



October 2019 Newsletter

DAS Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

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

DStretch: A Rock Art Digital Enhancement Program

Frank Adams

DStretch is a software program that can bring out faint pictographs invisible to the naked eye. It works on digital camera images and not camera film. No special filters or lighting are needed. DStretch uses decorrelation stretching, which enhances the color separation of an image. This technique was first used on aerial photos. The DStretch program is very reasonably priced and available to all who are interested.

Frank is a retired law enforcement administrator living in Mesquite, Nevada. He was born, raised and educated in Southern Nevada. He and his wife Patti became interested in Native American culture after attending a professional conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While there, they visited Acoma Pueblo, Canyon De Frijole, and Petroglyph National Monument. Since that time, they have added many more ancient sites to their travel list.

Frank joined the Nevada Rock Art Foundation and was trained in site documentation protocol. He has assisted in documenting three large rock art sites. Also, he was trained as a Site Steward for the Nevada Historic Preservation Office and serves as a Site Steward for the White River and Mt. Irish Archaeology Districts in Lincoln County, Nevada. He has attended a semester-long class at the University of Nevada Reno on Nevada prehistoric archaeology. In addition, he has attended eight classes presented by Boma and Kat Johnson on ancient Puebloan culture and two classes by Feather Robinson.

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October Field Trip, Saturday, October 19, 2019 (4 to 6 hours)

Cane Beds

Led by Gary Smith

The October field trip will be to the Cane Beds and possibly Raven Slot. Both are in the vicinity of Colorado City. We will be traveling on dirt/gravel roads, so a high ground clearance vehicle with at least all-wheel drive is recommended. More information will be provided at the October 9 meeting.

Boma Johnson Obituary on Dixie Archaeology Website

The obituary of Boma Johnson, who passed away in August, is available on our website, <http://dixierockart.com>

DAS Membership

Renew or start a new membership for 2019. The membership year is January to January. Dues for the remainder of the year will be pro-rated to \$10 for an individual and to \$15 for a couple. This cost of membership includes the monthly meetings and the field trips. There are no meetings in July, August, and December and no sponsored field trips in June, July, August, and December. You can find the application form on our website, <http://dixierockart.com> or you can pick up the application form at the meeting.

Please fill out and sign the membership form ([click here](#)) and send it and your check for the dues to:

Dixie Archaeology Society
PO Box 611
Washington, UT 84780

Forms will also be available at the next club meeting.