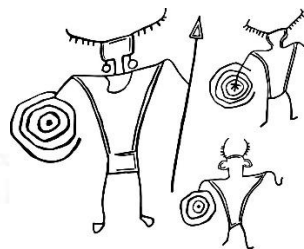


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From the Prez

Rick Mathews

Greetings URARA Members!

I'm looking forward to the Symposium this year in Kanab. Kanab is a fun place with lots of both history and pre-history.

A few years ago Utah SHPO had a Steward get-together in Kanab. We learned Fremont-style skills, learned some things to help land managers with law enforcement and were able to visit Pipe Springs National Monument.

I remember visiting Pipe Springs with my family when I was young. One of the most vivid memories was the cookies (Hey, I was a growing boy), Ginger Snaps fresh out of the old wood-fire stove. I found out they only cook outside at Christmas time because they almost started a fire.

Re-visiting as an adult was even more interesting. I had a better understanding of those who lived here before. I also thought of one of my dear friends who was part Kaibab Paiute. Seeing pictures of her family in the visitor center added to my experience and brought back fond memories of my friend. So if you have a chance, cross the border and visit Pipe Springs.

Symposiums are one of the reasons I joined URARA. Many thanks to Pat and others who have worked so hard to make our 2025 Symposium a success. I know this will be an amazing Symposium. I hope to see you there!

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Kanab Symposium Registration Now Open

Troy Scotter

Symposium registration is now open until September 24. For more information, see: [General Information](#) [Agenda and Speaker Abstracts](#) [Symposium & Vendor Registration](#) [Friday field trip registration](#) [Monday field trip registration](#) <https://urara.wildapricot.org/2025-Symposium-Workshops>

You must be a URARA member to register. To join URARA, go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/join-us>

Symposium registration includes both lecture sessions and field trips. Many of the pages are member only so we don't divulge site names in the area. You will have to be logged into the [website](#) as a member to view them. If you are interested in a trip that is full a wait list is available for most trips.

For a list of motels and camping grounds see the March Vestiges: <http://www.utahrockart2.org/vestiges/archives/2025-03.pdf>

Most of the events will take place at the Kanab Convention Center, 20 N 100 E, Kanab, see maps below, on page 3.

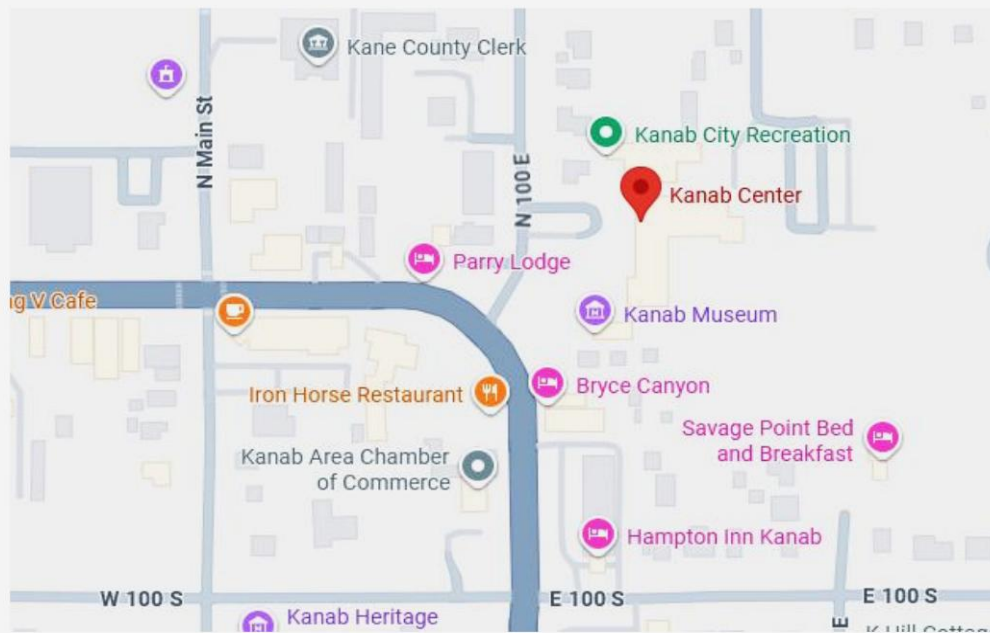
Workshops will be held at the Convention Center on October 9th starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be signage to guide you to your workshop.

