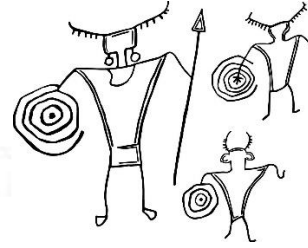


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From the Prez

Rick Mathews

Since this is my first president’s message for URARA, I thought I should introduce myself. I am a newer member of URARA. I was born and raised in Roosevelt, Utah in the middle of the Northern Ute Reservation. Growing up my dad made sure our family saw rock imagery. We took several trips to Nine Mile, Southern Utah and many other places around the Uinta Basin. I moved to Provo, UT to finish my accounting education and I’ve been here ever since.

My whole life I’ve enjoyed attending Powwows and Cultural Events with my family. The pandemic shut that down so in 2020 I became a member of URARA and joined the board in 2022. It has been rewarding to learn more about Utah’s prehistory and the images which have been left behind by those who walked the land before us. I know I’m preaching to the choir here but I still urge you to visit sites with respect for those who created the image and their descendants.

Earlier in January the Board met for the 2025 Board Retreat in Moab. It’s awesome we’ve got dedicated folks who are willing to serve on the board. We discussed URARA governance, 2025 goals, 2025 and 2026 Symposiums and URARA’s commitment to helping land managers where we can. I encourage each one of you to consider what you can do to help further URARA’s goals. There are many ways to help: site documentation, leading field trips, sharing your adventures with the group on Zoom, attending the annual Symposium, actively participating on the Members’ Forum and educating those around you about the images and Utah’s prehistory. You all have unique talents and invite you to share them and help URARA be better and do better.

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Call for Field Trip Leaders

Tina Tan

D Spring is just around the corner, and you know what that means – field trip season is almost here! To make it happen, we need *you* to step up as a Field Trip Leader.

Being a URARA member is all about exploring rock art and connecting with like-minded people. Why not share your favorite site and lead a trip this year? If you're on the fence, let's bust some common myths:

1. **Classic sites are Not Boring!** Field trips to well-known sites that you have already visited, e.g. Procession Panel, the Great Gallery, Nine Mile Canyon are great sites for you to lead trips to. You may have already visited it, but others have not. And a repeat visit is a great way to capture the images in different light, and notice new elements in the rock art you may have missed before.
2. **Field trips don't have to be in Utah!**
Rock art exists far beyond Utah's borders. URARA members live in different states, and we have had field trips to sites in CA, NM, WY, etc. If you don't live in Utah, please consider leading a trip to a local (to you) site. Members nearby would love to join and explore your area.
3. **You don't need to be a rock art expert.**
Loving and appreciating rock art is what matters most. Share your enthusiasm, and others will follow.
4. **Support for your Efforts (If You Need it):**
Leading a field trip shouldn't be a burden, so the URARA Board has approved optional reimbursements of expenses up to \$200. Whether you use it or not is entirely up to you – it's just here to help if you need it.

Here's how it works:

- Pick a site you know, choose a date, and send in your proposal.
- Make sure you are familiar with road and trail conditions, & watch the weather.
- Be prepared to handle unexpected situations. Having basic first aid knowledge is helpful (just in case)
- We'll handle the trip sign-ups and support you with participant lists etc.
- As the trip leader, we'll ask that you communicate with participants on trip logistics (meet up time and location place, etc.)
- Trips are generally limited to 12 participants

If you're interested in leading a field trip, please email me with your trip proposal, or if you have questions you'd like clarified, please email me at tinatan07@gmail.com

Let's make 2025 a fantastic year for URARA field trips. We can't run field trips without a field trip leader... So why not volunteer to be one this year?

Trip Leader Reimbursement for First Aid Training

Carol Duecker

Some of URARA's most popular events are the field trips held throughout the year and during the symposium. These field trips are made possible by our many volunteer trip leaders.

This year, the URARA Board of Directors voted to adopt a benefit for those volunteers to reimburse the cost of first aid training. A volunteer who leads one field trip within a one-year period may be reimbursed up to \$50 toward the cost of a First Aid/CPR class and those who lead 2 field trips within a one-year period may be reimbursed up to \$250 for the cost of a Wilderness First Aid or First Responder class.

The full text of this new reimbursement policy can be found on the URARA website under the "Members">"Governance">"Bylaws and Policies" tab. Field trip leaders who want to take advantage of this policy can contact Field Trip Coordinator Tina Tan tinatan07@gmail.com.

Symposium Presentations on the Web

Dennis Devore

Presentations from the 2024 Beaver Symposium have been uploaded to the URARA website. There were a total of 18 presentations that weekend. Consent to upload was provided by 11 of the speakers and their work can now be viewed on the website in PDF format.

URARA Board Minutes Posted

Roger Cook

Minutes of the January Board Retreat in Moab have been posted on the web page:
<https://urara.wildapricot.org/members/governance>

URARA Financial Report Posted

Carol Duecker

The 2024 financial report is also posted on the web page:
<https://urara.wildapricot.org/members/governance>

Symposium Call for Abstracts

Robert Crifasi, Speaker Coordinator

The symposium committee is inviting potential speakers to submit abstracts for the 2025 URARA symposium to be held October 9-13, 2025 in Kanab, Utah.

Presentations will take place on Saturday October 11th and Sunday October 12th. Speakers will receive free symposium registration and an expense reimbursement allowance. Proposals should have a title and brief abstract of the topic. A wide range of ideas and subjects are acceptable provided they relate to rock art in Utah and the western states.

