

# DAS Newsletter

## February 2018



### **DAS Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

Connie Reid Zweifel, an archaeologist at the Kaibab National Forest, will speak on work done at Snake Gulch (near Fredonia, Arizona). The rock art includes petroglyphs and miles of pictographs (paintings).

Connie is the cultural resources program manager and tribal liaison for the North Kaibab. She began her career in the Pacific Northwest and began working for the US Forest Service in 1987. She has been with the Kaibab National Forest since 1997.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 7 p.m.

Udvar-Hazy Building on the Dixie State University Campus  
Room 121 (Boeing Auditorium)

### **Field Trip to Santa Clara Canyon River Trail,**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018, 9 am**  
**led by Kaye (Feather) Robinson**

Meeting area: Lin's Market parking lot at the corner of Sunset and Dixie Drive, near Zions Bank, at 9 am.

We will visit the Santa Clara Canyon River trail, which starts nearby at the Santa Clara River Reserve Tukupetsi trailhead. The hiking is easy. There is some rock climbing up to boulders with rock art on the backsides. The rest is an easy walking dirt trail.

Distance is 3 to 3 1/2 miles round trip, for approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours. An extended hike to the village adds 1 to 1 1/2 miles round trip for an additional 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Clothing and food: Long pants and warm clothing including gloves are recommended. The canyon is mostly shaded and can be chilly. Good hiking shoes are recommended. There might be mud. Bring water and snacks. Binoculars would be great to see the petroglyphs at higher spots.

Most of the rock art in this canyon is older than Anasazi Ridge. There is Early, Middle and Late Archaic rock art that ranges in age from 7,000 (maybe older) to 3,000 years old. There are some Basket Maker style petroglyphs that range in age from 2,000 to 1,500 years old. Deer, Serpents, Flute player and Necklace Clan rock art can be

seen. The extended hike ends up on an Early Archaic village with Early Archaic rock art. There are no visible pit houses because of the age of the site. These are the people before the Anasazi Ridge people.

To sign up: You may preregister for the field trip by sending name, email, and phone to [spencercarola@yahoo.com](mailto:spencercarola@yahoo.com), or you may sign up at the meeting. Because of the club's insurance policy, only paid-up members are allowed and no other friends or family members are allowed.

Contact information for trip leader: Kaye (Feather) Robinson  
[whitefeather7@gmail.com](mailto:whitefeather7@gmail.com), 435-628-8987

The January field trip unfortunately had to be canceled because of weather. No makeup trip is currently planned, but we will schedule another trip to Arrow Canyon at a later date.

### **DAS Memberships Due**

Please renew your dues if you have not done so already. Annual dues are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. This cost includes the monthly meetings and the field trips. You can find the form on our website, <http://dixierockart.com> or you can pick up the application form at the meeting. Please make your check payable to DAS. Forms and checks can be mailed to:

Dixie Archeology Society  
PO Box 611  
Washington, UT 84780

### **Board Members, Volunteers Needed**

We are actively seeking new board members for a number of areas. Please help out your club! Or consider volunteering to be a one-time field guide to a site you enjoy. For more information, contact Kaye (Feather) Robinson at [whitefeather7@gmail.com](mailto:whitefeather7@gmail.com).

### **Other Events**

The Washington County Library System and the Santa Clara Utah Historical Society will present "Sky Watchers and Rock Art Solstice Markers," a lecture on solstice shadow and light markers of the St. George area by local researcher and freelance writer Karen Monsen.

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5-6 pm  
Santa Clara Branch Library  
1099 N Lava Flow Dr  
St George, UT 84770