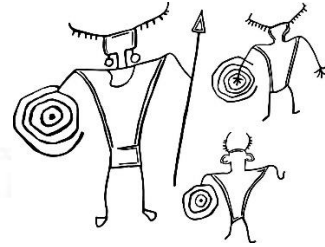


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## From the Prez

Werner Duecker

Greetings from the new President! I am excited about the upcoming year and I think we have some great trips and an exciting symposium planned for URARA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One of the things that drew me to become involved with URARA in the first place is the membership. Not only are they great people to hang out with and look at rock art but URARA has a lot of dedicated members working to forward our mission; including leading monthly field trips, organizing the annual symposium, and working to preserve rock art and cultural sites in Utah through conservation and education projects. On top of this list are all of the past and current board members who have given their time and effort to keeping this organization running for the past 40 years. I'd like to specifically recognize our three new board members, Connie Bridge (who is also our new Vice President and Symposium chairperson!), Geoff Hardies, and Kent Williams. Also a big thanks to our departing board members Deloy Norton and David Carey. And a very special thanks to Steve Acerson, who did a GREAT job as president for the past two years. I have some very big sandals to fill!!

If you haven't heard already the Symposium this year will be held in St George, September 26-30. The symposium is scheduled a little earlier this year due to the annual Senior Games being held in St George in early October. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and St George will have cooled off a bit by then. The venue will be the Washington County Legacy Park in the town of Hurricane, just next door to St George. This year will be a great time to attend the symposium as we will be

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celebrating URARA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Stay tuned for more details.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have all of the monthly field trips for this year posted on the web page. Please check them out and note the ones you would like to attend. As we have done for the past year, we will open each trip for registration 45 days prior to its start date and at the same time send an email notification to all members. Due to the tremendous interest that we've had for our trips this past year we are asking all members to please limit themselves to three trips per year. This will allow more members, especially our new members, to participate. Also, in an effort to reduce our impact to the land and to the rock art, rather than having two 2-day trips to one set of sites each month we are going to try in some months to have two 2-day field trip but to two different set of sites in the same area.

We also are planning to have more rock art documentation projects this year and are working with each of the Utah BLM Field Offices to identify other conservation projects that we can help them with. If you are interested in volunteering please keep an eye out for email notifications and watch the web site for updates.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and I hope to see you somewhere along the way. -Werner

## More on Symposium

### Connie Bridge

2019 commemorates URARA's 40th Anniversary and we invite you to mark your calendars if you haven't already, to be in the Washington/St. George, Utah area for the 2019 Symposium! The date is September 26th -30th. You won't want to miss it.

The location of the symposium is the Washington County Legacy Park (county fairgrounds), located between the towns of Washington and Hurricane, Utah. There are 40 camping spots available at the Park, with electricity only, for \$10.00 per night. These are on a first come basis, no reservations. You can also "dry camp" free at the venue on the dirt around the area. You will need to stay away from stables and track area, so as not to disturb the horses. If not Camping at the Legacy Park, be sure to book your hotel or campground NOW because St. George and Washington City are heavily booked that time of year for the St George Marathon and Huntsman Senior Games.

Watch for more announcements to come, and information on this year's symposium on our Facebook page, Instagram, Vestiges, and our Website: [www.utahrock.org](http://www.utahrock.org)

Also note for next year - The 2020 Symposium will be held in Vernal, Utah. Book early to insure your place to stay.

## Introducing New Board Members

### Connie Bridge

I was born and raised in Holladay, Utah. I graduated from Skyline High School and then attended and graduated from Dixie College. My family loved to camp and explore in Central and Southern Utah. And my love for Native Americans came from my mom, who loved to read and teach us about the history of all things Utah and the wild west.

I love to hike and camp with my husband and three daughters, who are all now married to wonderful men. I joined URARA August 2016 so I could find where the "Wolfman" and "Black Dragon" were, never having any idea of all the rock art out there. My first symposium was in Delta, Utah when I met so many like minded people. My first field trip was in Feb. 2017 where I met some crazy people and went on a hike to Snake Gulch. I had so much fun, I couldn't get enough. I have continued to meet so many wonderful people, who hopefully will be life long friends.

### Kent Williams

I live in Salt Lake City with my wife Anne and our little dog Rosie. We both retired in 2018, myself after 36 years with USDA Farm Service Agency's Aerial Photography Field Office in SLC. I started out working with customers to match aerial photo products to their requirements and ended up as the deputy director. Along the way I got to be part of helping USDA offices in all 3,200 + counties transition from managing records on paper maps and aerial photo enlargements to digital imagery and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Since GIS was new in those days, I went back for an MS degree in Geography at the University of Utah to help get things going. Before USDA, I spent 2 years in the Fiji Islands with the Peace Corps working with villagers on agro-forestry projects. Before Peace Corps, while working towards a degree in outdoor recreation (I know, I know..) at Utah State, I had summer jobs with USFS and BLM doing range field work in the Abajos, San Juans, and Wind Rivers. I probably drove and walked past countless sites, but wasn't aware of rock art at all until volunteering at Horseshoe canyon several years ago, meeting the Acersons and joining URARA. When not immersing myself in rock art, I currently spend time with family, skiing, camping, and hopefully travelling more with my wife.

