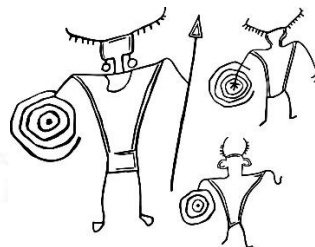


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From the Prez

Diana Acerson

February is here already, and everyone is looking forward to getting out and enjoying rock art as the weather hints at warming up and we see a cure for that winter cabin fever. We hope you will check the website regularly for upcoming field trips and events. And as you group up with friends and family on your own to visit rock art, please remember the proper behavior for visiting these sites. If you are not on a URARA organized field trip, please protect the organization by obeying signs, and not trespassing or taking part in any other behavior that is not appropriate or threatens the integrity of URARA. We thank you for your efforts to share the rock art site behavioral ethics with your friends and family.

The URARA board attended the annual retreat in Moab again this year. Thank you to everyone who attended or was able to ZOOM into the meeting. Minutes of the meeting for your review will be posted on our website in February. You can find them by clicking on the "Members" tab and selecting "Governance" from the menu. Please take a few minutes to look them over to see what we are doing as your leaders.

Weather cooperated for a couple of field trips after the "work" was done. Thank you to Leigh Grench and Dave Manley for taking the time to take us out.

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Here are some of the board meeting topics you'll find online in the minutes that many of you are interested in:

- Status of the Moab nomination to the National Historic Registry
- Grants we have in progress or proposed
- Who our various appointees are and what they are responsible for
- Financial policies and procedure revisions and additions, and what qualifies for reimbursements
- What the goals are for conservation & preservation this year and what we've been up to in that area
- Documentation and research projects in the works and proposed
- Education activities; in progress, new projects, and ideas
- The 2024 Symposium in Beaver, progress update
- The future of field trips – getting leaders from the membership
- What Patina is and how you can submit articles
- Request for member nominations for the symposium Oscar's
- The Membership report: as of this writing we have 457 members
- The need for a Volunteer Coordinator
- Vestiges articles, photos, and different topics & ideas that can be submitted by members for publication in this newsletter

These are just a snapshot of the discussion topics. Please take a look online and comment if you have any thoughts or concerns you think we should know about. We, as your all-volunteer board, appreciate your comments and suggestions as we act on your behalf. Send your comments to: urarapresident2024@gmail.com.

We hope to see you partaking of the squeaky cheese in Beaver this year at the symposium in October, so mark your calendar, October 10-14th, if you haven't already.

As you are out enjoying rock art somewhere along the many paths we travel, be safe and have a great February.

Diana Acerson 😊

URARA Needs Volunteer Coordinator

Diana Acerson

HELP! ("for real" as my grandkids would say).

Do you remember when you joined URARA there was an area on the application where you listed your interests and talents? And you've been probably wondering why no one got back to you. How can you help if you don't know what that help is, how, or who to talk to? When you finally did get a hold of someone, they didn't know what to tell you? Yep, we hear you. That's why I'm putting this call out. We really need a Volunteer Coordinator. Someone who can answer.

What would you be doing, you ask? Well, we are hoping you could develop a position description that would help you accomplish the goal of connecting what a member wants to help with, to what is needed. We would give you access to that list of who is interested and what their interests are. From that online information, then I imagine you would create, categorize, and organize the list for you to easily be able to contact those folks and match them up with the need at the time. Initial contact would be to let them know we know they are out there, we appreciate their willingness to help, and that we will provide them information on what we need help with. Basically, you would be creating the position and how it works for you. Then we can go from there.

What are some of the things we need help with? Throughout each year there is always a need for volunteers to help with: The many and various duties for the symposium; lead monthly field trips; work on special projects like documentation and research; host a social like a Christmas party or the summer picnic; artisans willing to share their talents teaching a workshop; helping with an education project; among others. Sometimes we need expertise from someone skilled in a certain area who can act as a consultant. Just some of the many areas of need that pop up.

