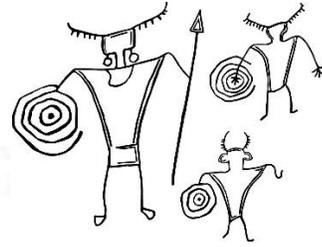


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From the Prez

Werner Duecker

We had a great symposium last month. A big thank-you to everyone who helped make our 40th Anniversary Symposium a success. We had a slate of wonderful speakers and even the weather cooperated this year, giving us sunny days and comfortable temperatures. If you were unable to attend, most of the presentations will be posted on the website along with previous years' presentations. You can find them at <https://urara.wildapricot.org/Symposium-Presentations>

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of URARA, the board created the Lifetime Legacy Award, to be presented each year at the Symposium to honor a member who helped found or that made significant contributions to the URARA over the years. This year the award was presented to two founding members, Jim Olive and Jesse Warner, who were instrumental in the creation of the Utah Rock Art Research Association back in 1979. We are grateful they had the foresight and could see the potential of the organization. Their guidance and determination, along with other early members, set the course to make URARA the great all volunteer organization that it is today. At future symposiums we will be recognizing and honoring more founding members and others who have made significant contributions to URARA.

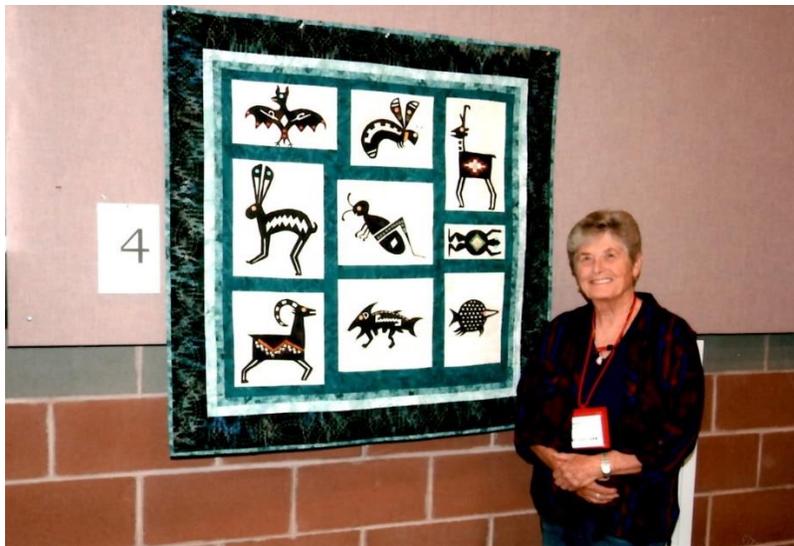
At the membership meeting, Troy Scotter was elected to the board. Troy brings years of dedicated volunteering and an in-depth knowledge of URARA and we look forward to having him back on the board. I would also like to thank outgoing board members Keith Fessenden, Dennis Devore, and Lynn Benson for all their time and work on behalf of URARA.

November 2019

The annual board planning meeting will be held in Moab next year on January 10th, 11th and 12th. This is the big meeting where we lay out the goals and tasks for the coming year, as well as plan locations for the monthly field trips. To suggest field trip locations or other ideas on what you would like to see URARA do next year, please email me, or post your comments to the forum on the website (provide link). If you would like to volunteer your time, or skills, please contact me...

Symposium Photos

Oscar Olson



URARA September 28 Board Minutes

Werner Duecker

Attendees:

Steve Acerson Troy Scotter Connie Bridge Diane Orr Doug VanEtten
 Kent Williams Lynn Benson Carol Duecker Margo Fenton Cheryl Ames
 Werner Duecker Dennis Devore Keith Fessenden Darlene Koerner

1. Conservation Committee

There is concern that the URARA Board is not meeting often enough for the Conservation Committee to bring concerns to the Board. Issues often have short timeframes.

BLM Travel management plans will be coming out and comments will need Board concurrence.

A suggestion was made to meet quarterly: 2 face-to-face meetings and 2 phone meetings. Currently, there is only one face-to-face meeting per year, held in January, and phone meetings are held on specific issues as necessary.

Question regarding whether Field Office Coordinators have authority to send comment letters on URARA's behalf. FO coordinators are currently composing letters and sending them to the conservation committee for review prior to sending to the BLM.

