

# NEWSLETTER

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## DIXIE ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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## DAS May Meeting Presentation

Richard Jenkinson

A Close Look at the Shaman's Gallery

May 10, 2017, 7:00-8:30 pm

Boeing Auditorium, Room 121, Udvar-Hazy Building

255 S 700 E (Parking at approximately 1000 E 300 S)

Dixie State University Campus

The Shaman's Gallery is a wall of pictographic images found on the north side of the Grand Canyon. The gallery was discovered by mule wrangler and guide, Gordon Smith in 1986. Controversy abounds concerning its age (estimated from 3,000 to 15,000 years ago), its subject matter (tall, anthropomorphic figures with an uncanny spiritual presence), and why it was made (to record the shaman's journey; to honor the ancestors; to identify sacred landscapes and so on).

In this presentation Richard Jenkinson will examine the Shaman's Gallery in detail. Using an interpretive technique similar to the close reading of literature, he pays attention to specific elements in the panel while suspending assumptions or judgments. In doing so, he teases out details, patterns, and significances from these remarkably beautiful figures.

Richard Jenkinson is a past president of the Utah Rock Art Research Association and for many years has been a frequent contributor to their yearly Symposia. He has spent much of his career teaching literature in Moab and the Navajo reservation. Recently retired to Kanab, he continues to pursue rock art and write about his observations and experiences. The URARA website with past Symposia papers is here: <https://urara.wildapricot.org/>

## Field Trip Report

Kaye (Feather) Robinson led the April 15<sup>th</sup> field trip. All seven members who signed up joined her for the trip to Land Hill (Anasazi Ridge). It was a beautiful day - the plants were in bloom and Kaye provided plenty of plant information as well as discussing the amazing rock art in our own backyard.

Jim King will lead the May field trip to a site of interest containing rock art. The plan is for this location to be further away than Land Hill so prepare for a full day.

**Remember that you must attend the regular DAS meeting that precedes the planned field trip and be a member in order to be eligible to go on that month's field trip. We do this to make sure that we have a complete list of possible attendees and to give the information on what to bring, where to meet, etc.**

**Field Trip leaders are always needed.** If you know about a location of interest or if you want to assist in learning about new places, contact Jim King, Field trip Coordinator. He can use your help.

## Dues are Due

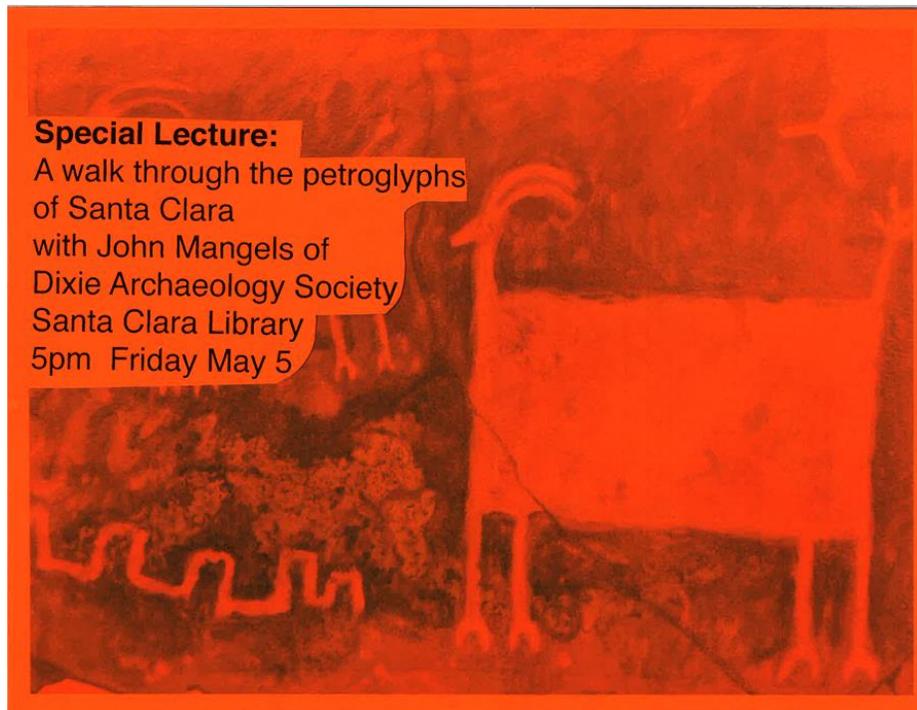
Thanks to new members and returning members for your dues and waivers. If you have not already paid them, the 2017 dues are due. They are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. Please fill out the membership form below (on the last page) or download the one on this website under "Membership Information." Each person must sign the form. Bring the form and your dues to a meeting or mail them to:

Dixie Archaeology Society, PO Box 611, Washington, UT 84780

## May is Archaeology Month!

May is Utah State Archaeology and Preservation month. To celebrate, come to our meeting, take in past President John Mangels excellent lecture on the petroglyphs of Land Hill featured below, or consider being a site steward for the BLM. There are just too many activities around the state to list here, so for a complete calendar go to:

<https://heritage.utah.gov/history/archaeology-preservation-month-2017>



## Site Stewards Needed

“Site stewards are trained to monitor cultural sites for damage, vandalism and change over time; they help protect the resources by visiting their and taking photos which are submitted along with written reports.



Petroglyphs at the Land Hill site in Santa Clara are some of the cultural resources the BLM is tasked with protecting, St. George, Utah, May 5, 2016 | Photo by Don Gilman, St. George News

Two days of training for new site stewards will be conducted by BLM St. George Field Office archaeologist Lori Hunsaker and archaeology technician Geralyn McEwen. The April 28 training, a Friday, will be a classroom session at the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce office, 136 N. 100 East, St. George. The April 29 session, a Saturday, will start at the chamber office at 9 a.m. with a review followed by field training at the Land Hill Heritage Site in the Santa Clara River Reserve. Anyone interested in signing up for the training may send an email to Susan Crook at [susan@conserveswu.org](mailto:susan@conserveswu.org).”

Text and picture located at the St. George News site:

<http://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2017/04/18/jla-site-stewards-needed-to-protect-dinosaur-bones-petroglyphs/#.WPj7pdLyvDd>

## Final Thoughts

It's spring in the spectacular Utah desert! Get out and enjoy! --The DAS Board, Jim, Kaye, AJ and Chris



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I, the undersigned, participant(s) agree to abide by all rules and directions established by Dixie Archaeology Society (DAS), regarding all activities, tours, field trips, meetings etc. I do freely and voluntarily agree to release, save, hold harmless, and indemnify DAS from any and all claims of loss, injury or damage, suit action, demand, fine, judgment of decree and any expense thereof, including a reasonable attorney's fee, that may happen or occur to me as a result of or consequence of having attended and/or participated in any DAS meetings or activities. This release includes all representatives of said organization and/or sponsor(s), including the policy that only paid-up members who sign the Release of Liability form are allowed to participate in Field Trips and Activities. The undersigned named participant(s) agrees to bear the total cost of damages and fines resulting from his/her/their actions, thereby releasing Dixie Archaeology Society and its representatives from any liability whatsoever.

I understand that during my participation in the Dixie Archaeology Society outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each outing and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (Injuries and Damages) from exposure to the hazards of travel: the Dixie Archaeology Society has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence because of other reasons. I understand those risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Dixie Archaeology Society outings and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

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