The deadline for submitting proposals is July 1, 2025. Please email your abstract to Bob Crifasi at rcrifasi@hotmail.com or send to 3257 Hawthorn Hollow, Boulder, CO

Outdoor Safety



Head Injuries

April Gray, M.D.

You are hiking along when someone trips and you hear a loud thump.

The person is on the ground with bleeding from the scalp. Using a pad or a scarf you apply pressure assessing at the same time is the person awake and breathing or are they unconscious and possibly not breathing. If not breathing you need to stabilize their neck, clear their airway, log-roll them and start CPR. Please see : “how to log-roll a person with a possible spinal injury”. Someone should be calling 911.

For a brief loss of consciousness lasting 1-2 minutes and gradually regaining normal mental status and physical abilities, they at least have a concussion. The safest strategy is to evacuate them to a medical facility. If the person becomes lethargic, confused or combative or does not behave normally they should be taken to a medical center.

If there is no loss of consciousness and the person behaves and acts normally no immediate evacuation is needed. BUT, if they develop any sign of or symptoms of brain injury they should be evacuated.

Brain Injury Checklist: increasing headache, persistent or projectile vomiting, bleeding from ears or nose without direct injury, Raccoon eyes, or Battle’s sign (bruising below the ear) they should be evacuated

Field Trip Memories

Robert Van Orden

My first URARA field trip was back in 2002, or so. We met up at Newspaper Rock in the Needles District. Back then there was a campground right at Newspaper Rock. Although he barely remembers it, this was the first time I met Troy Scotter. My first URARA field trip made a big splash in my mind, hence the enhanced memory, lol. At one site there was a wall covered with white paint splatters, a "fireworks" panel. This really caught my attention, because it wasn't like anything I had seen in a book!

After that I defected and pursued my international travel dreams for 15 years, including 90 days in Africa. An elephant in a zoo, is NOT an elephant, lol! But URARA and Vestiges were always part of my monthly routine. Yes indeed, I was keeping an eye on you!

Finally, when life in California became complicated, I escaped back to URARA, lol! Also, I noticed that URARA had visited Coso without me. Nothing like a little pain to get a man's attention! On my first return field trip in Vernal, someone sweet that we all love, said "Rob, you can ride with me." Swoon! Yes, the URARA magic continues! Although, I am missing that 12 field trips a year thing that ruined me!

It is certainly brave to ask me for a Vestiges article! A great alternative is if some of you send in one to three photos with a short note. What would be the most interesting to me is a short discussion of what you found magic about the images or location. Blessings!



Grand Gulch 10/4/2010 - Scott

Big splash, you say? Can you beat this rainy day in Grand Gulch? - Ed

Wonderful Very Cold day in Powder Basin

Tim Sweeney



Tim Sweeney and Dennis Devore enjoying a beautiful very cold day in Wyoming looking for numerous Plains Native American Images

Anyone interested in Plains Indians images needs to visit Wyoming. With a lot of historical drawings in charcoal and historical inscriptions, one cannot go wrong in Wyoming. An Area north east of Irish Canyon in Colorado offers days of hiking and exploring. So much of the area carries history of Utes and Shoshone with various styles and in some cases, images that go back to archaic times. Stories from Shoshone include a large wooden constructed fence. Although most of the fence is gone, remnants can still be seen in parts of the area. Both Utes and Shoshone used the fenced area. The Shoshone would raid the Utes to the south for horses and corral them on the way north, and the Utes would use the same corrals for holding horses from raids in the north and moving them south.

Wyoming has a lot of cold winds so if visiting in colder weather be prepared for some very cold days

Calendar, URARA Events and Field Trips

Feb 21-23	Witte Museum Rock Art Rendezvous, Texas https://www.wittemuseum.org/
March 7-8	URARA Sand Island Alumni Reunion, Sand Island
April 12	URARA FT Horseshoe Canyon (Great Gallery) in Canyonlands
<u>April 15/16</u>	FT Cottonwood Canyon and Monument Valley (Robert Van Orden)
April 16-17	FT Monument Valley and Cottonwood Canyon (Robert Van Orden)
April 22	URARA Q2 Board meeting zoom 6:00 Mountain time
May 17	FT Nine Mile Canyon (Layne Miller)
June 14-15	FT San Rafael Swell and Segoe Canyon (John Diehl)
June 20	FT Vernal solstice sites (John McHugh)
August 15-17	URARA Summer Picnic, Flaming Gorge (see p. 6 above)
October 9-13	URARA Symposium Kanab
Oct 15-18	GBAC Conference, Reno https://greatbasinanthropologicalassociation.org
October TBD	Gold Butte, Nevada (Deb and John Mitchell)

URARA symposia and field trips are available to members only. All members receive an email notification when a field trip opens for registration. Email notifications go out 3-4 weeks before a trip. You can register for a field trip when you get the notification. If a trip is full when you try to register, your name is added to a wait list. You will get another notification if and when someone drops out and you can be added to the trip.

American Rock Art Research Association (ARARA) is hosting on-line events. Free access is granted to URARA members. Registration at: <https://arara.wildapricot.org/Lectures>

Desert Archaeological Society (DAS), St George, meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Accessible on-line via ICL. Saturday field trips once a month.

San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA) meets on line until further notice.
<https://sandiegorockart.org/meetings>

Colorado Rock Art Association (CRAA) will continue to present occasional webinars on Zoom
<https://coloradorockart.org/>

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Weekly Webinars, Thursday, 4:00 Mountain Time

URARA Board and Officers

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Green River	Price	Layne Miller
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