### Geoff Hardies

I have been a Utah resident for the past 28 years. An avid hiker/backpacker and birder, I became involved with URARA years ago. I recently retired from working in accounting, with the past 10 years of it being in the not-for-profit sector. I look forward to seeing and learning more about rock art and helping to protect it.

# URARA Board Meeting Abstract

Full Minutes are Posted on the Web

JAN. 11-12, 2019

## Attendees:

Oscar Olson	Steve Acerson	Troy Scotter	Connie Bridge
Janet Lever-Wood	Cindi Everitt	Dave Black	Lynn Hardies
Kent Williams	Leigh Grench	Betty Benson	Lynn Benson
Ben Everitt	Carol Duecker	Margo Fenton	Cheryl Ames
Geoff Hardies	Werner Duecker	Dennis Devore	Keith Fessenden
Diana Acerson	Darlene Koerner	Dave Manley (day 2)	

## 1. Introduction of New Board Members

Current President Steve Acerson introduced new board members Connie Bridge, Geoff Hardies and Kent Williams.

Outgoing board members are Steve Acerson, and (not present) DeLoy Norton and David Carey. Board members serve for 2 years and can extend their term for an additional 2 years

## 2. Nomination and Election of New Board Officers

The President serves for a maximum of 2 years, the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer can serve indefinitely. None of the officers need to be board members.

The Vice President is responsible for chairing the symposium. Although the Vice-President typically becomes President following the initial 2-year term, it isn't necessary to commit to that.

The following Board Officers were elected for 2019:

1. President: Werner Duecker

Nominated by Keith Fessenden, seconded by Darlene Koerner, elected unanimously

2. Vice-President: Connie Bridge

Nominated by Steve Acerson, seconded by Geoff, elected unanimously.

3. Treasurer: Margo Fenton will continue to serve as treasurer.

4. Secretary: Nina Bowen has requested a 1-year hiatus from the office of Secretary. Carol Duecker will serve as Secretary during Nina's absence.

Werner Duecker took over management of the meeting, and thanked Steve Acerson for his term of service.

### 3. Financial Report

Margo Fenton presented a preliminary report for 2018, but several items are still outstanding. A final report will be posted on the web.

Current membership total is approximately 480. When membership level reaches 500, the cost of the Wild Apricot website hosting service will go from \$500 per year to \$1200 per year. This needs to be monitored.

Margo requested that members keep track of their volunteer hours and submit to her. Margo told the group that the website also has a link for submitting hours. The purpose of recording volunteer hours is to add credibility to the organization and provide leverage for grants and other opportunities.

### 4. URARA Funded/Paid Projects

URARA has only one ongoing project which is Dave Manley's request for \$750 for Segoe Canyon photography. There is a possibility that the Sand Dunes site will request additional funding for completion.

### 5. Symposium Planning

Symposium will be held in St. George the last weekend of September 26-30. The Washington County LegacyPark has been reserved.

The 2020 symposium will be held in Vernal.

Connie Bridge is Symposium Chair for 2019

Reviewed Last Year Comments and Issues. Troy indicated that most feedback was positive. Two speakers received generally negative reviews.

Symposium comments are posted on the web:

<https://urara.wildapricot.org/2018-Symposium-Survey-Results/>

Workshops have had generally positive reviews. Workshops are generally geared toward furthering URARA's goals but also entertaining members.

Board authorized the purchase of sound equipment to include wireless microphone headsets, speakers and other necessary equipment.

Field trips need to be carefully coordinated with land managers

### 6. Conservation and Preservation

URARA needs to work toward getting more sites into the SHPO database. Before determining how to proceed with the URARA database or development of an app, URARA will meet with SHPO to determine the minimum requirements for getting site data into the database that is used by land managers.

## 7. Education

Gina Hupka and Richard Jenkinson have agreed to work on education projects. Utah school curriculum is too tight to include URARA speakers/materials.

There are 23 Charter Schools in the Utah Valley that may be receptive. A site steward assignment may accompany rock art study.

A URARA member is looking at trails and sites that may be visited at the Smith Preserve. Acersons are working with BLM to get trails and interpretative information at Lake Mountain.