If there is any question about URARA's position on an issue, the conservation committee should seek direction from the board. For urgent cases, there is a group of 3 people who are currently permitted to make decisions quickly on behalf of URARA in the event that it is not possible to get a vote from a majority of board members.

Action Item:

- Troy will put Conservation Committee documents on the Board forum and the C&P forum as necessary. These forums have restricted access so documents with GPS data and photos are not available to the general membership.
- FO Coordinators will be instructed to send comment letters to the C&P group for review prior to sending to land managers.

2. Troy and Kent Update on Abbreviated SHPO/BLM Trinomial Assignment Procedure

The goal of having an abbreviated procedure is to have SHPO assign Smithsonian Trinomials to un-recorded sites with data that can be quickly collected in the field by visitors/volunteers. The data collected would be acceptable under Section 110. Sites requiring Section 106 data would be recorded with the current IMACS procedure.

The collected data would include GPS data for a central point and would replace IMACS forms B&C with checked boxes. SHPO is supportive of the suggested procedure, but the BLM has significant issues related to "bad" data. The BLM and SHPO are meeting on October 1st to discuss. If the BLM and SHPO can come to agreement on a procedure, the SHPO, BLM and URARA will create a Memorandum of Understanding, and SHPO will approach other land managers (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.) for concurrence in using this procedure.

Eligibility for the National Register should be built into the form.

3. Bylaw Update

Geoff Hardies, Keith Fessenden and Darlene Koerner have a rough draft and will send it to the board when it is completed.

Issues addressed in the new bylaws will include setting the number of board members, number of board meeting, coordinating URARA's Articles of Incorporation with the bylaws, and strengthening procedures (defining prescribed procedures which are now only customary).

A suggestion was made to provide a package of informational materials (binders, or a pdf document placed on the website) to new board members to help make them familiar with the organization.

Action Item:

- Keith Fessenden will forward the completed Draft URARA Bylaws to the Board on completion.

4. Education Committee Update

John McHugh has offered to head the Education Committee. John plans to meet with Committee members Nina Bowen, Gina Hupka, and Richard Jenkinson. The Committee has ideas that they would like to discuss and put into motion.

Darlene mentioned that the Utah Archaeology Network (spearheaded by Public Archaeologist Elizabeth Hora) plans to put on a workshop for kids each year that URARA can participate in.

5. Other Board Issues

5.1 Number of Board Members

Three board members are leaving the board. Dennis Devore and Keith Fessenden have served two 2-year terms, and are term limited. Lynn Benson decided not to stay on the board for his second 2-year term.

A suggestion was made that URARA should not replace the 3 currently retiring Board members until the Bylaws have been completed because the Bylaws will prescribe the required number of board members. URARA currently has 11 board members. Since the retirement of 3 members would leave the Board with an even number of members, the Board agreed that one additional board member would be elected at the Sunday membership meeting to help avoid having a split Board.

Action Item:

- One new board member will be elected at the Membership Meeting.

5.2 Membership Meeting

Suggestions for getting greater participation in the Membership meeting included holding the meeting on Sunday morning of the Symposium, providing a good breakfast, and placing the keynote speaker immediately following. Comments and suggestions can be solicited both by voice and paper. The Board voted and passed this suggestion.

Action Item:

- Place the Membership Meeting on Sunday morning of future Symposiums.

5.3 January Board Meeting

The January Board meeting will be held in Moab.

URARA Membership Meeting October 29

Werner Duecker (10/21/19)

Attendees:

Approximately 65-70 attendees.

1. Financial Report

URARA's Treasurer Margo Mahoney passed out a financial report that included 2019 financial information to date. She provided a brief overview of URARA's financial status. The final 2018 financial report has been posted in Vestiges.

URARA had approximately \$31,000 in January of this year and currently has approximately \$37,000. We still have some major outstanding expenses related to the 2019 Symposium which will be paid out of this amount.

URARA currently has 3 certificates of deposit totaling \$32,756.

The symposium income and expenses are expected to break even or produce a slight income this year.

In addition to the Symposium, URARA's major expenses are: Documentation and Preservation activities, insurance, and website fees.

Margo's 3-year term as Treasurer will be completed in January of next year. Anyone interested in serving as Treasurer can contact Margo.

Action Item:

Members interested in serving as Treasurer are encouraged to contact Margo for more information.

2. Committee Reports

2.1 Bylaw Committee

Keith Fessenden provided an update on the status of the Bylaw Committee work to date. Because URARA's current bylaws do not reflect the Articles of Incorporation and lack necessary information, the Committee is working on a draft of new bylaws which will be tailored to URARAs specific requirements.

