

Our Founder, Jennifer L. Jack



Jennifer L. Jack (1951-1987)

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The earliest known founder of the Dixie Archaeology Society was Jennifer L. Jack, a specialist with the BLM. When she came to St. George there was no private organization in SW Utah dedicated to archaeology and rock art. "Jennifer was always generous with her time and knowledge. She was instrumental in organizing the Dixie Chapter of the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society which has been renamed the Jennifer Jack Dixie Chapter in her honor. She served as the chapter's advisor and taught their first certification class."

Here are some statements made by those who knew her or of her.

Kevin Jones, former Utah State Archaeologist:

“Jennifer Jack was instrumental in helping build and support the St George avocational archaeology community. She brought high energy and a friendly, welcoming attitude. Her loss at a young age was a blow to the archaeological community, and the St George chapter of USAS honored her by including her in their chapter name.”

Chelsea Van Noy Clarkson:

“My Grandpa moved to St. George in the mid '80s and became a member of the Archeology Society. Summers and any other holiday spent here with him were always filled with hikes to explore petroglyphs in the area. I remember helping with an excavation site along with grandpa near Southgate golf course and going to see one near Hildale. All of these fun memories I have and my love for exploring and taking my kids to these places is in part of the society organized here that Grandpa fell in love with. Thank you to all!”

**Barbara Walling Frank, Curator of the Southern Utah University
Museum:**

“I remember, and worked with, Jennifer. She was a wonderful woman; so passionate about archaeology. I enjoyed working with her. And I was working on the site near Hildale, probably met your Grandpa, Chelsea. We had many great volunteers from the chapter through the years, thanks to Jennifer's initial work.”

Thanks to Kevin, Chelsey and Barbara for their statements.
Although the Dixie Archaeology Society is no longer directly affiliated
with the BLM or the Utah Archaeological Society,
Jennifer's spirit lives on in its current membership.