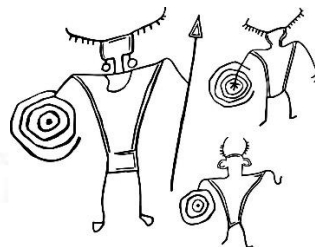


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From the Prez

Kent Williams

Hello,

The URARA Board of Directors held our 3rd quarter board meeting on July 18th, and I'd like to take the opportunity here to let you know what we covered. We typically go over updates in the various committees, and this meeting started with the symposium committee, with that event coming up in October. Things are well on track for the symposium. We also covered two other areas that we have been focusing on over the past several years that I will summarize here. The first area is site documentation and the other is administering grants that URARA has funded.

Site documentation is a formal process under the supervision of a certified archaeologist where characteristics of a rock art site are recorded. When a site is formally documented it facilitates federal and State land managers being able to make informed decisions to help protect rock art sites, as well as supporting professional research. URARA is supporting site documentation by providing volunteers to work on documentation projects. We are also working on ways to help provide more basic site information to the Utah State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and land managers in part so the sites can be queued up for formal documentation.

Providing grants is another way for us to meet our mission. We are currently administering three grants: the Shovel Bums/Astro Archeology grant, the Northern Uintah Basin Rock Imagery

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Recording and Research Project, and a grant to Grand County to facilitate the nomination of rock art sites in the Moab area to the National Register of Historic Places.

Reading Vestiges is a great way to keep up with both URARA projects and committee activity, but if you are reading this issue, you already know that. The other way is to read the Board Meeting minutes, which are posted on our web site. You must log on to the website to [access them](#). You are also welcome to sit in on board meetings which are webcast on Zoom. Just let me know via email if you'd like to join, and I'll send you a link. The 4th quarter board meeting will be held at the symposium in Price, so keep an eye out for the agenda if you want to join us in person.

Kent



Beaver area petroglyphs



from Diana Acerson

Picnic Reminder

Diana Acerson



Picnic Reminder!

**AUGUST 17-20
BEAVER, UTAH**

You must register on-line to participate.



Cancellations:

If you cannot make it, please let us know at least **5 days** prior to August 17th. This is considerate to the Acerson's, and URARA on purchasing food, etc. for the event.

***Please let us know if you are car camping, tent camping, or staying off site.**

Email us at dace1950@gmail.com or whiteh20rockart@gmail.com

Sites are first come, first serve.

Call if you have questions. 435-262-7044, 385-985-5402

If not, we will see you there....

2023 Symposium Vendor Information

Keith Fessenden

Vendors wishing to have a booth at the upcoming 2023 Price Symposium will need to register online again this year. Registration for vendors will open at the same time as for Symposium participants on August 20th. On the URARA website (www.utahrockart.org) look for the symposium section of the events tab.

The symposium will be held at USU Eastern in the Jennifer Leavitt Student Center. The Student Center is located approximately in the center of the USU Eastern campus on the east side of 300 East. If googling, etc. the campus address is 451 East 400 North, Price, Utah 84501. Vendors will set up along the side walls of the meeting room. There is a limit of ten (10) vendors this year.

If you go to this link <https://eastern.usu.edu/about/map> and then click on “Price Campus Map” you will download a map of the campus to help you locate the student center.

Please note:

- Vendors must be current URARA members.
- The vendor fee is \$25 and a donated item to the auction.
- An 8-foot table and two chairs can be provided by the event location. You may bring your own table of the same, or smaller, size if you prefer. All vendors will have a ten-foot space, one table, due to size constraints this year. You may bring a smaller 3-foot table that fits behind your table. More information will follow vendor registration.

- Please bring your own extension cords.
- Wi-Fi should be available for your use.
- Vendors will set up along the side walls in the same room as the symposium. More information will be provided to vendors after registration.

- Vendor registration is limited due to space constraints.
- More information on location, Friday evening unloading and set up will be sent after vendor registration.

If you have questions or attempt to sign up for a space and are unable to do so, please contact Keith Fessenden at (303) 907-5184. See you in October!

Symposium Registration Opens August 20th

[Diana Acerson](#)

It's Time! Symposium Registration Begins *This month* on August 20th, ending September 15th

Get ready to register online for wonderful presentations, fun, and adventure, taking place October 5th-9th at USU Eastern, 451 East, 400 North, Price, Utah.



Symposium (continued)

We are pleased to announce Jerry Spangler will be presenting, along with many other great speakers and presenters. Jerry is a professional archaeologist who has spent more than two decades researching the history and prehistory of Nine Mile Canyon. He is director of the Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance, a non-profit organization that works closely with government, industry, and conservation groups to further the protection of our cultural past to ensure they remain treasures for future generations. With his wife Donna, he published *Horned Snakes and Axle Grease: A Roadside Guide to the Archaeology, History and Rock Art of Nine Mile Canyon*, and *Treasures of the Tavaputs: The Archaeology of Desolation Canyon*.

You will need to register in advance for field trips, workshops, banquet, lunches, and T-shirts. The cut-off date to register for these events and items is September 15th, so do not miss these great opportunities.

Note: Field trip and Workshop sign ups end when they reach capacity.

If you don't expect to attend the symposium but would like a shirt, you can still order from the website after registration opens until the cutoff date. But be prepared, the price will include shipping.