2.2 Documentation Committee

Troy Scotter provided a description of a documentation procedure that the Documentation Committee is working to implement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The procedure would allow SHPO to assign a Smithsonian Trinomial to unrecorded sites using a lesser standard (Section 110) than is currently used for Section 106 site

recording. The BLM is reviewing the proposed procedure, and SHPO and the BLM will meet on October 1st to discuss.

3. Member Donations of Rock Art Materials to URARA Archive Collection

Steve Acerson asked all members to consider arranging to donate or bequeath the rock art information that they have collected during their lifetimes to URARA. This may be done by including instructions in a will, instructions to family members, or donations during the member's lifetime. URARA will accept notes, photos, books, data, maps and other related materials. URARA's books and papers are currently stored in the Green River library and URARA is looking for an archival location to permanently store these papers.

Jim Olive, a founding URARA member, is donating rock art related materials to URARA and urged members to consider making arrangements to do the same.

Action Item:

Members who would like further information or want to discuss this further are encouraged to contact Steve Acerson.

4. Board Member Election

Three Board members (Keith Fessenden, Dennis Devore, and Lynn Benson) are ending their terms in January. One new Board member will be elected at this meeting and will join the board in January. Additional board members will not be added until after the new bylaws are completed, which will then clarify the total allowed number of board members as well as roles and responsibilities.

Board member responsibilities can include taking on special tasks such as serving on committees, organizing the Symposium, organizing the field trips, or acting as treasurer. The Board meets face-to-face for a 2-day meeting in January, and also when necessary to discuss specific topics. The board is currently considering adopting 2 face-to-face meetings and 2 conference calls during the year.

Nominations: Steve Acerson nominated Carol Patterson

Jim Olive seconded nomination

Carol accepted

Darlene Koerner nominated Troy Scotter

-----seconded nomination

Troy accepted

Votes: Troy 33, Carol 27

Troy will join the Board in January.

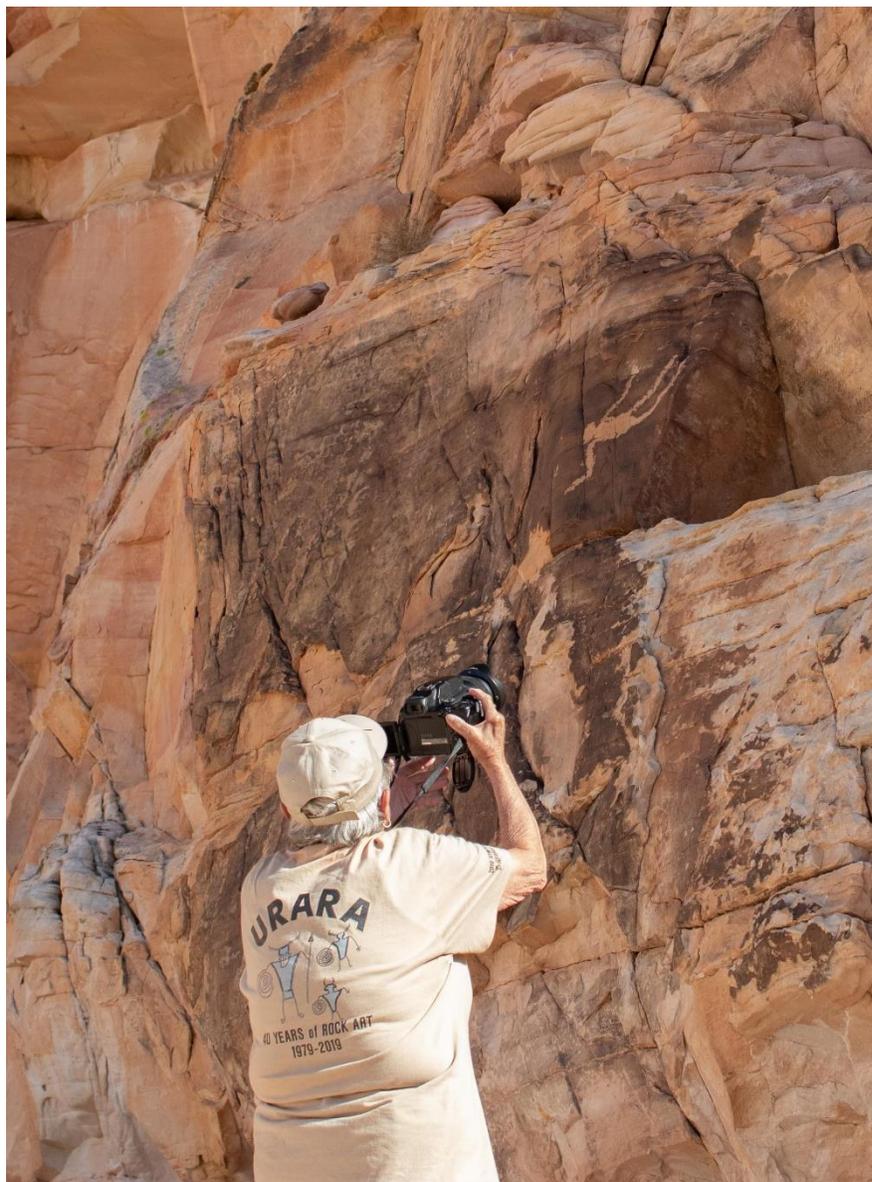
Carol Patterson agreed to lead a Board Committee focused on coordination with Native American groups.