The field trip leader meet and greet will be held on Thursday, October 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the top Pavilion at the Jacob Hamblin Park, 566 N 100 E. The other events at this location are the Watermelon Social on Friday, October 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The field trips will leave from the park parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 10th and Monday, October 13th.

Because there will be a church group at the convention center at the same time we will be there, parking will be limited. There is construction going on at the center as well, so construction vehicles are taking up parking spaces too. It is unknown whether construction will be finished by October 10th, they hope so. Parking is permitted along the street if you don't block someone's driveway. If you get a motel close to the convention center, think about walking, otherwise, see if you can carpool with someone.

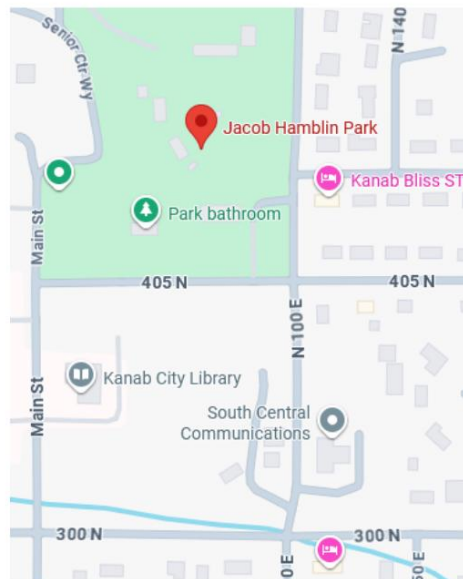
Key locations

Kanab Conference Center 20N 100E



Source: Google Maps

Jacob Hamblin Park North Pavilion 566 N 100E



Source: Google Maps

Symposium Field Trip Information

Tina Tan

If you have signed up for the symposium, you have hopefully also signed up for the Friday and Monday Field Trips (FTs). Some are already filled. If you are interested in a trip that is full a wait list is available for most trips. Don't delete your currently registered alternate field trip until your wait listed trip comes through for you.

A couple of things to note:

- **CARPOOLING**: Due to limited parking capacity at the trailheads, carpooling will be needed. If you plan on driving your vehicle, please make room and plan on taking passengers. It's a great way to meet and get to know your fellow URARAns.
- **4WD VEHICLES**: Some FTs will require 4WD due to sandy or rough roads. Please volunteer to drive and share a spot if you have the requisite vehicle for the FT.
- **FEE PAYMENT**: Some of the FTs will require a \$6.00 participant fee. The FTs that will require this fee payment are:
 - § Cockscomb
 - § Paria River and
 - § House Rock Valley Road.

You can pay this fee electronically at the fee station located at the trailheads. *Make sure you have your credit card handy.* It is also possible for you to pay the fee at www.recreation.gov NOTE: For anyone getting advance permits, they are non-transferrable, non-refundable, not replaceable if lost or stolen, and are void if altered or reproduced. So the correct location, date, and vehicle type/license plate info will be needed.

Since we will be carpooling, it may be better for those of you signed up for these FTs to wait to pay the fee at the fee station, so you can enter the correct vehicle type and license plate.

2025 URARA Auction

Keith Fessenden

Remember to bring your excess rock art related and western items to the symposium in Kanab. Books, photos, coffee mugs, T-shirts, kachinas, etc. Everything is welcome.

You can start dropping off the items at the Buckskin room starting at 07:00 Saturday morning. Please be prepared to complete a donation form.

See you on Saturday. If you should have any questions before then please contact Keith Fessenden at 303.907.5184.

Vendor Information

Keith Fessenden

Vendors wishing to have a booth at the upcoming 2025 Kanab Symposium will need to register online again this year. Registration for vendors is open. Check the URARA website (www.utahrockart.org) and look for the symposium section of the events tab.