Right now, or anytime, you can contact me – urarapresident2024@gmail.com. I would be happy to brainstorm with you. Thank you, thank you!



Call for Symposium Volunteers

Diana Acerson

Beaver High School – Downtown Beaver October 10-14, 2024



Call for volunteers!

This is the time we ask those who are willing to volunteer to join us in helping to make the symposium a success. Here's how you can help:

Field Trip Leaders: Instructions and information provided ahead of time. A great way to meet other members, and see rock art. Field trips take place on Friday and Monday, before and after the presentation days. Restricted to 12 persons per trip. Contact Steven Acerson, whiteh20rockart@gmail.com for more information.

Workshop Instructors: Sample topics include: Drawing, native art techniques, pottery, photography, other interactive crafts, electronics training, conservation/documentation training, how to use apps like D-Stretch. Whatever you would like to share with others. Class size limited to 12 unless it is a field work training class. Please contact Diana Acerson now at dace1950@gmail.com, to get more information and sign up.

Volunteers at the event. It is so helpful to have people willing to just be available for whatever is needed: The registration area, passing the microphone during presentations, taking photos, helping with T-shirt distribution, greeting members, running errands, assisting the auctioneer during the auction, and more.

Whether you are a steadfast member for many years, or a new member, WE NEED YOU! Contact: Diana Acerson, dace1950@gmail.com, 435-262-7044



Symposium Travel Information

Diana Acerson



Available lodging

- North Exit off Interstate 15, exit 112
- Country Inn Motel 435-439-2484
- Best Western Paradise Inn 435-438-2455
- Motel 6 435-438-1666
- Days Inn by Wyndam 435-261-2641
- Super 8 by Wyndam 435-438-3888
- Downtown Area
 - Lotus
 - Delano 435-438-2418
 - Best Western- Butch Cassidy 435-438-2438
 - Aspen Lodge 435-438-5160
 - American's Best Value 435-438-5875
- South Exit off Interstate 15, exit 109
 - Comfort Inn 435-438-6283
 - Wingate 435-438-5426



Campgrounds

- KOA - The Journey - North hwy 357 (exit 112) in town 800-562-2912
- Camperland - South I-15 (exit 109) in town 435-438-2808
- Minersville Reservoir State Campground (15 mi west) 435-438-5472
- Forest Service campgrounds up state highway 153 (10 mi east) 435-438-2436



Airlines: Miles/Times to Beaver:

Las Vegas Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) 230 miles, 3.5-hour drive

All rental cars available

Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) 200 miles, 3-hour drive

All rental cars available

Provo Municipal Airport 150 miles, 2.5-hour drive

Car Rentals available

St. George Regional Airport (SGU) 115 miles, 1.3-hour drive

Car Rentals available

Shuttle: The St George Shuttle runs 13 trips daily to Las Vegas, and 5 trips to Salt Lake City, with stop in Beaver. <https://www.stgride.com/shuttle/schedules>



