Rock Art Research Association (URARA) was established in the late 1970's by individuals who appreciated Utah's heritage, enjoyed getting outdoors, and wanted to ensure the preservation of this heritage. URARA is dedicated to the visitation, education, conservation and preservation of petroglyphs and pictographs (commonly known as Rock Art) of all types including historic.

In 1981 URARA held its first symposium in Price, Utah. An annual symposium has been held every year since at various locations in Utah from Vernal to St George, Salt Lake City to Bluff, Delta to Moab. It has been held five times in Green River, most recently in 2017. The annual symposium educates the public and explores the possibilities associated with these drawings / writings and the people who created them.

URARA holds monthly field trips to rock art sites throughout the West and there are two days of field trips in conjunction with the Annual Symposium. Field trips are limited to members due to insurance concerns. Membership is open to everyone.

When Clifford Rayl, one of the earlier members of URARA, passed away, URARA used the rock art books in his collection as the nucleus of a lending library for the use of its members to learn about the rock art they enjoy viewing.

As part of URARA's goal to encourage rock art appreciation, research, and education, URARA, in partnership with the Emery County Library System and the Green River Library Branch, is using these books as the nucleus of a non-circulating reference collection for the use of the citizens of Green River and Emery County, URARA members, and all individuals interested in rock art traveling through Green River.

The Green River Library is located at 85 South Long Street, Green River, Utah, 84525, (435) 564-3349. The library's winter hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

URARA plans to add to this reference collection on an ongoing basis and encourages others who are interested in rock art to do so also.

Information about the Green River Library can be found at <http://lib.emerycounty.com/green-river.html>.

To learn more about the Utah Rock Art Research Association visit [urara.wildapricot.org](http://urara.wildapricot.org).

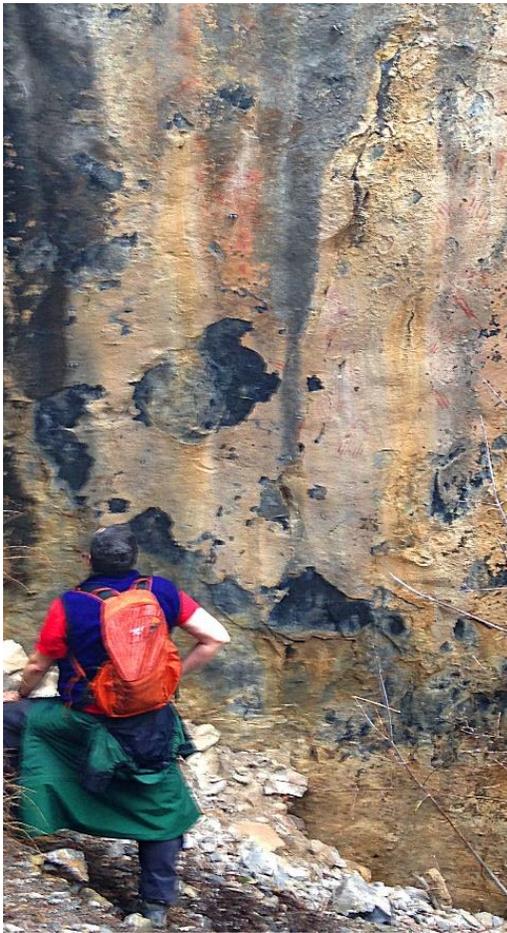
# Rock Art Preservation in Utah County

Steve Acerson

**Lake Mountain:** The shooting continues because of the lack of a signature in Washington. Because of media attention and the action of a few committed people the site that is on the edge of destruction is being protected. If you would like to help contact me. 385-985-5402

**Rock Canyon:** Shem Liechty who saw the article about the effort at Lake Mountain contacted me, with a concern he had about some sites in Rock Canyon:

Steve - I live in Provo near the mouth of Rock Canyon. My family has lived in this spot for several generations. About a year ago, I found what I think is a very old petroglyph that I think deserves some protection. It is located a few hundred yards from my home along the Bonneville shoreline trail. How can I get some confirmation that it is indeed ancient rock art and how can I get it protected. The rock is nearly in the middle of the trail and I am afraid that it will be destroyed. It has been defaced several times by things like magic marker but fortunately, the sun has erased the graffiti each time.