The symposium will be held on the east side of the Kanab Convention Center, at 20 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah, 84. Vendors will set up In the Coral Room.

Please note:

- Vendors must be current URARA members.
- The vendor fee is \$30 and a donated item to the auction.
- Vendors will set up in the Coral Room. This room is not the same room as the lecture room, but it has a door to the lecture area. In the same area in the connecting Cascade room (the dividers between the rooms are open), will be the URARA registration, reception and sales.
- The available tables are either 18" x 6' or 30" x 6'. You may have up to three to use. Two across the front and one on the side behind them in an L shape. The room's size is larger than last year. More information will follow vendor registration.
- Please bring your own extension cords.
- Secure Wi-Fi his available for your use.
- Vendor registration is limited initially to ten registrants. More may be possible.
- More information on location, Friday evening unloading and set up will be sent after vendor registration.
- We will need to be out of the Coral Room by 4 pm on Sunday.

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.

Visit To Best Friends Recommended

Deb Mitchell

I look forward to seeing all of you in Kanab. I highly recommend if you have any free time at all that you go visit Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, which is located 5 miles north of Kanab on Hwy 89. It's the largest No-Kill Sanctuary in the country. They have dogs, cats, bunnies, horses, goats, pigs, birds and Wild Things. There are free guided tours or you can simply drive around on your own. There is even a Petroglyph Rock right off the road !

You can find all the information you need at <https://bestfriends.org>. Or if you if you have any specific questions, feel free to contact me at deb728@hotmail.com. We are staying after the symposium to volunteer there, helping with the animals for a few days. We've done it before, it is a lot of fun. And they have a \$5 Vegan lunch buffet every day open to the public. Don't forget to wear your URARA hats and shirts when you go !



Summer Picnic tour, Patty and Bay at Rocky Ridge

Marketing with Respect

Steve Acerson

On the way to the URARA summer picnic, Diana and I participated in a consulting meeting that focused on how to advertise Nine Mile Canyon. Carbon County Office of Tourism representative Tina Grange wanted to get input on how to advertise but with a focus on cultural significance, which would enable a more respectful marketing and fostering cultural awareness.

Eileen Quintana prepared a video on the sacredness of Nine Mile Canyon as a historic and cultural site for Native American people, particularly the Fremont and Ute, highlighting the significance for rock art and ancestral history.

Tim Riley, Director and Curator of Archaeology at the Prehistoric Museum in Price, discussed the long history of human occupation in Nine Mile Canyon, highlighting the cultural significance of the rock art as symbolic communication and sacred expressions of spiritual beliefs. He stressed the importance of respectful visitation to Nine Mile Canyon, advertising against touching and removing objects from sites. It is an ancestral homeland with communities, workshops, farms, and burials.

Layne Miller emphasized capturing the cultural landscape's emotional and sacred essence rather than just a documentary style. Layne has been leading school kids and others into Nine Mile Canyon for many years and stresses the importance of educating those on his trips to protect these images so they will last for generations to follow.

Tina Grange acknowledged past oversight, and expressed gratitude for the discussions. She acknowledged that the County had not adequately addressed these topics in the past, and looked forward to the future collaborations with ad agencies on marketing strategies for Nine Mile Canyon.

Other points of discussion were:

- Importance of Education for Respect.
- Addressing Site Protection and Signage.
- Education Resources.
- Nine Mile signage and Interpretation.
- Site Protection and Tribal Consultation Challenges.

Diana and I added to the discussion and came away with a positive feeling that Carbon County acknowledges a responsibility to educate tourists on how to behave and protect this natural landscape and the messages left by those who had lived there.

Stewardship Day for Nine Mile Canyon is September 27th. Everyone is welcome.....