Dining In Beaver

Fast Food

The Drive Inn
Burger King
Carl's Jr.
Dairy Queen
McDonalds
Subway
Wendy's



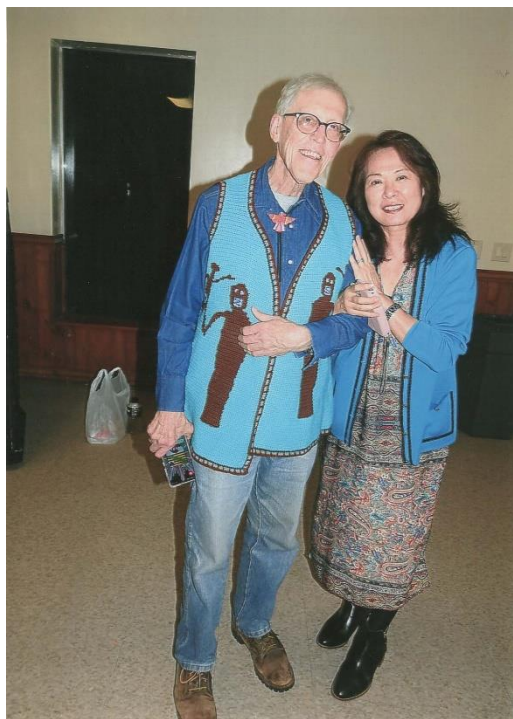
Restaurants

Beaver Taco
Timberline Inn
Cheese Factory - (home of famous squeaky cheese curds)
Craig's Pizza
Crave, The Pizza Place
Crazy Cow
Denny's
El Bambi
Kan Kun Mexican Restaurant
Loaded Burger, aka: Arshels

If you have any questions or concerns, email me: dace1950@gmail.com

Salt Lake Christmas Gathering Photos

Oscar Olson



Consider Zoom

Rick Mathews

Most folks submit trip reports to Vestiges, but consider a Zoom presentation for recounting your adventures. There's more room for gory details and tall tales.

During the pandemic we were spoiled with Zoom presentations every month on a wide range of topics and images. I have gone back and watched several again. It's fun to see what our fellow members have been up to. URARA would like to continue our Zoom presentations along with field trips to educate and excite our members.

Presentations can be as basic with you narrating what you are showing us. You can share your thoughts and opinions. It's a good place to practice your Symposium presentation.

One of the benefits I found when I did a presentation was it made me a better photographer. I paid closer attention to detail, elements, size, spacing and overall location. I also learned to organize my files better.

Here are a few guidelines for presentations:

- Keep them between 30-50 minutes to allow time for questions and comments
- Be careful about location data. Use a broad description about the location.
- Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm have worked but if another night works better for you, feel free to suggest a different time

If you would like to present or have a suggestion about a presentation you would like to see, please send an email to rickmathews2005@yahoo.dk. We'd love to hear from you and see your pictures!

Rock Imagery in the News

Many prehistoric handprints show a finger missing. What if this was not accidental? The Guardian 23 December 2023. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2023/dec/23/prehistoric-handprints-finger-missing-ritually-removed>

Archaeologists have discovered Pueblo astronomical carvings and paintings in Colorado Heritage Daily 23 December 2023. <https://www.heritagedaily.com/2023/12/archaeologists-have-discovered-pueblo-astronomical-carvings-and-paintings-in-colorado/149934>

News (continued)

Massive destruction near Fort Pearce caused by treasure hunters on trust lands St George News 24 January 2024. <https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2024/01/13/prc-massive-destruction-near-fort-pearce-caused-by-treasure-hunters-on-trust-lands>

Calendar and URARA Events

February 4	SDRAA Virtual Meeting, Sunday, presentation on Chumash, 4:00 PST https://www.sandiegorockart.org/meeting_registration.html
February 10	ARARA presentation "Paleolithic Rock Art of Mediterranean Spain" https://arara.wildapricot.org/event-5573658
February 24-25	URARA Field Trip Cottonwood Wash https://urara.wildapricot.org/event-5587865
May 16-20	ARARA 2024 Conference, Farmington NM https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info-2024
October 10-14	URARA Symposium, Beaver

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/>

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets on line until further notice.
<https://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>

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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www.utahrockart.org . Contact information - utahrockartresearchassoc@gmail.com

2024 URARA Board and Officers

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	Kent Williams
	Keith Fessenden
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Grants Manager	Pat Sullivan
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URARA Conservation Coordinators

<u>BLM District</u>	<u>Field Office</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Coordinator Lead		Kent Williams
Canyon Country	Moab	Pam & Quent Baker
Canyon Country	Monticello	Werner Duecker, Carol Duecker
Paria River	Kanab	Jeff Frey
Color Country	Cedar City	Gina Hupka
Color Country	St. George	Nina Bowen
Color Country	Richfield	Jeff Roberts
Green River	Vernal	Tim Sweeney, Darlene Koerner
Green River	Price	Layne Miller
West Desert	Fillmore	Steve Acerson
West Desert	Salt Lake	Don & Adele Leavitt