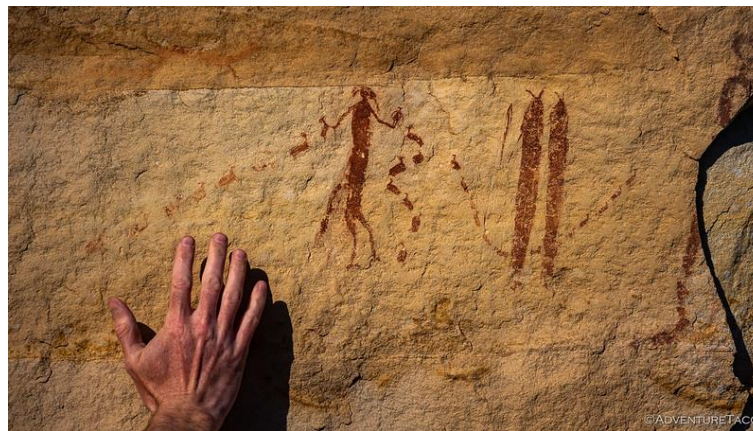
Plan to attend the banquet* events even if you do not sign up for the meal. Bring your eats and participate with us in the Oscar's, the auctions, and be one of those who win a special give-away!

All information and descriptions about each event for sign up will be available on the website when registration opens on the 20th.

We are looking forward to a great symposium and hope to see you there!

**The banquet cannot meet the needs of all those who are on special diets. There will be a vegetarian offering, which is standard. But those of you who have other special dietary needs, we would encourage you to bring your own meal to the banquet so you can still be there to participate in the other activities of the evening. We hope this will work for you, and we apologize for any inconvenience to you this causes. Thank you so much for your understanding.*

HELP! STEVE STILL NEEDS FIELD TRIPS LEADERS. 385-985-5402,
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Range Creek Trip Report

Layne Miller

July 15-16 finally became the days URARA members toured Range Creek in Utah. Last year's trip had to be cancelled because the tour leader, me, came down with a last minute case of kidney stones. Luck, but not nature, was on our side this year. Going into the weekend weather forecasters we're saying highs in Price were going to be in the low 100s. But by altering the schedule by heading into the shade early and drinking plenty of liquids, everybody had a terrific time exploring a canyon that was preserved for decades because it was privately owned and was armed with hefty locked gates at both ends.

Range Creek is very similar to Nine Mile in it's location and appearance but it was not open to the public until it was purchased from the Wilcox family in 2001. Those two locked gates preserved much of the archaeology and rock art found there.

Access to the canyon is now only allowed through individual permits or licensed outfitters like Carbon County Recreation who arranged the tour for the group. Overnight stays are not allowed in the canyon so our group camped outside the first locked gate encountered enroute to the canyon. The tours were good, the rock art terrific and the scenery stunning but the highlight of the trip might have been the aluminum foil hobo dinners Saturday night.



Archy Grants Available from Utah SHPO

Elizabeth Hora, SHPO

Do you have an archaeological site on your property, or just want to know what's out there? There's a grant for that! The Utah Legislature has set aside \$500k in grants funds for private landowners, organizations, and municipalities to use to record, interpret, and preserve archaeological sites.

The Utah SHPO is administering this 50/50 matching grant that can help fund work at sites from log cabins to ancient pueblos and bottle dumps to arrowheads and everything in between. We know that URARA is passionate about protecting and understanding Utah's history, and we would like to encourage you to find archaeological sites in your community that may be eligible for this funding.

- **Who is eligible to apply and receive grant funding?**
 - **Private Landowners (individuals or families).**
 - Person or persons must be able to demonstrate ownership of the parcel where work is to be performed.
 - **Trusts & Corporations**
 - Organization(s) must be able to demonstrate ownership of the parcel where work is to be performed.
 - **Cities, Towns, and Counties**
 - (Entity needs to be responsible in the protection of any resulting archaeological information).

Learn more and apply at ushpo.utah.gov/archaeologygrant



Engraved anthros
Range Creek
Layne Miller

Calendar and URARA Events

Aug 10-13	Pecos Conference, Flagstaff, https://www.pecosconference.org/2023
August 17-20	URARA Summer Picnic Beaver, Utah; https://urara.wildapricot.org/event-5330734
October 5-9	URARA Annual Symposium, Price, Utah
October 8	Quarterly Board Meeting and Members Meeting (at Symposium)
October 18-21	GBAC Bend, Oregon, registration is now open https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org/
December TBD	Christmas dinner (s)

URARA symposia and field trips are available to members only. Vaccination is strongly encouraged. All members receive an email notification when a field trip opens for registration. Notifications go out between 45 and 14 days before a trip. You can register for a field trip when you get the notification. If a trip is full when you try to register, your name is added to a wait list. You will get another notification if and when someone drops out and you can be added to the trip.

American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) is hosting on-line events. Free access is granted to URARA members. Registration at: <https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures>

Desert Archaeological Society (DAS), St George, meets on the second Wednesday of the month, Saturday field trips once a month. <http://www.dixierockart.com/>
Meetings will resume in September

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>
Now on-line.

Colorado Rock Art Association (CRAA) will continue to present occasional webinars on Zoom
<https://coloradorockart.org/>

Utah Humanities Public Events, <https://utahhumanities.org/index.php> > Events

URARA Board and Officers

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