<https://www.carbon.utah.gov/event/nine-mile-stewardship-day/>

Summer Picnic Fun

Diana Acerson and Darlene Koerner



This year's summer picnic brought back fond memories of our picnics at Singletree Campground in the Boulder Mountains in southern Utah. We were among forests of Pine and Juniper trees with Flaming Gorge so close enough to view the beautiful vistas of the lake and surrounding gorge. We pretty much had the campground to ourselves. All the folks who had expected extreme heat for the weekend must have stayed home. All the better for us. The weather was perfect. The monsoons came through with cloudy skies and occasional sprinkles of rain to keep temperatures in the 70's. Light winds, so very few gnats or flies. I really liked that! (the bugs love me.) To be able to visit sites on private land was a chance of a lifetime. And I want to thank Darlene and Tim for making that possible. Out of respect for the wishes of the landowners, we will not reveal the locations.

We were able to get a special permit from the state of Colorado with the agreement that we would record and monitor Vermillion Canyon and Rob, Tina and Darlene will be completing that. This is not an easy hike especially for old folks, but all made it, and really enjoyed the trip.

Our visit to Rocky Ridge was nice for Steve and me because we had helped Larry Loendorf document the site a few years ago, along with other folks. Seeing the improvements the owners have made with trails and even a swinging cable bridge across the creek makes it possible for most everyone to easily visit the site. The petroglyphs are really worth seeing and there are a lot.

A few folks stayed an extra day to survey on the Green River with BLM archaeologist David Christensen. Didn't last all day due to the heat at lower elevations but some survey work was completed before heat chased Tina, Rob, Darlene and Dave back to the air conditioned cars.

Being from Beaver, Utah, we were excited to see a site off Antelope Flat Road. Yep, it was a great pictograph site with two beavers and a lot of other images. We had to have pictures of that! At least they looked like beavers to us. LOL.

On our way to a private site, we visited a historical schoolhouse where Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch hung out. Locals are trying to save the building and surrounding structures, by raising funds to purchase it from the BLM. Several had attended school there back in the day. There are always exciting and fun things we see and experience on the hikes to rock art sites. This time it was Darlene's close encounter with a rattlesnake. But lucky for the snake he didn't hang around.

Picnic (continued)

Darlene is recovering from the surprise and a fall that dislocated a finger but still completed the hike with her finger wrapped. Thanks to Rob Crifasi for coming to the rescue! We also enjoyed seeing a herd of elk lying down in a field along the highway, and Osprey nesting on poles.

We have some great culinary talents in URARA. Darlene made the traditional picnic chili, which was delicious! Potluck contributions included a variety of salads, quesadillas, watermelon, chips, salsas, and dessert muffins... ummm triple chocolate muffins. Topped that off with a nice camp fire (approved by the forest service), with all of us enjoying full tummies, drinks, and great conversation with old and new found friends. Can't wait until next year. And thank you again to Tim and Darlene for all their work and making it such a great weather and fun event. You did your magic!

I love URARA's social events. Next up will be the symposium in Kanab and then the Christmas parties. Always great ways to meet people of like mind who love rock art, imagery, writing. Whatever you want to call it, and for whatever reason it tugs at you.

Until we meet up again.....



Tina, Jeff, Rob, David, Diana, Joe, Bay, Patty, Darlene and Tim (Steve taking photo)



Rob at Rocky Ridge



visitor



Joe in Vermillion Canyon

Calendar, URARA Events and Trips

Sep 20-21:	URARA Field Trip to the San Rafael Swell, Leader: Troy Scotter.
Sep 27	Nine-mile Canyon Stewardship Day, Carbon County https://www.carbon.utah.gov/event/nine-mile-stewardship-day/
Sep 27-29	URARA Field Trip to the Santa Fe, NM area, Trip Leaders: Bob Crifasi and Tina Tan
October 9-13	URARA Symposium Kanab
Oct 15-18	GBAC Conference, Reno https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org
November 9	URARA Field Trip Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado (Bob Crifasi/Tina Tan)
Nov 12-13	URARA Field Trip Gold Butte, Nevada (Deb and John Mitchell)

URARA symposia and field trips (FT) are available to members only. Members receive an email notification when a field trip opens for registration, usually about 3-4 weeks 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. Accessible on-line via ICL. Saturday field trips once a month.

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/>

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Weekly Webinars, Thursday, 4:00 Mountain Time

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office has occasional events and tours.
See <https://ushpo.utah.gov/the-events/>

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