I am also aware of some pictographs up Rock Canyon that I believe date from the Ute Wars when the pioneers first settled the valley. They are also in danger. Someone set up a rock climbing route right through the middle of the very faded panel. Any suggestions would be appreciated. **Shem Liechty**

Shem took us to the site, then we contacted the Forest Service. Tom Flannigan reached out to us and set a meeting to see the location. Troy, Shem, and myself, hiked up the canyon with Tom and Russ from the Pleasant Grove ranger office to evaluate the site and the damage being done by climbers. The action decided was to get climbers to remove the hardware and post signs with restrictions on use. It was great to work with an agency that takes immediate action to stop the loss of a cultural resource.

**Traverse Mountain:** I finally made contact with the person in that area; Diana and I met with her and saw the boulder. The area is being developed quickly, so This boulder will be impacted soon. She sent this note :

Dear Mr. Acerson, I am involved in the founding of a new charter school in Traverse Mountain. A couple of weeks ago a petroglyph on a very large rock near our school site was brought to our attention. We thought, at first, that the rock was actually on our build site, but have since found that it is actually located on the neighboring plot, which is located on Traverse Mountain behind the Harmons shopping center near the new fire station. We are still very interested in learning more about this rock art and, if possible, moving and protecting it before further development threatens it.

Our contractor is also the owner of the petroglyph site and is willing to have us move the rock to our site with appropriate care and respect. I wonder if you might be able to help me in my effort to learn more about this piece of rock art. I'd like to discover more about the people who may have created it and the value of such art to our community. Do you also happen to know of any funding resources that I could reach out to for help in preserving this rock? Our contractor estimates 8-10 thousand dollars to move and mount the rock in a way that would protect it.



I appreciate any help or guidance you can give.

Thank you very much. Sincerely, Tierza Askren

**West Mountain:** The West Mountain Group is still very involved in the Kilgore gravel pit expansion, and the rockart in that area. The BLM and the State OGM Division is working on the mining requirements and cultural resource protection.



Thanks to everyone for their input and help with these efforts, Steve

## 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.

## Dinetah Field Trip Report

**Dave Manley**

The Dinetah Field Trip of April 12<sup>th</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup> went off without a hitch. Tom and I would like to thank everyone that attended and helped make this a successful trip. The Thursday/Friday group unfortunately experienced the spring winds that sometimes rip through the area. The Saturday/ Sunday group experienced a cool day on Saturday and a nice Sunday. When Tom and I proposed this trip we were hoping to introduce members to one of the best kept rock art secrets on the Colorado Plateau. No one got lost or hurt and everyone had a positive response to the trips.

Tom and I each took a group and switched canyons for each day, Tom took Largo Canyon Thursday and Saturday and Carrizo Canyon Friday and Sunday. Along the way a few new panels were found which isn't too surprising considering the scale of the landscape. Attendees saw rock art in Largo, Crow, Carrizo, Jesus, Delgedita, Pueblo, Aldopho, Gomez and Encierro Canyons.

Most rock art was Navajo with some Rosa Phase Basketmaker panels in the mix as well. One of the best attributes of Navajo Rock Art is some of the figures are identifiable so stories and myths can be connected to the panels. Most panels were in good shape and no new graffiti was seen during our visits. Even with the gas wells dotting the landscape it's a beautiful landscape to visit. It was great to share the trail with everyone that attended. Tom and I hope to lead a trip in this area next year to

a whole round of new sites. I would like to thank the Farmington BLM for their cooperation in letting us take our April field trip into their wonderful resource area.



## Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips 2018

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| May 12       | Fence building, Vernal BLM, David Christensen 435-781-3423  |
| May 12       | Kiosk Project, Smith Family Preserve, Randy Griffin 385-237-6978  |
| May 17-20    | URARA Field Trip Vernal, UT, two 2-day sessions   |
| June 1-4     | ARARA Symposium Grand Junction, Colorado<br><a href="https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info">https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info</a>                             |
| 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 <a href="http://www.octa-trails.org/news/ogden-utah-convention-august-6-10-2018">http://www.octa-trails.org/news/ogden-utah-convention-august-6-10-2018</a>         |
| August 9-12  | 81 <sup>st</sup> Pecos Conference, Flagstaff <a href="http://www.pecosconference.org">www.pecosconference.org</a>   |
| Sep 13-16    | URARA Field Trip, Nine-Mile Canyon, two 2-day sessions  |
| October 4-8  | URARA Symposium, Bluff, Utah  |
| Nov 3        | San Diego Rock Art Association Symposium  |
| Nov 7-10     | Great Basin Anthropological Conference, Salt Lake City, NHMU<br><a href="https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org/">https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org/</a> |
| 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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