Pam and Quent Baker are talking to Nate Thomas to get signs placed along Potash Road near Moab.

Troy discussed the information that has been placed on the "Education" tab on the website, and materials that may be available to post.

## 8-9. Monthly Field Trips

Field trips fill quickly and there is more demand than availability. There are some issues with people not showing up. 10% of sign-ups cancel later.

Four days in the same location is a major impact and sites are showing wear from this level of visitation.

A leader training manual was prepared but never published. Trip leaders should have Wilderness First Aid training. Trip leaders should have medical information for any member with issues.

Should new members have priority when signing up?

2019 Proposed field trips are shown on the calendar below on p. 9

## 10. URARA Members - Ideas to Keep New Members Engaged

Discussion of possible methods to engage new members include housewarming parties and special invitations to the picnic and Christmas parties, priority on field trips.

## 11. Web Page

Troy explained that the website is capable of public, member-only and group (board, committee) pages. If board members see something we should be doing, please contact Troy.

Troy will redesign the look and feel of the website this year to make it more user-friendly. URARA should get the "URARA.org" domain name from Tom Getts. We currently pay him for it.

Discussion of whether we should use Wild Apricot's Paypal pay method which takes users to Paypal's (confusing) website, or use Wild Apricot's direct pay method which costs slightly more in transaction fees but is more conventional.

Troy pointed out that our web address utahrockart.org is owned by Greg Wertz.

## 12. URARA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### 13. URARA Bylaws

Members have suggested that URARA update the bylaws.

Darlene, Werner, Keith and Geoff will work with member Steve Hughes to review and possibly update the bylaws. Committee will provide recommendations by next board meeting.

### 14. Publications

Dennis discussed the possibility of publishing an occasional publication. URARA previously put out a single edition of a publication called "Patina". The publication would consist of a series of pdf files posted on the website. Articles could be submitted by any interested party and would be edited by a board of URARA members.

Dennis will implement the revival of "Patina". The Editorial Board will consist of Dennis, Diana, Nina Bowen, and Connie.

Margo will add a donation link to the Facebook page.

Keith Fessenden is the URARA Archivist. URARA's archive material consists of a non-lending library in Green River and 5 boxes of records.

URARA should locate a repository for URARA's document collection (photos, papers, and donated information). Margaret is currently storing URARA's papers in her basement. Locations for an official repository for URARA papers were discussed (libraries, universities and official repositories). Edge of the Cedars museum was suggested. Keith will investigate locations for archiving URARA's records, and will purchase a hard drive (cost up to \$250) for storing archived URARA documents.



## Log Your Volunteer Hours on the Web Site

Margo Fenton

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

We have started a Google Document to track volunteer hours for the URARA organization. We are hoping this will show that we have active and participating members that put in volunteer hours for projects, conservation, preservation, or keeping URARA running smoothly will help our organization's mission of preserving and protecting rock art. This will be tangible evidence that we have a legitimate organization and may lead to obtaining grants, etc to help our organization.

Go to the URARA website, sign in and go to Members > Member Forum, and you will see an article that includes the link to access the document. Copy and paste the link into your browser, and add your name and hours to the bottom of the list!

If you're having trouble, you may email or send your hours to me, [fourfen@comcast.net](mailto:fourfen@comcast.net), and I would be happy to plug in your hours for you!



## Calendar and URARA Fieldtrips 2019

February 16-17	St George area field trip
February TBD	Southern Nevada field trip
March 16-17	Bluff 2-day trip
April 13-14	NewMexico 2-day trip
April 13-14	Snake Gulch, Arizona
May 10-11	Emery County area 2-day trip
May 16-17	Vernal 2-day trip
June 14-17	ARARA Annual Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
June 21-23	Green River area
July 26-27	High-altitude Colorado 2-day trip
August TBD	URARA Picnic, Singletree Campground
Sep 26-30	URARA Symposium, Washington County Legacy Park
Oct 17-18	Lake Mountain-West Mountain
Nov 9-10	Moab-Monticello area

URARA field trips are available to members only. For information or sign-up, please go to <https://urara.wildapricot.org/events>, or contact Oscar Olson at 801-485-0862. Registration will open approximately 45 days prior to the start of the field trip. At that time you may register until the set number of participants is filled; then your name will be added to the waiting list.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA) meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month; see: <http://snraa.org/snraa.org/EVENTS.html>

Dixie Archaeological Society (DAS) meets on the second Wednesday of the month; see: <http://www.dixierockart.com/>

Colorado Archaeological Association, Grand Junction Chapter meets on the second Monday of the month <https://www.meetup.com/CAS-GJ/>

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets at the Kumeyaay Center in Poway every other month, sometimes on the first Sunday, sometimes not. <http://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>



*Happy Anniversary URARA...*

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