5. Patina

Dennis Devore is reviving the URARA journal *Patina* which publishes stories, articles, photos and other written materials on any rock art-related topic. Future issues of *Patina* will be published as PDF files and issued as materials are submitted. It will be made available on the URARA website. Members are encouraged to submit *Patina* articles to Dennis.

6. Future Symposium Locations

The 2020 URARA Symposium will be held in Vernal the first weekend in October. Members are encouraged to email Werner Duecker with suggestions for future locations for the URARA Symposium.



Falling Man field trip

Dennis Devore

URARA Christmas Socials (plural)

As last year there will be Christmas social events in Salt Lake City, Moab, and maybe St. George, so members can get together and share a meal and stories of the year's events. To sign up, please go to the web page: utahrockart.org. On the event tab, click on OTHER EVENTS. There you will see the three locations. Select the one you would like to go to, and do what you normally do when registering for a field trip.

Annual Holiday Party at Sandy Bicentennial Park, December 9

As usual, the annual holiday party will be at Bicentennial Park in Sandy

Date: MONDAY December 9, 2018

Time: Social and set up at 5:30, dinner at 6:30

Place: Sandy City Bicentennial Park, 440 E 8680 South, Sandy, east of the tennis courts

Directions: From the traffic light at Main Street and 8720 South in Sandy, go east on 8720 South Street to the end (about nine blocks; turn left and then right on 8680 S.

Vittles: URARA will furnish a honey-baked ham, plates and utensils. Please bring your favorite pot-luck dish and beverage of choice (no alcohol, City Park rules).

Program: Gary Burningham has a DVD of Baja California rock art that maybe we can get him to show.

You may register: on the URARA web page: events>other events

Questions: Call Barbara Green (801) 466-7702

Moab potluck December 14

Social at 5:30 with Potluck Dinner at 6:00 at Susie's house near the Moab Golf Course. There may be a hike before-hand if the weather is good.

Register on the URARA web page for Events. URARA & Susie will be providing a ham. Further details will be provided to those who have signed up. Leigh Grench and Susan McDowell will be in charge of this event.

Possible St George Christmas Social

Under discussion. Stay Tuned.

Nine Mile Canyon Mobile App

from Diana Acerson

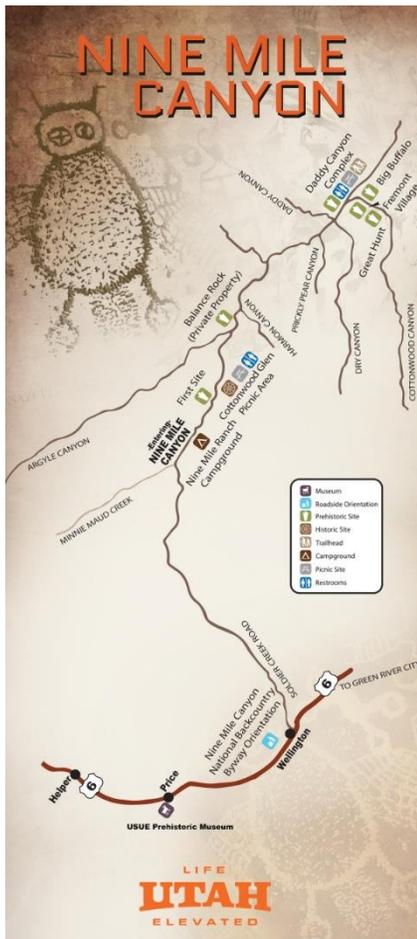
Carbon County Press Release- September 11, 2019

Carbon County Tourism has released a new Nine Mile Mobile App. With help from the 2018 Co Op Grant, the office made some changes to their current website and created a new offline mobile tour for visitors and community members.

Nine Mile has been the center of conversations for years with the BLM and the Nine Mile Coalition has been at the lead of those discussions. Although an interpretive panel project is planned for the canyon, the office of tourism knew the importance of having visitor information about the canyon available until the BLM decided what to do with the plan.

“Unfortunately, plans such as the Nine Mile Interpretive Plan is a process and it doesn’t always move as quickly as we’d like it too, but with that being said, I think the new mobile app will help direct visitors to the areas that have been designated to visit without the confusion they may have experienced before with inaccurate maps and brochures,” said Carbon County Tourism Specialist Tina Henrie. “We understand the significance of Nine Mile to our history and we are also sensitive to the fact that we need to protect it and respect it. I hope this mobile app will also help educate our visitors & community members to do just that.”

The community is invited to Nine Mile Canyon on Sept. 14 from 10 a.m to 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Project Discovery of Utah, their ultimate goal is “all about education. By pulling back the veil of secrecy and not only showing, but educating you about these precious and irreplaceable archaeological sites – we hope that you’ll walk away more enlightened, with a better understanding of why these sites are important, and why they should be protected and preserved for future generations.” There will be food, vendors and fun at the Nine Mile Ranch. For more information about Stewardship Day, contact Nine Mile Ranch (435) 637-2572.



BLM Fire Crews Get Help from URARA Member

Diana Acerson

BLM Salt Lake Field Office Fuels Archaeologist Mike Turlep has been on the fire lines ensuring our wild-land fire crews avoid damaging cultural resources during suppression efforts this fire season. On the Lake Point Green Ravine fire in September, URARA member Mike Griffin provided the BLM with exact GPS locations for rock art panels that were threatened and could have been damaged or destroyed during the fire. The BLM was able to dispatch fire crews those locations to ensure they were avoided when dropping fire retardant or placing dozer fire lines.

BLM cultural resource archaeologists understand that many people within the rock art community feel protective of rock art sites and often keep site locations secret, even from the BLM. But then other people will "trade" site locations like baseball cards in return for new locations to visit. The potential adverse effects of not sharing sites with the BLM are significant in multiple regards, especially during fire season. If the BLM doesn't have the site locations, they cannot have their crews avoid them during emergency activities which include destructive fire lines.

URARA would like to thank and acknowledge Mike Griffin for providing them with the locations in the threatened areas of Green Ravine and thus protecting rock art, such an important and non-renewable resource.

Thanks to both Mikes, for quick response to this threat that could have damaged or destroyed the rock art.



Symposium, Old Timers Forum. Layne Miller, Jim Olive, Bill hirt.

Photo by Oscar Olson

Lake Mountain Field Trip Report

Lynn Benson

Although the turnout was small, a fine time was had by all. Lynn escorted Oscar, Connie, Paula and Peggy around Lake mountain on Thursday. On Friday Betty joined Paula and Peggy for a West mountain tour. Sunny and cool.



Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips 2019

November 2	SDRAA 44 th annual symposium, https://sdraa.org
November 2	Three Corners Conference at UNLV; https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/nvfcp/pages/180/attachments/original/1570811408/Three_Corners_Conference.pdf?1570811408
November 9-10	URARA Field trip Moab
December 9	URARA Christmas gathering, Bicentennial Pavilion, 530 East 8680 South, Sandy; register at utahrockart.org
December 14	URARA Moab Christmas potluck; register at utahrockart.org
2020 Oct 1-5	URARA Symposium Vernal

URARA field trips are available to members only. For information or sign-up, please go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/events>, or contact Cheryl Ames at cheryl_e_ames@msn.com, 303-940-2043. Registration will open approximately 45 days prior to the start of the field trip. At that time you may 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), Las Vegas, meets on the 4th Monday of the month; see: <http://snraa.org/snraa.org/EVENTS.html>

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

Colorado Archaeological Association, Grand Junction Chapter meets on the second Monday of the month <https://www.meetup.com/CAS-GJ/>

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

Looks like the old guy is asleep.
Hope he didn't get nominated for something.

Photo by Oscar Olson



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